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Class of 2019 Graduates

Although Belt's Class of 2019 lost several outstanding members over the years, last Sunday, they walked across the stage into their new lives outside of high school. Starting at 2:00 p.m., the ceremony concluded around 3:45 p.m. with the graduates exited Belt High with more than their diplomas.

The commencement ceremony began with the pledge of allegiance led by Keely Drummond, the Student Body President for 2019-2020. After that, the band sounded the first chords of "Pomp and Circumstance," which was originally composed by Sir Edward Elgar for the coronation of King Edward VII. Slowly, the thirteen graduates of the Class of 2019 made their way around the backside of the main gym in order to pause at the front of the stage for photographs. Behind them, members from the Class of 1969 attended the graduation fifty years after their own jaunt across the stage.

Belt Principal Kyle Paulson welcomed the audience to the graduation ceremony and explained the class's motto, "Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just live to make your absence felt!" (author unknown) while recognizing the Class of '69. After the welcome, the ceremony transitioned into several presentations including commencement addresses.

With Paulson announcing that the class's salutatorian was MaKayla O'Neil, the salutatory address kicked off the first round of speeches. While O'Neil's oration took the form of letters addressed to the Belt School staff, community members, family, friends, and classmates, the valedictory address, presented by Julia Vogt (the Valedictorian of 2019), recalled the good times the class shared together.

Once Vogt was done informing the audience of the antics the class got into over the years, the high school choir performed "Riversong" composed (Cont. Pg. 2)

State Golf

On Monday the 13th of May four Lady Husky golfers headed west to Seeley Lake in order to compete in the State Class C Golf Meet at Double Arrow Golf Course. On Monday the girls conducted a practice round and although it was little rough, it prepared the girls for the actual competition beginning the next day.

On Tuesday the girls exceeded expectations, as they were sitting in third place as a team at the end of the day with a cumulative score of 334. Karlee Permann led the way for the Huskies shooting a 102, putting her in

the final foursome on day two. Following her was Sierra Reese who was in seventeenth place with a score of 114. Sydne Flinn shot a 118 placing her at twenty first and Tori Shelton scored 123 which put her at twenty sixth. The day went very well for the Lady Huskies and Coach Stinson was very proud of the girl's rounds.

Mrs. Stinson Quote, "Permann shot a 124 putting her in seventeenth place just two spots away from earning a medal. Flinn had an excellent day shooting a 121 and earning twenty fourth place. (Cont. Pg. 3)

Graduation (*cont.*)

by Andy Beck. As the three seniors in choir, Grace Davison, Faith Hawthorne, and MaKayla O'Neil realized that this would be last time they sang with their friends, the tears began to flow from family and friends in attendance



Class president Elyse Adams introduced the commencement speaker, Miss Barbara Bessette, Belt High Class of 2002. The Class of 2019

previously met Bessette at the Capitol Building where Bessette spends much of her time as the representative of House District 24 in the state legislature. Since Bessette's birthday was the following day, Davison led the class in singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Overall, the class was very lucky to have Bessette express her thoughts on the importance of graduation and the following years for the graduates; she even canceled a scheduled trip to Las Vegas to deliver the address at little ol' Belt High.

When Bessette was done, Paulson presented the Dufresne Award to Megan Graham. Graham teaches high school math and currently heads the Belt's chapter of NHS. Graham received her award for her innovative classroom techniques and her dedication to aiding students in and out of the classroom. After Graham accepted her award, the three seniors in choir (Davison, Hawthorne, and O'Neil) sang "I Believe in You" by Audrey Snyder and the presentation of awards began.

Following scholarship presentations, the big moment came at last. The seniors of 2019 individually accepted their Belt High School Diplomas from Chad

Stroop, chairman of the Belt School Board of Trustees.

As the graduates walked across the dais, Paulson announced each seniors future plans. For instance, Elyse Adams will attend Utah State University for a major in Agricultural Business with an emphasis in economics/financing. After that, she'll serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Raenita Berlinger hopes to attend the Welding and Industrial Technology Program at Great Falls College MSU. As for Morgan Cooper, she plans to attend MSU Bozeman and go into nursing. On the other hand, Grace Davison will attend the University of Montana Western seeking a degree in Ecology with an emphasis on Fish and Wildlife. Entering the United States Air Force, Matthew Dollenger will report for active duty. In order to enter the Pre-Apprentice Lineman Program, Robert Gliko will attend Highlands College of Montana Tech. Going out of state, Faith Hawthorne plans to attend WyoTech in Laramie, Wyoming for training in auto body repair.

Back in state, MaKayla O'Neil will attend the University of Montana to pursue a degree in journalism. Unlike the rest of his class, Keaghan Opheim will enter the workforce with the hope of attending college later. Victoria Shelton is also not going straight into a university, because she wishes to start her major in criminal justice online in Eastern Gateway Community College. Samantha Vaughn plans to attend college in Portland, Oregon. Majoring in astronomy and physics, Julia Vogt will attend the University of Iowa. Finally, Brendan Wing will enroll at Montana Tech, an affiliate of the University of Montana for a major in business.

Adams, O'Neil, and Vogt, who graduated with a Belt Honors

Diploma, were members of National Honor Society, and were honor students. Cooper was a part of National Honor Society and an honor student, as well.

Once the graduates received their coveted diplomas, the rose ceremony, which allows seniors to thank those who helped them in their journey to graduation with a flower, commenced with many hugs and tears set to "Laughed Until We Cried" by Jason Aldean and "My Wish" by Rascal Flats. This was followed by the senior slideshow that allowed the seniors to share their journey through pictures from childhood to graduation.

At last, Paulson concluded the ceremony and the graduated seniors threw their caps into the air, which resulted in a small child being assaulted by Opheim's glittery cap. Once the caps were retrieved, the seniors marched out to the "Windermere Overture" composed by Chris Sharp and lined up in the main hallway to give their last hug to various audience members. Although the school provided refreshments in the cafeteria, several students had their own graduation parties.

Among these parties, Davison celebrated Saturday night in the Belt Brew Pub. On the other hand, Shelton had her party at the Harvest Moon Saloon on Sunday after the event at the school. The rest of the class held a joint celebration at the Belt Pavilion where previous classmates reunited from across state lines. An exception to this was O'Neil, who opted to hold her party at the Raynesford Community Center. Many community hit the rounds of post graduation celebrations. Although these seniors are venturing out into the unknown, they are not alone. The support system that got them through high school will (*cont. next page*)

Graduation (cont.)

undoubtedly serve them well in the adult world. Even though these brilliant men and women are traveling in various directions, the graduating Class of 2019 is already planning ways to keep in touch and maintain the friendships cultivated over their time at Belt Public Schools. The *Valley Voice* congratulates these extraordinary seniors on making it this far and wish them the best of luck in their following endeavors.

By: MaKayla O'Neil

2019



Sophomore Dissections

As the year came to an end, the class of 2021 got to try something new in the science lab that most of them had never done before. They had the opportunity to dissect all animals, everything from a worm to a frog. The students were given instructions and a dissection kit and were on their own.

On May 14th, the first day of dissection, the students got to cut into an earthworm. They placed the worm on a spongy blue pad and made an incision in the dorsal side of clitellum. This is the part of the worm that is a thick, rounded ring found in the skin that is used for carrying offspring. Once the cut was made, the students had to pin the flopped down skin so they could see all the internal organs. The 10th graders used a diagram to locate and identify the five pair of hearts and find blood vessels that branched from the blood vessels that pumps blood to the hearts.

Once they had discovered what everything was, the students cleaned up their areas, threw away the worms, and washed all the tools that were used.

Next up on the list was vivisectioning a starfish. This animal was a lot different than the worm and had more appendages that were trickier to cut into. The students counted how many arms or rays the starfish had and located the small, round hard place on the top of the starfish. The students got the opportunity to feel the different surfaces on the sea star and look at the internal skeleton. Once again, when they were finished cutting into the creature, they wiped up their station and prepared for the second dissection they would be doing that day.

On the same day they cut into the starfish, the sophomores also did a crayfish. The objective of doing the crayfish was to describe the appearance of multiple

organs found in the crayfish, and name the organs in its body. Because the students did two animals that day, they didn't have a lot of time so they had to clean up quickly and get to their next class.

Friday, May 17th, the last day of anatomy study, the students had the choice between a perch and a frog. Three out of the four groups decided on the frog while one group stuck with the perch fish. The whole point in cutting into both the frog and the fish was to see the various organs in their bodies and examine how the organs create entire systems.

Dissecting the animals was a great interactive lab for the students in helping them get involved. The activity gave them a better look at the animals instead of just looking on a screen. Mrs. Horton will continue to let students dissect animals and learn the importance of the organs that make up their systems. **By: Livvy Shelton**

District-Divisional Track and Field

As summer approaches, the track athletes have been practicing in the heat of the afternoon in preparation for the postseason. With today being the last day of school, track season is winding down as the athletes participated in district and divisional meets at Memorial Stadium in the past fortnight.

Both the girls and the boys claimed first at the 8C District Track Meet on May 10th. The girls accumulated 163 points and the boys racked up 185. Adelle Meissner kicked things off for the Lady Huskies with a second place finish in the 100 meter dash (13.31) and crossed the line fourth in the 200 with a time of 28.34. Lindsey Paulson claimed second in the 200 stopping the clock at 27.41. L. Paulson also placed second in the 400 meter dash (60.77), first in the 800 meter run totaling the two laps in 2:34.53, and first in the 300 meter hurdles (47.34). Brooke Schraner took second in the 300 meter hurdles clearing the obstacles in 47.47 and first in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.72. Kolby Pimperton earned first place in both the mile (6:04.46) and the two mile (12:56.53). Shelby Paulson placed fourth in the 800 meter dash stopping the clock at 2:44.38 and fourth in the discus with a throw of 91-10.

Ahmia Lords took second in disc (94-09) and Raily Gliko earned six (81-09). Gliko also placed third in shot put with a heave of 31-03 and S. Paulson took sixth (29-05). Lords also notched sixth in the javelin with a throw of 82-06. In the jumping events, Morgan Cooper claimed first in high jump clearing 4-08 and triple jump with a jump of 30-11 while also earning third in long jump (14-01). Meissner captured first in long jump with a leap of 15-5.25. Both the girls' relays took first place, the short relay running a time of 53.63 and the long

relay totaling the four laps in 4:33.45 to conclude scoring the the Lady Huskies.

In the boys' competition, Aidan McDaniel claimed first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:06.3 and Cole Hepfner took third (2:15.85). McDaniel continued to take fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 57.04. Hepfner also earned first in the mile completed the four laps in 5:12.01 and second in the two mile stopping the clock at 11:27.91. Fellow Huskies Robbie Gliko, Asa Jassen, Gabe Triplett, and Anthony Hook took second (5:16.99), third (5:20.16), fourth (6:02.03), and fifth (6:03.67) in the mile, respectively. Gliko claimed first in the two mile (11:23.76), Jassen took third (11:36.7), and Hook placed fourth (12:53.67). Hunter Vogl captured second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 42.29 and claimed first in the 110's clearing the obstacles in 16.41 with Adam Langston right behind him in second with a time of 16.58. Vogl also placed fifth in the 200 meter dash (25.16) while Kaimen Evans took first (24.19). Evans claimed first in the 400 (52.15) and third in shot put with a throw of 37-02.

Gavin Roberts earned second in shot put (39-10) and Treyton Hennes notched sixth (36-11.5). Hennes also earned third in the discus with a fling of 112-04 and Roberts took sixth with a throw of 100-04. Brendan Wing placed third in both the long jump (19-01) and the triple jump (38-10.5) with Brandon Wall and Aidan Bergstrom taing fifth (33-09.5) and sixth (32-07.5) in triple jump, respectively. The boys short relay team placed second with a time of 47.52 and the long relay claimed first completing the mile in 3:44.90 to conclude the day's events.

Athletes who placed in the top five of their event at the divisional track meet moved on and competed in the Northern C Divisional Meet last Thursday. The Lady Huskies in attendance earned a total of 86 points and the boys managed to earn 63 while both Belt teams took second place. Once again, Meissner kicked off the day for the girls with sixth place finishes in the 100 meter dash (13.34) and the 200 meter dash (28.44). L. Paulson claimed second in the 200 with a time of 27.32, the 400 (60.64), the 800 totaling the laps in 2:27.63, and the 300 meter hurdles (48.73). Schraner took third in the 300 meter hurdles clearing the obstacles in 49.20 and fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.33. Pimperton earned red ribbons in both the one mile and the two mile with times of 6:01.65 and 13:01.36 respectively. In the field, Raily Gliko placed second in shot put with a heave of 31-10.5 and Cooper took fourth in high jump (4-04) and fifth in triple (31-02.5). The girls' relays both placed third, the short relay totaling the lap in 53.75 and the long relay completing the mile in 4:28.78 to wrap up scoring for the Lady Huskies.

The boys' side of things kicked off with Evans' fifth place finish in the 200 (23.87) followed by a blue ribbon performance in the 400 with an excellent time of 51.98. McDaniel then continued the boys' success as he took second in the 800 meter run, totaling the two laps in 2:04.99, another great clocking. Vogl claimed third in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 42.12 and cleared the obstacles of the 110's in 16.66 which got him sixth place. Langston took fourth in the 110's with a time of 16.48. Robbie Gliko and Hepfner both found their success at distance (cont. next page)

Track and Field (cont.)

as Gliko took fourth in the mile (5:03.77) and second in the two mile (10:49.99) and Hepfner earned fifth in the mile (5:04.58) and sixth in the two mile (11:03.63).

Hennes flung the disc 117-04 to take fourth place and Wing earned sixth in both the long jump (19-03.5) and triple (39-10). The 4x100 meter relay took fifth with a run of 47.33 and the 4x400 meter relay tag-teamed the mile in 3:44.96 to place second and conclude the meet's events.

Generally, in order to qualify for state an athlete must place fifth or above; however, each year one division gets to take their sixth place winner to state as well. This year, the Northern C Division will take their top six athletes to the state meet in Laurel this weekend.

Through qualifications at the divisional meet and previously achieved pre-qualifying standards, the Husky track team will send sixteen athletes to test their talents against the best Class C runners,

jumpers, and throwers across the Treasure State..

The State C Meet kicked off this morning and will continue throughout the day and into tomorrow. For those interested in watching the events but unable to attend, the meet will be broadcast on the NFHS Network.

The *Voice* wishes Belt's athletes the best of luck at state. Next week a special edition of the *Voice* will share the state meet results. **By: Adelle Meissner**



State Golf (cont.)

Not far behind her was Reese who scored a 130 putting her in thirtieth place. Shelton, in her last high school golf meet, fired a 128 which was good for thirty fourth. The team score at the end of two days was a 707, which earned the girls sixth place overall out of eleven teams. Coach Stinson noted that "...while day two at state didn't go as the girls had hoped, it was another successful season and we

gained great experience which will pay off next year and beyond."

When all the numbers were tallied Manhattan Christian captured their third consecutive girls' title, followed by Chinook and Fort Benton. The boys' tournament was also hosted at Double Arrow and the Manhattan Christian boys won their second consecutive state crown.

This season was very suc-

cessful for Huskies as they had ten of the thirteen members qualify for state, which has never been done before in team history. The trip was certainly a learning experience for the girls and should help them as they prepare for next year's competition.

The Valley Voice would like to congratulate the state golf team and the Lady Huskies on a fine season. **By: Natalie Larsen**

Academic Awards

At 8:30 last Monday morning students in grades three through twelve gathered in the gym in order to participate in the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. This event recognizes students' academic achievements throughout the school year.

Every year the fifth grade students participate in the Charles M. Russell essay contest. This year's winner was McKenzie Pogany.

The National Scholastic Challenge certificates were next to be handed out. This test is a general knowledge exam for middle school students. Everyone who performed better than the national average received a certificate. Seventh grader Clayton Jassen was the state winner for the eighth grade test, and Mac Hedstrom was the school winner for the sixth grade test.

Next was the Iron Husky Awards which go to one boy and girl who show outstanding effort in the weight room. This year's winners were Grace Norstedt along with Matt Dollenger and Gavin Roberts

These five kids were awarded with perfect attendance; fifth graders Cade McCoy, McKenzie Pogany, Cash Smith, and Kyle Atwood and third grader Junior Smith. These students received a Kindle Fire for attending school every day this year.

Debates are one the students' favorite activities from Government each year, especially the tournament. Mr. Koontz awarded Brendan Wing (1st), Elyse Adams (2nd) and Tori Shelton (3rd) for an outstanding job in this year's debates. Along with those awards were the winners of the Geography Bee, Reese Paulson earned third, JJ Triplett took second and the school-wide winner was Tara Hedstrom. Hedstrom

went on to represent Belt at the State Bee.

Next Anita Virts recognized the winners of the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy writing and speech contests. For the middle school students, Reese Paulson took first, Chloe Feit received second, and Ella Pethel came in third. For the senior speakers Matt Dollenger was the first place winner, Grace Davison was second and Julia Vogt along with McKayla O'Neil tied for third.

The Heisey Foundation also recognized three students for their academic improvements over the course of their high school careers. Senior Brendan Wing and Juniors Brooke Schraner and Karlee Permann received both a certificate of achievement and a two hundred dollar check.

Every year in memory of Jim Pimperton, who died in a car crash in 1982, a freshmen is awarded with the Pimperton Award. This year the award went to Asa Jassen.

Seniors Elyse Adams, Julia Vogt and McKayla O'Neil are receiving honors diplomas this Sunday at Graduation and were recognized during the Awards Ceremony for all of their hard work during the past four years. Along with receiving recognition for their honors diplomas, Mr. Paulson awarded these three students with the Bright Flight Award, which recognize the top three ACT scores in each class.

The assembly was very rewarding for the students as it recognizes all of their academic success throughout the year. It ends the year on positive note and gives the students much to look forward to for next year. **By: Natalie Larsen**

Katelyn's Visit

Last week on Friday the 17th, Katelyn Reese job shadowed Michelle Stinson in the Belt School as part of a class she is enrolled in at Great Falls High School. "It was a great experience for me and I learned a lot by watching Mrs. Stinson," said Katelyn after her day was over. She watched Stinson teach the middle school students and took notes. The observation lasted the entire school day.

Reese's field experience was a requirement for her Developing Child class at Great Falls High School. Each Student was allowed to choose any work area that had children younger than them. Reese arrived in the morning, greeted by all of her old classmates and friends. It was a warm welcome that brought back several fond memories of her experiences at the school.

Reese is a former member of the Belt School. She lived in the Belt community for four years before she decided to transfer to East Middle School and started eighth grade year. She is currently a freshman at Great Falls High, where she has a very good academic record. Reese is currently on the Honor Roll and works extremely hard to juggle school and her part-time job at the Black Eagle Community Center.

In the future, Reese will take the Developing Child class again. She claims that when the time to job shadow rolls around again, she will most likely choose a place in Great Falls that has more young children and provides her variety in her experiences. It was a pleasure for the Belt School to welcome Reese back into Husky Nation for another day. **By: Sierra Reese**

Congrats Grad!



As the school year at a close, Brendan Wing is the last senior of the class of 2019 to be highlighted in the *Valley Voice*. Wing was born in Great Falls, Montana and joined the Huskies in second grade.

When asked what his favorite classes were in school, Wing said any class with Mr. Hoyer. Mr. Hoyer has been a great inspiration to Brendan in helping him in his years at Belt. Wing mentions that he will miss marketing with Mr. Hoyer and all of his other classmates in that class.

His greatest memory of Belt School is painting B hill with his classmates and then engaging in class Olympics with paint all over their bodies. He comments “that day was a lot of fun and I will miss doing things like that with my class.”

Brendan has been an active member of Belt in participating in basketball and track all four years of high school and he tried DECA his last year of high school. He made varsity for basketball all four years and qualified for state track in two events, triple jump and long jump, for the first time this year.

After graduation, Brendan plans on attending Montana Tech in Butte next year to major in business. Wing hopes to work at a bank in the future and possibly open his own business one day. Brendan will accomplish great things in his life outside the walls of BVHS and will be missed by lots. With that the *Voice* wishes all the best to the members of the Class of 2019!

By: Livvy Shelton

Vogt Recognized

Belt High school’s Julia Vogt received the Great Falls Tribune Academic and Leadership All-Star Award. Vogt is an extremely talented student and looks forward to a very bright future as she will matriculate to the University of Iowa to study astronomy and physics.

A letter was sent to principals around the area stating “We’re looking for those students who shine long after the bell rings at the end of the school day. We want to recognize students who have not just excelled in the classroom, but who have made a difference in their school and community.” Anybody who knows Vogt’s character is well aware that she meets these standards. A nomination form was filled out, which contained examples of the achievements the student accomplished and actions he or she has taken to improve the community, and thus the young scholar was set in the running for the award.

Vogt won the prize and will have a story printed about her in the Great Falls Tribune. It is without a doubt obvious that Vogt has earned this title. She was a bright student while she attended the Belt School and will be missed. The *Valley Voice* wishes her the best of luck in her post secondary career as she leaves this small community as valedictorian of the Class of 2019.

By: Sierra Reese



As school has ended for the year and students are returning home for summer vacation, accidents regarding driving under the influence tend to increase. This summer, and always, it is important to make an extra effort to avoid driving under the influence and decrease accident numbers. Everyone looks forwards to summer and traveling to go to rodeos, camping trips, family gatherings, and vacations. As you embark on summer adventures be sure to never drink and drive. Always be responsible and find a ride or stay the night. Have a great summer and

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Utah Bound

This year the Belt School district will be bidding a fond farewell to art teacher Troy Adams. For thirteen years Mr. Adams and his family have lived in Belt and the time has now come for the Adams clan to embark on a new adventure in Utah.

Mr. Adams will be moving his family to a town quite a bit larger than Belt in Beaver, Utah. Adams decided to relocate because he was offered a good job in another state where he will continue teaching closer to his relatives. He will be providing art instruction in seventh through twelfth grade and says that he hopes to last at least another decade, as he enjoys teaching.

Prior to moving to Belt Adams taught in Utah for three years and with hopes of a new start traveled to Sidney, Montana where he spent the next twelve years of his

life also teaching high school students art. In the summer of 2006 he moved his family to Belt where he and his wife Terri decided that Belt was the perfect place to raise their family.

While working in Belt Adams taught art to students as young as first grade all the way through twelfth grade. In his first year here he coached middle school football but after that he decided that he would rather hunt in the fall. Mr. Adams states that he has a lot of fun memories of hunting and fishing in the area.

When asked what some of Mr. Adams favorite memories were while teaching at Belt Schools he replied with, "I love seeing how well the students do at the State Fair art competitions because of the quality of the majority of students work." He also added, "I will of

course miss the stories that Mr. Hoyer shares and seeing Mrs. Patty's smile in the office every day."

Mr. Adams would also like to thank the students and staff in Belt for always making Belt such a great place to live and to raise his kids. "A part of my heart will always be a Husky!"

The Valley Voice would like to thank Mr. Adams for his many contributions to the Belt School System and community over the years and wishes him well in his future. Thank you for a great thirteen years!

By: Kolby Pimperton



Swanson Retires



After the 2019 school year is completed Belt High will bid adieu to elementary teacher, Lori Swanson. For

twenty-one years Swanson has been part of the Belt staff directory and is now faced with a new journey. Her husband took a job in Laurel, Montana where he will be a part of the Yellowstone Bank Corporation.

Swanson's family moved to Belt in the summer of 1998 after her husband took a job at the Belt Valley Bank. Before moving to the valley her family was living in Geraldine where she had been teaching 1st graders for eight years. Two years shy of a decade, the family was ready to embark on a new adventure in Belt. The Title 1 job opened just two weeks before

school started that year and Mrs. Swanson jumped at the opportunity and has been at Belt Schools for the past twenty-one years. The Swansons moved to town with their two year old Colton and after being settled in for a year the family added a daughter, Jordan. The kids graduated from Belt in 2015 and 2018 respectively and are both attending college in Montana.

Mrs. Swanson has been all over the state offering her teaching abilities to many age groups. The first job she took was in Peerless in 1982 where she taught a combination of 3rd and 4th graders, followed by a stint at Bissel-Olney (near Whitefish) to instruct 6th and 7th graders. Her penultimate stop was in Geraldine where she guided 1st graders before wrapping up her career in Belt. While in Belt her responsibilities have included classroom instruction in: Title 1, 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 4th grade, as

well as orchestrating the adoption of new programs like Accelerated Reading and Math.

Mrs. Swanson will be moving to Laurel, Montana this summer and stated that after thirty-seven years as a classroom teacher she is ready to take on new challenges. One of Mrs. Swanson's favorite activities that she did while in Belt was teaching and being the director of the after-school program, Husky Club. Swanson ended her interview with, "Belt has always been a great community to live and work. I'm grateful for the education that my children received and special friendships that we've gained over the years. I will definitely miss this place."

The Valley Voice and community would like to thank Mrs. Swanson for sharing her teaching abilities with the school and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Scratchboards



Aundrea Glick

In the 19th century in France and Britain, a new form of highly detailed artwork appeared called scratchboards. The artists would take a sharp tool of some kind and

marks over the black ink sheets, creating images. Although it was created in the 19th century, it didn't start becoming popular until mid-20th century in America.

The use of scratchboards was commonly known for single-color books and newspaper publications. From the years 1930s to 1950s, they were widely used for medical, scientific, and product sketches.

Last week, the advanced art students had a first try at creating

scratchboards of cats. The students were required to pick an animal with fur and sketch it on a black ink sheet. This project helped the art students learn to draw with great detail and experience something new that they had never done before.

Learning different art techniques like scratchboards helps students to go out of their comfort zones and try something new and more advanced.

By: Livvy Shelton

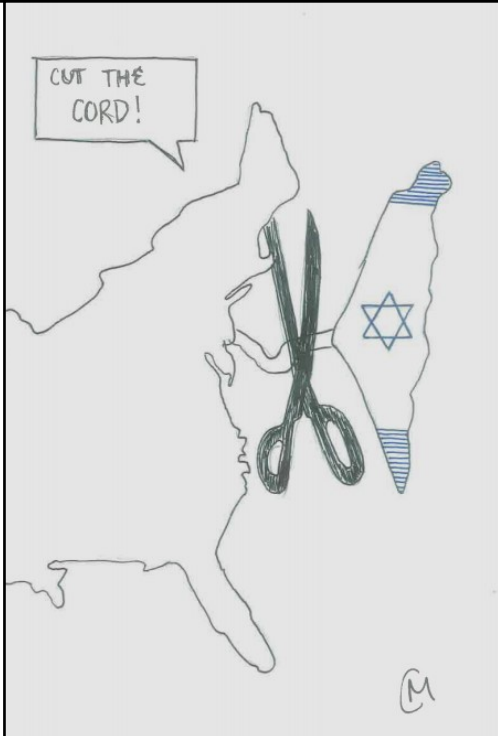
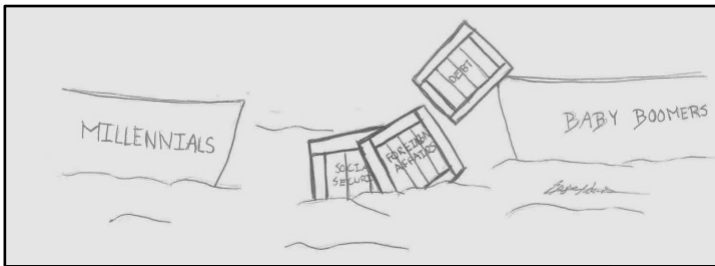
Political Cartoons

Continuing the senior government class's education in creating effective arguments, the class completed a unit on political cartoons. First, students analyzed twelve historical political cartoons

for their setting, characters' symbolism, intended audience, author's perspective, message, and effectiveness (which was subjectively evaluated by each student).

After that, students were

required to create nine of their own cartoons although many made more. These students had to create an equal dispersing of cartoons focused on international, national, and local issues. By: MaKayla O'Neil



Summer Basketball Camps/Tournaments

The end of the school year brings with it several opportunities for student athletes to develop skill in a variety of athletic fields. The following is a list of some of the camps and tournaments that are scheduled for this area.

High School Girls and Boys Basketball Camps

| Camp Name | Date | Time |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Boys Belt HS Camp (9-12) | June 3 rd -5 th | 3:30-5:00 p.m. |
| Girls Belt HS Camp (9-12) | June 3 rd -5 th | 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Girls Fairfield Team Camp (9-12) | June 10 th -12 th | 8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. |



High School Girls Basketball Tournaments

| Tournament | Date |
|-----------------------------|---|
| GFH Tournament (V&JV) | June 1 st |
| Fairfield Tournament (V&JV) | June 7 th -8 th |
| Belt Tournament | June 21 st -22 nd |
| Seeley Swan Tournament | June 28 th -29 th |

High School Boys Basketball Tournaments

| Tournament | Date |
|------------------------|---|
| GFHS Summer Slam | June 4 th -5 th |
| Cut Bank V&JV | June 7 th -8 th |
| Manhattan C. Tourney V | June 14 th -15 th |
| Dawson CC Shootout V | June 21 st -23 rd |

High School Boys Football Camp

| Tournament | Date |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Belt High School Football Camp (9-12) | July 22 nd -26 th |

Girls Volleyball Camps

| Tournament | Date |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Belt High School Volleyball Camp | June 13 th -15 th |

Boys and Girls Middle School and Elementary Camps

| Camp Name | Date | Time | Cost |
|--|---|----------------|---|
| Belt Elementary Basketball Camp (Pre-K-4th grade Boys and Girls) | May 20 th -22 nd | 3:30-5:00 p.m. | \$15 Checks payable to Lady Husky Basketball |
| Belt Middle School Golf Camp (6 th -8 th Boys and Girls) | May 20 th -22 nd | 3:30-5:00 p.m. | \$10 Checks payable to Husky Golf |
| Belt Middle School Basketball Camp (6 th -8 th Boys and Girls) | June 3 rd -6 th | 1:00-3:30 p.m. | \$20 Checks payable to Lady Husky Basketball |
| Belt Middle School Football Camp (6 th -8 th) | July 22 nd -24 th | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$20 Checks payable to Lady Husky Basketball |

Donuts for Dads

Although Father's Day is still a month away, the elementary students treated their dads to a special celebration on Friday, May 17th in the library at 7:30 a.m. Children in pre-k through fifth grade were able to bring their fathers to the school in the morning and give them donuts, while also

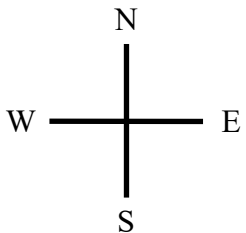
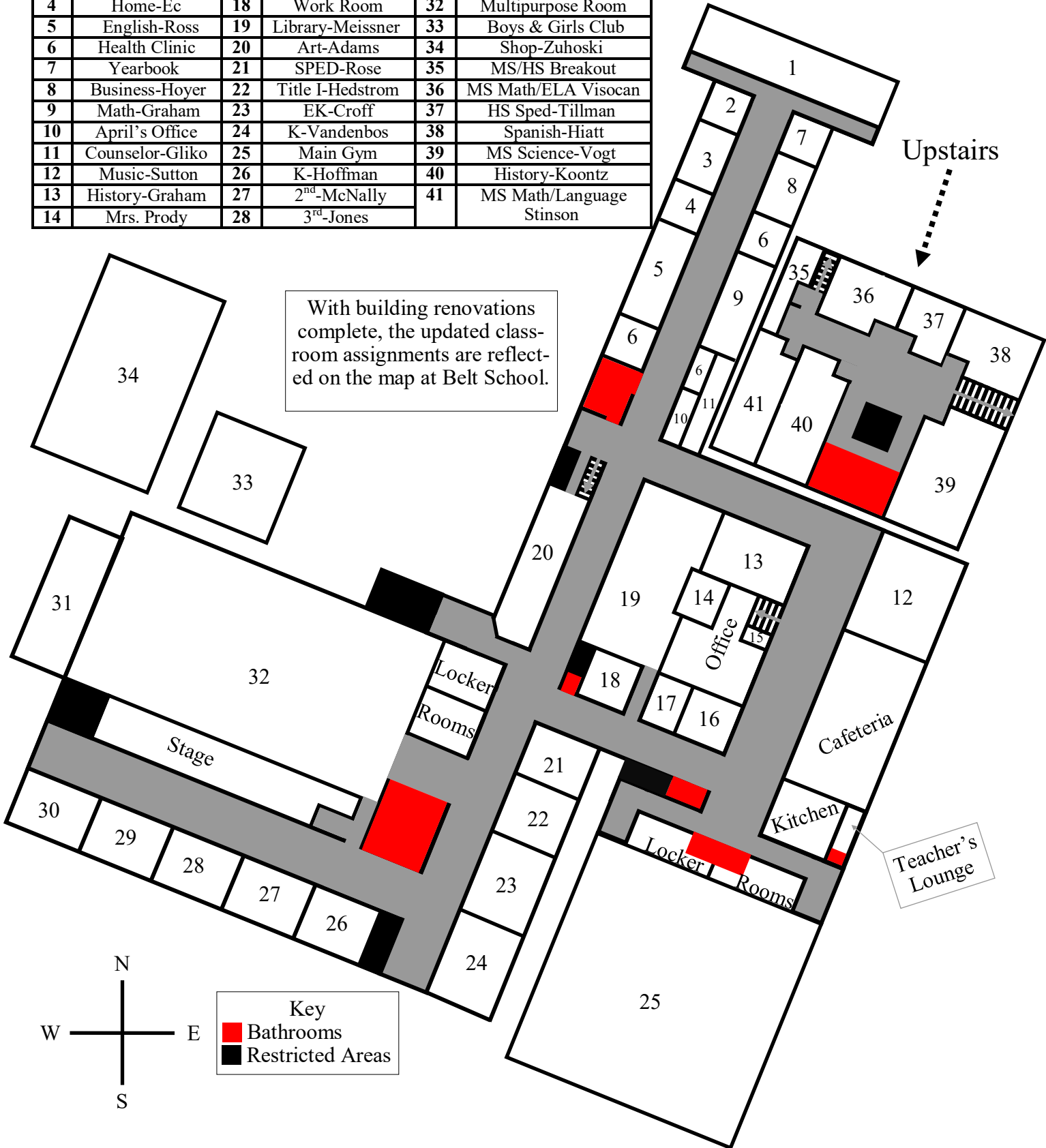
presenting them with specialized cards made during class earlier in the week. The library was packed with youngsters and their dads, with a good time was had by all.

These events were started by Ms. McNally three years ago with the goal of integrating classroom activities and family time.

Both galas were a big success and the dads were happy to take part in the fun, so McNally plans to continue the event in the future. Second grader Kale Stroop stated that "it was fun to have my dad come to school for a while and see what I am been doing throughout the year". **By: Abby Gliko**

Belt School Facilities Map

| # | Class-Teacher | # | Class-Teacher | # | Class-Teacher |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Science-Horton | 15 | Mrs. Coughlan | 29 | 4 th -Swanson |
| 2 | Speech | 16 | Mr. Paulson | 30 | 5 th -Metrione |
| 3 | Computer Lab | 17 | Detention Room | 31 | Fitness Room |
| 4 | Home-Ec | 18 | Work Room | 32 | Multipurpose Room |
| 5 | English-Ross | 19 | Library-Meissner | 33 | Boys & Girls Club |
| 6 | Health Clinic | 20 | Art-Adams | 34 | Shop-Zuhoski |
| 7 | Yearbook | 21 | SPED-Rose | 35 | MS/HS Breakout |
| 8 | Business-Hoyer | 22 | Title I-Hedstrom | 36 | MS Math/ELA Visocan |
| 9 | Math-Graham | 23 | EK-Croff | 37 | HS Sped-Tillman |
| 10 | April's Office | 24 | K-Vandenbos | 38 | Spanish-Hiatt |
| 11 | Counselor-Gliko | 25 | Main Gym | 39 | MS Science-Vogt |
| 12 | Music-Sutton | 26 | K-Hoffman | 40 | History-Koontz |
| 13 | History-Graham | 27 | 2 nd -McNally | 41 | MS Math/Language Stinson |
| 14 | Mrs. Prody | 28 | 3 rd -Jones | | |



| Key | |
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| ■ | Bathrooms |
| ■ | Restricted Areas |

Calendar of Events

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| 5/24 | End of 4 th Quarter | 7/23 | 6:00 p.m. | Belt MS FB Camp |
| 5/24 | Field Day K-5 th Grade | 7/23 | 6:30 p.m. | Belt HS FB Camp |
| 5/24 | 12:31 p.m. Last Day of School-Early Release | 7/24 | 6:00 p.m. | Belt MS FB Camp |
| 5/24 | 2:30 p.m. Dance Classes on Stage | 8/12—8/14 | | Hunter Safety in Cafeteria |
| 5/24—5/25 | State C Track Meet in Laurel | 8/13 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees |
| 5/28 | 6:00 p.m. GBB & BBB Open Gyms | 8/14 | 7:00 p.m. | Impact Testing for Frosh& Juniors |
| 5/29 | 6:00 p.m. GBB & BBB Open Gyms | 8/16 | TBA | 1 st Day of XC Practice |
| 5/30 | 6:00 p.m. GBB & BBB Open Gyms | 8/16 | 9:00 a.m. | 1 st Day of FB Practice |
| 5/26—6/2 | Close-Up Trip | 8/17 | 9:00 a.m. | FB Practice |
| 6/3 | 1:00 p.m. MS GBB & BBB Camp | 8/19 | TBA | 1 st Day of HS & MS VB Practice |
| 6/3 | 3:30 p.m. HS BBB Camp | 8/19 | 4:00 p.m. | 1 st Day of MS FB Practice |
| 6/3 | 5:30 p.m. HS GBB Camp | 8/19—8/21 | | Teacher Return—PIR |
| 6/4 | 1:00 p.m. MS GBB & BBB Camp | 8/21 | 2:30 p.m. | Fall Sports Pictures |
| 6/4 | 3:30 p.m. HS BBB Camp | 8/22 | 8:00 a.m. | First Day of School |
| 6/4 | 5:30 p.m. HS GBB Camp | | | |
| 6/5 | 1:00 p.m. MS GBB & BBB Camp | | | |
| 6/5 | 3:30 p.m. HS BBB Camp | | | |
| 6/5 | 5:30 p.m. HS GBB Camp | | | |
| 6/11 | 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees | | | |
| 6/13—6/15 | HS Volleyball Camp | | | |
| 6/15 | 2:00 p.m. 50 Year Graduates Tour School | | | |
| 6/17 | 6:00 p.m. GBB Open Gym | | | |
| 6/19 | 6:00 p.m. GBB Open Gym | | | |
| 6/19—21 | Bus Driver Training | | | |
| 6/21 | 10:00 a.m. Belt GBB Tournament | | | |
| 6/22 | 8:00 a.m. Belt GBB Tourney | | | |
| 6/24 | 6:00 p.m. GBB Open Gym | | | |
| 6/24—6/27 | Reese Gliko Basketball Camp | | | |
| 6/26 | 6:00 p.m. GBB Open Gym | | | |
| 6/26—7/7 | Floor Company in Muli Gym | | | |
| 6/27—7/7 | Floor Company in Main Gym | | | |
| 7/7—7/21 | Gym Floors Redone | | | |
| 7/22 | 6:00 p.m. Belt MS FB Camp | | | |
| 7/22 | 6:30 p.m. Belt HS FB Camp | | | |

The Winter's Tale

July 12th and 13th at the
Belt Performing Arts Center



Performed by the Belt Valley
Shakespeare Players

Same play they will preform
when they go to Scotland.