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## Hall of Fame

The 2017 induction ceremony for the Craig Cummings' Athletic Hall of Fame was held between the girls' varsity game and the boys' varsity the night of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three athletes were selected based on their athletic accomplishments including: Charlie Bumgarner, Kammie Crippen-Buske, and Kalie Crippen-Evans joined the twenty-five former athletes already honored in the Hall.

Craig Cummings was a teacher, coach, and administrator at Belt School from 1991 to 2006 who



made many contribution to the Belt community. He was a nationally recognized teacher that was honorable for inspiring his students to excel in the classroom. As a coach, he was the head football coach as well the assistant boys' and girls' basketball coach. He helped the Huskies earn titles in the district, at divisionals, and at state. When Cummings was the principal at Belt High, he led the student council and founded the Principal's Cup and Close Up

programs. Because of Cummings' contribution to Belt School and the Belt community, he helped set a standard to which future leaders should aspire to be in the academic and athletic arenas. Membership into the Craig Cummings' Athletic Hall of Fame exemplifies level of excellence set by Cummings and recognizes athletes, coaches, and community members who have made outstanding contributions to the athletics and academics in Belt.

Bumgarner, a 1976 graduate, was a three year letterman and a three year starter for the Husky basketball team. He was selected  
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## Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee took place yesterday, Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Belt School Gymnasium. The event was managed by Michelle Stinson with announcer Karl Koontz. Thirty-five students took part of this event, ranging from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The classrooms held Spelling Bees and the top spellers from each class headed to the school wide competition. The winner of the 2017 Spelling Bee was Asa Jassen. Archer Throckmorton grabbed second place and Sierra Reese finished third. Jassen and

Throckmorton will represent Belt at the county state spelling bee, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Further rounds for qualifiers include the state and national level.

Mrs. Debbie Vogt, middle school teacher, made it to state in 1979, when she was a student at Belt School. Even though, Vogt didn't place, she had the fun experience of having the opportunity to go to state. However,



Vogt is still mad at herself for the word she got out on, which was "wheelchair."

The Belt School wishes good luck to Jassen and Throckmorton. The Valley is looking forward to how far they take their intelligence. Who knows, one of these students can be the next state or national Spelling Bee winner.

**By: Kara Neal**

## School Board Elections

Two positions on the Belt School Board of Trustees are opening this spring. Requirements for the position include: the nominee must be a registered voter, and they have to sign the nominating petition with Nona Coughlan. Candidates must also live in the Belt School District. The elec-

tion ballots for the two candidates will be sent out on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and ballots will **only** be sent out and retrieved by mail. Election Day will fall on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all ballots will be collected and counted.

The ballots could also include a request for a levy, which is

tax payer's money that covers funds that can't be covered by the government.. Board members serve three year terms.

For more information, contact Nona Coughlan at Belt Public School, (406) 277-3354.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## JV Basketball

The JV squads continue to develop. Coach Megan Graham is impressed with the improvement of her team as she prepares them for the years to come. Coach Suzy Maki's team on the other end dominated all of their competition to keep an undefeated record.

In the boys' first competition against Roy/Winifred, the Huskies had a close game, but they prevailed with a score of 31-25. Brayden Haugrose led Belt in scoring with 14 points. The next day, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Belt travelled to Great Falls to compete against CMR's freshman squad. The Huskies put up a fight against the AA team, but fell 35-42. Haugrose led the team in scoring with 13 points.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, the boys defeated the Tri-Cities Titans with a score of 45-21. Brendan Wing led Belt in scoring with 19. The Huskies had a great tussle with the Fairfield Eagles. Ahead by three at halftime, the Huskies fell to the Eagles with a score of 50-58. Haugrose tallied 18 points.

On the girls' side, the ladies competed against the Roy/Winifred Outlaws at home. They defeated the Outlaws with a score of 49-25. Briana Wall accumulated 14 points in the victory. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, Great Falls Central came to Belt. The Huskies overpowered the Mustangs by a score of 63-14. Shelby Paulson earned 18 points, while Adelle

Meissner notched 17 to help the ladies to a victory. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Huskies competed against the Tri-Cities Titans in a half game. They defeated the Titans with a score of 38-5. Karlee Permann led all scorers with 9. The next day, the Fairfield Eagles freshman/sophomore team travelled to Belt. The ladies defeated them with a score of 60-30. Paulson led with 21 points.

This weekend wraps up the junior varsity season. Tonight the teams will be in Highwood and tomorrow night they travel to Denton. It's been a year of fun and improvement for these kids.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**

## Hall of Fame (Cont.)

All-Conference two times and earned All-State honors his senior year. His teams won two divisional titles and qualified for the state tournament all three years he started. In 1976, Bumgarner helped the Huskies earn their first boys state basketball championship. Currently, Bumgarner resides on his farm near Belt with his wife Carla.

Crippen-Buske was the 1994 Female Athlete of the Year and is one of Belt's most decorated track athletes. Earning Academic All-State recognition all four years, All-State in track all four years, Crippen-Buske was also an All-Conference basketball and volleyball player. She won of 12 state track medals and held school records in the 300M hurdles and the 100M hurdles, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at

state, respectively. She ran legs on the 4x100 and the 4x400 relays, where the team placed at state all four years, setting school records in both events. Crippen-Buske guided the Lady Husky Track team to three divisional titles, two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes at state, and one state championship. She now resides in Granbury, Texas with her husband and three children. The final honoree was Crippen-Evans, a 1988 graduate. She was a three sport standout for the Huskies. She was All-Conference in volleyball and basketball and was also one of the most dominant Belt track athletes of all time. She was the leader of the Lady Husky Track team that conquered the North from 1985 to

1988. She finished a tremendous career by helping the Huskies win their first team state championship in 1988. Crippen-Evans won the 100M hurdles and the 300M hurdles at the 1988 divisional and state meets. She added a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 400M dash and ran a leg on the state championship 4x400M relay. She held records in the 100M hurdles, the 300M hurdles, and the high jump. She also held the State "B" record in the 300M hurdles. She currently resides with her husband and three sons north of Raynesford. The Belt community would like to congratulate the three inductees on their athletic and academic accomplishments.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**

## Wrestling

The 2017 wrestling season is coming to a close. Nolan Myrstol, Andrew Stice, and Brandon Wall all competed in the Southern B-C Divisional Meet in Anaconda. While only Myrstol moved on to the state meet, Stice and Wall learned valuable lessons they can use in the future.

Myrstol competed in five matches on Saturday to move on to state. He won his first two by pins. In the third round of play, Myrstol was pinned. In his next two pairings, Myrstol came back with a vengeance, winning both to earn third and advance to the All-class

state meet in Billings. Myrstol received a hardly send-off from the student body on Firday.

Myrstol, who is 25-10 on the year in the 145 weight division, will compete in Billings today against Kary Keegan of Baker who enters the meet 20-3 on the season. It's rewarding after an injury plagued sophomore season. The meet continues through Saturday where state champs will be crowned. The Belt community would like to wish Myrstol the best of luck this weekend.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**



## Science Fair

Science Fair is a good way to get elementary, middle school, and high school students involved in scientific research that is conducted outside of the classroom. Conducting research on their gives students the opportunity to choose topics that interest them, produce their own ideas and procedures, and it also teaches organization and time management. Belt Public School is participating in the local and regional Science Fair again this year, and staff, parents, and community members are excited to see the projects that students have developed and tested.

This year over half of the school population is involved in the Science Fair. This is very exciting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade because the younger students will be learning the tactics, while looking up to the older students for advice and inspiration.

A wide variety of projects will be displayed for the 2017 Science Fair, ranging from Fudge Crystallization, Placebo Effect, and the benefits of drinking H<sub>2</sub>O, or water. Since there are so many groups participating, there will be two different times for the high school / middle school and the elementary. The high school and middle school operations will take place on February 28<sup>th</sup>, at Belt Public School. The elementary portion of the competition will also be held at BVHS, but will be hosted on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The local Science Fair is open to the community, and parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Once the students share their work locally, judges will decide which students will continue to the Regional Science Fair. The

Regional Science Fair will be hosted at MSU Great Falls, and the selected students will travel into Great Falls to compete against students from other schools. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the high school and middle school candidates will present their projects to regional judges, and the elementary Regional Science Fair will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Students, in addition to gaining valuable knowledge, will be awarded with placement ribbons, and other prizes range from fancy science gear to cash prizes for the top winners.

This is an exciting opportunity for Belt students, and all students. The Voice will follow the progress of these young scientists all the way to state.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Ice Fishing



February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Mr. Paulson joined the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class on a field trip to East Fork Reservoir to go ice fishing. The students left around 8:00 in the morning and ar-

rived home at 2:30 in the afternoon. When asked to rate the field trip on a scale of 1-10 Mr. Paulson said it was around an 8 due to slightly cold weather and the size of the fish. Raily Gliko (pictured left) scored the biggest catch of the day. It was a fun day that exposed the students a new outdoor activity.

Though most of the students landed perch some of them caught Northern Pike. With the help of the FWP program the fishing trip was a fun experience for everyone. Each year the 7<sup>th</sup> graders get to experience this field trip and it's always a fun experience for the kiddos.

**By: Abby Marchington**

## Summer Jobs

It's almost that time of year again when students need to make some dough before they head off to college or just need money for general life expenses. It's usually hard for a Belt student to find a job in the valley. Not everyone would like to be stuck inside of a restaurant, store, or a car chop. There are always opportunities out in the fresh air and often people just have to look harder. Like all

summer job opportunities, it's best to apply as early as possible.

There are a few summer jobs available in White Sulphur Springs, Neihart, Stanford, and Choteau this upcoming 2017 field season. The starting dates of the positions are estimated to be between April and early June, 2017. Some of the positions are: Forestry Aid (recreation), Forestry Tech

(trails/recreation), and Forestry Tech (trails/wilderness). It doesn't just have to be students who are looking for jobs, but it can be adults as well for a good summer job.

If anyone would like to apply, the applications must be submitted through the "USA Jobs Website." For more information call, Bob Gliko at (406) 236-5103.

## Senior Spotlight

The countdown has already begun for twenty of Belt's oldest students. About seventy school days remain for the members of the Class of 2017. Then it's off to whatever the post-high school world holds for them. It's been quite an educational journey for them all. This week's senior spotlight will introduce seniors Dawson Marquis and Jason Metrione. Both of these young men are excited for the day when they get to put on their cap and gown.

Dawson Marquis started out in Belt at a young age in elementary. Ever since then he has filled the classrooms with laughter. His favorite memory throughout his entire



time here at Belt was getting the opportunity to go paint the 'B'. Marquis very much enjoyed this trip and the quality bonding time that the excursion allowed for him and his classmates. Even though his primary years have treated him well, he just couldn't find the same joy in reading Shakespeare. Marquis claims that he had to read it for English, however, he still doesn't quite understand it.

Marquis has been involved in drama for one year and yearbook his freshman year. The one thing he is going to miss the most is the high school life. Marquis admits he is going to miss being around his family and friends 24/7 and being able to have his parents around. However, he is still pumped to see what this next chapter in his life has in store for him.

After graduation, Marquis plans on attending college, probably in Minnesota to attend med school. He isn't quite sure exactly what he wants to specialize in, but he's looking forward to the college life.

Jason Metrione has also nearly completed his high school journey. He has attended Belt Schools since his pre-K days and is more than thrilled for the next couple months of his life. His favorite memory is the same as Dawson's: painting the 'B' with his class, one of the last bonding things the class will do together before graduation. It was great and all to paint the 'B', however Metrione has one bad memory from school days in Belt.

One summer he was working out in the forest and a tree branch fell on his head. This caused his teeth to come loose from their sockets, but to his surprise, they were still in his mouth due to the fact he had braces on. After visiting the doctors, they said that the braces

saved his teeth from falling out completely. After he healed up and his teeth straightened again, he was able to get those braces off. In middle school, Metrione was an avid student: becoming involved in everything he could. He was involved in football, basketball, and track all three years in



middle school. However, he decided to hone in on what he really likes and decided to play basketball for three years. One thing that he is

going to miss from the valley are his teachers because without them, he wouldn't be able to graduate.

After the day where he's able to accept his diploma, he plans to attend college and MSU-Northern in Havre in order to become a plumbing technician. He's excited for the road ahead and to see how the last couple months of high school play out for him.

Next issue's senior spotlight is going to explain the stories of Kara Neal and Isabelle Newman.

**By: Isabelle Newman**



## Where Are They Now?

This week's Where Are They Now article is going to cover the stories of Johanna Stinson, Eddie Fernandez, and Makayla Murphy. All three of these graduates have been working hard since their good old days here in the valley and are pleased with where they have ended up after high school.



Johanna Stinson started out her college years at Montana Tech. in Butte, Montana. Here she has been able to thrive in her major of mining engineering. One thing she has enjoyed the most since she started her college life is meeting new people. Stinson didn't know anyone going to Montana Tech. besides her older sister Josie. She states that "It kind of forced me to get out of my comfort zone and be social."

Stinson states that one of the biggest differences between high school and college is the difficulty in her classes. Stinson said that in high school, teachers prepare 80% of the criteria for students and then expect them to figure out the other 20% on their own. In college, it's almost flipped because the professors shows students about 20% of the work and the students learn the other 80% on their own. She believes that "It requires a lot more time and effort."

Stinson is very dedicated to her studies, but in the midst of all of it, she finds time to volunteer, often with Habitat for Humanity down in Butte. One thing Stinson

does not enjoy about college is the food. She states that she can't wait to start making most of her own food and not having to eat SUB food. Some advice that Stinson has for upcoming seniors is "Apply, apply, apply for scholarships. I know that they are not the best to fill out and apply for, but they can really help you out in the long run. Plus, you can always apply for them even after you get out of high school."

Eddie Fernandez, on the other hand, has been enjoying things from a more local point of view. He now attends Great Falls College MSU and is enjoying his gradual independence and freedom from home. He has decided to major in education and wants to focus in on teaching high school history.

One thing that Fernandez states as one of the biggest differences between high school and college is that the classes are way more boring. It is understandable how Fernandez concluded his thoughts on the matter because Belt is such a small town and a student is available to one on one connection whereas most colleges can't provide that connection.

Fernandez really enjoys meeting new people. He claims that it's nice to have a whole other set of friends and a variety of friends at that. Fernandez also really enjoys being



able to mess with his professors and getting away with it. A piece of advice that Fernandez has to offer for upcoming seniors is "You're almost

done."

Makayla Murphy has made her first big step right in to Montana State University in Bozeman. Murphy is majoring in architecture and is doing nothing but



enjoying all of it. Because she is so dedicated to her studies, it is her full time job and takes every aspect of her education seriously. She claims that the one thing she enjoys the most in college is getting to make all the decisions by yourself. The independence she has been experiencing along with this decision making has helped Murphy explore things she never has before and she thoroughly enjoys every moment of it.

The times when she doesn't enjoy college is when she has to "pull an all-nighter for an architecture project only to figure out that she has to completely redo it". Murphy also really likes that the classes she is taking are directly related to her major. She enjoys having not such a variety of classes to study for, but along with that, it also means a lot more homework in each class. She doesn't mind it due to the fact that it is her full time job, but she states that it is one of the biggest differences between high school and college.

The Voice wishes the best of luck to these recent graduates in their academic, professional, and personal pursuits as they get their feet on the ground as young adults.

**By: Isabelle Newman**

## Sole Dance Company Showcase

This year, Sole Dance Company from Great Falls put on their annual showcase. A couple kids from Belt are a part of this company and were more than thrilled with the outcome of the show. This is the one time every year that these dancers get to show their family and friends what they work on all year. Dance is not a seasonal sport, so it lasts all year every year. The show took place on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Club in Downtown Great Falls.

The showcase is a great event for the dance team to bond, as well as an event to mingle with family and friends. A meet and greet began at 6:00 p.m. and lasted until 6:40. The show began promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the energy in the room didn't die once until the show ended around 9:00 p.m. For Sole, it was one of their longer shows, however, being that it's their only performance that they put on every year, makes it worth it for the family and friends that get to watch their love ones do what they love.

The students from Belt who are involved in the company are siblings Isabelle and Avery Newman as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Madisyn Peters. Peter's passion for dance is beyond almost anyone else's at the studio and it is clearly shown in her solo called "Kindergarten Love Song," choreographed by McKenna Brown, senior at CMR High School. After Peter's solo performance, she had the entire room smiling and laughing because of the warming presence she brought to the stage.

Peters was also included in two other dances: "Monsters" and "My Boyfriend's Back". "Monsters" was a jazz piece choreographed by the inseparable duo Cortnee Doll, owner of the studio and director of the competition team, and Jackie Newman. Doll and J. Newman work together in order to complete the pieces that are needed for the compe-

tion season. Peters had such a wonderful time and claims that she never gets tired of performing.



Avery Newman is a freshman at Belt High and has been competing with Sole since they opened four years ago. He has excelled this year in his technique and delivery of his performances and that's exactly what he showed the crowd last Saturday. His solo "How Will I Know", a cover by Sam Smith, was a huge hit at the show, not only because he is one of the two boys who attend Sole, but because of his technical abilities as well. He was involved in a couple other dances that were showcased at the Elks Club and can't wait to see how this year's competition season is going to turn out for him and his team.

Avery has been dancing since the prime age of 2 and keeps coming back to it like a moth to a flame. He claims that "It's a bittersweet night for a bunch of reasons, but the main reason is because this is the last showcase that I will get to perform with my sister, Isabelle. Being that it's her senior year, I only have a couple other competitions left with her until she's off to college." He also states that he thinks the night was very successful and that it's impressive how Sole manages to fill the seats with spectators every year for this performance. He enjoys how the crowd gets involved with each dance and how they are so supportive of all the dancers.

Isabelle Newman is a senior at Belt High and has been competing since she was five (also competing with Sole since they opened four years ago) and is extremely pleased with how the showcase turned out. Unfortunately, over

Christmas break she tore her MCL snowboarding and it has set her back quite a bit, however, the weekend of the showcase was 6 weeks after her incident. This was perfect timing for her and her team. Her solo this year, self-choreographed with the help of her mom, Jackie, is called "Wherever You Will Go". Isabelle states that "It was a very heartfelt and bittersweet night. This was the last showcase that I will ever get to perform with this team and it's a bit saddening to think about it."

Isabelle, along with two other seniors from CMR, Camryn Rhodes and McKenna Brown, are the oldest dancers on the team and are excited for their last competition season ahead of them. The three musketeers are sad that their journey of competition dance is starting to close in on them, however they are enthralled to see what their futures have in store for them. The next couple months are going to be filled with a lot of tears and goodbye's, especially after their national competition. They know that this isn't the end. After graduation and Nationals, all three seniors plan on attending college and trying out for their dance teams.



The 2017 Sole Dance Showcase was a smashing success, as family and friends from all over came to support loved ones. These dancers have a huge time commitment being on a competitive dance team, but so do their parents, siblings, and even grandparents. Congratulations to all the dancers who performed.

**By: Isabelle Newman**



# Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is an international holiday that is celebrated every year on February 14<sup>th</sup>. When most people think of Valentine's Day, they think of hearts, candies, balloons, and sappy cards, but many people are unaware of the true meaning behind the holiday. The truth is, Valentine's Day was founded before the Middle Ages.

The Catholic Church recognizes several different men with the name of Valentine, and many different legends have formed over the centuries. The most common belief contends that a priest named Valentine rebelled against Emperor Claudius II's law that prohibited young men from marrying in order to make for better soldiers. He defied the Emperor by performing marriages for young lovers in secrecy, which resulted in his execution. Emperor Claudius II sentenced Valentine to confinement first, where he

fell in love with the jailor's daughter, who would visit him during his imprisonment. Before his death in 270 A.D., he left his young lover a love letter that signed, "From your Valentine." The old saying is still used in the present day when referring to one's loved one, date, or

Valentine's Day is often lost. Valentine's Day isn't about the chocolates, flowers, gifts, movies, and it isn't about spending it with a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, or wife. Valentine's Day can be difficult for those people who've lost their loved one and for people



who aren't in a relationship, but Valentine's Day doesn't have to be about that. Valentine's Day is about loving someone, whether it's catching up with old friends, celebrating with family, or simply starting a good show on TV and petting the dog.

friend that they're sending their letters and chocolates to.

Valentine's Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most active holiday for exchanging cards with over 141 million cards sent out annually. Over 198,000,000 roses are sent out, and jewelry stores make \$2.2 billion in profits. Some people look forward to the holiday for the benefits of the gifts, and the true meaning of Val-

entine's Day is often lost. Valentine's Day isn't about the chocolates, flowers, gifts, movies, and it isn't about spending it with a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, or wife. Valentine's Day can be difficult for those people who've lost their loved one and for people

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**By: Morgan Davis**

*Each day more than 1,000 drive while intoxicated. Of these one thousand people, 28 die. Most of the time people will often get away with drunk driving and repeatedly do it because they do not know the consequences. If you are someone who drinks and drives take a moment to think about what you are doing. Think about all of the people that you either know or/and love that will be affected, along with other drivers on the road. Do not under any circumstances drink and drive. It's not worth to put the health and well being of your family, friends, and other drivers of the road at risk. Think before you drink.*

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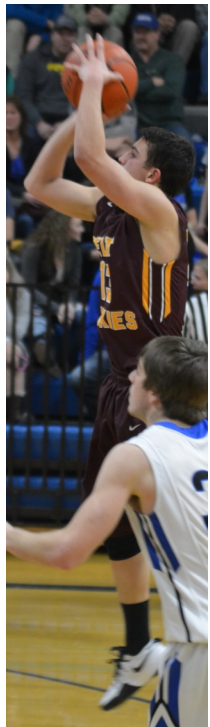
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## Boy's Basketball

The boys' basketball team is improving each game. Conference wise, they defeated the Roy/Winifred Outlaws and the Tri-Cities Titans. Competition struck when they competed the AA and B teams of CMR's JV and the Fairfield Eagles. Four Husky boys also participated in their last home game of their high school career.



On the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Huskies were paired up with the Roy/Winifred Outlaws. The Huskies jumped to an early lead of 26-4 in the first. They continued to speed up the game throughout the first half. By the end of the second, Belt had the lead of 39-15.

In the second half, Belt continued to outscore their competition. Heading into the fourth stanza, the Huskies held a 55-24 lead. And when the final horn blew, Belt found themselves on the right end of a 68-

36 final. With 25 points, Jess Bodner led the Huskies in scoring. Harry Green added 10 for the victory.

The next day on Saturday, a short bus trip to Great Falls resulted

in a Husky victory against CMR's JV squad. In the first quarter, Belt was ahead with a score of 15-9. The next period took a different turn for the Huskies as they fell behind 25-27 at half time.

Coming out of the locker rooms, Belt fought back. They grasped the lead after three, making the tally 37-35. The fourth quarter began to get physical for the Huskies, but they battled through and pulled out a triumph. The final score of the ball game was 55-50. Jaren Maki accumulated 17 points throughout the game, while Green notched 14.

On Friday of last week, the Huskies competed against the Tri-Cities Titans for the second time of the season. The Huskies went ahead in the first quarter with a score of 19-11. The next stanza, Belt continued to increase their lead, making the tally 40-25 before half.

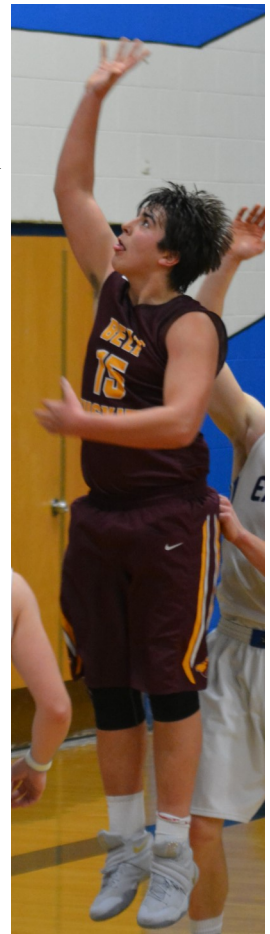
In the third, Belt went on a 21-10 run, increasing the lead to 61-35. Momentum from the fourth drove the Huskies to a victory on their home court with a final of 79-48. Maki accumulated 27 points for the Huskies, while Green tallied 14.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, four seniors competed in their last home game ever against the Fairfield Eagles. Bodner, Green, Maki, and Taylor Olson are all seniors for the Husky squad.

In the first period, Belt had a slim lead of 14-12. By the end of the second, the Eagles cut the lead to one with a score of 21-20.

The second half produced problems for the home team as they struggled to score. Fairfield went on a 19-7 run against the Huskies, making the tally 28-39. In the final stanza, Belt tried everything they could, but the stronger Eagle team got the best of the Huskies. The final score of the ball game was 36-53. Maki led all scorers with 16, and Bodner added 10.

Belt now has an overall record of 12 wins and 4 losses. In conference play, the Huskies have a winning record of 9-1. The Huskies next game will be tonight



against the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals in Highwood. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. following the girls' game at 6:00 p.m. Tomorrow night Belt will get another crack at Denton/Geyser/Stanford, whom they lost to at the last meeting. Girls' varsity will start at 5:00 p.m., while the boys will start at 6:30 p.m.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**

Roy-Winifred	4	11	9	12	<b>36</b>
Belt	26	13	16	13	<b>68</b>
Belt	15	10	12	18	<b>55</b>
CMR JV	9	18	8	15	<b>50</b>
Tri-Cities	11	14	10	13	<b>48</b>
Belt	19	21	21	18	<b>79</b>
Fairfield	12	8	19	14	<b>53</b>
Belt	14	7	7	8	<b>36</b>



# Girl's Basketball

The girls' basketball team continues to improve their conference record defeating Roy/Winifred and Tri-Cities. They also defeated CMR's JV and Class B rival, Fairfield. The Huskies continue to grow as a team with Coach Jeff Graham playing all ten girls in varsity games. Three Husky seniors participated in their last home game of their high school career.

The ladies competed against the Roy/Winifred Outlaws on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. In the first quarter, the Huskies had a slim lead of 15-11. Because Belt was well defended by Roy/Winifred, they struggled to score offensively. By the end of the second, the score was tied at 22.

After the half time meetings, the ladies were able to execute on both defense and offense. They went on a 23-7 run against the Outlaws, making the score 45-29 after three. In the final stanza, the Huskies were able to hold off the Outlaws with a score of 55-43. Dani Urick led Belt in scoring with 19, followed by Sara Anderson and Morgan Cooper both with 11 points.



held their lead with a score of 36-17.

Belt continued to push the tempo against the young CMR team in the third. The huskies lead was at 45-22 after three. In the final period, the Huskies finished the game with a score of 57-26. Urick had 22 for Belt, while Kerstyn Pimperton added 11 to earn the victory.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Huskies were paired up with the Tri-Cities Titans. In the first quarter the Huskies allowed two Titan points to be scored against their 24. By the end of the second quarter, the Huskies had a comfortable lead of 38-8.

The second half was just as impressive as the first. The momentum from the first half drove Belt in the third quarter. The score after three was tallied at 47-14. And in the final minutes of the ball game, the Huskies completed a victory with a score of 61-20. Urick had 17 markers on the night, followed by Sara Anderson with 16.

Senior night took place on February 4<sup>th</sup> against the Fairfield Eagles. Anderson, Kassie Hoyer, and Pimperton are all seniors for the Husky squad. In the first quarter, Belt jumped out to a seven point lead at 17-10. In the second, Fairfield cut the lead to six with a score of 29-23.

After the half time meetings, the Huskies came out on fire going out on a 14-5 run against the Eagles, making the score 43-28. The tough de-

fense that the Huskies applied made it difficult for the young Eagle guards to handle. And when the final horn blew, the Huskies found themselves on the right end of a 54-33 final. With 16 points, both Adrian Malek and Urick led Belt in scoring.



Overall, the Huskies have a winning record of 15-1, while their conference record is at a perfect 10-0. Tonight, the ladies will travel to Highwood to compete against the co-op team of Highwood and Geraldine. The game is set to start at 6:00 p.m. Tomorrow, a bus ride to Denton will hopefully end in a victory to top off a perfect conference season. Tip-off time is set for 5:00 p.m. with the varsity boys' game following right after.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**

Roy-Winifred	11	11	7	14	<b>43</b>
Belt	15	7	23	10	<b>55</b>
Belt	24	12	9	12	<b>57</b>
CMR JV	11	6	5	4	<b>26</b>
Tri-Cities	2	6	6	6	<b>20</b>
Belt	24	14	9	14	<b>61</b>
Fairfield	10	13	5	5	<b>33</b>
Belt	17	12	14	11	<b>54</b>

## Presidential Inauguration

“I do solemnly swear to... preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,” Donald J. Trump vowed, as he accepted the position of the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Donald Trump took his presidential oath at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C, and it has been estimated that over 750,000 people attended the event, not including the protestors who rioted in the streets during the speech. The ‘Trump Team’ consists of the President, Donald J. Trump; First Lady, Melania Trump; Vice President, Michael R. Pence; and the Second Lady, Karen Pence, will be serving the United States for the next four years.

The Valley Voice decided to ask two questions that would expose the opinion of 8 students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, to see which students were politically involved and which ones lacked information. The two questions were: A) What does the presidential election mean to your future? B) What issues (that the president deals with) matter most to you? There was a major consistency between the younger classes, freshmen and sophomores. Elyse Adams, a sophomore, had an argument to back her disinterest in politics. “I don’t even care. I didn’t pay attention to the election because there was too much controversy, and I try to not get involved because everyone gets so angry and it starts fights.”

While the younger classes were less interested and even bored with the talk of politics, the junior and senior students, exposed to more information, developed more complex responses. Junior, Trey Heitzman, was glad that Trump supported gun rights, and when asked about the effect on his future, Trey said, “This means that I’m go-

ing to be out in the world, and any decisions Trump makes will directly affect my choices and actions.” Although Trey is hopeful and optimistic, Hannah Schweitzer has a different view of the president elect. This junior believes that, “it’s going to screw up my future because he has plans that he wants to actually follow through with, and I don’t think he’s correct. I don’t support the immigration bans and how he decided to deal with that, but I can agree with some of his ideas of getting the U.S. out of debt. Although I hope he pulls our country out of debt, I think he’s very sexist and racist, which is terrible for our country because equality is the foundation of our country.”

Isabelle Newman, senior at Belt Public School, had something to share with the readers of the Valley Voice, “This is a huge issue, especially for high school graduates because this is our time to begin independent thinking, and it basically affects me in a way where I can form opinions about him and use those opinions for future elections. It’s sort of like a bracket showing how the best ways to handle this and make reasonable decisions about it. I hope this also shows future generations that this is not the right way.” Newman made a very valid point by using elections of the past to compare the good things and the bad things presidents, voters, and protestors have done, and how to improve and fix certain issues.

While Newman had a patriotic attitude of improving, Zeb Visocan brought a unique view to the table. “The presidential election makes me more optimistic about my future in political activism because it shows that if anyone can be president, then anyone can fight the system,” Visocan reports, hoping

for an awakening in the American people. “I agree with nothing Trump says, and today we show that society will not die with a bang...but with a terrible hair-style,” Visocan continued with the will to change the system.

From an outside perspective, Javi Infantes Lobo also voiced his opinion, “(Due to the election) most countries have the opportunity to raise their power because most people don’t believe that Trump is incapacitated to be the president of such a powerful county.” The Spanish foreign exchange student has been sharing his country’s reaction to the election with his peers. Javi shares his idea when it comes to Trump and his decisions, “I maybe agree with some of the political decisions of his party, but not with him. And of course I don’t agree with him as a person saying things like he does about women, Mexicans, Muslims, etc. I also believe that he goes against the Constitution.”

Many younger students need more education on political views. It’s hard to become engaged when students don’t know what’s happening and are constantly attacked for the ignorance of their youth. Instead of degrading the students who are in the dark about the election, older people should educate their youth and guide them in forming opinions of their own. After the future belongs to the young and the outcome of democratic elections will impact their lives in both the short and long term.

All of the opinions and views that were shared were solely the thoughts of the selected students. The information used in the first paragraph was attributed from sources such as USA. Gov.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Super Bowl LI

The 2017 Super Bowl took place this past Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The two teams that made it to the Big Game were the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons. The Patriots went 17-2, and the Falcons went 13-6 throughout the season. The two teams were the best out of their divisions and made incredible plays all the way to the Super Bowl. Super Bowl LI made history, as it was the first time a Super Bowl required overtime to settle the issue. The Patriots took the win during overtime with the final score being 34-28. New England had a rough start with half-time score of 21-3, with the Falcons in the lead.

Tom Brady, the quarter back for the Patriots, was not going to give up that easily. Brady's goal was to win his 5<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl and he didn't want to give the win to the Falcons. The Patriots kept their heads up and had a big comeback.

Not everyone cares about who wins the Super Bowl. Most people just watch it because of the commercials and the half-time show. Lady Gaga, a pop singer, had an amazing half-time show with her performance in the air and on the stage. It's always great to see a remarkable performance during the Super Bowl. There were plenty of car commercials this year and not

many funny ones. This year it was more on the serious side. The companies spent \$5 million for just 30 seconds of advertisement during the Super Bowl!

A lot of money and time goes into the Super Bowl but that is because it is tradition. Americans across the country gather together on a Sunday evening once a year and cheer for their favorite team, watch the commercials, and enjoy the halftime show.

In some ways it's just a football, but it's also a huge part of the American tradition, and it has been for over half a century.

**By: Kara Neal**

## Belt Valley Theatre Update

February 4, 2017 the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players held a silent auction at the Brew Pub which was organized by Nate Davison. Around \$2700 was raised during this event. There were multiple items auctioned off during the event some of which were Gift Cards, Art, Assorted baskets (that were donated to help the Shakespeare players from multiple people in the Belt community), and many other items. With the help from the community the Shakespeare players have been very successful with their fund raisers and have also been earning a huge amount of publicity from news articles all the way to interviews on the radio.

Even though there are many different activities and fundraisers going on each actor has been putting in his/her best efforts during practice to make sure that by the end of a performance each audience member has a smile on their face. None of this progress (performance wise) would be possible without the help of the Shakespeare players Director (Mr. Jeff Ross) and Assistant Director (Ms. Elizabeth Harrison).

Both directors have been working long and hard to help the young actors get where they are now.

Aside from everything else that has been going on the Shakespeare players have been preparing for their upcoming performances that will be held this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Ursaline Center. The Friday and Saturday performances will start at 6:30 p.m. and their Sunday performance will be held at 2:00 p.m. The directors, actor, and actresses hope to see people from all over the Belt community supporting them on.

The directors and actors/actresses would like to send out a big thank you to Linda Brown, Andrew McCoy, 2J's, the Harrison family, Western Ranch Supply, Kim Lockman, Troy Adams, Jeff Dawson, Nate Davison, Nikole Williams, the Harvest Moon, Debbie Vogt, Jason Harmala, Pepsi, Reed Throckmorton, the Belt Valley Grocery, and everyone else who has helped the theatre troop get to where they are now.


**By: Abby Marchington**

## Calendar of Events

Feb. 10-11<sup>th</sup>-Theatre Performance @6:30 pm (Ursaline Centre)  
 Feb. 10-11<sup>th</sup>-Wrestling @Billings  
 Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-BBall @Highwood (Boys: JV-4:30 pm Var-7:30 pm Girls: JV-3:00 pm)  
 Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>-BBall @Denton (Boys: JV-3:30 pm Var-6:30 pm Girls: JV-2:00 pm)  
 Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>-Theatre Performance 2:00 pm  
 Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>-Mobile Art Van (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees @7:30 pm  
 Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-Ski Day (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>-Mid Term  
 Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>- No School  
 Feb. 18-20<sup>th</sup>-BBall @Lewiston (Girls:TBA)  
 Feb. 24-26<sup>th</sup>-BBall @Four Seasons (TBA)  
 Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Ski Day (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>- Science Fair (Ms-Hs)





Games/ Puzzles	Inspirational Quotes
<p data-bbox="102 176 782 243">Body parts: Whose pearly whites do these belong to? (Hint; They will be graduating this year)</p>  <p data-bbox="102 924 782 957">Answers to last weeks Jersey Number: Alison Stoker</p>	<p data-bbox="818 176 1511 342">Since Valentine’s Day is around the corner, it seems fitting to stick to love for this week’s theme for Inspirational Quotes. Love is a touchy subject and sometimes hard to understand, but it can be a powerful element, for better or for worse.</p> <p data-bbox="818 344 1511 443">“Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.”- Lucille Ball</p> <p data-bbox="818 445 1511 678">“It takes courage to love, but pain through love is the purifying fire which those who love generously know. We all know people who are so much afraid of the pain that they shut themselves up like clams in a shell and, giving out nothing, receive nothing and therefore shrink until life is a mere living death.” – Eleanor Roosevelt</p> <p data-bbox="818 680 1511 779">“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.”- Helen Keller</p> <p data-bbox="818 781 1511 947">So, if you have a loved one who is important in your life, hug them a little closer. If you aren’t so ‘gung- ho’ on the whole love thing, then just learn to love yourself, because according to Lucille Ball, it can do nothing but let everything else fall in to line.</p>

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