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Divisional Deja Vu

The Lady Husky basketball team finished off their regular season games of play against the Geraldine/Highwood Rivals and the Denton/Geysler/Stanford Bearcats. The Huskies had a perfect undefeated conference season entering the District 8-C Tournament in Lewistown. They went into the Northern C Divisional Tournament as the number one seed out of the 8-C, where they played Cascade, Box Elder, and Roy/Winifred. The Huskies won the divisional for the seventh consecutive year.

In the regular season play on February 10th, the Huskies competed against the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals in Highwood. In the first quarter, Belt took the early lead of 14-7. They then made their run in the second quarter, outscoring the Rivals 28-3, making the score 42-10.

By the end of the third, Belt led 58-13. In the fourth stanza, Belt coasted to a 73-16 final. Adrian Malek and Kassie Hoyer both had 13 points on the night to lead Belt to the lopsided victory.

The next day, the Huskies travelled to Denton to square up against the DGS Bearcats. In the first stanza, Belt built a slim lead of 11-9. But in the second quarter once again, the ladies made their run by outscoring DGS 31-4. This made the score 42-13 heading into the half.

In the third, the Huskies high pressure defense continued to frustrate the Bearcats. The Huskies had a lead of 58-19 after three quarters. In the final period, Belt didn't let the Bearcats score and won

67-19. Dani Urick notched 21 on the night.

In the first round of district play, the Huskies were paired with the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals. The Huskies started out quickly on the Rivals, capturing the early lead of 23-2. But in the second quarter, Highwood/Geraldine made a small run, making the score 33-13 after two.

The Husky defense held the Rivals scoreless form then on. By the end of the game, the Huskies defeated the Rivals by a score of 60-13. Urick accumulated 20 against in the contest. Morgan Cooper, Malek, and Kerstyn Pimperton all added 9 for the victory.

The next day of the district tourney, Belt competed against the Tri-Cities Titans. In the first stanza, Belt took a slim lead of 13-5.

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Mountain Lion

On Sunday morning, February 12th, a local resident was walking along the track and witnessed a mountain lion on S.A. Remington Field. Soon after the parent observed the mountain lion, it ran up to the hillside toward the railroad tracks. The mountain lion was seen again about 20 minutes later roaming around the brush area near the hay field west of the football field. It has

been seen and heard by different people of the valley. This isn't the first time a mountain lion has wandered the premises of Belt.

Obviously, young children should not be unsupervised, but the big cat brings that idea home. A little extra diligence seems appropriate in this case. The Belt School is not positive if the moun-

tain lion is still around, as recently there hasn't been news about lion reported to the school.

According to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks' web site, Mountain lions tend to inhabit areas with steep hills with plenty of bushes, much like the hillside by the railroad tracks. However, if a mountain lion doesn't find

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Husky Club

The 4th and 5th graders of Husky Club have been working on several projects the past few weeks. The projects include: coding program, programming robots, finished archery, and art projects. The coding program and programming robots have been very fun and interesting for the students. The students have been learning how to code through an online computer-based program. The

Husky Clubbers use their coding knowledge to program robots. It's great to see what the 4th and 5th graders can do with their new found skills. They also have just finished up archery just a few weeks ago.

The clubbers had another exciting year learning how to use a bow and shoot at a target. All of the Husky Clubbers have been participating in making items for the res-

cue mission. They have been making blankets, hats, scarves, etc. Husky Club continues to do good for others and are able to learn many life lessons along the way.

The Belt School is thankful for the teachers who dedicate their time after school to help the students become more of a Husky.

By: Kara Neal

Boys Hoops

The boys' basketball team finished off their regular season with a record of 11-1. They entered the district tournament as the number one seed. They defeated Winnett/Grass Range, Tri-Cities, and Denton/Geyser/Stanford to advance to divisionals.

During the regular season the Huskies competed against the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals. In the first quarter, the Huskies took the early lead of 19-5. They continued to push the tempo against the Rivals and had a lead of 33-17 heading into the second half.

In the third stanza, the boys struggled to get rid of the Rivals as they stayed within 11 of Belt with a score of 46-35. Finally, in the last quarter, the Huskies pulled away from the Rivals defeating them with a score of 65-37. Jess Bodner accumulated 18 on the night, while Keagan Stroop gathered 13.

On February 11th, the Huskies ventured to Denton where they competed against the DGS Bearcats. This was a big game for the Huskies because they fell to the Bearcats at

the first match up. In the first, the Huskies grabbed the lead with a score of 16-10. In the second quarter, Belt went on a 15-9 run, making the tally 31-19.

In the third period, Belt continued to use their momentum throughout the quarter. After three rounds of play, the Huskies had the lead of 51-29. In the final stanza, Belt found themselves on the right end of a 64-46 final, earning the first seed position at the district tournament. Maki led the team with 19, while Bodner added 17.

Last week the Huskies competed against WGR for their first game at districts. The Huskies took a 20 point lead in the first quarter with a score of 22-2. In the second, Belt extended their lead to 29-6.

In the second half, Belt continued to push their tempo. They only allowed one point to be scored against them, while they notched 9. This put the lead at 38-7. In the final stanza, Belt breezed by the Rams with a score of 59-11. Maki led the Huskies with 15, while Stroop added 12.

The second round of the tournament, Belt was paired up with the Tri-Cities Titans. The Huskies grabbed a 21-8 lead in the first period. The next stanza, Belt's lead was extended to 39-21.

The Huskies went on a third quarter run, scoring 19 to the Titans' 8. The tally was then 58-29 after three. In the last stanza, Belt finished the game with a final score of 62-43. Bodner led the Huskies in scoring with 16 points. Stroop also helped with 13.

On championship night, the Huskies defeated the Centerville Miners. Belt had a quick start against the Miners. They took the lead with a score 17-2. The next quarter, Belt continued to force turnovers against the young Miners, making the score 34-8.

The second half was just as impressive as the first. The Huskies extended their margin to 56-16 after three. Running clock was then intact for the rest of the fourth quarter. And when the final horn blew, the Huskies defeated the Miners with a score of 68-28. Bodner accumulated 12 on the night, while Maki and Stroop each notched 10.

The Huskies finished first in the 8-C, making their first round match up in divisionals with the Power Pirates.

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Tradition of Excellence

Lady Husky Basketball Championship T-Shirts

Sizes: S-XXL

Contact Bob Olson at 406-231-3899 or rolson7777777@gmail.com
Districts and State Championship are just around the corner! Contact Mr. Olson to purchase your seasonal basketball T-shirts and prices.
Support our Huskies!

Student Senate

Jessica Tillman, the director of Student Senate, has been keeping the members busy the past couple of weeks. Student Senate has recently received a large donation of \$500 from the Tiger Butte 4-H club for the backpack program. The backpack program is for students from K-12 who don't receive enough food or any food throughout the week. Each student who has signed up receives one backpack per week. The backpacks include: two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, one can of fruit, and a variety of snacks. Student Senate has received many donors and are very thankful for them.

After receiving the donations,

Adrianna Irvine, one of the representatives of the Tiger Butte 4-H club, joined Tillman at Sam's Club Tuesday, January 17th. The two of



them shopped for the backpack program and purchased meals for the students in need.

After purchasing quite a bit of food, thanks to the Tiger Butte 4-H club, the members of

Student Senate had a meeting the following Thursday, January 19th. During their meeting, the members helped haul in all of the items from Sam's club into the storage area. Student Senate has been doing a great job of giving to the ones in need in the Belt community. The Belt School is thankful for all of the hard work that Tillman and the members of Student Senate continue to do for the students and the community. The Belt School is also very grateful to receive donations for the backpack program and are looking forward to many more. To donate contact Belt Public Schools (277-3351).

By: Kara Neal

The Voyager's Reading Program

Reading is an essential part of everyday learning, and research has proved that students who indulge in reading are more successful and have a wider vocabulary. The Voyager Baseball team in Great Falls, MT, is making a movement to improve reading skills at Belt Public School. The team is challenging students to land their reading techniques, and has created a competitive environment in which to do just that.

The Pre K-5th grades are involved in the Voyager's attempt to promote reading, and at the end of the year the students will be reward-

ed with trinkets such as rulers, calculators, and key chains based on their reading logs.

The baseball team has been running this program for five years, and each year the successful program grows. Mrs. Hoffman encourages students to participate and compete with each other for prizes, not only because it's a fun experience but also because it makes kids want to learn and better their skills. Students who spend at least one hour each day reading are more likely to succeed because of their expanded education in dif-

ferent topics and vocabulary.

Some sources have reported that after 5 years of this healthy habit, students increase their overall academic ability, even beyond books. The benefits extend into other curricular areas and lead to greater success for those who engage in the activity. Reading is a great way to succeed, but it's also a great way to relax and relieve stress. No matter what the reason is for reading, it will be beneficial to the person's brain and their mental health.

By: Morgan Davis

Youth Leadership

Youth Leadership has been keeping busy with volunteering the past weeks. The main component of Youth Leadership is volunteerism. Keith Hoyer, the director, has found a new activity for the members to gain more hours. This volunteer activity is cleaning up the bleachers after home basketball games. It only takes about 10 minutes to clean up the gymnasium because of all of the members involved in Youth Leadership.

Hoyer plans on having the members clean up the grade again this coming spring. Cleaning up the grade makes Belt look more welcoming as visitors enter the hamlet. The grade was adopted by the Belt Brew Pub, who appreciate the assistance of Youth Leadership in keeping that stretch of road presentable.

The members have completed a total of 466 hours for

the 2016-17 school year. During the 2014 school year, the members completed close to 600 hours, which was a local record.

Hoyer is proud of the members and stated, "This year is better than ever, we have never had this many kids volunteer." It's great to see how many Belt students are being true Huskies to the school and community.

By: Kara Neal

Mountain Lion (Cont.)

food, it will continue to travel a large distance until it does. If anyone runs into a mountain lion, don't run. The best thing to do is make eye contact with the mountain lion and act like you are bigger than the mountain li-

on. A person wants to intimidate the mountain lion, making it think it doesn't have a chance. The worst thing to do when encountering a mountain lion is to run. The mountain lion will know that the person

isn't up for the challenge and might be more likely to think it has found easy prey. Exercising a little caution and common sense is the best recommendation.

By: Kara Neal

Where Are They Now?

This week's Where Are They Now article is going to cover the stories of Zak Anderson and McKenzie Fritz. Both Fritz and Anderson are enjoying their newly found independence away from home at Montana State University and like the new atmosphere that college life brings.

Zak Anderson is currently attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana and is thoroughly enjoying



the experience to this point. He is currently majoring in nursing and is happy with his major decision. Anderson states that "One of the biggest differences from high school and college is trying new things, taking on responsibilities, and adjusting to being an adult." He also claims that it's nice to get away from Belt and explore his options beyond the quaint valley.

Anderson currently works at an assisted living facility called Brookdale Spring Meadows as a CNA. As the second semester started up, Anderson also took on the responsibilities of a Chemistry tutor. As far as volunteer work is concerned, Anderson has excelled. He has joined the Be the Match registry

and frequently attends MSNA (Montana State Nursing Association) meetings.

One thing that Anderson does not enjoy about college is the fast-paced learning and how he has to use his time effectively and efficiently. It's quite different from high school learning and is like a whole other job on its own. Lastly, Anderson would like to give some advice for upcoming seniors: "Make the most of it and have fun. However, remember why you're going to college and go to class."

McKenzie Fritz is also attending MSU in Bozeman. Her major as of right now is still undecided, however she is focusing on some gender studies and is enjoying it very much. The one thing she enjoys the most about college is the social and political atmosphere. Fritz claims that "You really meet a diverse group of people. It's also a huge mind-opener for yourself, especially coming from a small town like Belt."



Fritz says that taking on new responsibilities is a huge difference between high school and college, agreeing with Anderson's previous opinion. She mentioned that as far as assignments go, her professor will give her a homework assignments and very little direction in accomplishing the task. She states that "This is way different from high school. In high school your teachers thoroughly explain the assignment and even give you time in class to finish it, whereas your professors will just give it to you and expect you to figure it out for yourself."

Fritz previously worked at the college office for employment and says that there are lots of opportunities to get jobs on campus. It's a great way for students to start out for their first year in college. One thing she doesn't enjoy about college are the stress levels. Fritz proclaims that it's hard on most people, going to secondary education, and everyone is just trying their best to stay afloat.

Her advice for upcoming seniors is "Spend the first couple weeks of college trying new clubs, audit some classes, and find nice people. Also, get a good feel for the campus because it's very different from your hometown."

The Voice will track down a couple more recent graduates in the next edition of the paper and find out what they are up as they embark on adulthood.

By: Isabelle Newman

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. Working outside of the classroom 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.

Over half of the school population is involved in the Science Fair. This is very exciting for the 3rd grade-12th grade because the younger students will be learning the process, 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 H₂O, 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 mid-

dle school operations took place yesterday in the Belt school library. The elementary will also be held this afternoon at the school library. Winners will be announce after the competition is complete. 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 14th, 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 16th.

Students will be awarded with placement ribbons, red, blue, and purple 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 have been encouraged to participate and give their best efforts.

By: Morgan Davis

Bowling Scores

Week 18

Men's High Game

Mike Ezop	226
Gary Pimperton	216
Dave Anderson	214

Men's Series

Mike Ezop	570
Brian Neill	566

Women's High Game

Lisa Urick	192
Teri Cummings	185
Laura Koffler	174

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	545
Laura Koffler	505
Sandy Francom	473

Week 19

Men's High Game

Drew Koffler	255
Bill Romero	200
Sam Olson	194

Men's Series

Drew Koffler	577
Sam Olson	539
Brian Neill	503

Women's High Game

Lisa Urick	193
Vicky Hicks	173
Sandy Francom	166

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	524
Sandy Francom	441
Sanna Skelton	423

Week 20

Men's High Game

Drew Koffler	207
Brian Neil	194
Dave Anderson	193

Men's Series

Drew Koffler	547
Brian Neill	532
Bill Romero	506

Women's High Game

Lisa Urick	208
Denise Puppe	184
Patti Sweeney	175

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	529
Patti Sweeney	489
Denise Puppe	471

Calendar of Events

March 1st-Elementary Science Fair
 March 2-4th-Girl's BBall Tournament @Bozeman
 March 9-11th- Boy's BBall Tournament @Bozeman
 March 14th-Regional Science Fair (HS/MS)
 March 15th- Ski Day Grades 3-5
 March 16th-Regional Science Fair (Elementary)
 March 17th- Cheer Festival @Lewistown
 March 18th-Prom
 March 21st-End of 3rd Quarter



Science Fair

Senior Spotlight

Kara Neal moved to Belt her freshman year of high school and has enjoyed being a part of the quaint community. She has made



many memories throughout her years as a Husky and cannot wait to pursue her new interests and future career after graduation. One of her favorite memories in high school was while attending a golf meet with her team. Mo Wall, a peer of Neal's, was golfing and the ball went in to the tree. A bird in that did not like that very much, flew out of the tree, and was aiming at Wall. Neal states that she will never forget that golf meet and the memories she made there.

One of her worst memories from high school was trying to play volleyball for a year. Neal states that it was embarrassing because she's definitely not the person to be inclined to do a sport like volleyball. Neal has participated in golf for 3 years here at Belt High as well as two years in journalism, two years in youth leadership, one year in DECA, and the school field trip to Close Up the summer after her sophomore year.

One thing she is going to miss the most, besides her friends and family, is having Mr. Koontz pick on her every day. All of her teachers have played a major role in her development as a student and she's going to miss their support of her education. After her graduation day on May 21st, she is planning on attend Montana State University Northern in Havre.

She plans on majoring in elementary education and minoring in business. She is excited for the rest of her senior year and can't wait to see what else is in store for her. Neal also noted that is glad she moved to Belt or she would not be the student and friends she is now. She declares that Belt really changed her perspective and it'll be exciting to see how things will turn out after graduation.

Isabelle Newman is a thriving as her senior year is coming to an end. Even though she is going to



miss the small town of Belt, Montana, she claims that "I'm excited to see what else is out there. I know there is more to this world than Belt and I want to experience that. I think college is a great place to start."

Newman is going to miss her friends and family the most because of their constant support throughout her entire academic and athletic careers. She will also miss the beautiful state of Montana and it's scenery along with her teachers because without them, she wouldn't have been shaped in to the scholar that she is today.

One of her favorite memories from here at Belt High was attending a cheer competition with the team for the very first time last year in Lewistown. They received 3rd place and couldn't be happier. After the night was over, the girls

returned home and arrived in Belt about 11:30, but that wasn't the end for the juniors in the cheer squad. The juniors still had to help set up for prom in the Pavilion and didn't get done setting up until 1:30 in the morning. There were many memories made that night that she will never forget. Another favorite memory of Newman's was delivery Valentine's Day balloons to the Golden Valley Homes here in the Valley with her friends.

However, Newman's worst memory has to be tearing her MCL this past Christmas break while snowboarding at Showdown. This set her back not only for cheer but for her other extracurricular: dance. She plans on auditioning for a college dance team in the spring, but the MCL tear definitely set her back. Fortunately, her recovery is going very smoothly and she will be able to audition without setbacks.

She has participated in cheer for 3 years here in Belt as well as 2 years in journalism, her last year being editor. Along with these two, she has been dancing for 15 years, competing for 12, and competitively dancing in Montana for 6 (Newman and her family moved from Omaha, Nebraska the summer before her 7th grade year in 2011). After the seniors receive their diplomas in May, Newman plans on attending Arizona State University in order to major in pre- med or nursing. She plans to try out for the Sun Devils dance team in May and is very excited to experience this new step in her life. Newman is looking forward to creating her own schedule and getting a new sense of independence her first year in college.

By: Isabelle Newman

City Hall

There have been two recent Belt Town council meetings. The first one for the year of 2017 was held on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Wells; Clerk-Treasurer Schilling; Project Engineer Idaho Trenberth, and Aldermen Nandine Hardinger; Delbert Darko, Annie Porter, Paul Heikkila, Glen Enderson, and Sally Miller.

They picked up the discussion from the last meeting about the Sewer Expansion Project. They concluded they will seek to buy a tract of ground (approximately 55 acres) on the bench land East of the sewer lagoons. Belt will be securing a survey for the property. Darko pointed out in the meeting that there are advantages in project construction, that the pipeline easement would be included, and that the ground can be leased for hay production. Miller asked in the meeting about who is responsible for snow removal on the bridge, which is the county. Porter then asked if the Town of Belt has a snow removal policy. Schilling replied that Belt does have a snow removal policy that was revised in November of 2015.

Towards the end of the meet-

ing Schilling discussed how there are several people in Belt that have mentioned they have been having problems with radon at home. She also stated that the basement of City Hall is likely an area for high radon concentration levels and should be tested.

The last meeting was held on February 8th at 7:30 p.m. The people who attended this meeting were: Mayor Wells, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Public Works Robin Franzen, Belt School Superintendent Kathleen Prody, Aldermen Hardinger, Darko, Porter, Heikkila, and Enderson. In this meeting, Darko presented a Buy-Sell Agreement that had been drafted that week. He also added that Craig Carlson of the USDA had indicated that the Town of Belt wouldn't need to get an appraisal done.

Wells later reported that a Geiger-counter had been used that day in City Hall due to suspicions of unsafe levels of radon gas. Levels on the main floor read between .7 and .8 on a 100 scale. The basement stairwell, and the basement itself read in excess of 1.0 on

the 100 scale. Schilling added that 2 short term radon gas tests have been ordered. She also stated that she would perform the test and get more information including the price of radon gas abatement systems.

The snow plow policy was also followed up in this meeting. There have been some complaints about the snow removal in the Town of Belt. The council agreed there needs to be snow plows out in Belt there is a lot of snow, especially on the weekends and holidays, if needed.

A discussion followed with regard to enforcing the ordinance that requires the citizens to shovel snow from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours of snowfall. Schilling commented that there is a large population of Belt that does not shovel, especially when the weather is sub-zero for a lengthy time period.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled today, Wednesday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

By: Kara Neal

Before you decide to go out with some friends and have a few drinks, think about a few things. Do you have a designated/non-intoxicated driver that is willing to drive you home after you've been drinking? If you decide to drive how many loved ones/friends are you going to affect if you are the cause and/or are involved in a drunk driving crash? Is everyone going with you planning to drink? Who can you call or get a hold of if you are in the situation of having no one to drive you home safely? All of these questions need to be greatly considered before going out to have a few drinks with either your buddies or just by yourself. Make sure that you make the right choice **before the night begins** to have a plan.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Boys Basketball (Cont.)



In their first round match up, the Huskies were prepared for the Power Pirates. In the first quarter, Belt held a six point lead at 16-10. In the second, the Huskies expanded their lead to 32-23.

The second half is when the Huskies really pulled away from the Pirates. In the third stanza, Belt made a 13-4 run, making the tally 45-27. Again, the Huskies pushed the tempo throughout the fourth quarter to add another victory to their record. Belt won their first game at divisionals with a score of 58-33. Maki and Bodner both had 16 markers on the night.

On Friday, the Huskies were matched up with the Box Elder Bears in the semi-final round at divisionals. In the first quarter, the Huskies held a small lead of 10-9. Box Elder began to find stride in the second, grabbing the lead after two. The score was 24-21 heading into the locker rooms.

In the second half, the Huskies suffered from a cold hand while the Bears did not. Box Elder went on a 22-11 run in the third period increasing their margin to 46-32. The Huskies did all they could to decrease the Bears' lead, but could not close the gap. After four rounds of play, the Huskies fell to the Bears 52-63. Maki

led the Huskies with 14, while Bodner notched 11.

After losing the night before, the Huskies had to play an early game on Saturday to get to the consolation game.

The Huskies competed against the Sunburst Refiners. In the first quarter, Belt found themselves down 13-10 to Sunburst. The Huskies began to get larger as the first half continued. After two rounds of play, the Huskies were down 24-16.

After the half time meetings, Belt was ready to get themselves into the consolation game. They tied the game after the third stanza at 36. In the final eight minutes, Belt went on a 17-2 run against the Refiners. The Huskies defeated the Refiners 53-38, sending them into the consolation game against the Heart Butte Warriors.

In the game against the Warriors, the Huskies struggled throughout the game to shoot from the outside. In the first quarter, Belt created a huge hole they would have to dig themselves out of with a score of 14-3. In the second, the Huskies began to get a little bit more comfortable, but couldn't close the gap. After two periods of action, the score was 12-

18, with Heart Butte forging the early lead.

In the third stanza, Belt made a small run at the Warriors, outscoring them 9-5, making the score 33-21. But tired legs and cold shooting caused the Huskies to fall to Heart Butte with a score of 33-46. Bodner led the Huskies in scoring with 11.

Although the Huskies did not reach their ultimate goal of making it to state, they had a successful season. Overall the Belt had a winning record of 20-6. Coach Kyle Paulson finds it hard to let go of the senior class consisting of: Bodner, Green, Maki, and Olson, but he is looking forward to the years to come.

The Northern C divisional tournament was won by Hays-Lodgepole, who will head to state along with Box Elder. State will be contested in Bozeman next weekend.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

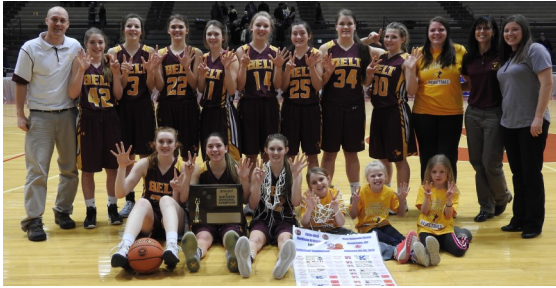


Winnet Grass Range	2	4	1	4	11
Belt	22	7	9	21	59
Tri- Cities	8	13	8	14	43
Belt	21	18	19	14	62
Centerville	2	6	8	12	28
Belt	17	7	22	12	68

Power	10	13	4	6	33
Belt	16	16	13	13	58
Box Elder	9	15	22	17	63
Belt	10	11	11	20	52
Sunburst	13	11	12	2	38
Belt	10	6	20	17	53
Heart Butte	14	28	5	13	46
Belt	3	9	9	12	33

Seven in a Row (Cont.)

The Huskies then went on a 21-13 run, making the tally 34-19. A slow second quarter for both teams as Belt only notched six and the Titans scored three, making the score 40-22. The Huskies finally made their run in the fourth, beating the Titans 57-31. Urick led Belt in scoring with 17, while Sara Anderson notched 14.



forth battle ensued between the two similar teams, but the Huskies prevailed. Critical free throws were made in the fourth by the Huskies. Belt defeated their rival with a score of 63-60. Pimperton accumulated 18 on the night, while Urick added 15 points.

The district championship took place at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday the 18th against the Outlaws. The Huskies had a quick start in the first quarter and took the lead with a margin of 16-2. They continued to push the tempo, but the Outlaws also found a way to score against the tenacious Husky defense. After the first half, the Huskies had the lead of 30-14.

making the score 59-10 after two.

In the third, Belt's momentum from the first half pushed them throughout the quarter. They went on a 17-7 run to increase their lead to 47-21. After the final period, Belt found themselves on the right end of a 57-31 final. Urick led Belt with 14, while Pimperton added 13 points. The Huskies achieved their 8th straight 1st place district title.

The ladies continually forced turnovers against the Badgers that resulted in Husky points. In the third stanza, Belt didn't allow any markers to be scored. The score was 69-10 heading into the final eight minutes. At game's end, the Huskies cruised to a 90-13 victory, advancing into the semi-final round against the Box Elder Bears. Urick led all scorers with 23 markers, while Pimperton and Schraner added 16 apiece.

Championship night, the Huskies were paired up with the Roy/Winifred Outlaws for the fourth time of the year. The ladies were back to their usual selves, taking the early lead in the first quarter at 17-10. Belt continued to push the tempo throughout the first half. They held a ten point lead going into the second half with a score of 30-20.

The Huskies competed against the Cascade Badgers in their first round of divisional play. Reaching the divisional tournament 10 years in a row, the ladies are very familiar with the venue of the Pacific Steel and Recycling Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls. Their competition wasn't as comfortable in the atmosphere as the Huskies jumped out to an early lead of 26-9 in the first quarter. The next period, Belt outscored Cascade 30-4,

The Lady Huskies squared off with the Box Elder Bears for a rematch of the state championship last year. In the first quarter, the Huskies weren't able to get anything going offensively. By the end of the first, the Huskies were down 12-15. The second stanza closely resembled the first. While the Huskies struggled, the Bears were shooting tremendously well. After two quarters of play, Belt was still behind 30-25.

The Huskies made a small run in the third, outscoring the Outlaws 9-4. This made the score 39-24. Finally, in the fourth period, Belt pulled away. When the final horn blew, Belt was on top 47-29 final. Urick notched 17 markers, while Anderson added 11. The Huskies won their seventh straight divisional title this year, punching their ticket to state for the tenth year in a row as well.

After a stern talking in the locker room by Coach Jeff Graham, the ladies were able to find stride on the basketball court. The Huskies closed the gap and the game was tied at 43 after three. A back and

The Huskies now have an overall record of 23-1. Against Class C teams, the Huskies are undefeated. They will open with Medicine Lake/Froid on Thursday in Belgrade at 2:00 p.m. Coach Graham has high expectations for the ladies at state.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Highwood/Geraldine	2	11	-	-	13
Belt	23	10	17	10	60
Tri- Cities	6	13	3	9	31
Belt	13	21	6	17	57
Roy- Winifred	2	12	7	10	31
Belt	16	14	17	10	57

Cascade	6	4	-	3	13
Belt	29	30	10	21	90
Box Elder	15	20	8	17	60
Belt	12	18	13	20	63
Roy- Winifred	10	10	4	5	29
Belt	17	13	9	8	47

JV Basketball

The 2017 JV basketball season came to a close two weeks ago. Both teams finished off their season against the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals and the Denton/Geyser/Stanford Bearcats. Coach Megan Graham was very happy with the boys. The 8th graders and freshmen will be better prepared for their future years as Huskies. Coach Suzy Maki was impressed with the ladies as they completed another undefeated season.

In the boys' game on February 10th, they travelled to Highwood to face the Rivals. The boys defeated the home team in a close game with a score of 39-31. Hunter Vogl led the

squad with 18 points in the victory. The next day, a road trip to Denton resulted in a valuable lesson for the crew. They lost to the Bearcats by a score of 42-65, succumbing to the oppositions trapping defense. Brendan Wing notched 12 points on the night.

The ladies were paired up with the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals for the second time of the year. They defeated the Rivals with a score of 39-8. Morgan Cooper led the Huskies to a victory with 13 points. On the next Saturday, the Huskies overpowered the Bearcats with a final of 52-13. Shelby Paul-

son accumulated 13 points, while Abby Gliko added 12.

Both teams finished their season with winning records. The boys finished with a winning record of 11-8, and they still have room for improvement in the future. The ladies wrapped up a perfect season once again, promising success in the years to come for Head Coach Jeff Graham. With four boys and three girls graduating in 2017, the JV's will be big part of Husky basketball in the years to come.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

February Principal's Report

With the first semester wrapping up on Monday, January 16th, many students are investing their time in school work, practices, and other projects such as DECA, 12th-14th in Great falls, and Science Fair, March 14th at Belt Public School.

February has been a busy month for students, teachers, and staff. The Valley Voice would like to recognize Nolan Myrstol and his wrestling coach, Tim Lords, for qualifying for state wrestling. State wrestling took place in Billings, MT, on February 10th, and Nolan made his hometown proud with his achievements.

On February 1st, Mr. Paulson, the 7th grade class, and Belt's two foreign exchange students, Javi and John, traveled to East Fork Reservoir to experience ice fishing. Despite freezing temperatures, students had a blast and the fish that were caught will be used for dissections later this year.

The 5th graders also enjoyed a fun field trip to the Charlie Russell Museum in Great Falls. On the 20th of January, the students expanded their knowledge on the subject, and many of the facts and stories that the stu-

dents absorbed were incorporated into their Charlie Russell Essays that will be judged in Great Falls this month. Field trips are great ways for students to receive hands-on, personal experiences that will stick with them for a lifetime.

MathCounts students attended the Northcentral Regional MathCounts Competition on February 8th, which was sponsored by Mrs. Meissner. TJ Hennes, Jessica Downard, Sabrina Wing, and Sierra Reese competed, with TJ and Sierra receiving excellent scores.

Eligible fourth-eighth grade students participated in the Belt School Spelling Bee on February 9th, and two students were selected to represent Belt Public School at the County Spelling Bee in March. Asa Jassen, 7th grader, and Archer Throckmorton, 7th grader, placed in first and second, and they will partake in the Bee in March. Third place was earned by Sierra Reese, 8th grade. Great job to everyone who participated.

The Valley Voice would like to recognize Belt Shakespeare Players for the hard work and com-

mitment they've shown this year as they work their way to their Scotland trip in August. The group recently hosted a performance at the Ursuline Center in Great Falls, the 10th, 11th, and 12th of February, which received rave views from everyone that attended the show. A big thank you to Mr. Ross and Miss Elizabeth Harrison for coaching and encouraging the group, and great job to those who performed.

February was a busy month, but March holds many events, too. The Divisional Basketball Tournaments, held at the Pacific Steel and Recycling Four Seasons Arena (MT Expo Park), concluded this past weekend, with the girls coming out on top and the boys finishing fourth. The girls qualified for the state tournament. State Girls' Basketball will take place in Belgrade beginning tomorrow and lasting through Saturday.

The school years is fast unwinding, but with less than three months of school remaining a lot is still going on at school.

By: Morgan Davis

Constructive Custodians

While most people think of teachers, the secretary, and the principal when they think of how a school functions, many people don't realize how many people it actually takes to create a safe learning environment for the students and staff. Without the custodians at Belt Public School, sicknesses would go viral, broken things would go unfixed, and the school would be overrun with uncleanliness. Although most students don't see the custodians because they work after school, it is extremely important to recognize and appreciate those who do so much for the school and its environment.

Tammy Nicola was born and raised in the little town of Belt, and she graduated from BVHS in 1976. Tammy started working at Belt Public Schools in August of 2015 as a custodian, and she loves her job because of the "hometown feel." Tammy is a proud graduate of Belt Public School, and she pointed out that many others are proud, too. At least eight of BVHS's current teachers are graduates from Belt, and Tammy expresses

her love and her pride in this school is shared by many others. The Valley Voice greatly appreciates her hard work and commitment.

Marcus Laird graduated from Butte in 1993, and his profession is in maintenance and custodial services. Marcus enjoys cleaning during afterschool hours because the school is quiet and calm, and his favorite part is, "having the satisfaction of closing the door and knowing my job is complete and everything is clean is the best feeling." The Valley Voice would like to recognize Marcus for his services and his friendly smile. April Wells graduated from Belt High in 1978, and she currently holds the position of Head of Maintenance and Senior Boiler Engineer. April began working at Belt Public Schools 20 years ago in 1997, and she enjoys her job. "I like the extreme variety of work taking care of the school's facilities and surrounding property," April comments about working at BVHS.

The Valley Voice would

also like to congratulate Jim Mital on his retirement. As another Belt graduate, Jim finished high school in 1980 from BVHS. He began working for Belt Public School in 2000, and he worked as a custodian, maintenance aid, and as a handy man. He loved interacting with the students, teachers, and other staff members, and he misses each and every face at the school very much. Jim plans to enjoy his life, travel, and see old friends within his retirement. Best of luck and safe travels, Jim.

Even though many students don't see Tammy, Marcus, April, Jim, or Cayden Adams (a temporary custodial employee) on a daily basis, it's important to acknowledge their presence and how much they actually do for the school. Anytime a student or staff member runs into one of these faces, please stop and take a minute to thank them for their hard work. One 'thank you' can make someone's whole day.

By: Morgan Davis

Art Presentation

Just a few weeks ago, Tess Fahlgren, an employee of the Art Mobile, shared her interest and knowledge of Montana art to the students of Belt from kindergarten through 5th grade.

The Art mobile is a non-profit organization. It is funded by grants from the Montana Art Council, The National Endowment for the Arts, Montana's Cultural Trust, and Gallagher Western Charitable Foundation Inc. The Art Mobile travels across the state of Montana with 30 pieces of art from Montana artists. Before Fahlgren reached the Valley, she traveled to Broadus, MT. The members of the Art Mobile are committed to sharing fine art with students who would otherwise not have access to these

artistic expressions. There are many towns in Montana that don't have an art gallery of incredible Montana fine art. As Fahlgren stated, "Our goal of the presentations are to bring fine art to students who live in communities that don't have access to fine art. We also aim to increase the kids understanding of art." Fahlgren has been a part of the Art Mobile for about a year now and has really enjoyed traveling the state of Montana. People like Fahlgren have made an impact on these students by giving them more education and hands on experience with culture. The Belt Valley is thankful to



Fahlgren for making Belt one of her destinations. The students had an amazing time of observing cultural fine art and having an increased understanding of Montana art. If anyone is interested of learning more about the Art Mobile, they can go to their website: www.artmobilemt.org.

By: Kara Neal

Games

Inspirational Quotes

Homecoming Quiz: which of these floats from Homecoming received first place? Bonus: which class created the winning float (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors)?

A



B



C



D



Answer to last weeks smile: Adrianna Irvine from the Mighty Class of 2017

Taking risks can be a scary but exciting journey. Whether it be wearing a new hairstyle you are worried about or deciding whether to go to this college or that one, risks are a part of life, so don't be afraid to take them when that kind of opportunity comes knocking at the door. Taking risks are what keep this wonderful thing called life exciting.

"Living with fear stops us taking risks, and if you don't go out on the branch, you're never going to get the best fruit." – Sarah Parish

"If someone is always to blame, if every time something goes wrong someone has to be punished, people quickly stop taking risks. Without risks there can't be breakthroughs." – Peter Diamandis

"Never stop taking risks. Just keep reaching." – Ryan Eggold

Obviously taking risks needs some rationality and educated intellect put in to the equation, however stopping that continuation of near success or breakthrough often cuts people short of their untapped potential.

Take the risk with caution, but take it. The worst that can happen is that you tried, and nobody should frown upon that.

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