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State Champs Once Again

The Belt Lady Husky basketball team repeated their success on the hardwood once again two weeks ago in Belgrade. The Huskies defeated the Medicine Lake/Froid Redhawks, the Twin Bridges Falcons, and the Arlee Scarlets to earn first place at the Class C State Tournament. The Huskies have competed in the state tournament for 10 consecutive years, making their way to Saturday in each of those years.

In the first round of play, Belt was paired up with the Medicine Lake/Froid Redhawks. In the opening quarter, a rough start took place for the Huskies. Consequently, the ladies were tied at 10 points with their competition. The Redhawks controlled the second stanza against the

Huskies, finding the basket in their offense. The Redhawks had a 23-15 lead heading into the locker room.

After a stern half time visit from Coach Jeff Graham, or a "chewing" as Urick would call it, the Huskies were ready to play in the second half. Belt's high pressure defense didn't allow any points to be scored against them in the third quarter, while they notched 18 points. Heading into the final period, Belt had the lead with a score of 33-23. The Huskies scored five more points before a turnover allowed the Redhawks to get two of their five points. Belt went on a 23-0 run against the Redhawks. After 32

minutes of play, the Huskies defeated Medicine Lake/Froid with a score of 41-28. Dani Urick led Belt with 14 points, while Sara Anderson added 12, and Kerstyn Pimperton was marked 8 points on the night.

The ladies advanced into the semi-final round where they competed against the undefeated Twin Bridges Falcons. This game was one that many observers had been anticipating throughout the season. Lots of fans expected it to be the de facto state championship, but because of the bracket system, both teams were placed on the same side. The Lady Huskies were ready. In the first quarter, Belt was back to their usual selves, going on a 10-0 run before the Falcons

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Cascade Spelling Bee

The Cascade County Spelling Bee took place last Friday, March 3rd, at West Elementary School in Great Falls. Asa Jassen and Archer Throckmorton, the two winners of the Belt Spelling Bee, had a great time representing Belt.

There were 25 Cascade County Schools: 15 Great Falls elementary schools, 2 Great Falls parochial schools, 2 Great Falls middle schools, and 6 out-

lying districts the county. There was a total of 56 students who competed at the bee. The winner of the 2017 Cascade Spelling Bee was an 8th grader, Isaac Woldvedt, who attends East Middle School. Woldvedt took the winning by spelling "depot."

Jassen ended up taking 13th place and Throckmorton went out on the first round.

Throckmorton had trouble spelling the word, "maraca."

Even though he got out in the first round, he still had a fun time. Jassen made it quite far in the rounds; however, he got out on the word, "vogue." Jassen stated it was hard to hear the speaker. Both Belt 7th graders look forward to their chance to compete in the Bee again next at both the local and county level.

By: Kara Neal

Math Counts

February 8, 2017 Mrs. Meissner took Jessica Downard, Sabrina Wing, Sierra Reese, and TJ Hennes to the Math Counts competition that was held at Great Falls College, Heritage Hall. At the competition the group of eighth graders competed against many middle school students from a variety of different schools. The group departed from the school around 8:05 a.m. and arrived home around 3:20 p.m. In addition to competing, the group of eighth graders were able to enjoy some pizza from Pizza Hut for lunch.

These four eighth graders participated in a variety of the different events going on at the competition such as: The Sprint Round (1st), The Target Round (2nd), The Team Round (3rd), and the Countdown Round (Last).

For the Sprint Round each of the eighth graders were assigned the task of completing a total of thirty questions within forty minutes.

Next was The Target Round.

During this round each of the students were given a total of eight questions that were distributed in pairs. They were given six minutes to complete each pair of questions pertaining to basic algebra and geometry.

After The Target Round each of the students moved on to The Team Round. During this round the students worked together as a team to complete a total of ten questions. Each group was given twenty minutes to complete all of their questions. (The groups were paired up by school. Example: All of the students from Belt were in their own group.)

Once the Team round was completed the top 25% (a maximum of 10 are eligible) moved on to the last round of the competition (a.k.a. The Countdown Round). During this round the students answer the following questions orally. After completing the Countdown Round the top winner gets to go to

nationals to compete.

At the very end of the competition awards were given out to teachers and students. Jessica and Mrs. Meissner both won awards. Mrs. Meissner won a subscription to the Math Counts Oplet while Jessica won a graphing calculator.

Both the group of eighth graders and Mrs. Meissner had a blast during the Math Counts competition. Sabrina says "The best part of Math Counts was getting to see TJ dance with the champion."

Everyone (especially Mrs. Meissner & Sierra) thought that the competition was a great social/learning experience. TJ says that he even made a few weird friends. Mrs. Meissner is very impressed with how the students performed at the competition. One thing in particular that impressed her was the speed of TJ's computations.

By: Abby Marchington

Golf Preview



The 2017 golf season will be starting up this coming Monday, March 13th. There are nearly 20 girls this year who are interested in participating in this year's golf season, which would be a record turn-out for the program. The Husky Golf Team has lost one amazing player, Johanna Stinson to graduation. Stinson took 3rd at state last year in Hamilton.

Returning lettermen include seniors Adrianna Irvine and Kara

Neal, long with junior Hannah Schweitzer. All three qualified for the state meet in each of the past two seasons.

Head Coach Stinson and assistant coach Koontz are expecting a record turnout in golf in the Valley. The team will be going to town for practice on the Anaconda Course on Mondays and Thursdays. The team is expecting to travel to 7-8 meets before the state meet in Seeley which will take place on May 15th though the 17th.

Since there are many play-

ers this year, all of the players will make it to at least one meet, so no one will be left out. The first competition will be the Belt/Centerville hosted meet, which is in Fort Benton on March 31st. This is a great course to qualify on for state. Coach Stinson and Koontz are looking forward to the 10th season of Lady Husky Golf. They hope to see another great successful season.

By: Kara Neal



Cheer Competition

Belt Public School is proud to announce that their Cheerleaders will be attending the annual Fergus County Cheer Competition once again. Last year, the team placed in 3rd and earned a trophy for their accomplishments. This year, Jackie Newman and her squad are working hard to bounce back and claim another trophy.

The Belt Cheerleading team recruited a few new faces this year, and the squad now consists of 9 girls and 3 boys. Seniors, Isabelle Newman, Mo Wall, and Emily Langston are pumped for the new season and what it has to offer. "This sport and the actual competition bring us together as a team. You have to cooperate and earn each other's trust when performing and stunting, otherwise you're going to fail or get hurt. This is my last year cheer-



ing, and it's going to be my best", Mo shares her insight of the team. Sophomores and freshmen, Grace Davison, Javi Lobo, Charity Highfill, Maggie Andrews, Mika Haagenson, Sydne Flinn, Adam Langston, and Avery Newman are also excited to attend the competition.



The 2017 Cheer Competition will take place at Fergus High School in Lewistown, MT, and the team will travel to compete on the 17th of March. "Don't let your dreams just be dream. Just do it," is the team motto for this year, and they're striving to fulfill the

quote. Their piece for the competition is a number that includes dancing, stunting, and a basket toss, and the squad will be performing to a mash up of songs that were popular

in 2015-16. They will also participate in individual competitions such as: jump off, dancing, and tumbling. The cheerleaders have worked hard and committed themselves to come this far. Between school, practice, out of school activities, and cheering for districts, divisional, and state basketball, the group has managed to pull together a dance

that will have judges squirming in their seats! Last week, at the Pep Assembly, the team presented the piece to the entire school, and the crowd went wild.



Belt Public School and the Valley Voice would like to congratulate the Cheerleaders, and wish them luck in all of their competitions.

By: Morgan Davis

Senior Citizens

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with the dishes after their meals throughout the week. It doesn't hurt to lend a hand to the seniors for about 30 minutes for 3 days a week. If anyone would like to help the seniors out, contact the Senior Center at, 277-386.

The Belt senior citizens have been having a splendid time from their daily activities and dinners. Monday thru Friday mornings, the seniors get together and have their morning coffee. On Mondays the seniors play bingo and on Thursdays they play cards. On Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Thursdays, the seniors gather together for their delicious and nutritious dinners prepared by Toleena O-Leary, with help from Rosie Peters. The two ladies do a great job of keeping the seniors stomachs satisfied. On Monday and Thursday mornings the seniors participate in Pilates, any member is welcome to join this activity. On Tuesdays, the seniors have the option to go on the bus to town to run any errands they need to. It's a great way to save the seniors from driving themselves.

The Senior Citizens haven't

had anything special going on other than the birthday parties they host to celebrate the turning of another calendar page. People can always use the Senior Center for space if needed. It's a great place to host get togethers, birthday parties, reunions, etc.

This past Monday, the foot clinic traveled to the Senior Center. The foot clinic comes out the first Monday of every month to check on the senior's feet and if the seniors have any questions or concerns they can be answered.

By: Kara Neal

State Champs Once Again *(Cont.)*

were forced to call a time out. After the first period, Belt's lead was cut down to 18-11. In the second stanza, the Huskies continued to push the tempo against the Falcons. They had a 33-25 lead after two rounds of play.

The Lady Huskies knew what had to get done in the second half in order to make it to the chipper. In the third, Belt scored six more points than their competition, making the score 49-35. Throughout the fourth quarter, the ladies continued to run on the slower Twin Bridges. When the final horn blew, the Huskies completed a 67-45 victory. With 22 points, Urick led the Huskies in scoring. Kassie Hoyer notched 14 markers on the night. Adrian Malek also added 11 points for the Huskies.

In the state championship game, the Huskies were ready to take on the Arlee Scarlets. Because the Huskies have been in the state title match before, they were much more experienced than the Scarlets. Arlee made it to the state championship game for the first time in school history. To start out the game, Belt went on a 12-0, much like the game before, and the Scarlets were forced to call a timeout. The Huskies continued the fast-paced tempo throughout the first to make the score 17-4. In the second stanza, Arlee tried to decrease Belt's lead, but could not cut their deficit. The score was 28-15 after the first half.

In the second half, the Huskies were just as impressive as they



were in the first.

They went on a 16-9 run in the third, making the score 44-24. In



the final eight minutes, Arlee made desperate attempts to catch up with Belt, but they all failed. Belt defeated the Scarlets with a score of 62-33. Urick had an impressive game once again adding 23

points to going to greatly miss their three seniors including: Anderson, Hoyer, and Pimperton. They will hand the baton off to juniors: Malek, Ryan Schraner, Jordan Swanson, Briana Wall, and Urick who will lead the team next year. Morgan Cooper saw valuable time on the court as a sophomore and will contribute to the squad in the following years along with a talented group of freshman.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

lead Belt to the victory. Anderson notched 13 points on the night, while Pimperton had 9.

The Huskies, once again, won the state championship for the second year in a row. Belt has won five of the past six Class C State Championships, making the program one of the most successful in class C. With just one loss,



Med Lake/ Friod	10	13	0	5	28
Belt	10	5	18	8	41
Twin Bridges	11	14	10	10	45
Belt	18	15	16	18	67
Arlee	4	11	9	9	33
Belt	17	11	16	18	62

to class B powerhouse Malta, the Lady Huskies finished their year with a record of 26-1. The Lady Husky basketball team is



Pep Band and Cheerleaders

The Pep Band and Cheerleaders are a huge part of games, and they're the biggest supporters of the Belt Huskies. Both groups help the team by showing up to games, preparing pep rallies, creating run-through and send off signs, supporting the players, pumping the players and crowd up, and by spending countless hours practicing their pieces and routines. Along the road of support and pride, there's also a lot of fun. Six seniors want to share their experience with the community.

Zeb Visocan is the solo guitarist in the Belt Public School Pep Band, and his advice for future Pep Band kids was, "Make sure you show up to games and be open to new experiences." Visocan enjoys pep band the most during basketball season, and he's going to miss riding on the bus and playing 'Disturbed Friends.' He wishes he could participate in Pep Band during his college career, but he is going to be busy because he's looking into art school.

Kali Duncan plays in the trumpet section for the band, and she advises the next generation to, "Have fun with it and enjoy it because it flies. I started Pepping in 7th grade, and it seems like that was only yesterday." A memory that Duncan will never forget is Hater Aid. After a game, the band went to McDonald's for dinner, and Nick Vogt and Harley Gorton created a concoction of different foods and drinks. After the guys dared Zeb to down the entire drink, Zeb found himself sicker than a dog. Kali will miss playing

during basketball season, but she plans to get involved in Pep Band during college since she is going to become a music teacher. Her final words for BVHS were, "Don't just do Pep Band to get out of school. It's something to be proud of."

Adrianna Irvine is a strong clarinetist in the Belt Pep Band, and the thing she will miss the most about this activity is playing Utter Nonsense on the bus. She recommends that her younger peers sleep on the bus when they commit to Pep Band, and to enjoy it even when "you're exhausted, have a ton of homework, and still have to travel and play." Irvine doesn't plan on pursuing Pep Band in her college career, but she'll miss pumping up the crowd during football season.

Mo Wall is one of the senior cheerleaders for BVHS, and she wants to encourage future cheerleaders to, "Respect your coach and take her advice. It's more fun when you do what you've got to do because you can perfect the stunt, and then have fun and mess around." Wall's favorite memory was the 2016 Lewistown Cheer Competition because it was the first competition Belt cheer squad had ever done. She also had a great time at her last State basketball game. Even though basketball season can be overwhelming at times, she prefers to cheer during this season because the crowd and students participate. Mo plans on joining the military

after high school and claims that "Sometimes you've got to do it 100 times before getting it right, but once you get it right...it's so worth it," Wall tells the Valley Voice, speaking of her last year of cheering.

Isabelle Newman is a great cheerleader for Belt, and she claims that cheer requires commitment like no other sport, so the future cheer squad needs to prepare for that. Her favorite memory is coming home from the 2016 Lewistown competition to set up prom before traveling to Nebraska the next day to see her family because it was so busy and exhilarating. She also will never forget her last basketball game at state. Isabelle prefers to cheer during the football season because they get to be outside, and she plans on participating in dance during college. Her final words for future cheerleaders are, "Enjoy high school. Make the most of it. Have fun."

Emily Langston is also proud to be a Belt Cheerleader, and she says, "It's important for new cheerleaders to be energetic and to smile and cheer loud." Emily's favorite memory is attending 2017 State Basketball because she felt that her last year of cheer was fulfilled. She enjoys cheering during football season, but she doesn't plan to continue her cheering career in college.

By: Morgan Davis

Belt Community Pool



The Belt Community Pool is looking for lifeguards for this summer (2017). Interested candidates should either be certified or willing and able to get certified. There may be the opportunity to instruct swim lessons. Serious candidates should call or text Jackie Newman at (406) 403-4046 or Tammy Andrews at (574) 360-3543 with questions or to apply.

Math Competition

On March 16th, Mrs. Graham will be taking 41 students to Great Falls High to compete in a math competition. Students ranging from 7th-10th grade will be attending, and they will compete by taking a series of 3 tests that consist of multiple choice responses.

The tests will be based on classes the students have completed and their age level, and calculators will be allowed. This is a great program sponsored by MTCM, and it's

been offered to students since Mrs. Graham was in middle school and high school. It's a great way for students to challenge themselves outside of the classroom while interacting with other students that share the same interests.

Great Falls High will offer concessions for students before, during, and after the test taking, so students should make sure to bring snack cash. After the tests are completed, awards and recognitions will

be distributed. The top two seniors, one male and one female, will receive \$200, while the top 15% will receive Superior markings. The next 20% will receive Honorable Mention markings.

Although no Husky seniors will be attending the program, many other students will have the opportunity to test themselves in competition. Good luck to those who are participating.

By: Morgan Davis

Play 60

Marc Mariani recently visited Havre, his hometown, as he ran an NFL sponsored Play 60 event. Mariani believes in giving back to the community. One of the ways he fulfilled this goal to the Havre community was by going to the Havre Schools and sharing the NFL Play 60 exercise initiative. He really wanted to share with the students in Havre the importance of getting off the couch and engaging in a fun activity or sport.

Mariani also wanted to emphasize to the young people that they can grow up to be whatever they want to be. People usually here that saying, but Mariani truly believes in it and he wants the students to take it to heart as well. Mariani's visit was a positive experience for the students and himself. He always likes to go back to his

hometown for a while and get to talk to the citizens on the Hi-line. Mariani was a Blue Pony himself until he left to go play football for the University of Montana. He was later drafted in 2010 and became a part of the NFL Tennessee Titans. As a rookie in 2010, Mariani played in the Pro Bowl as a return specialist. Mariani made a record of most yards in a single game, which was 326. Mariani was a wide receiver and return specialist for the Titans for 3 years then was traded to the Chicago Bears in 2014-15. He is currently back with the Tennessee Titans. Mariani statistics of the 2016 season are: 27 receptions, 234 receiving yards, 5,041 return yards, and 3 return touchdowns.

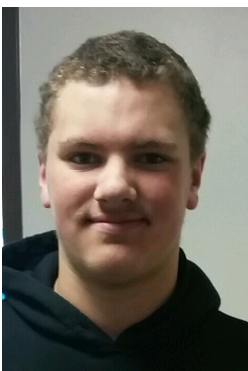
Mariani is not only an amazing athlete in the NFL, but he also

set unbreakable records during his time with the Grizzlies. During his junior year of college, Mariani led the Big Sky punt returns, averaging 16.22. This amazing average ranked him fourth in the Nation! Mariani continues to do great things for himself and the community of Havre. He has achieved many things in his lifetime and he is only 29 years old.

Mariani is where he wants to be, and he knows anyone can be anything they want to be if they strive for it. Sharing this knowledge with the students of Havre gave them more hope and motivation for their future. The community of Havre is looking forward to his next visit and what he plans on sharing with them.

By: Kara Neal

New Student



The Belt School has gained a new Husky, Cody Crittendon. Crittendon has been enrolled in Chinook and Centerville schools and is excited to join the student body in Belt. He

didn't enjoy going to school at Centerville and has heard great things from the Valley. So far he has really enjoyed the Belt School environment. His favorite subjects are math and history. Crittendon also really enjoys the sport of football. The positions he plays are running back and defense end.

He is looking forward to playing with the Huskies next foot-

ball season. Outside of school, Crittendon works on the family ranch. The ranch is located 10 miles south of Stockett Mt. Cody plans on taking over the family ranch after he graduates from high school. Crittendon is a busy and hardworking guy and the Belt School is glad to have gained a person like Crittendon.

By: Kara Neal

Football Realignments

The ongoing trend of towns getting smaller continues to prove true, impacting schools and sports. One symptom of the decreasing numbers happens to be football programs. The Montana High School Association (MHSA) recently announced re-classifications that will affect football in the fall of 2017. Belt will be impacted by this change of numbers. Next year, 12 teams will comprise the Northern C Division, including the pre-existing teams of: Belt, Cascade, Centerville, Chester/Joplin/Inverness, Chinook, Fort Benton, Great Falls Central/MSDB, Hays/Lodgepole, and Simms. New additions to this conference include: Box Elder, Choteau, and Rocky Boy.

In order to determine the upcoming fall schedule, Northern Division activities directors put six teams in two different hats based on geography. Box Elder, Chinook, CJI, Hays/Lodgepole, Fort Benton, and Rocky Boy were in one hat, while Belt, Cascade, Centerville, Choteau, GFCC, and Simms were in the other. Three

teams were drawn from each hat which created the Northern Division A that included: Belt, Box Elder, Choteau, CJI, Hays/Lodgepole, and GFCC. The other six, Cascade, Chinook, Centerville, Fort Benton, Rocky Boy, and Simms will make up the Northern Division B.

In the first two weeks of the season, each team will play two non-conference games. For the Huskies



this will be Cascade and Centerville. By doing this, travelling will be reduced. The next weeks will be reserved for conference play. In the second to last week of the season, the number one seeds from each

division will play for the overall number one seed in the state playoffs out of the Northern Division. The loser of that game will be the number two seed. The number two and number three seeds from opposite divisions will also compete against each other to determine third and fourth places. The fourth, fifth, and sixth place teams from each sub-division will also compete against each other; the Northern A and B fourth place teams will battle, as will the fifth and sixth. This way every team has something to play for at the end of the year.

After seeding is finished, the last week of the season will be a bye for all teams. This will help athletes who compete in cross country. It will also be great week for rest and prep for playoffs. This system will last as long as the Northern Division remains intact, but changing enrollments promise to change this in the future.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Not many people pay attention to them, but there are so many ways that a single person can prevent accidents involving some sort of drug or alcohol. The main one of all is to not drink and drive in the first place. It's a pretty simple formula; when someone decides to go out and have a few drinks they should get a taxi, or make sure to have a designated driver to ensure the safety of themselves and other drivers on the road.

Drinking and driving is a poor choice to make. Especially when there are multiple ways to prevent it. Make a smart choice and get a designated driver or a taxi. Be sure to have a plan...

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Senior Spotlight

Taylor Olson and Kerstyn Pimperton are the twelfth graders who are highlighted in this issue's Senior Spotlight. Both Olson and Pimperton are enthralled for this new road ahead and are awaiting the day they can receive their diplomas.



Taylor Olson has done nothing but thrive in the town of Belt since his kinder years. Olson very much enjoys the small town of Belt, but is excited for life

after graduation.

Looking back on his years attending Belt School, Olson declares his favorite memory took place in the third grade. He and his fellow classmate Jason Metrione got to miss a whole day of school because they were bullying another peer. Olson admits that it wasn't fun getting reprimanded for their poor actions, but he also stated that at that young age he didn't realize that missing school was a punishment and just saw it as a day off. Throughout middle and high school, Olson has participated in a total of 5 years in football, 7 years in basketball, 4 years in track and 2 years in cross country. He has created several memorable moments within these years, "especially the time I fractured my pinky punching a wall." Although that was not a total highlight in Olson's career as a student athlete, it's something he will never

forget.

After graduation, Olson plans on going into the Coast Guard and then going to college. Once he reaches the collegiate level, he would like to major in diesel mechanics. He admits that he is going to miss playing on his high school sports teams the most, knowing that he is never going to play with those teams again, as well as his teachers. He would like to send out a couple thank-you's to his teachers who have helped him along the way because without them, he would not be receiving his diploma this May. Some advice that he would like to give out to upcoming seniors is "Live life to the fullest... Oh, and don't do anything your grandparents wouldn't do."

Kerstyn Pimperton is another senior at Belt High who is ecstatic for these next couple months. She enjoys every single moment she can, knowing that she doesn't have much time left before her new life begins.

Some of her favorite memories from high school was painting the B with her class, as well as winning state volleyball and basketball this year. However, one of her worst memories was losing their first round at the basketball state tournament her sophomore year against Saco-Water. Even though she was upset about the loss at the time, she has claimed that the loss helped her in the long run to have better sportsmanship. Pimperton has been a part of volleyball for a total of 7 years, basketball for 7 years, track for 6 years, and cross country for 7 years.

She has also participated in 2 years of journalism, 4 years in youth leadership, 4 years in DECA, and as an attendee of Close Up and National Honors Society. She is going to miss her teachers and the amount of sports she is allowed to



play the most out of everything.

Like Olson, Pimperton wants to thank her teachers for supporting her throughout the years to reach the day she can receive her diploma. Pimperton will also miss playing volleyball, track and cross country. She like the she is able to play several sports in Belt and is going to miss that opportunity, but plans to continue her competitive basketball career at the college level.

After May 21st, Pimperton plans on attending University of Great Falls, close to her home town, in order to play basketball for the Lady Argos and major in biology. She hopes that one day she can become an occupational therapist. She would like to give a heads up to upcoming seniors and tell them: "Don't wish your time away because it goes faster than you think."

The clock is ticking, and many of this year's crop of seniors are beginning to see that their high school days are quickly coming to an end. They are both excited and a little nervous. Next issue's senior spotlight is going to cover the journeys of Alison Stoker and Zeb Visocan.

By: Isabelle Newman

The Graham Kiddos

As Husky fans come together to watch the Belt Lady Huskies compete in a match, two familiar faces sit at the end of the bench. While they are only in 2nd grade and Kindergarten, Cadence and Elli Graham have become the unofficial managers for the Lady Huskies. Both of the girls are very familiar with the gym as they are the daughters of Jeff and Megan Graham, both coaches for Belt High. After an interview with Cadence and Elli, some controversy over who is the best basketball player in their family may cause a one-on-one match between the two.

Question #1: *Do you enjoy being a part of the team? What is your favorite part about it?*



With a smile on her face, Cadence responded, “Yes, I love making up handshakes with all of the play-

ers.” Elli had a similar response to her older sister and answered, “Yes, I like being able to sit on the bench to watch the game.”

Question #2: *What is your favorite sport?*

Without hesitation, they both quickly replied, “Basketball.”, understandably.

Question #3: *Are you excited to play basketball as you get older? Are you going to be good?*

Cadence grinned and said, “Yes, we’re going to win the state championship.” Elli was a bit more bold with her answer and replied, “Yeah, I’m good.”

Question #4: *Who is the best basketball player between you and your sister?*

With a contemplative look, Cadence responded, “Me, I think.” Elli didn’t take long to decide who was better, quickly answering, “Me.”



Question #5: *Is your mom or dad better at basketball?*

“That’s a hard question, both,” replied Cadence. Her younger sister, after some serious thinking, answered, “My dad.”

Question #6: *What are your favorite memories from this year?*

Both sisters enjoyed a dip in the pool after the state title game and Elli added that the bus ride was a highlight of the season.

Question #7: *Who is your favorite basketball player on the team?*

Cadence pondered for a while before she asked, “Can I pick more than one?” Given the okay to choose more than one, she responded, “The seniors and Dani.”

Without much thought, Elli replied, “Sara, Dani, and Kerstyn.”

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Belt Theatre Update

The 10th -12th of February, the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players put on three performances of The Tempest at the Ursaline Centre. Two of the performances were held on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 pm while the last one was held on Sunday at 2:00 pm. During the performances (along with funding for a painting) the group earned around \$2,500 in donations.

Recently the performers finished up selling Scentsy Products in order to raise more money for their Scotland Trip. At the moment, the performers are continuing their fundraising for their trip in August. The group has raised about half of the money they need for their trip. During the upcoming week the actors and

actresses will be coat checking at both the C.M. Russell Museum and the Mansfield Convention Center. They are working day in and day out to make this trip work for all actors and are anxiously awaiting a chance of a lifetime.

Along with getting closer to where the troupe needs to be money wise they are also inching their way towards where they need to be performance wise under the direction of Mr. Jeff Ross and Ms. Elizabeth Harrison. Right now the Shakespeare players are having a few practices per week. They plan to have a few more performances here and there (one of them being in Stanford for students), before their big upcoming Scotland trip. For the

most part however, the group is mainly focusing on improving stage awareness: how they breathe during a line and how they plan to move during their lines.

Not only are the performers improving but so is the construction of the Theatre in Belt. Soon the theatre will be in tip top shape and the Shakespeare players will be able to perform their for their hometown community. They are all enthralled for this exciting road ahead and cannot wait until they arrive at the Fringe Festival in Scotland. Go out and help fund for the Belt Shakespeare players to help make their dreams come true.

By: Abby Marchington

Games/ Puzzles

Body Parts: The Valley Voice is not back on body parts for this weeks game. Who's hands do these belong to?



Answer to last week's multiple choice: A. the freshman float, class of 2020

Inspirational Quotes

This week's inspirational quotes is going to hone in on persistence. Persistence is about having a drive towards a goal and not stopping, no matter what the conditions are, until that goal is met. This is an important quality to have because without it, nothing would get done well or get done at all for that matter. Persistence is a key to success (along with several other qualities) so here are a few quotes to keep in mind while going through hardships:

"Patience, persistence, and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success."- Napoleon Hill

"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not: unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not: the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."- Calvin Coolidge

"Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in." - Bill Bradley

Persistence is just one of those characteristics that can do nothing but help. Having persistence can get you far beyond the goal that one wants to pursue.

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