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A Night on The Town

Prom is an opportunity for students to interact and socialize with classmates, and dressing up, dinning out, and dancing all night are great ways to open up and experience new things. This year, Mrs. Horton and Mr. Koontz were the chaperones for the dance, and they reported that students had a blast and that approximately 75 students attended the event. Most of the teens went to dinner in groups before arriving at the school for the grand march, which took
place at 7:00 p.m. After for chaperoning the event. students finished their professional pictures, thanks to Cora Creek Photography, and proceeded with the grand march, they hit the dance floor.
 huge hit thanks to the junior class, and people were still getting their boogie on at 11 p.m. when Koontz and Horton began shooing kids out of the school. A huge 'thank you to Mrs. Horton and Mr. Koontz

Prom 2017 was an exciting and new for freshmen such as Avery Newman, who claimed, "Prom was really fun because I went with Mo Wall, and I got to just be me. Also, for future reference, go to dinner early otherwise you'll be late to the grand march." It was a great last memory for the seniors too. Kassie Hoyer, shares her experience, "It was so fun being with everyone because everyone was having a good time and the excitement of dressing up is great. Prom is a great way to participate in a social event."

A "Night on the Town" was a great success, and Belt Public School looks forward to prom of 2018.
(Pictures on pgs. 2 and 9)
By: Morgan Davis

## Trustee Election

p.m. on Election Day, May 2, 2017. For more information, contact Nona Coughlan at Belt Public School, (406) 277 -3354.

Each of the five board members is elected ning for seats on the Board for a three year term. This year, Todd Vogl's and Dan Miller's seats on the Board of Trustees will expire, so two trus-
tee positions are open in the upcoming election. Candidates must be registered voters in the Belt school district and must have filed for candidacy by March 23, 2017. The three candidates runof Trustees are: Don Crowell, and incumbents Dan Miller and Todd Vogl. The Valley Voice (Cont. pg. 3)

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## Trustee Election

created a series of questions for the candidates to inform the community of the motives and plans of the candidates. The following questionnaire and responses are listed below:

## Don Crowell's Responses:

Question \#1: Why are you seeking a position on the Belt Board of Trustees? Don replied, "To see that all kids receive the highest education possible. Too much play and not enough homework."
Question \#2: How do you feel the Board of Trustees provides a voice for the community? Mr. Crowell claimed, "By providing a safe school. Hold teachers and coaches to higher standards, not let kids go pick up trash and drug kits on highway.
That's dangerous! Belt does not need another hurt kid."
Question \#3: If elected, are there any changes you would like to work toward implementing? If so, what are they? All students take college or VoTech. Complete courses before graduation. Too many Belt kids quit sports and college after one year. Life is not easy like Class "C" sports. Too many teachers and coaches blame kids for not being well educated, set up to fail in life."
Question \#4: Please add any other information that will help local voters in their decision. Address 40 years of bigotry, prejudice, discrimination, and hate fueled jealousy by the School Board, teachers, and coaches. In 1976 my coach Lew Roger led Belt to the first state championship. Two $1^{\text {st }}$ team players, 1 and 2 in MVP voting in Class "B." None in the Husky's deadbeats' Hall of Fame. Ricky knows if you are not $1^{\text {st }}$ in Class " $B$," you are Class "C" stupid and last. Rick Goodman, Wayne Durocher, and Scott Carlson never played for a state championship. It takes a good team effort. Football coach Dennis Davis
won one game in two years of Class of the community. As such I cur"B" football. I don't need a bunch rently, and will continue to do my of Class "C" stupid people at the school telling me that the ' 76 State Champions were no good because we did it in Class "B." How dumb are you for a school! Class "C' a joke! Don Crowell - State Champions - $1^{\text {st }}$ team - MVP - MT - wyo all-star $-1^{\text {st }}$ team northern division $8^{\text {th }}$ in ' $74,4^{\text {th }}$ in ' 75 , and $1^{\text {st }}$ in ' 76 . The only years Belt went to state in Class "B." I stated all! There are a lot of good players that are not in the Husky Hall of Fame."

Dan Miller's Responses:
Question \#1: Why are you seeking a position on the Belt Board of Trustee? Dan replied, "Both of my children, (Kaylee 2011, and Megan 2015), were recent students and graduates of Belt Schools and received a great education, as well as the opportunity to participate in many additional activities, including sports, band, choir, plays, DECA and many other education and life enriching activities that helped them to grow into well rounded young adults. I am currently on the board, and running for re-election because I feel that it takes good solid volunteers on the board to help the school function well. This is my opportunity to give my time and appreciation back to the school and the taxpayers by giving my time to help Belt Schools continue our tradition of excellence."
Question \#2: How do you feel the Board of Trustees provides a voice for the community? Mr. Miller claimed, "The Board of Trustees represent the taxpayers of Belt School District in Cascade County. A Board member is tasked with being part of the process to utilize taxpayer dollars to build and maintain a school system that reelects the values, priorities, and expectations
best to listen to community and taxpayers, guide the work of the school district, and help to set plans and policies to ensure positive future growth in all of those areas as well, all while working with and maintaining a set budget that best serves the community members for their students, faculty, and other staff in appositive, and healthy learning and working environment."
Question \#3: If elected, are there any changes you would like to work toward implementing? If so, what are they? Mr. Miller said, "I don't have any changes or agenda items that I intend to seek any change on, but rather continue working on our current excellent school system, and the recent building improvement levy that was passed by taxpayers to provide them with the school repairs, improvements, and additions as promised."
Question \#4: Please add any other information that will help local voters in their decision. Mr. Miller would like to inform Belt community that, "I enjoy my current board position and work hard to stay engaged and knowledgeable to provide the best service as noted above for our school and community, I hope to be re-elected to continue on that same pathway."

## Todd Vogl's Responses:

Question \#1: Why are you seeking a position on the Belt Board of Trustees? Todd replied, "I am seeking reelection because I feel I have done a good job during my last term and I want to continue to see improvements in our schools opportunities for our students." Question \#2: How do you feel the
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Post Season Awards


## Pi Day

Who doesn't love pie? It's warm, sweet, and is just the right treat to hit the spot. Students in Megan Graham's math classes enjoyed a day filled with fun, delicious activities to celebrate the day of 3.142017 .

Knowing what Pi is and how to apply it in certain situations is an important skill because Pi is used in many different professions and assists, especially in design work. Something as simple as figuring the volume of a cylinder or determining the amount of material that is re-
quired to create a functional basketball are both challenges that can be solved by Pi. Students are usually introduced to Pi in elementary school, but they're exposed to circles, which essentially use Pi, before they even realize that they're using the formula.

Mrs. Graham treated her high school classes with pie while she reads a story book, "Dragon of Pi "about pie. Once the students have finished their delicacy, they will interact with peers while
comparing the circumference of a circle and the function of Pi .

This is a good activity to show students the similarities and differences between the two, and it'll be a fun learning experience for the students as well. Students finished up their class period with a historical video of Pi and how it came to be. A big 'thank you' to Mrs. Graham for keeping the classroom an exciting environment while fueling education.

By: Morgan Davis

St. Patrick's Day falls on March $17^{\text {th }}$ every year, and the holiday celebrates the Irish culture with parades, food, music, dancing, pinching, and GREEN! Even if a person is not Irish, they can still participate in the fun activities and enjoy the day with their friends and family. What began as a simple religious feast in the $17^{\text {th }}$ century has developed into a busy day of excitement and food. In the $17^{\text {th }}$ century, this holiday was known as the Feast of Saint Patrick, and the feast represented the arrival of Christianity in Ireland as well as uplifting the Irish culture and heritage. It is believed that Saint Patrick was a Romano-British family, and was captured by Irish raiders and held a slave in Gaelic, Ireland at the age of sixteen. He worked as a shepherd, where "he found God," and eventually made his way home to become a priest. After learning his profession, he returned to Ireland and encouraged them to convert from pagan Irish to Christianity. Many churches such as: the Catholic

Church, Anglican Church, Orthodox Church, and Lutheran Church celebrate the holiday, and restrictions of drinking alcohol were lifted to celebrate the day. Most celebrations were shamrock-green themed, and celebrations ranged from public parades, festivals, and church services.

Today, not much of the tradition has changed. Everyone dresses in green and wears shamrocks, and celebrations such as: parades, festivals, feasts, and parties and games are conducted. Chicago, Illinois, jumps into the Irish feel by dyeing the Chicago River green. The north White House fountain has been dyed green every year since 2009 to celebrate St. Patty's Day. In San Francisco, an Irish St. Patrick's Day parade is held on Market Street, and many people from different ethnicities travel from all around to participate. Whether it's the east coast, west coast, or European countries, Saint Patrick's Day is an international holiday. Belt School was a sea of green last and everyone felt a bit Irish.

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## Board of Trustees (Cont.)

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Some of this is also the new building project that will be beginning soon."
Question \#3: If elected, are there any changes you would like to work toward implementing? If so, what are they? Mr. Vogl said, "Not really. Just to review and see if any changes need to be done to the policies. Example, use of electronic devices such as phones, iPods, etc.,
during the instructional work day."
Question \#4: Please add any other information that will help local voters in their decision. Mr. Vogl didn't have a response for the final question.

The Valley Voice reminds residents to vote when ballots come out.

## City Hall

The first meeting of March was held on March $1^{\text {st }}$ at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Wells, Clerk Treasurer Lynn Schilling, public works employee Robin Franzen, Belt School Superintendent Kathleen Prody, Aldermen Delbert Darko, Annie Porter, Paul Heikkila, Glen Enderson, Sally Miller, and a member of the public, Barb Archey.

One issue that came up during this meeting that was city procedures in the event of water leaks or other maintenance requirements. Council members and Mayor Wells weighed in on the subject and voiced their opinions on two important issues related to it, the first being addressing the problem, and secondly to determine on whom responsibility for repairs falls. If there is ever a leak near a citizen's home, they can contact the councilmen of their area. For Ward 1, west of the Creek, the councilmen are Annie Porter, 277-4499,
and Glen Enderson 277-3574. In Ward 2, east of the creek and north of $3^{\text {rd }}$ Ave South are councilmen Delbert Darko, 455-9525, and Sally Miller, 277-3226.

In Ward 3, east of the creek and south of $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Ave South, are councilmen Paul Heikkila, 2773181, and Nadine Hardinger, 2773595.

Shortly after the conversation about maintenance issues, Su perintendent of Belt School, Kathleen Prody, reported that the school administration has been interviewing contractors about the expansion of the school. Prody stated that Dick Anderson will soon be performing work on the facility upgrades. They hope the process will start up by June $1^{\text {st }}$. Faculty and students are excited for the improvements.

Alderman Miller opened up a discussion about the town's proto-
col for shutting off water and the process in the occurrence of a water leak. The protocol for water shut off in Belt in both emergency and non-emergency situations was explained. Darko added that the Town of Belt should always do everything in their power to fix leaks as soon as possible and notify citizens when water will be shut off for work on the lines.

Schilling reported to the council that Dennis Stack made a donation to the Town of Belt for improvements and upgrades to the baseball facilities in Castner Park. Schilling stated that Jessica Schatska, Belt's current Little League representative, will be assisting with preparations for that project. After using the donation to update the baseball facilities in Castner Park, a plaque will designate the area as the Dennis Stack Memorial Baseball Fields. If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help the Park Board, they can contact Nadine Hardinger.

The City Council held a meeting on March $15^{\text {th }}$. The information from that meeting will be published in the Valley Voice on April $7^{\text {th }}$. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for April $5^{\text {th }}$.

By: Kara Neal

## Senior Spotlight

Alison Stoker and Zeb Visocan are this week's senior spotlights and are enjoying the last few months of high school that they have left. With graduation just two months away, they, like many of their classmates are cherishing and making their last secondary school memories.

Alison Stoker is most commonly known for being the Lady Huskies libero for the past four years. She was a key element in reaching the state title this year (2016-2017) for Belt's volleyball team and claims it to be her favorite memory from high school.
homework. We have extracurriculars, jobs, and chores all on top of spending 8 hours at school. That doesn't include our homework." This contributes to Stoker's excitement for college classes and how she won't have to spend 8 hours in one building 5 days a week. She is thrilled to experience only having to do a couple classes a semester and getting involved with her choice of college, The Honors College at Northern Arizona University. There she wants to pursue a career in biology and minor in Spanish and business. Stoker is going to miss living in a small town, however, that doesn't diminish her excitement to attend NAU. She would like to give some advice to upcoming seniors and high school students in general: "For those that are going to be seniors, start on scholarships early and apply for every single one. As for all high school students, make friends and stay openminded. Belt is a very small

Stoker has also been a journalist for the school paper for two years, spent 3 years in DECA, and has been an avid contender to Close Up and National Honors Society. Another event that Stoker very much enjoyed was building the homecoming floats with her fellow classmates. She enjoyed the interaction and bonding time that building floats allowed for the students outside of school and appreciates the opportunity for team building skills.

One thing she won't miss however, is the amount of homework. She states that "it's crazy how much homework is given to us every night. As I've gotten older, I've been given more and more



He admits that he is going to miss playing music and just hanging out with his friends. However, it's more than just that. He is going to miss being a dependent student, travelling with his friends to tournaments, and spending time with his friends that he has been with since grade school.

After graduation day, Visocan is planning to attend The Art Institute in Seattle, Washington to major in digital frame working and video production. Visocan is stoked to make this next leap in his life and go somewhere different for a change. He wants to go see what the rest of the world is like and going to college is a great place to start. Some advice that he would like to give to upcoming seniors is "Every year gets oddly easier, so just keep going because you are almost there."

Next week is the last week of senior spotlight and will be highlighting Mo Wall and Kirsten Welling. Time is running short for the Class of ' 17 and all twenty of them continue to make both plans and memories as their high school careers wind down.

By: Isabelle Newman

## Senior Art Tiles



Javi Infantes
The seniors of Troy Adams art class just completed their ceiling tiles. Every year in advanced art, each senior is handed a ceiling tile and are able to make the tile about themselves or something that is meaningful to them.


Isabelle Newman Every year there are more unique tiles added to the ceiling to make Adams art room stand out. This year seniors that participated in mak-


Mo Wall


Kara Neal


Zeb Visocan


Kassie Hoyer

The government class finally finished their debates Friday the $10^{\text {th }}$. Mr. Koontz, the teacher, began the debates in early January, and had the students go off of a bracket. The winner of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ period government class was Harry Green, and the $4^{\text {th }}$ period government class winner was Kara Neal. The two of them went face to face Friday during $2^{\text {nd }}$ period to declare the champion of debates. The winner of the 2017 government debate was Kara Neal. The debate got very intense and it was a close call. Their debate topic was, "Public
schools should be required to teach evolution and creation." Neal will be accepting an award at the Academic Award Ceremony in May for being the class winner of debates.

The annual debate tournament is one of the most fun and interesting units in government each year. The opponents never know what side they will be debating, so they have to prepare for the "yes" side and the "no" side. They each have to prepare an opening, rebuttal, and a closing. After sharing their opinions, the classmates vote
on a winner. If the scored is tied, the two debating have to go into overtime for a final say. The debates are very helpful for the students as they prepare for discussion in the real world.

Debating helps the students' skills of how to make a good argument. Some seniors have already begun to use the techniques learned during debate to convince their parents that curfew should be relaxed a little bit.

By: Kara Neal

## A Night on the Town (Cont.)



Many people today drink. Sadly, some of these people are teens. The worst part of it is more than $20 \%$ of these people get into accidents due to driving while they were intoxicated. Many people think that if they have a few drinks, driving is no biggy. They think "Oh I'll be fine. It was just two drinks. It's not like I'm drunk." This is where those types of people are wrong. If someone has a BAC level of 0.08 , legally that person is considered impaired. When looking at the big picture one will find that a BAC level of 0.08 isn't that much alcohol. A friendly word of advice: If you are one of the teens who drinks make sure you don't make another mistake of driving at the same time. The reason being is because driving intoxicated is practically doing a coin toss with death its self.

> DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE

This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force

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Cheer Competition
This past weekend, the Belt cheerleaders took a trip

down to Lewistown in order to attend the annual Cheer Fest Competition. The team had a blast and have travelled leaps and bounds to
 schools that were entered. After the mascot competition, the dance solos, and the group competition,
there was a jump- off, tumble- off, and basket- toss competition. These contests were open to all cheerleaders from all classes (AA, A, B, C). Emily Langston, Grace Davison, and Isabelle Newman were all pushed onto the second round of the jump- off, but didn't quite make it to the third. However, this is still a huge accomplishment for the team because only one cheerleader made it to the second round last year. Last year for the tumble off, no huskies were able to make it to the second
get to where they are today. Last year, the team placed third overall in their division, but this year, they dominated and received $2^{\text {nd }}$ place. However, the achievements didn't stop there for the huskies. Isabelle and Avery Newman both competed dance solos while at the competition and received $1^{\text {st }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place respectively. On top of all of that, Mo Wall was entered in the mascot
 round, however, this year Isa-
back handspring. All the cheerleaders are more than happy with the outcome of their competition and were content with the team bonding time they were able to have during this trip. The team is very appreciative of the opportunity of attending Cheer Fest again this year and hope to succeed in years to come.


By: Isabelle Newman belle Newman made it to the second round with only three other competitors, all from higher class schools. They announced that Newman was the first place winner at the awards ceremony, taking the win with a round off double


## National Honor Society

This past Monday night at 6:30 p.m., many students and parents gathered in the cafeteria to celebrate the induction of seven new members to National Honor Society. Debra Ray, the advisor, made sure everything ran smoothly throughout the night. Principal Kyle Paulson fired off the banquet with his welcome speech. English teacher Jeffery Ross was the guest speaker for this year's banquet. inductees of the 2017 NHS are Elyse Adams, Morgan Cooper, Morgan Davis, Adrian Malek, Makayla O'Neil, Joely Stoker, and Julia Vogt. The new additions bring to 20 the number of National Honor Society students in Belt High Schools. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and maintain that throughout their high school career, attain sophomore status, and receive

three recommendation letters from teachers.

The
bers have played an impormplayed an important role in the school and the Belt Community. Each member participates in the two group services every year, "Can the Cats and Can the Griz," and the local blood drive. In addition to the banquet held last Monday, NHS is also preparing seniors in the chapter to attain their red cord for graduation. NHS is about character, scholarship, leadership, and above all, service. The Belt chapter of NHS is
in accords with the Red Cross and usually sets up a blood drive as a service project at the school at least once a year. The students involved in NHS are able to exercise their service qualities through this blood drive. If a student is able to give blood and does so three times before the date of their graduation, they will be able to have a red cord at graduation. However, students can also volunteer their time if they are not able to donate blood. This year's seniors that have met the criteria so far are Isabelle Newman, Emily Langston, Adrianna Irvine, Emily Highfill, and Alison Stoker (a couple other seniors are working in their hours in order to attain their red cord).

The seniors are stoked to earn their cords for graduation and are proud of the volunteer work they have been able to do for the community over the past couple years.

By: Kara Neal

## New Walmart

One student had such a good time that when being asked how the trip went he went on to say "It was great. Now I can say that I was one of the first people to walk
ticipating in the grand opening and for Walmart supplying the kids with cake and a few refreshments.

## By: Abby Marchington

 in that store, even though I didn't buy anything." Each and every student had a great time. They all thought that that the trip was a great experience for both them and their bellies. Mr. Nordquist would like to thank Aundra for notifying him about par-
## BELT TALENT SHOW

Sunday, March 26th, 2017
Belt School Gymnasium 6:00 p.m.
\$5 entrance fee for middle school and up to join
Open to the public so invite your families and friends to watch!
Students: \$3 Adults: \$5
There will be an elementary, middle school, high school, and adult division
Winmers will be recognizedIII
To Join the talent show, call Belt School DECA Advisor
Kelth Hoyer 408-277-3351

| Games/ Puzzles | Inspirational Quotes |
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Prom: This week, games and puzzles is going to test } \\ \text { the student body"s memory from prom night. Who } \\ \text { wore this tux to prom? }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { This week's inspirational quotes is going to } \\ \text { hone in on the quality of honesty and integrity. These } \\ \text { are characteristics that hare vital to have when grow- } \\ \text { ing up. Integrity and honesty can land somebody their } \\ \text { first job or even a position on a team. Whatever the } \\ \text { case may be, honesty is the foundation for successful } \\ \text { outcomes. Here a couple quotes to think about when } \\ \text { dealing with honesty: } \\ \text { "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."- }\end{array}$ |
| Thomas Jefferson |  |
| "All men profess honesty as long as they can. To be- |  |$\}$| lieve all men honest would be folly. To believe none |
| :--- |
| so is something worse."- John Quincy Adams |
| "Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty; inaccuracy, |
| of dishonesty."- Nathaniel Hawthorne |

