**Belt Public School** 

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017



A Night on The Town

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NHS/ Walmart	11	13 <sup>th</sup> . Ballots must be re- turned to Belt School via
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#### night are great ways to open up and experience new things. This year, Mrs. floor. Horton and Mr. Koontz were the chaperones for the dance, and they reported that students had a

Prom is an oppor-

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mates, and dressing up, din-

ning out, and dancing all

thanks to Cora Creek Photography, and proceeded with the grand march, they hit the dance

The dance was a

huge hit thanks to the junior class, and still getting on at 11 p.m. when Horton bekids out of the school. A huge 'thank you to Mrs. Mr. Koontz

for chaperoning the event.

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 people were Hoyer, shares her experience, "It was so fun being their boogie with everyone because everyone was having a good time and the excitement of Koontz and dressing up is great. Prom is a great way to participate gan shooing in a social event."

A "Night on the Town" was a great success, and Belt Public School looks forward to prom of 2018.

Horton and (Pictures on pgs. 2 and 9) **By: Morgan Davis** 

### **Trustee Election**

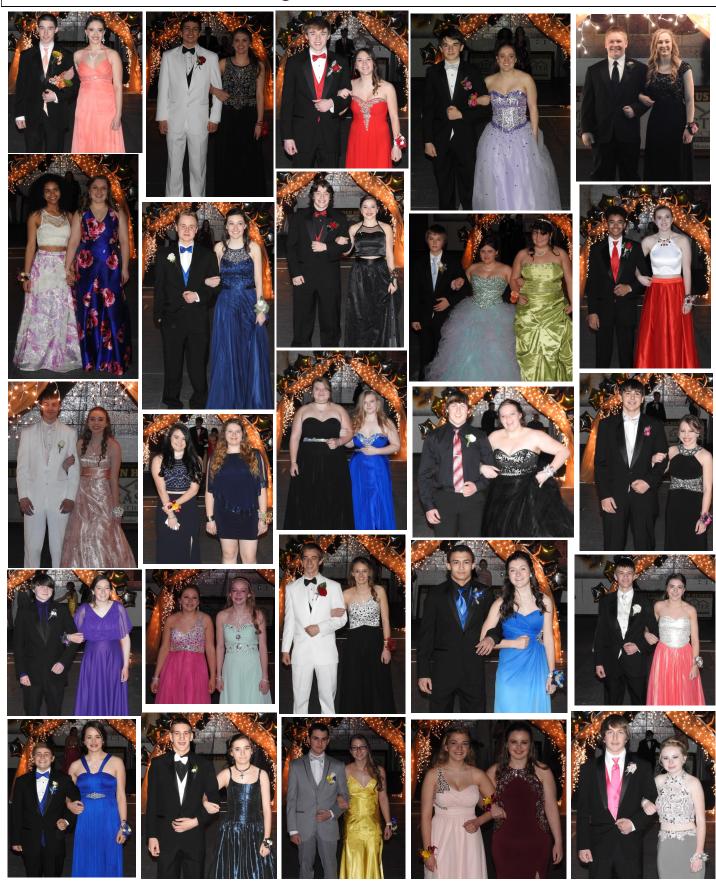
p.m. on Election Day, May 2, 2017. For more information, contact Nona Coughlan at Belt -3354.

Each of the five 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 Public School, (406) 277 and must have filed for candidacy by March 23, 2017. The three candidates runboard members is elected ning for seats on the Board of Trustees are: Don Crowell. and incumbents Dan Miller and Todd Vogl. The Valley Voice

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A Night on the Town (Cont.)



### **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 Vo-Tech. 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 1st 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<sup>st</sup> 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

"B" football. I don't need a bunch 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 Champi $ons - 1^{st} team - MVP - MT - wyo$ all-star – 1<sup>st</sup> team northern division 8<sup>th</sup> in '74, 4<sup>th</sup> in '75, and 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

position on the Belt Board of Trus*tee?* 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, DE-CA 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

won one game in two years of Class of the community. As such I currently, and will continue to do my 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, Question #1: Why are you seeking a 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 oth*er 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* (Cont. pg. 6)

Tournaments are in the books, and another season of basketball has reached its climax. The tradition of postseason awards continues on in the Belt Valley. Many Husky athletes were represented well at these rituals, as they earned All-Conference and All-State honors. Some of these players were also selected to compete on post-season teams.

Gentlemen from Belt who received recognition were all upperclassmen for the Huskies. Jaren Maki was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

in the 8-C. Jess Bodner and Keagan Stroop were listed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference. Lastly, Harry Green was an Honorable Mention pick.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, two Lady Huskies found themselves on the list including: senior Kerstyn Pimperton and junior Dani Urick. Sara Anderson, a senior, was awarded with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference honor. Another Husky senior, Kassie Hoyer, earned Honorable Mention. As for All-State honors,



Anderson, Pimperton, and Urick all also participate on the Class C made the list. Urick was also awarded with the Class C State Tournament MVP for the second consecutive year.

A few players were also selected to play in post-season tournaments. In the Treasure State Classic to congratulate these players on held in Billings from March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Anderson, Pimperton, and Hoyer all competed on the Northern the best of luck in their post-C team. The ladies battled in four games, losing only one. Maki, was

a member on the Northern C boys' team. His squad also produced a winning record of three games and one loss. Each team took 7<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams. Because there was a lack of players on some teams. Bodner and Green were asked to fill in on the Eastern AA unit. The boys had a record of two games won and two games lost. They enjoyed being able to play with other athletes out of their class.

The Hi-Line Invitational Tournament started yesterday in Havre. Anderson, Hoyer, and Pimperton competed on the Class C team. Maki was selected to

team. Jeff Graham will guide both of these teams in interdivision clashes. Urick will also play, but not under the tutelage of Coach Graham because of MHSA rules.

The Belt community wants their athletic accomplishments. They would also like to wish them season tournaments.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton** 

Who doesn't love pie? It's warm, sweet, and is just the right treat ketball are both challenges that 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-

### Pi Day

quired to create a functional bascan 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

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> century has developed into a busy day of excitement and food.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> 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. **By: Morgan Davis**

# In Loving Memory

Our beloved janitor, Jim Mital, quietly passed away last week. Jimbo was a crucial helping hand at Belt Public School for the past 13 years, and he will be greatly missed by faculty, teachers, and especially students. The students of BVHS recognized his hard work and commitment to the school, and each student wrote a personal note about Jim for Jim's Memory Jar that will be delivered to his family. Thank you for your valuable time and good jokes, Jim, you will be missed.

### **Bowling Scores**

#### Week 21

Week 21	
<u>Men's High Game</u> John Larson	
John Larson	199
Drew Koffler	198
Dave Eggert	188
Men's Series	100
Charlie Lindeman	511
Dave Anderson	507
Drew Koffler	501
Women's High Game	501
Patti Sweeney	187
Lisa Urick	182
Sandy Francom	154
Women's Series	4=0
Lisa Urick	478
Patty Sweeney	475
Sandy Francom	421
Week 22	
Men's High Game	
Drew Koffler	212
Brian Neill	201
Matt Lewis	199
Men's Series	
Brian Neill	529
Bob Williams	528
Bill Mital	518
Women's High Game	
Linda Lewis	199
Sally Miller	162
Stephanie Eggert	158
Women's Series	150
Linda Lewis	512
Sally Miller	434
Patti Sweeney	423
	423
Week 23	226
Brian Neill	236
Charlie Lindeman	215
Dave Eggert	209
<u>Men's Series</u>	<b>.</b>
Brian Neill	617
John Larson	517
Dave Eggert	504
Women's High Game	
Polly Pimperton	177
Vick DeKoning	175
Teri Cummings	173
Women's Series	
Lisa Urick	486
Polly Pimperton	461
Laura Koffler	456

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### Board of Trustees (Cont.)

Board of Trustees provides a voice for the community? Mr. Vogl claimed, "The Board of Trustees must be available for the public to communicate with so they can bring concerns to the meetings so the administration will be made aware of these concerns. The Board of Trustees must also be able to find, hire, and retain good administration that has the education of the students' number one.

Some of this is also the new building project that will be beginning soon."

*Ouestion #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 de- residents to vote when ballots vices 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 come out.

The first meeting of March was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

City Hall

and Glen Enderson 277-3574. In Ward 2, east of the creek and north of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave South are councilmen Delbert Darko, 455-9525, and Sally Miller, 277-3226.

In Ward 3, east of the creek and south of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave South, are councilmen Paul Heikkila, 277-3181, and Nadine Hardinger, 277-3595.

Shortly after the conversation about maintenance issues, Superintendent 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<sup>st</sup>. 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<sup>th</sup>. The information from that meeting will be published in the Valley Voice on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



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 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

community and the more diversity the better."

Zev Visocan has made many an appearance as a guitarist for Belt's pep band over the last three years. Although he is more than excited to start the next chapter in his life, he actually enjoyed high school as a whole, believe it or not. Visocan liked painting the "B" with just keep going because you are his classmates this past fall as well as playing pep band at Girls State basketball tournament this year. He really enjoyed the hectic and tense atmosphere at state as well as the battle of the bands during halftime of the championship game. Along with his dedication to pep band, Visocan has also been a key role to Belt's yearbook class this year.



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 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** 

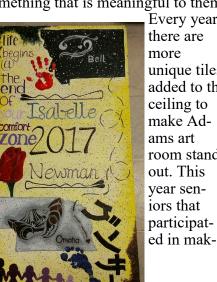
### Senior Art Tiles

and outstanding tiles.



ing a ceiling tile were: Kassie Hoyer, Dawson Marquis, Kara Neal, Isabelle Newman, Kerstyn Pimperton, Mo Wall, Zeb Visocan, Sara Anderson, and foreign exchange student, Javi Infantes Lobo. The seniors had a quarter to complete their beautiful

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.



Every year there are more unique tiles added to the ceiling to make Adams art room stand out. This year seniors that participat-

Isabelle Newman



**By: Kara Neal** 

Mo Wall



Kara Neal



Zeb Visocan



Kassie Hoyer

The government class finally finished their debates Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Koontz, the teacher, began the debates in early January, and had the students go off of a bracket. The winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period government class was Harry Green, and the 4<sup>th</sup> period government class winner was Kara Neal. The two of them went face to face Friday during  $2^{nd}$  period to de-clare 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.

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

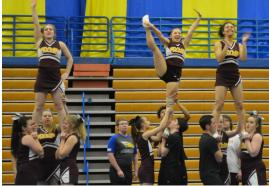


### **Cheer Competition**

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



get to where they are today. Last year, the team placed third overall in their division, but this year, they dominated and received 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1st and 3rd place respectively. On top of all of that, Mo Wall was entered in the mascot



competition as the Huskies very own Harold and received 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of all the



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

round, however, this year Isabelle 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



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.

bonding time



**By: Isabelle Newman** 

back handspring. All the cheer-

and were content with the team

leaders are more than happy with the outcome of their competition





### National Honor Society

This past Monday night at 6:30 p.m., many students and par-

ents 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 vear's banquet.

The

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.



elected at the beginning of the school year. The officers are: President Adrianna Irvine, Vice President Isabelle Newman, Secretary Kerstyn Pimperton, and Treasurer Harry Green. The officers

The NHS sen-

and each of the members have played an important role in the school and the Belt Commu-Each nity. 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** 

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the Pep Band along with their instructor Mr. Nordquist played for the Grand Opening of the new Walmart. It was a great opportunity for the students to gain some community outreach.

While the students got to perform, they also got to take a look inside of the new store. Some students even bought a few things. Another perk of the trip was getting to enjoy some cake and refreshments. Not only did all of this happen, but the Pep Band was given a \$1,500 donation for taking the time to perform for the Grand Opening. They probably would've never gotten this experience if a woman named Aundra wouldn't have given Mr. Nordquist a call and told him about the promotional advertising event.

# 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

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-

ticipating in the grand opening and for Walmart supplying the kids with cake and a few refreshments.

**By: Abby Marchington** 

#### 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 Winners will be recognized!!! To join the talent show, call Belt School DECA Advisor Keith Hoyer 406-277-3351

Games/ Puzzles	Inspirational Quotes
Prom: This week, games and puzzles is going to test the student body's memory from prom night. Who wore this tux to prom?	This week's inspirational quotes is going to hone in on the quality of honesty and integrity. These are characteristics that hare vital to have when grow- ing up. Integrity and honesty can land somebody their first job or even a position on a team. Whatever the case may be, honesty is the foundation for successful outcomes. Here a couple quotes to think about when dealing with honesty: "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."- 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 All in all, honesty is the best policy and will not only give one the outcome that they deserve, but the success that one aspires.

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