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## Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad competition occupied the days of November $25^{\text {th }}$ and $26^{\text {th }}$. The students got to test vision that accomplished this feat were Cole Hepfner and Shelby Paulson who placed $9^{\text {th }}$ with the model plane. Keely Drummond and Kolby Pimperton who placed $1^{\text {st }}$ in Write it, do it, Asa Jassen placed $4^{\text {th }}$ with his boomilever, Brady Drummond and 5 Ahmia Lords placed $8^{\text {th }}$ for their chemistry test. Jassen, Natalie Larsen, and Adelle Meissner placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ in ex-
perimental design, while William Franzen and Corbyn Nebel placed $7^{\text {th }}$ in the sound of music category.

Along with the grade 9-12 bracket, some participants from the middle school and the freshman class also placed in the top 10 for their events. Reese Paulson and Clayton Jassen placed $4^{\text {th }}$ in Boomilever, and $8^{\text {th }}$ in Disease Detectives. Madisen Feldman and Ella Pethel placed $9^{\text {th }}$ in Crime Busters. Tara Hedstrom and Isaac Maki placed $7^{\text {th }}$ for their Heredity test. Also, Hedstrom placed $4^{\text {th }}$ in Write it, do it with Bridger Vogl.

Overall, both the middle school and high school placed thirteenth. There were 51 middle schools and 47 high schools in attendance.

It made for a short school week, with the Thanksgiving break kicking in right when the kids got home on Tuesday. Congratulations to the kids and Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Vogt who guided them on their big adventure. By: Memphis Black

## Family Math Night

On Tuesday November $18^{\text {th }}$, Family Math Night was hosted at the Belt School. This ongoing program is run by Mrs. Nicole Hedstrom.

The theme of the night was "Take me out to the math games." In line with the theme the lunch ladies prepared punch, nachos, and corndogs as well as providing crackerjacks to those in attendance.

Math night involved all of the elementary school teachers. They each set up their own booth that had a different math-related game or activity. Some booths even had multiple games
8 for the students and their parents to play together.

This is the third consecutive year that family math night has taken place. It will be a continued annual activity for years to come. Hedstrom has been in charge of the event for the past two years.

In total, there were approximately seventy-five elementary students in attendance in addition to their parents. Ten members of high school Youth Leadership also volunteered and received volunteer hours for their work.

The next event run by Title I will be a reading night, which will be on February $18^{\text {th }}$.

By: Sierra Reese

## DECA

In DECA, students have been choosing which projects they want to participate in as well as how they will complete them. The virtual business challenge also just concluded.

The virtual business challenge is an online DECA event that has seven categories: fashion, restaurant, DECA hotel challenge, sports, personal finance, retailing, and accounting.

Each event had different

Basketball for Belt has kicked off for the 2019-2020 season. The teams practiced through the Thanksgiving break to give them an edge over future teams. The players and coaches are looking forward to a few good games, and an exceptional season.

The first day of practice landed on November $21^{\text {st }}$, and the first games of the year are in Toole County for the Shelby tournament. The tournament is on December $13^{\text {th }}$ and $14^{\text {th }}$. The invite Belt has is unique because there are very few if other C division schools competing.

The boys' coaches, Kyle Paulson and Tony Cooper, are both excited for the upcoming season. Coach Paulson is looking forward to growing and improving as a team, as well as developing into a tough defensive team that is unselfish on offense. Last season the Huskies won the 8-C conference championship and lost a heartbreaking consolation game at the divisional tournament.

Returning for the boys are letterman: Hunter Vogl, Adam Langston, Treyton Hennes, Aidan McDaniel, Kaimen Evans, Asa Jassen, Garett Metrione, and Bridger Vogl.

Robbie Gliko and Brendan Wing graduaterd from last year's squad, but freshmen Cole Hepfner,
requirements to earn points. Each activity in the event had a specific amount of points that could be earned and these points built up to increase how students placed. The first, second, and third place individuals from the North Atlantic, Southern, Central, and Western region will attend ICDC, which is the international DECA competition. In Belt, Sierra Reese placed first in Montana for the personal finance competition. She will not be
attending ICDC for this achievement but it is still a note-worthy accomplishment.

Members of DECA are now working on their projects and fundraisers are taking place through them. Spice sales have concluded, but the upcoming craft show is also a DECA run event.

In addition, the DECA Craft Show is scheduled for Sunday in the Multi-Purpose room at the school.

By: Sierra Reese

## Belt Basketball Begins

Aidan Bergstrom, Zach Feldman, JJ Triplett, Owen Halley, Ryley Mapston, Keaghn McDaniel, and Isaac Maki are ready to roll after gaining high school experience as 8th graders last year.

The boys are holding themselves to a high standard this year with the goal of a state championship. The community is excited to see how the boys perform this season and will be behind them the whole way.

The girls' coaches, Jeff Graham, Renzi Horton, and Molly Rose, are also excited to see what the season has in store for the girls as they graduated just two seniors last year as well.

The girls return Kolby Pimperton, Shelby Paulson, Grace Norstedt, Adelle Meissner, Abby Gliko, Kyelie Marquis, Brooke Schraner, Karlee Permann, Lindsey Paulson, and Raily Gliko from last year's varsity team which took first in the district and second in the division.

Losing Morgan Cooper and Tori Shelton to graduation, the girls' varsity gained: Livvy Shelton, Sabrina Wing, Ahmia Lords, Maddie Osterman, Alyssa Nebel, and Hattie Bumgarner.

After another great season last year, the girls look forward to building on that success and hopefully making an appearance at the
state tournament for the first time in three years.

Fans of Belt Boys' Basketball should look forward to matchups against 8-C rivals Centerville, DGS, and Roy-Winifred games. These teams will be returning a lot of key players from last year, and should provide fun and intense games to spectate.

For those who enjoy watching the Lady Huskies, this year's biggest rival will most likely be the Winifred/Roy Outlaws as the co-op did not lose anyone to graduation.

Basketball is a winter sport and mother nature tends to bring on the snow during the season, so if one is unable to attend the game live, the NFHS network will be streaming most of the games. Be sure to tune into the network to see if they Huskies will be on .

Many of the games are also streamed on the radio. Listeners can turn the dial to KMON 560 and catch live coverage of many contests.

This year the 8-C District tourney returns to Great Falls High School. Those games will be held the third weekend of February, followed by divisionals in Great Falls and the state tournament at the University of Montana in Missoula.

## By: Isaac Maki

## New Students

The Valley Voice is happy familiarize readers with three recently new Huskies. One student is entering the fifth-grade class, and two are in the fourth-grade class. Each student is enjoying their teachers and their classmates and looking forward to specific items about their year.

The first student is fifth grader, Maryann Reis. Reis is having an easier time than most adjusting, as she attended school at Belt until her third-grade year.

Betwixt her third and fifth grade year, she took part in academics at Nebraska. During her free time, she enjoys playing outside playing with her dogs, and partaking in volleyball. Additionally, Reis's favorite game to play is Yahtzee.

When asked what she was most edgy about in rejoining her
classmates, she responded, "That the school has changed since I was last here." Reis's favorite part about Belt School is the recess equipment, and she enjoys art the most of any of her classes.

The following student is fourth-grader Roslyn Hawkins. Before joining school in Belt, Hawkins resided in Fort Benton, where she attended school.

During her free time, she enjoys: drawing, arts/crafts, and DIY art projects. Throughout this school year, Hawkins plans to attend rodeos, as she is interested in all things equine. Hawkins enjoys much about Belt, such as: "The Little Belt Rodeo", academics, other students, and the teachers.

When asked what she was most nervous about coming to Belt, she replied, "That I would not make any friends, but I did." Hawkins
favorite teachers are: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Tash, and Mrs. Patty. Hawkins looks forward to meeting other faculty and expanding upon herself this school year.

The final student is an additional fourth-grader, Shyahna McLaughlin. Prior to moving/ learning at Belt, McLaughlin settled in Great Falls. McLaughlin is currently involved with both gymnastics and boxing, which she claims keep her very busy.

During her free time, she enjoys: drawing, science experiments, and being with her friends. She was a bit concerned that she might not make a lot of friends, but that hasn't been the case. Luckily she has bonded with Camree Pupi; McLaughlin states that, "I am lucky to have Pupi at school with me." McLaughlin's favorite class is physical education, and her chosen school lunch is beef chile. Belt School is grateful for every new Husky and the student body has welcomed all new students with open arms. The Valley Voice would like to extend a welcome to Maryann, Roslyn, and Shyahna and wishes them the best of luck throughout the school year.
By: Haley Hoerner

## Snow Record

This year Great Falls had 119.3"of snow between January and November. This sets the all-time snowiest calendar year with several weeks remaining in the calendar year. In the past, the previous record for the snowiest calendar year was 116 ".

Great Falls also gained the record for the "meteorological Fall," which runs from September 1st to December

1st, when it received $60.4^{\prime \prime}$ of snow. Great Falls record of $119.3^{\prime \prime}$ beats the previous record of $116.5^{\prime \prime}$, set back in 1989.

According to the "National Weather Service" in Great Falls, the snowfall totals for September $25^{\text {th }}$ through November $28^{\text {th }}$ include Choteau at 61.5 inches, Great Falls at 55 inches, Zortman at 42.6 inches, Chester at 33.1 inches, Shelby at
32.5 inches, Havre at 30 inches, Chinook at 19.5 inches, Fort Benton at 26.7 inches, Helena at 14.3 inches, and lastly Malta at 8.9.

It will be interesting to see how much more snowfall Montana gets this year, as the peak of the winter sets in. Keep an eye out to see what other records might be taken place this year.

By: Gentry Johnson

## Hunting Trophies

## Aidan Bergstrom

Animal: Whitetail Buck
Weapon: 243
Score: 125
Location Highwood Mountains Range. 150 feet.
Highlights: He shot this deer with an offhand shot while the deer was running 150 feet away from him

## Declan Bergstrom

Animal: Whitetail Buck Weapon: 243
Score: 143 6/8
Location Highwood Mountains Range: 250 feet Highlights: He Started hunting at 6:00 a.m. and killed it two and a half hours later.


## Breakfast with Santa

The annual Breakfast with Santa is coming up is coming up Saturday, December $7^{\text {th }}$ from 8:00 to 11:00.

The event will be held at the Belt School Cafeteria for the public to enjoy. The breakfast costs $\$ 5$ plus additional cost for activities. There will be many activities such as cookie decorating, crafts, photos with Santa, and a LOT more!

All revenues will go to support the local swimming pool, so come down and support the local community while enjoying some Christmas spirit.

## By: Haley Hoerner



## Football

The football season came to an end after the final games wrapped up on November $22^{\text {nd }}$ and $23^{\text {rd }}$. The state football games had fans and the edge of their seats everywhere, waiting to see if their teams could grab the big prize. Two weeks ago the best teams from each division went head to head to see if they had what it took to bring home the title of champion.

Starting off in Class C 8man football, Fairview (\#1 team in the east) faced off against Clark Fork (\#1 team in the west). Both these teams traveled to Billings to play on neutral ground at a biggerstadium. Fairview started the game in the lead. By the end of the first half Fairview was up on Clark Fork 50-6. As the game went on, Fairview continued to leave Clark Fork in the dust. At the end of the game, Fairview beat Clark Fork 70-6.

Moving on to the Class C 6man game, Wibaux (ranked $3^{\text {rd }}$ in 6man state-wide) vied for another state title as they went up against Garfield Country (ranked $1^{\text {st }}$ in 6man state-wide). Garfield County was up on Wibaux 40-14 as the first
half closed up. By the end of the game, Garfield took home the trophy with a final score of 70-14

Onward to Class B, Manhattan and Lincoln County High (Eureka) battled it out to see which team will emerge victorious. Manhattan was ranked $2^{\text {nd }}$ in the state for Class B, while Lincoln County was ranked $1^{\text {st }}$. Lincoln emerged triumphant over Manhattan with the final score being 20-6. At least that one was a little closer.

Custer County and Laurel competed for the trophy as they played in the state game in Miles City. Custer Country was ranked $1^{\text {st }}$ in Class A around the state, and Laurel second. Custer County started the game off with scoring two unanswered touchdowns in the first half for a total of 14 points. The Locomotives tried to stay in the game by scoring some points in the second half, but Custer solidified the win with three second-half touchdowns. With a final score of 35-7 the Cowboys took home the trophy.

Shifting over to AA, Bozeman and Butte fought for the title
of state champion. Bozeman and

Butte were $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ in ranked AA respectively. Both teams scored two touchdowns in the opening half of the ball game, but it was in the second half where the difference was made. Bozeman scored 35 points to Buttes 14, and that is what ultimately gave Bozeman the win over Butte at Naranche Stadium

The state game was not the only big win Bozeman had. On November $23^{\text {rd }}$ the University of Montana Grizzlies went to Bozeman to fight in the $119^{\text {th }}$ Brawl of the Wild against the Montana State Bobcats. The Griz started off with the ball but fumbled it on about the 5-yard line. The Cats went on to score from their offensive drive, from there the Cats continued to score. The Cats were up 31-14 by the end of the first half. The Cats went running up the score, and by the end of the game, the Cats were up 48-14. The Bobcats brought home the Great Divide Trophy for the $4^{\text {th }}$ year in a row.

Both Montana teams earned a bye in the first round and host playoff games tomorrow.

By: Memphis Black

## All I Want For Christmas Is...

For all the parents out there that are wondering what their child wants for Christmas this year, here are some items the kids at Belt School are hoping to see under the Christmas tree. They also added what they are most looking forward to for this Christmas season.

Harley Scharner, a second grader says she wants a phone case for her phone this Christmas. Scharner is most excited for this Christmas season to be able to see most of her family.

Emma Shimerdla, a third grader says she wants an awesome remote-control car. Shimerdla says "I have always wanted one because I am always asking my brother to play with his". In addition, Shimerdla is also hoping for a third stuffed animal guinea pig because two is just not enough. Shimerdla is most excited to be going with her
family to Fairmont hot springs. Emmit Anderson, a fourth grader says he is hoping for a baseball bat, cowboy boots, and Seahawk sheets for his bed. This
Christmas, Anderson is most excited to be spending time with his family and cousins.

Tenley Jones, a third grader wants a realistic baby doll and a hanging basketball hoop. For this Christmas season, Jones is really excited to be spending her birthday on New Year's Eve.

Isabella Johnson, a fourth grader would love a purple Polaroid camera because she says "they are so cool! I can put them on my wall and take pictures of my mom and friends". Christmas trees are Johnson's favorite thing about Christmas, all the decorations, lights, and she adds "they smell good".

Grahm Halley a fifth grader
says "I want a Lamborghini, Ferrari, Bugatti, a hippopotamus, and a big green tractor. Halley is excited to be spending his Christmas break having all kinds of competitions with his friends.

Greyson Garza, also a fifth grader, says for Christmas he wants a hunting tag in a shape of a 3D deer for bow and arrow practice. Garza says "I just really like hunting". Garza is most excited to be spending his Christmas with his family and friends.

This holiday season is about giving love to all around and one of the ways to show our love is to give gifts. Whether it's small or big this Christmas remember to hold tight to loved ones and make some memories. After all when all the presents are unwrapped and the tree comes down, that's what this season is all about. By: Gentry Johnson

## Senior Spotlight

This week spotlight features Brandon Wall and Sydne Flynn. The two are very well known in the community and each have several amazing characteristics.

Wall has gone to school in Belt his entire life. During that time, he has participated in football, wrestling, and track during all four years of his high school career.

Wall's favorite subject is art and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Virts, who often substitutes in the school. Post-graduation, Wall claims that he will miss his friends, Mrs. Patty, and Mr. Paulson the

most. He plans on joining the marines to begin his adult life.

Flynn has also been in Belt since preschool. Her favorite subject has consistently been art throughout her life and her favorite teacher has and always will be former Belt art teacher, Mr. Adams. She claims that he was extremely influential on her passion for art, but she still wants to give a big shout out to another one of her favorite teachers, Coach Graham. She has been involved in yearbook and cheerleading for two years of high school and golf for all four.

Flynn plans on attending Montana Western and will major in art education for kindergarten through twelfth grade. As she moves on with her life, Flynn will miss her "classmates and all of the friends," she's made throughout the years.

Both of these individuals have clear goals for when they
graduate. It is obvious that they are going to go far in this world and will influence many lives in their journey through adulthood. The next article will feature Keely Drummond and Karlee Permann.

On a side note, the senior class has selected their motto: "Always follow your dreams but remember the road that takes you home." -Tim McGraw. They have also narrowed down their list of possible speakers and ordered their cap and gowns last week. The Class of 2020 is excited to graduate this spring but still has a lot of preparation to get done before the big day arrives.

This year's class has been very influential both in and outside the walls of Belt High School and the entire community will be very sad to see them go but excited to see what they do in the future and how they make their mark on the world. By: Sierra Reese

## Art Classes

This week, students in art had a project in which they were asked to come up with their own unique idea. They were encouraged to use their creativity to assemble something of their choice.

Brooke Schraner, a senior chose to do a print making project. Schraner picked this style of art because she was interested and wanted to try something new. Schraner chose to stamp a basketball going through and net because she loves basketball. It took Schraner around two weeks to complete and she says "my favorite part is the basketball going through the net". She adds that the most challenging part was carving the clay.

When asked if she would like to do this project again or recommend it to others, she replies "I would do this project again, since it was challenging but fun. I would also recommend this to others". When asked what advice she would give to someone trying to do printmaking she would say "make the cuts deep enough and follow the lines".

The second project is by Candyce Davison, also a senior, she decided to shade a picture of Coach Graham. Davidson chose to do this because she says "it was for a gift". This took Davison three and a half weeks to complete. Davison's favorite is the shading, but she adds it was also the most challenging part. Davison would recommend this project to people who like Coach Graham.

She would say to someone trying this for the first time to "take your time shading to try to make it look realistic". She adds "it was hard work, but it paid off in the end."

The third student inter-


viewed for this week is Aubrey Johnson, a freshman. For her project she decided to use the method of string art/nail art. Johnson chose this project because she always wanted to try it but never had the motivation to. This project took Johnson about two weeks to complete. These two weeks started out by her cutting and sanding a piece of wood to form a circle. She drew her outline of her tree, with some chalk. She then used little nails to hammer the outline that she made. Once that was done, Johnson used white yarn to weave the through the nails to create her final product. Johnson says the most challenging part was nailing the outline of the branches.

Johnson would do this project again but with a different design she says. Johnson would definitely recommend it to anyone who is looking for a fun project that is hard to mess up, and requires little talent. Johnson really enjoyed creating this project and having the freedom to choose what she wanted to do and

## Sports Banquet Notice

A fall sports banquet will be held on December $9^{\text {th }}$ to commemorate the achievements that the stu-dent-athletes have accomplished so far throughout the fall sports season.

This banquet will start at

6:00 p.m. and will host players from the football, volleyball, and cross-country teams will all come together to support each other, and to receive awards for their work and what they have done. Most of the awards given to the players have
been voted on by their teammates.
The coaches will also announced statistical leaders and which players were selected for the All-Conference and All-State Teams.

The Belt Performing Arts Center has a fantastic goal to serve the community and anyone interested to come to watch their four spectacular shows during this fall through spring season. The art center, with 114 seats, will be holding the following, Steve Olson Orchestra, Psychic Dynasty, and The Gothard Sisters.

The Steve Olson Orchestra with Joel Corda's is scheduled to perform on Sunday, December $15^{\text {th }}$, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Steve Olson the CMR music teacher, composer, violinist, pianist, and a Belt graduate, will be performing with his all-volunteer orchestra and vocalist Joel Corda. In this performance they will be performing their Christmas album "Merry Christmas from Great Falls, Montana". With a total of 13 songs.

The next performance will

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be The Psychic Dynasty held on Sunday, February 9th, at 4:00 p.m. The father/daughter duo is known as a fast paced, astonishing, sophisticated comedy with a talent for creating mind reading effects. This act is "wow-worthy entertainment" designed to be family appropriate with no dirty and crude jokes. The audience will enjoy the selection of "mind boggling" original acts delivered by this talented pair

The Gothard Sisters will provide the season finale, slated for Friday, March $20^{\text {th }}$, at 7:00 p.m. These sisters are a talented tandem who focus their performances on Contemporary Celtic music. They use a selection of instruments such as violin, acoustic guitar, mandolin, bodhran, djembe, octave violin, and whistle and vocal harmonies. These trio of sisters have been performing together for ten years. Their newest
original album called "Midnight Sun" reached number six on the billboard world music charts. They have performed at all sorts of venues all over the country.

People who buy the season tickets have access to an additional 31 performances for only $\$ 5$ fee per show. Season tickets are $\$ 60$, if bought a season pass it saves $\$ 25$ and an additional discount on 31 of the shows. Tickets can be purchased online.

Another way The Belt Performing Arts Center could use some support from their Christmas ornaments being sold at the theater lobby for $\$ 15$. Questions should be directed to Amy at (406) 277-3844 or email belttheater@gmail.com. Everyone is encouraged to check out the Belt Performing Art Center at BeltPerformingArtsCenter.com.

By: Gentry Johnson

## Black Friday/Cyber Monday

After Thanksgiving there is a tradition in America to blow the bank account with superior deals. The events are known as Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

During these days people strategically plan out items to buy, then rush into the stores and make their big purchases.

Black Friday is a holiday/ event that occurs the day after Thanksgiving. On Black Friday most Americans will probably be found hitting up stores for the best deals. On Black Friday numerous stores prepare the best discounts, deals, and trades for their loyal customers. Black Friday was estab-
lished in Philadelphia and Canada in 1952.

On the other hand, Cyber
Monday, the e-commerce version of Black Friday, is an event that was established in 2005. Hopefully, everyone survived these "shop til you drop" events relatively unscathed.

By: Haley Hoerner

Montana's law prohibits anyone from driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle when someone has a blood alcohol concentration of $.08 \%$ or more, with a (THC) level of $5 \mathrm{ng} / \mathrm{ml}$ or more, and if under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Montana DUI penalties can alter based on the situations of the case. In the first offence there can be up to 6 months (24-hour minimum) jail time, $\$ 600$ to $\$ 1000$ in fines, and a license suspension for 6 months. For the second and third offence the consequences go up/higher in jail time, fines, and license suspension. To avoid these harsh penalties always remember to...

## Never Drink \& Drive!



This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force

Calendar of Events

Day Time Event

12/8 7:30 a.m. Holiday Craft Show for DECA in the Multi-Purpose Room
12/10 7: 30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
12/11 3:30 p.m. Dance in the Cafeteria
Pre Ballet \& Tap @ 3:30
Ballet 1 @ 4:00
Ballet 2 @ 4:30
Dance team@ 5: 10
12/12 7:00 p.m. 5-12 Christmas Concert in Gym
12/13 4:00 p.m. Dance Recital in the MPR- Stage Boys and Girls Basketball in Shelby
12/14 Boys and Girls Basketball in Shelby
12/18 3:30 p.m. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dance in Cafeteria } \\ & \text { Same schedule as above }\end{aligned}$
12/20 4:00 p.m. Colony Christmas Program-Elementary

## Student Birthdays

| Name | Grade | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wade Hoyer | K | December 10 |
| Parker Osterman | 6 | December 17 |
| Katy Rubeck | 6 | December 8 |

## Craft Show

DECA is hosting a Holiday Craft Show and Bazar on Sunday, December $8^{\text {th }}$ from 10am to 3 pm in the Multi Purpose room.

The event will feature local artists, craft makers, and direct sales. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come. DECA is in charge of organizing and promoting the event.

DECA members will also be selling coffee and concessions. The objective for this event is to raise money for DECA expenses.

The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players spearheaded the event last year with a Christmas event and a spring craft show, but they are not planning on doing it this year.

Rather than see this great event disappear DECA has taken the challenge to pick it up and make it their own. While DECA is hosting the event, it is a great way to support local business owners and artists.

If interested in becoming a vendor register at: hhttps://forms.gle/5Jd1qxdxc9YNZWSGA or log on to: jtillman@beltschool.com

By: Gentry Johnson


Riddle Answers

* A Stamp
* Frost Bite
* Because grease (Greece) is
at the bottom
* Mailbox
* A Clock


