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## Lady Husky Hardware

This week the Lady Husky Golf Team journeyed to Seeley Lake for the state golf meet and returned yesterday with a second place team trophy. In the process, junior Hannah Schweitzer and senior Kara Neal received individual medal for their efforts.

After a practice round on Monday at the Double Arrow Golf Course the official competition was held Tuesday and Wednesday. Schweitzer and Neal were joined by seniors Adrianna Irvine and Mo Wall representing Belt.

After day 1, the girls were in second place, 24 strokes behind eventual team champ Manhattan Christian as Schweitzer fired a 101, followed by Neal at 108, Irvine with a 124, and Wall's 133.

The meet wrapped up on Wednesday. Schweitzer backed up her personal best with another solid round of 106 to secure the 4th place medal. Neal finished her high school career with a score of 110, good for the 12th spot. Irvine and Wall shot

133 and 128 respectively. Coach Stinson was proud of the girls, who played their best at the state competition. The Lady Eagles of Manhattan Christian were crowned team champions as the awards ceremony concluded.

**By: Karl Koontz**



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## Honors Diplomas

The honor students recently presented their honor portfolios and speeches on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Kara Neal started off the night with her speech of how honors has pushed her to do her best and has improved her work ethic. Then she displayed a roller coaster from her honors Physics class to the school board and community members. Shortly after Neal, Emily Highfill

presented an essay on abortion she had to complete for her History honors class. Highfill pleased the crowd with her comments to the questions being asked. The third person who went up to present was Adrianna Irvine. She boosted up the enthusiasm in the crowd with some sign language. She knew her audience very well and was aware that

most of them like coffee, so she taught them, "I like coffee," "I want coffee," and "I need coffee." Irvine plans on continuing her sign language in college while she majors in Elementary Education. After Irvine's interesting presentation, Harry Green presented his honors History essay. This essay was a comparative government essay that opened up his eyes to different

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## Honors Diplomas (Cont.)



countries across the world. He was able to share the fascinating information to the crowd which they found very interesting. The fifth honors student to present was Kassie Hoyer. Hoyer made her speech very professional as she used a PowerPoint for the audience to see her achievements in high school and which honors clas-

ses benefited her the most. Shortly after Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton presented her story book from her Advanced Biology class. Pimperton found this project difficult as she had to simplify the respiratory system for little kids. The story book was very stimulating and fun to listen to. The 7<sup>th</sup> honor student to present was Ali son Stoker. Stoker read one of her most proud essays

from the crowd. Isabelle Newman presented her Spanish display board and video after Stoker. As most people may know, Newman is an amazing dancer. She used her interest in dance and Spanish and combined them together for an honors Spanish project.



ses benefited her the most. Shortly after Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton presented



from her AP English class. After the essay, Stoker answered many questions



This is the first time that the honors program has had eight students complete the program. The school board and community are very proud of the students' hard work and their dedication to the honors program.

**By: Kara Neal**

## Spanish Class

Last issue, the Valley Voice published an article regarding Cinco de Mayo, but this week they'd like to share a recap of what students in Spanish classes did for the holiday. Cinco de Mayo is the memorial of the Battle of Puebla, a battle that boosted the morale and hope for the people of Mexico in their battle against French imperialism. Although the final outcome of the war favored the French, the battle is still significant, as it stands as a symbolic victory of the Mexicans defeating the French at a 1:3 ratio (2,000 Mexican troops vs 6,000 French troops) was significant to the Mexican morale.

Due to many students being absent for the track meet and missing

several classes due to Smarter Balanced Testing, the Spanish classes weren't able to delve into as many class activities regarding the holiday as they wanted. Although they couldn't practice the usual celebrations and activities, Mrs. Hiatt made sure that all classes received a brief overview of the holiday.

In Spanish I, Senorita Hiatt taught the students a song about the holiday, and then they made tortillas with the fixings provided. Middle school students had a blast learning the material, and making fried tortilla bowls for chalupas was a fine way to celebrate the Spanish Holiday.

Although the usual holiday activities did not follow through, it was very important for students to understand the basic background and history of Hispanic holidays. Not only does it help them make connections and comparisons to their own culture, it also makes for better global citizens.

Many students enjoyed the fun lessons about the holiday, and they were thankful for the food they were able to make. A big thanks to Senorita Hiatt for making ends meet even though some students missed out on the holiday fun and for bringing excitement to the classroom.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Golf Wrap-Up

The regular season just ended after the Lady Husky Team competed in Chinook on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Belt ladies placed third with a score of 334. Kara Neal took the lead with a score of 110, behind Neal, Adrianna Irvine and Hannah Schweitzer shot a 112. Irvine and Schweitzer finished in a tie, resulting in a chip off. Schweitzer beat Irvine, as Schweitzer placed 7<sup>th</sup> and Irvine placed 8<sup>th</sup>. Behind Schweitzer and Irvine, Mo Wall scored a 124 and Kali Duncan shot a 128. Tori Shelton took the lead with the JV girls scoring a 131. Right behind Shelton, Permann tallied a 132. Kassie Hoyer scored a 136, Elyse Adams shot a 137, Sydne Flinn scored a 138, Tori Sherwood tallied a 139, Raenita Berlinger fired a 154, and Keely Drummond shot 155.

The rookies had a fantastic season as they gained a variety of experience for their coming years in golf. Now the varsity ladies, Neal, Schweitzer, Irvine, and Wall, are preparing for State C golf.

The varsity members recently golfed at the 2017 state course, Double Arrow in Seeley. The ladies did amazing for their first round at the course without any knowledge of what the course was going to be like. Kara Neal scored a 105, Mo Wall shot a 110, Hannah Schweitzer tallied a 118, and Adrianna fired a 124. The golfers now have a feel of the Seeley course and will be practicing on the course again Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, the ladies will be competing for a 2017 state title. The seniors, Neal, Irvine, and Wall, will be enjoying their last round of golf this coming week and wishes the best to the golfers in the coming years.

The Lady Husky golf team concluded their season with their last team practice on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, 16 high school girls participated in the golf season, and Kara Neal, Adrianna Irvine, Hannah Schweitzer, and Mo Wall will be

heading to Seeley Lake for State Golf.

On Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, the team gathered in Mr. Koontz's room to clean out golf bags and wipe clubs clean. After the girls finished stacking their bags together, they indulged in an ice cream and Root Beer float party. They talked and laughed about memories from former years of golf and from this year, and Kassie Hoyer had something to share with the Valley Voice. "This was my first year of golf. It is a new sport for me, and that factor alone made the experience that much more exciting. While this is my last year as a Senior, I can carry this sport and its etiquette for the rest of my life," Kassie Hoyer.

Letters, certificates, and awards will be handed out at the athletic awards banquet Wednesday.

**By: Kara Neal**

## Principal's Report

The Valley Voice is wrapping up the school year with the final Principal's Report. Happily, students have not only succeeded in decreasing the office referral status in the past month, but they have also achieved a lower tardy rate. This time of the year is challenging for students due to finals and summer approaching, but students need to stay motivated and focus on what is at hand.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, fourteen middle school girls, chaperoned by Mrs. Vogt, headed to Bozeman to participate in the Expanding Your Horizons work shop. When arriving at MSU-Bozeman, the girls were exposed to a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields of study and career. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, *Chasing the Dragon* was presented to Belt Public Schools students, grades

7-12. The film presented the dangers of prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction, and questions by students were answered. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Belt Ambulance gave a brief lesson to all PE students, grades 6-12, on hands-only CPR. Gene and Karen Cantley, representing Belt Ambulance, covered the basics of CPR, and also taught the students how to recognize signs of a heart attack and stroke and how to control bleeding. The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players are performing at the Montana State University Black Box Theater on July 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be an outdoor performance at the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Staff Appreciation week was celebrated May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and the staff was gifted each day with a

small token of appreciation. Friday morning, the final day of the week, was capped off with a free morning latte, an early paycheck, and a Cinco de Mayo Luncheon. Five lucky teachers were selected for a free personal day, and Mr. Adams enjoyed his fishing trip very much.

Upcoming events for the month of May include: 2017 Graduation at 2:00 p.m. in the Belt Public School gymnasium and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation at 7:00 p.m. on May 25<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. The Valley Voice will also publish an additional issue that includes the State Track Meet in Laurel on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and they will also give an update for State Golf.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Middle School Olympics

Everyone is becoming more and more excited for warm weather, and the middle school teachers decided that their students deserved a day of fun in the sun. Not only was it a nice break after Smarter Balanced Testing, but the treat also encouraged them to soar academically and appropriately in the classroom. A big thank you to Mr. Koontz for organizing the event and the games it entailed.

Along with Mr. Koontz's efforts, Mrs. Meissner, Mrs. Stinson, and Mr. Paulson volunteered to chaperone the event and help with the crowd of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. On Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, students ranging from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the Middle School Olympics, where students

battled in Relay Races, Tug O' War, Trashcan Frisbee, Lightning, and Dodge Ball. Team points were awarded based on the team's finishing position in each event, and teams were made by Jaren Maki, Jess Bodner, Harry Green, and Mr. Koontz's draft. The draft was eight teams that consisted of seven members, all of which being randomly selected from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

"Thanks to the teachers for the nice break. I really hope it continues so that other classes can have fun with it," Sabrina Wing stated when asked about the Olympics. "The Olympics was such a fun experience, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class wants to thank Mr. Koontz for or-

ganizing the event. Shout out to the teachers who chaperoned as well," Livvy Shelton, 8<sup>th</sup> grade participant noted.

The Champs included: Makaila Marchington, Cierra Kelly, Maddisen Osterman, T.J. Hennes, Corbyn Nebel, Mason Williams, and Gabriel Triplett. "The Olympics was a reward for the hard work displayed in the classroom and Smarter Balance, and the students had the chance to enjoy fresh air on a north central Montana Day. We had to race the weather...and we won!" Mr. Koontz said, satisfied with the day's events.

**By: Morgan Davis**





## Track and Field

Track season is coming into a close as the trackletes finished up pre-districts, districts, and divisionals all in Great Falls at Memorial Stadium. The track and fielders competed at the 10C/8C Pre-District Meet on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The following week on Friday, they also participated in the 8C District Meet. Yesterday, the Northern C Divisional Meet took place. In order to advance to state, the athletes must place in the top five or meet the pre-set qualifying standards. Sprints, hurdles, distance, relay, throwing, jumping

At the pre-district meet, the male athletes represented the Huskies well. Jess Bodner finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.38. In the hurdles, Adam Langston earned 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110 hurdles with a time of 18.35.

The distance crew also ran well during the meet. In 800 meter run, Keagan Stroop took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Harry Green finished 4<sup>th</sup>. They had times of 2:10.91 and 2:12.64. The pair also finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mile. Stroop had a time of 4:47.48 and Green finished with 4:59.26. Robbie Gliko finished 5<sup>th</sup> with a time of 5:20.55. In the 2 mile, Green took 3<sup>rd</sup> and was followed by Stroop. They crossed the line when the clock read 10:51.67 and 11:08.22.

The short relay team earned 5<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 49.22, while the long relay team took 2<sup>nd</sup> with a finish of 3:47.28.

Jaren Maki placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the shot put with a put of 42-08.5. He also took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the discus with a throw of 147-10.

In the high jump, Antonio Heaton jumped 5-08, good for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bodner finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the long jump with a leap of 18-06. He also took 6<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump with a jump of 36-08.

As for the ladies, in the 100 meter dash, Sara Anderson finished

4<sup>th</sup> with a time of 13.97. Anderson also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 meter dash. She crossed the line when the clock read 28.63. Adelle Meissner finished 6<sup>th</sup> with a time of 14.38 in the 100 meter dash. Meissner ran the 400 meter dash in 1:06.79, good for 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the hurdles, Anderson took 1<sup>st</sup> in both. In the 100 meter hurdles, she finished with a time of 17.42. In the 300 meter hurdles, she had a time of 49.28. Brooke Schraner placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 hurdles with a time of 54.83.

In the long distance events, Kolby Pimperton took 6<sup>th</sup> in the mile with a time of 6:24.88 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2 mile with a finish of 13:55.5.

The short relay crew finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 55.57.

In the shot put, Dani Urick placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with a put of 33-02.5. Urick took 1<sup>st</sup> in the javelin with a throw of 124-10. Kerstyn Pimperton placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the jav, with a heave of 112-09. Jordan Swanson placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the shot put with a heave of 30-09. Swanson also took 4<sup>th</sup> in the discus with a distance of 87-08.

Urick earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the high jump clearing 5-00. Morgan Cooper jumped 4-10, good for 4<sup>th</sup>. Cooper also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump, leaping 30-08.

Both the boys' and the girls' team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the meet overall.

Last week, on Friday the district meet took place. In the boys' 100 meter dash, Bodner crossed the line when the clock read 12.12, earning 5<sup>th</sup> place and advancing to divisionals. Langston blew away his competition in the 110 meter hurdles, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place with a time of 17.58. Hunter Vogl, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 43.9.

Stroop and Green placed 1<sup>st</sup>

and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mile and 2 mile. They finished with time of 4:51.94 and 4:52.09 in the mile. In the 2 mile, 10:59.98 and 11:00.31 were their times. Stroop also ran the 800, he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, crossing the line when the clock read 2:05.63. Green placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800 with a time of 2:07.82. Right behind him was Flinn with a finish of 2:13.44. Gliko ran the mile, taking 5<sup>th</sup> with a time of 5:24.2. He ran an 11:10.78 2 mile, good for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the short relay, the team took 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 49.04 finish. The long relay team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 3:49.98.

Maki won all three throwing events. In the shot put he put a distance of 44-05. With a distance of 130-03, Maki defeated all of his competition. Finally, in the jav, Maki heaved the spear a total of 161-09. Bodner took 5<sup>th</sup> in the shot with a distance of 37-08 and 4<sup>th</sup> in the discus with 106 distance. Gavin Roberts placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the shot put with a heave of 36-09. Troy Hennes threw the discus a distance of 112-02, good for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Heaton threw the discus a total of 104-03 feet, earning 5<sup>th</sup> place.

In the high jump, Heaton jumped 5-10, earning 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Heaton also took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump with a jump of 18. Bodner finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump, leaping 18-08.25. He finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the triple jump, with a distance of 37-04.

In the girls' division, Anderson notched top places in the 100, 200, and both of the hurdles. In the 100 and 200, Anderson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a times of 13.16 and 28.47. In 100 and 300 meter hurdles, she took home the blue ribbon with finishes of 17.09 and 49.2. Meissner placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the

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# Elevate Skills Camp

The annual basketball Elevate Skill Camp will be taking place on June 20th through June 23rd. This skill camp accepts boys and girls from grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$125 a camper, and on June 20th-22nd the camp will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. On the last day of the camp, the young ballers will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 12 p.m.

The camp is run by Belt High graduate Reece Gliko, a standout player on team from both Highwood and Belt. Gliko still holds the all time scoring record for Montana prep basketball scoring. He amassed nearly 3,000 point as a high school ball player. He also spent two years as the head coach of the Husky hoops team

a decade ago.

Every camper needs to provide his/her own water bottle, lunch, and ball. This camp improves the athletic ability on the basketball court as it focuses on a variety of defensive and offensive skills. There are also many other challenging games and drills to get the kids prepared for their competitions. The championship day will be held on that following Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This Elevate Skill Camp is a great thing to consider according to Stacie Sakwinski from Great Falls, as she stated, "I cannot say enough about the quality of Reece's training sessions, especially of the focus

on skills and attention to my daughter's specific needs. He is a very talented teacher with a unique ability to break down and explain skills in a way the kids can understand. My daughter's offensive skills increased dramatically due to her work with Reece. He has left her with a lasting knowledge, passion, and a love for the game."

**By: Kara Neal**



This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force

Not many people pay attention to all of the harm that drinking and driving does especially during the summer when multiple BBQ's, parties, rodeos, and reunions are taking place. Everyone just wants to have a good time and put everything consisting of worries and conflicts on the side. They begin to forget the fact that driving while intoxicated costs lives.

Around summer time more than 10 people die each day because they or someone else was to careless to either call a sober/designated driver to take them home or stay somewhere for the night. Sometimes many people are just too intoxicated to even care about what they are doing.

Before going out to celebrate or hangout with a few friends people need to make a plan that includes the following: how am I going to get home, do I have a place I can stay for the night to sober up if things don't go according to plan, what time do I plan to go home, am I really sober enough to drive or is it just in my head. Make sure to have a plan. Don't be foolish and reckless. There are multiple lives being put at stake when someone drinks and drives.

Look at it like this "Do I really want to put my family or someone else's family in pain? Do I want that guilt on my hands? Is flipping the coin with Death really worth it?" Don't turn a time of celebration into a time of mourning.

**Don't Drink and Drive**  
and have a good summer.

## Spanish Field Trip

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, students in Spanish classes 2-4 participated in a 4 & ½ hour field trip to Great Falls to aid in expanding their Spanish skills and comprehending the language in the real world. Thanks to bus driver, Gary Crowder, Miss Hiatt, Mrs. Adams, and the 8 students were able to fulfill a day of Spanish activities. Miss Hiatt would like to not only thank the Administration for allowing this annual field trip, but she would also like to thank the teachers for tolerating the students' absence for the first half of the day.

The bus departed from BVHS at 8:15 a.m., and students were required to speak Spanish from the time that the bus reached the top of the grade to the time of their return at 12:45 p.m. Despite the difficult task and several slips, the students attempted to meet the challenge and Miss Hiatt was very pleased with their efforts. Their first stop was the new Walmart, where students participated in a treasure hunt event. As, Subway as their 'home base' and students were placed in teams of 4

The first stop was to the new WalMart on the east end of Great Falls, where students used Subway as their 'home base'. They were placed in teams of 4 & given instructions on the

scavenger hunt, as well as a general layout of the new building. The objective was to choose a clue (each clue had a product described in Spanish) & find the price of that item. They worked in two's, & had to take a picture with that item and tell either Señora Adams or Señorita Hiatt the price of that item while showing the picture. If students had the right price, they earned a point for their team. They saw clues from all sections of the store, many of which were vocabulary words that were learned throughout the year. With such a big store, there was A LOT of walking (just ask those with FitBits), and a lot of clues that we couldn't get to due to time constraints.

Our next stop was to Lion's Park, where students learned a 'cup game' & corresponding song. They then had a race to retrieve flags from each of 5 different pieces of playground equipment (again, all from a unit we've covered this semester), after being told (in Spanish) which items had flags. It was a rápido race, but fun. Students burned off enough energy in the first two stops to be hungry enough for our final part of the trip.

Fiesta en Jalisco Mexican

restaurant was the final leg of the excursion, and students used their skills to order a variety of delicious Mexican dishes. They experienced a few cultural differences, as well. In addition to the menu & Mexican music, despite our being in a time crunch, they were certainly not (a concept called 'hora latina'), and we had to push to get served & back on the bus in time for afternoon classes.

On the bus ride on the way home, students had races to find certain items in Spanish magazines (in addition to eating their dessert from the restaurant). Then, they had a brief lesson on balloon sculpting. The day flew by, and before anyone knew it, the bus had arrived back in Belt. The students were tired from trying to speak & understand Spanish the whole time, but Miss Hiatt was pleased with their efforts. It was nice to apply the new learning in a real world environment.

Miss Hiatt is very grateful to the administration for allowing this field trip to occur each Spring, as well as to the teachers that tolerated students being gone for half the day.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Graduation

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2017 will take place on Sunday, May 21st in the Belt School Gymnasium. The program is slated to kick off at 2:00 p.m. Twenty graduates will receive their diplomas during the ceremony that will include: valedictory and salutatory addresses from two seniors and commencement address delivered by Mick Delaney.

The entire program is projected to last about an hour and a half and will be followed by several graduation parties hosted by the proud families of the class members.

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2017 on completing on completion of the high school careers





## Goodbye Mr. Nordquist

Mr. Gabriel Nordquist-Palmer began working at Belt Public School at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, and although he's enjoyed his stay, he has decided to pursue another journey in life. Mr. Nordquist graduated from Charles M. Russell High School, and he received his education at the University of Montana. While he has a deep love for teaching, he'd like to delve into a new study, firefighting, and traveling.

Mr. Nordquist's plans for the summer are to work for the United States Forest Service until their season concludes in September. One of his goals is to become a smoke jumper, a parachutist that drops into higher elevations of the fire in order to help extinguish quickly and efficiently. This will be a great opportunity for him to save money for his traveling expenses. After he finishes firefighting, Mr. Nordquist plans to backpack around Europe, and one of the

first places he wants to see is Germany. After recently finishing "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac, he was inspired to travel and see the world for himself. Traveling is a great way to see the world while finding yourself, but Mr. Nordquist has a pretty clear idea of his future career.

After traveling, Mr. Nordquist would like to resume his job as a band teacher. He hopes to teach at the high school level, but he's still willing to teach classes such as guitar and choir along with his main field of study – band and instrumental music. Mr.

Nordquist's long term goal is to become a college professor for teaching band because "The arts are not a good way to make a living, they very human way of making life bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake." one of his favorite quotes, by

Kurt Vonnegut, explains. "The whole point of music is expression," Mr. Nordquist comments about the beauty of music and teaching music.

Mr. Nordquist will be greatly missed by his students. Whether it was high school and middle school Pep Band bus rides, the music festival the junior high and 6<sup>th</sup> grade attended, or simply concerts held in the Belt Public School gym, he was able to connect with and touch many students. "Never stop creating," was the advice GKNP, or Mr. Nordquist, gave Belt Public School students. When asked what he will miss the most, with absolutely no hesitation, he replied, "The students and Miss Patty." Belt Public School, teachers, staff, and students thank Mr. Nordquist greatly for his time.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Lewis and Clark Caverns

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders went on a field trip to the Lewis and Clark Caverns at 7:40 a.m. They arrived home about 6:15 p.m., and overall they had a great time.

Luckily the students were given the Husky Bus (the bus can play movies and has comfy seats). Given the fact that they were able to ride the Husky Bus the students got the chance to watch several different movies. Some of the movies were Moana, Alice through the Looking Glass, and Baker's Hawk.

Once they arrived at their destination the group of students were divided into two different groups. Throughout the actual field trip the students, teachers, and chaperones went on a hike up to the cave opening and then ventured into the caverns. During their tour the students learned the history of the caverns and about their formation. The tour took a total

of two hours and the students walked over 2 miles exploring the caverns.

The students absolutely enjoyed their time walking through the caverns and learning about their history. Even the teachers (Mrs. Visocan & Mrs. Metrione) and the chaperones had a blast. Overall the entire field trip from the bus ride to the caverns all the way to the bus ride home took a total of ten and a half hours. Even though it was long everyone had a fantastic time.

Mrs. Visocan and Mrs. Metrione wish to do the same field trip next year as well as the years after that. When asked if they would have changed anything the answer was no. Everyone thought that the field trip was great and even more so considering that it was 75 degrees outside.

**By: Abby Marchington**

## Help Wanted



Belt School is looking for Individuals who take pride in their work, community, and Belt school to join our support staff. Immediate opening for custodian, full time. We also have openings for bus drivers and substitute and/or games custodian.

Starting pay is \$10.40 an hour for custodians DOE, no experience needed; and \$12.85 for bus drivers, CDL is required and district will compensate for training for qualified candidate.

To apply, call the school at 277-3351, pick up an application at the school, or complete the application online at:

[www.beltschool.com](http://www.beltschool.com)



## Grandma Goodman

While most people are preparing for summer vacation and this summer's events, Joyce Goodman will be relaxing and enjoying her retirement. The 2016-17 school year has been a great year, but many people are going to miss Grandma Goodman and all of the happiness and help she brought to people.

Joyce Aileen Goodman graduated from Great Falls High, and she completed her years of schooling at the College of Great Falls, which is presently known as the University of Great Falls. Grandma Goodman began working at Belt Public school fifteen years ago, and she is currently the Foster Grandparent in 1st grade, or the teacher's aid. Her work has made a huge difference in the lives of

the young people she's touched.

Her plans for retirement are to catch up on little things at her house, and she will greatly miss all of the hugs, smiles, and helping out the children. "Thank you for the privilege of helping here," Mrs. Goodman thanks Belt Public School staff, teachers, and students.

Grandma Goodman has made many differences in the first grade classroom, but the most remembered characteristic will be her kind demeanor that touched her students, her co-worker, and anyone and everyone around her. The high school would like to thank her for substituting occasionally, and the elementary will forever remember her warm hugs and help. Belt Public



Schools is proud to have had Mrs. Goodman on their team. She will forever be a Husky in the Valley Voice's heart.

**By: Morgan Davis**

## Track and Field (Cont.)

100 with a time of 13.47. She crossed the line when the clock read 28.47 in the 200, good for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meissner ran the 400 meter dash and earned 4<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 1:06.78.

Kolby Pimperton placed in the long races, running 6:26.26 and 13:45.1 respectively in the 1600 and 3200 meter races. The Belt ladies captured third place in the short relay, as Andrews, Norstedt, H. Stoker, and Meissner finished at 56.81. In the final running event the Maroon and Gold gals took third behind the efforts of both Pimpertons, Cooper, and H. Stoker. Their time was 5:04.49.



In the field events at district, Dani Urick garnered three medals: 1st in the javelin (128'-10"), 2nd in the high jump (5'-2"), and 3rd in the shot put (33'-8"). Ke. Pimperton notched third in the javelin (128'-2")

Also placing in the shot were: H. Stoker (30'-5"), Norstedt (28'-1"), and J. Stoker (27'-3"). The discus competition saw Belt athletes finish 3rd through 6th, with Swanson (92'-8"), H. Stoker (85'-10"), Norstedt (81'), and J. Stoker (79'-4") all placing

Three Belt long jumpers scored points. Anderson (15'-5.5"), Meissner (13'-10.25"), and Andrews (12'-1.5") placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Cooper was third best in the triple jump with a leap of (31'-1.5").

Both boys and girls teams won the 8-C District meet at Memorial Stadium in Great Falls and prepared



for the next level of competition.

The Northern C Divisional Meet was also held at Memorial Stadium yesterday. The top five athletes in each event qualified for next week's state meet in Laurel. The boys took home the top prize in the team competition and the girls finished third. Times and distances from divisional as well as state track results will be available in the year-end edition of the Valley Voice.

**By: Kerstyn Pimperton**

## First People's Buffalo Jump

## Calendar



May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. the third graders went on a field trip to the First People's Buffalo Jump in Ulm under the super vision of their teacher Ms. Jones and chaperone Ms. Maas.

On the field trip the students spent most of their time outdoors. They learned how to play two Native American games called Double Ball and Shinny. Both games were mainly meant for the young Native American women, but over time it has become acceptable for both

genders to join in on the game. Along with getting to play games the students also went on a scavenger hunt and a hike. During their hike the students walked a total of three miles while learning about the Native American buffalo jump. The weather

was great the day of their field trip and they were able to soak up some rays.

Overall everyone enjoyed their time learning through fun activities and all enjoyed the beautiful weather. Aside from everything Mrs. Jones hopes to take her next batch of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on the same field trip given the fact that throughout the years the different batches of third graders have been going on the same field trip.

**By: Abby Marchington**

May 21<sup>st</sup> - High School Grad Day  
@ 2:00pm-4:00pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Finals Testing Grades

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Odd Classes) ■■

[bring your pencils]

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Finals Testing Grades

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Even Classes) ■■

[bring your pencils]

May 25<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad Day@  
7:00pm-8:00pm

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School for  
all students (gets out at  
12:31pm)

May 26<sup>th</sup> - State Track Meet  
@8:00 a.m.

May 27<sup>th</sup> - State Track Meet  
@8:00 a.m.

June 1<sup>st</sup> - 4-H Blood Drive  
@12:00 p.m.

## Summer Break

The 2016-17 school year is quickly coming to its conclusion, and the Valley Voice would like to do a recap of the year. This year, the Valley Voice printed nearly two dozen publications that included events such as: the Bond Initiative, Facility Upgrades, Texting and Driving, Robert Back's Progress Report, President Trump's Election, Science Olympiad, Killer Cooks, Science Fair, Custodial Staff, 2017 Belt Volleyball and Girls' Basketball State Championship, and Belt on the Fringe.

While many students and teachers are excited for summer days, the memories and events of 2016-17 will forever be in the back

of their minds.

The Class of 2017 completed their last day at BVHS yesterday, and their graduation will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Belt School Gymnasium on Sunday. The following students will receive their diplomas on Sunday, Garrett Adams, Sara Anderson, Jess Bodner, Kali Duncan, Harry Green, Emily Highfill, Kassie Hoyer, Adrianna Irvine, Emily Langston, Jaren Maki, Dawson Marquis, Jason Metrione, Kara Neal, Isabelle Newman, Taylor Olson, Kerstyn Pimperton, Alison Stoker, Zeb Visocan, Mo Wall, and Kirsten Welling. Best of luck to those students!

The Valley Voice will pub-

lish a Special Edition article regarding graduation, track results, and fun activities conducted during the last week of school, and Mr. Koontz will publish and distribute that issue on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Valley Voice would like to thank all of its supporters, including local businesses and community members, the staff at the school, and all who took a moment to read the paper. The Voice staff and editors are excited for what the 2017-18 school year has to offer. Have a safe, productive summer. In the meantime, farewell, for now!

**By: Morgan Davis**

Games/ Puzzles	Inspirational Quotes
<p>Complete the following riddles</p> <p>You're running a race and you just passed the person in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. What place are you in now?</p> <p>What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, but never in a thousand years?</p> <p>How much dirt is in a hole that is 4 feet x 5 feet x 6 feet?</p> <p>What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?</p> <p>What grows when it eats, but dies when it drinks?</p> <p>Answer to last edition's game: Senior Taylor Olson</p>	<p>The year is winding down which means graduation is around the corner (Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2 p.m. in the Belt gym). The mighty class of 2017 is making the next big step in their lives and have had a road of forever remembered memories thanks to the community of Belt. So, this week's Inspirational Quotes is going to hone in on memories.</p> <p>"You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories."- Stanislaw Jerzy Lec</p> <p>"Keep all special thoughts and memories for lifetimes to come. Share these keepsakes with others to inspire hope and build from the past, which can bridge to the future."- Mattie Stepanek</p> <p>"The older we get, the swifter time seems to pass and the quicker memories seem to fade."- Brian Sibley</p> <p>As the class of 2017 walks the stage this Sunday to accept their diplomas, memories will flood their minds and tears will be streaming. Memories are something to hold on to forever and the graduating class is ready to take that next leap with those memories right in their back pocket.</p>

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