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2017 Graduation

Memories, laughter, and tears were shared in the Belt Valley High School Gym on May 21st as twenty seniors walked across the stage to accept their diplomas. Accompanied by the band and Mr. Paulson, Adrianna Irvine, Salutatorian,



and Harry Green, Valedictorian, welcomed the large crowd that attended the event. Both gave touching addresses.

After the BVHS band ushered the graduates into their seats with the Processional piece, Mr. Paulson addressed and welcomed the guests, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the graduating Class of

1967. Adrianna and Harry were then able to share their insights with the group, and many laughs were conjured by their humor and light-heartedness. Following the cheery speeches, the Belt choir shared a piece called "Night Wendete" in honor of the graduation Class of 2017.

Class president

Kassie Hoyer introduced and welcomed the class's guest speaker, Mick Delaney. The speech he gave was brief and to the point, and the graduates were proud and honored by his words.

Mr. Delaney presented the senior class with five life-long points that would apply to and help

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8th Grade Graduation

The transition from middle school to high school can be a nerve racking, difficult experience for students because they're facing new challenges and new expectations. High school is much more demanding than what these soon-to-be freshmen have faced in their elementary and middle school years, but the mighty class of

2021 has the potential and drive to accomplish the standards of the newest level and exceed expectations.

On Thursday, May 25th, nineteen eighth grade students walked across the Belt Valley High School gymnasium to receive their 8th Grade Graduation certificates, officially making the Class of 2021 freshmen

(hard to believe).

These students were proud of their achievements as they strode across the gym, and the graduates included: Hunter Adams, Zach Buskirk, Leaf Corrow, Cody Cittendon, Jessica Downard, Kaimen Evans, T.J. Hennes, Cierra Kelly, Riley Larsen, Madisyn Lords, Faith Marchington,

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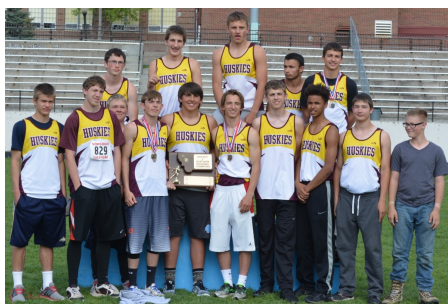
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State Track and Field

The final athletic event of the 2016-17 campaign wrapped up over the weekend as the Class C State Track and Field Championships were held Friday and Saturday in Laurel. Fourteen of Belt's finest represented the Huskies in a wide variety of events.

Junior Keagan Stroop had a great showing in the distance events. He placed 2nd in both the 1600 meter run (4:41.68) and the 3200 (10:13.49), and grabbed third spot in the 800 (2:00.57). Senior Harry Green crossed the line in the 1600 at 4:51.38, good for 11th place.

Jaren Maki was Belt's second most decorated athlete, spinning the discus out there 148'-9" on his was to fourth place individually. Maki also hoisted the javelin 166'-8" for 7th.



No other Belt kids medaled, but several put together noteworthy performances. Senior Jess Bodner finished his high school sports career with a 38'-4" effort in the triple jump, and freshman Hunter Vogl covered the 300 meter hurdle course in 44.44 seconds in the prelims. Fellow rookies Adam Langston competed in the 110 meter hurdles, but false started.

The boys 1600 meter relay team of Vogl, Stroop, Green and junior Robbie Flinn circled the track four times with a mark of 343:48. The boys finished in 6th place as a team. Ennis won the team crown for the third straight year.

The Lady Huskies tracksters finished tied for 24th in the team standings as the Lady Longhorns of Fort Benton took the top spot on the podium.

Sara Anderson was busy, competing in four individual events, including: 200 meter dash (27.26-11th place), 100 meter hurdles (16.33-7th place), and the 300 meter hurdles (48.37-8th place).

Junior Dani Urick represent-



ed Belt in three field events, scoring the girls only team points with a fourth place finish in the javelin (122'-1"). Urick also chucked the shot put 29'-7" and high jumped 5'-2".

Freshman Adelle Meissner gained valuable experience running in her first state 100 meter race. She stopped the clock at 13.66.

The long relay team of Meissner, Morgan Cooper, Kolby Pimperton, and Anderson finished ion the top ten, passing the baton around in 4:23.28.

The boys ended the season with a fifth consecutive Northern C team title and the girls were best in the 8-C district a few weeks earlier.

By: Morgan Davis

8th Grade Graduation (cont.)

Cole Marks, Mackenzie Martin, Anna Pethel, Sierra Reese, Alivia Shelton, Jason Wall, Mason Williams, and Sabrina Wing.

"Sometimes, the smallest step in the right direction can be the biggest step of your life," a quote that applies to the class of 2021 perfectly. As they move from childhood to the teenage world, they are going to face many opportunities and struggles that will greatly contribute to the biggest steps of their lives. The classmates also chose a very fitting song for their graduation – the Jurassic Park theme song.

These upcoming freshmen are entering high school with a roar! This year, the eighth grade graduation ex-

ercise was led by Sabrina Wing, addressing the Memories speech, Livvy Shelton, presenting the Inspiration speech, and Riley Larsen, concluding with the Future speech. Parents, family, friends, and the class of 2021 were able to share their memories, share inspiration with classmates and family members, and share the dreams of their future with the ones they love and those who they grew up with. Graduation turned out to be a great success for these students, and Belt Public School is excited to have them back

for the 2017-18 school year. The Valley Voice would like to remind students to enjoy a fun, safe summer.

By: Morgan Davis



Graduation *(cont.)*

them with the rest of their lives. His words will forever live in their minds and hearts, and the grads appreciate him being a part of their big day and his presentation.

Following Mr. Delaney's inspiring speech, Mr. Paulson recognized students who are receiving scholarships and awards. Students receiving Honors recognition or Honors scholarships included: Sara Anderson, Harry Green, Emily Highfill, Kassie Hoyer, Adrianna Irvine, Emily Langston, Kara Neal, Isabelle Newman, Kerstyn Pimperton, Alison Stoker, and Mo Wall. BVHS Choir presented, "Shoshone Love Song," for their final piece, and shortly afterwards, the seniors received their diplomas from Mr. Paulson, Mrs. Prody, and Chad Stroop, Board of Trustees Chairman. The rose ceremony and slide show were the most emotional moments of the event, as family, friends, and teachers watched the memories that the class of 2017 shared throughout their childhood and high school careers. Garrets Adams, son of Barney and Sandy Lopez, plans to enter the work force for a year before attending school to study diesel mechanics. Sara Anderson, daughter of Rob and Laurie Anderson, will attend the University of Montana Western in Dillon to major in secondary education. Jess Bodner, son of John and Mikell Bodner, will attend Montana State University and major in agricultural business. Kali Duncan, daughter of Shyla and Edward Sherwood, will attend East Central University in Oklahoma to study music and education. Harry Green, son of Jay and Kim Green, will attend Carroll College in Helena, Montana and will enter the pre-medicine program.

Emily Highfill, daughter of Darrin and Elizabeth Highfill, will participate in the Founge program at Great Falls New City Church for one year and then attend college. Kassie

Hoyer, daughter of Keith and Heather Hoyer, will attend Sheridan College in Wyoming on a basketball scholarship and plans to become a coach. Adrianna Irvine, daughter of Larry and Sandra Irvine, will attend Montana State University in Bozeman and will study elementary education with an endorsement in special education. Emily Langston, daughter of Hezekiah and DaNelle Langston, will attend the Montana Academy of Salons in Great Falls to become a cosmetologist. Kirsten Loucks, granddaughter of Kathy Loucks, will attend Montana State University in Bozeman for one year and then transfer out of state for a pre-veterinarian program. Jaren Maki, son of Paul and Suzy Maki, will attend Montana State University Northern in Havre to major in plumbing and welding. Dawson Marquis, son of Cory and Beckie Marquis, will attend Montana State University in Great Falls College for general education with plans to go into business of medicine. Jason Metrione, son of John and Kathy Metrione, will attend Montana State University Northern to study plumping and welding technology. Kara Neal, daughter of Allison Bergos, will work at the Ranch Club until the fall of 2017 and will attend Montana State University Northern to major in elementary education with a minor in business. Isabelle Newman, daughter of Jason and Jackie Newman, will attend Arizona State University where she will major in medical studies. Taylor Olson, son of Jeremiah and Anna Olson and Melissa Severin, will attend firefighter training in Colorado and will join the Coast Guard. Kerstyn Pimperton,

daughter of Gary and Polly Pimperton, will attend the University of Great Falls where she will play basketball for the Lady Argos and work to become a physical therapist. Alison Stoker, daughter of Chad and Laura Stoker, will work in a dental office until she can attend Northern Arizona University's Honors College to major in biology. Zeb Visocan, son of Jeff and Carrie Visocan, will attend the Art Institute of Seattle to major in digital film making and video production. Mo Wall, daughter of Tony and Phyllis Wall, will work at the Community Church Daycare this summer and will attend the University of Idaho in the fall to participate in the ROTC program.

While the Class of 2017 will be greatly missed by teachers, friends, and family, many people including the Valley Voice, Belt Public Schools, and the community are excited to see where their lives take them and what paths they may choose. . The Valley Voice wishes the best of luck to the Class of 2017 Huskies

"Our paths may change as life goes along, but the bonds between us remain ever strong,"- motto of the Mighty Class of 2017

By: Morgan Davis



2017 Spring Sports Banquet

The 2017 Spring Sports Award Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th, in the Belt Public School cafeteria. The Banquet was a great success with over 150 people attended the event.

The Lady Husky Basketball team, coached by Jeff Graham and assistant coaches, Suzy Maki and Renzi Horton was the first team to be recognized for their achievements, the biggest being State Champions. Lettering students included: Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, Sara Anderson, Briana Wall, Jordan Swanson, Dani Urick, Ryan Schraner, Adrian Malek, Morgan Cooper, Kolby Pimperton, Shelby Paulson, and Adelle Meissner. Participant certificates were handed out to Tori Shelton, Abby Gliko, Brooke Schraner, Karlee Permann, Grace Norstedt, and Kyelie Marquis. Ladies who received the Academic All-State Selections included Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, Sara Anderson, Jordan Swanson, Adrain Malek, Morgan Cooper, Kolby Pimperton, Shelby Paulson, and Adelle Meissner.

The Boys' Basketball team, coached by Mr. Paulson and assistant coaches Megan Graham and Tony Cooper, also presented their achievements at the event. The young men who lettered are Keagan Stroop, Harry Green, Brendan Wing, Brayden, Haugrose, Jess Bodner, Jaren Maki, Taylor Olson, Antonio Heaton, Trey Heitzman, Troy Hennes, Hunter Vogl, Adam Langston, and Kaimen Evans. Robbie Gliko, Cole Marks, T.J. Hennes, and Joao Coelho were awarded Participant certifications. The Academic All-State Selections were awarded to Harry Green and Hunter Vogl.

Husky Wrestling, coached by Tim Lords, presented Nolan Myrstol, Brandon Wall, and Andrew Stice with their wrestling letters. Braydon Marks was awarded a certificate for participa-

tion, and the Most Outstanding Wrestler was Nolan Myrstol, who made it to State Wrestling in Billings, MT.

Head Coach, Jackie Newman, introduced her team of cheerleaders and presented Grace Davison, Isabelle Newman, Javi Infantes, AJ Newman, Adam Langston, and Mo Wall with their letters. Participant certifications were awarded to Maggie Andrews, Sydne Flinn, Maki Haagenson, Emily Langston, Charity Highfill, and Aundrea Glick. The Academic All-State Selections were awarded to Aundrea Glick, Javi Infantes, Isabelle Newman, Emily Langston, and Mo Wall.

Golf coaches Michelle Stinson and Karl Koontz were proud to announce that Kara Neal, Adrianna Irvine, Mo Wall, Hannah Schweitzer, and Kali Duncan will receive letters. Student/athletes receiving the participation awards were: Kassie Hoyer, Morgan Davis, Tori Shelton, Elyse Adams, Raenita Berlinger, MaKayla O'Neil, Keely Drummond, Tori Sherwood, Sydne Flinn, Natalie Larsen, and Karlee Permann. Adrianna Irvine, Kara Neal, Mo Wall, and Hannah Schweitzer all received the Academic All-State Selections.

Coach Graham had the honor of announcing the Special Olympics and Rodeo statistics. In the Special Olympics, Nolan Urick placed 1st in 100M, 2nd in 4x100 relay, and he had 13 goals in 5 soccer games. Madisyn Lords 1st in Turbo Javelin, 1st in Standing Long Jump, and she placed 2nd in the 50M Dash. Tucker Johnson, has placed in several rodeo events and will be participating in the State Rodeo in Baker.

Coach Graham also handed out the Athlete of the Year and Golden Husky awards. Athlete of the year awards were presented to Jaren Maki, Harry

Green, Sara Anderson, and Kerstyn Pimperton. Sara Anderson, Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, Jess Bodner, Harry Green, and Jaren Maki all participated in at least 3 sports for all 4 years of their high school career, and these students were awarded the Golden Husky award.

The Valley Voice would like to recognize the Belt Booster Club for everything they've done for the school this year. After the sports banquet, a Belt Booster Club meeting was held to discuss fundraising and expenditures for the upcoming school year.

For the 2016-17 school year, the Boosters were able to purchase Volleyball Standards, sets of football shoulder pads, pom-poms for the cheerleaders, uniforms for the male cheerleaders, shooting jerseys for basketball, Little Husky basketball shirts, two large tents for high school track, food for the basketball teams when they travel to tournaments, one large tent for middle school track, sets of jerseys for the middle school football, goody bags for each athlete in all sports for post-season contests, and this fall Belt Public Schools will get lettering on the new travel bus.

Whether its athletes, students, teachers, parents, or the community, the appreciation for the Belt Booster Club goes far beyond the school. The Valley Voice would also like to remind the community that all parents and fans are members of the Belt Booster Club. A big thanks to everyone, ranging from the community, family, friends, teachers, and especially to the Belt Booster Club for all of their support and help.

By: Morgan Davis

2017 Academic Awards Ceremony

On Monday, May 15th, the 2017 Academic Awards Ceremony was conducted in the Belt Public School gymnasium. While Belt is known for their athletic achievements, many students are also soaring academically. The Academic Awards Ceremony was a great opportunity to recognize and honor those students for their hard work, commitment, and accomplishments.

In the elementary, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Visocan, Mrs. Metri-one, and Mrs. Vogt presented many students with awards that ranged from Reading, Math, Essay Contests, Science Fair Awards, Engineering Awards, to the National Scholastic Challenge award. These elementary students have gone above and beyond, and they're working hard to become the next Husky legacies. Coach Graham and Coach Cooper also handed out Pacer Test Awards to

those students who were able to beat the average level.

Middle School was also awarded with many recognitions such as the winner of the Spelling Bee, Asa Jassen, and the victor of the Geography Bee, Archer Throckmorton. For middle school and high school, Mrs. Horton presented Science Olympians with Science Olympiad awards, and DECA awards were also distributed by Mr. Hoyer.

For the high school, the Army Reserves Annual Scholar Athlete Award was earned by Sara Anderson and Adrianna Irvine. Adrianna was also presented the Black Eagle/Assiniboine Chapter Good Citizen Award. This year, the Pimperton Cash Award for an outstanding High School student in citizenship, with a passion for sports went to Kolby Pimperton. The Heisey Foundation \$150 Award for improvement in citizenship, scholar-

ship, and effort was awarded to Kassie Hoyer, Kara Neal, Taylor Olson, and Ashley Triviso. Zeb Visocan, Isabelle Newman, Harry Green, Nolan Myrstol, Troy Hennes, Adrian Malek, MaKayla O'Neil, Julia Vogt, Shelby Paulson, and Adelle Meissner represented the Principal's Cup Nominees, and they received awards for their hard work and efforts. Finally, the Bright Flight Award Winners, or the top 3 ACT scores, were award to Harry Green, Adrianna Irvine, and Emily Langston.

Academics are a great way to express work ethics, character, and the goals for the future. The academic leaders at Belt Public School are proud of their achievements and plan to continue pleasing their teachers, family, friends, classmates, and the community. Have a great day and GO HUSKIES!

By: Morgan Davis

Hydration

Summer time is known for its hot, dry weather and dehydrating conditions. Many people don't realize how crucial it is to the human body to stay hydrated and how negatively the body functions without it. Water is the best way to hydrate the body, and this will prevent the short term and long term consequences of dehydration.

While having fun in the sun, most people forget how essential it is to keep the body hydrated in order for it to function properly. The earliest signs of dehydration include: dry mouth, constantly thirsty, headache, fatigue/confusion, and a dark colored urination, which can all lead to fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and more severe cases may lead to organ problems and

constipation. Forgetting or neglecting to hydrate slowly damages the body and breaks down the immune system. Do not wait to hydrate, beat the symptoms!

The best way to hydrate is to increase the daily intake of water, but some people may not like water or they may prefer something else. Ways to hydrate include: (if a person doesn't like plain water) add a slice of lemon or lime to the water bottle, drink water when feeling hungry, drink on a schedule (wake up, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and bed), and drink water when eating out at restaurants.

If someone is concerned with their health or hydration, here are some questions to ask the doc-

tor. As stated before, some people dislike water, so asking the doctor for the next best thing to hydrate the body is a good question. Some people worry that they can't meet the standard consumption of fluids. If someone is worried that they aren't able to meet their goals, ask the doctor what the best alternative or solution is.

The human body is a complex, amazing machine, but it will only function properly if cared for in a high maintenance manner. Drinking water is the best way to ensure that the body remains hydrated, and that will make summer time much more enjoyable for everyone.

By: Morgan Davis

Summer Camps

Belt Public School will be hosting several summer camps for the following sports. This is a great opportunity for athletes to stay in shape and enhance their skills over the summer vacation, preparing and conditioning them for next year's sports. Work put in during the off-season is often the key ingredient to success during the regular season.

2017 Belt Middle School Basketball Camp will take place on June 5-8th in the Belt High School Gym. Practices will take place from 1-3:30 p.m., and the camp is open to girls and boys going into grades 6-8. The camp fee of \$15 will include a Camp T-shirt, and proceeds will go the Boys' and Girls' basketball funds. For questions or concerns, please call Coach Graham at 439-3058.

Belt Valley Wrestling Camp 2017 will take place on June 27-29th in the Belt School Cafeteria. Athletes will practice from 5-7:30 p.m. each day, and the camp is available for ag-

es 5-18. Students need to come prepared with t-shirt, shorts, and wrestling shoes, and a \$50 participation fee is required. Tim Lords, Belt wrestling coach, will be conducted the camp, and any questions or concerns can be addressed by Coach Lords at 899-6736.

Belt High School Football 2017 Contact Camp will be held July 17-19th in Belt and July 20-21st in Hobson and Moore. Camp will take place from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Belt Football Complex, and this camp is open for boys who will be in grades 9-12. Students are required to bring their \$50 participation fee, t-shirt, shorts, cleats, and camping gear and food money for the event in Hobson and Moore. Coach Graham is available at 439-3058 if anyone has questions or concerns.

Belt High School Volleyball Camp will be hosted on July 20-22nd at the Belt School gym. Ath-

letes will practice at different times each day, so athletes or parents can access the schedule and hand out page in the Belt Public School office. A participation fee of \$25 is required, and girls need to come ready to play – no volleyball gear will be supplied and lunch will not be provided. Players need to sign up by June 20th to ensure their t-shirt sizes, and any questions can be answered by Christine Gondeiro or Coach Graham. Belt Public School is proud of their athletes and their achievements, and they're looking forward to seeing students at these camps. The applications for the camps can be accessed in the Belt Public School office or by contacting Miss Patty, Coach Graham, or the office. Please get the forms in ASAP to ensure t-shirts for students and other athletic requirements.

By: Morgan Davis

Student Work Shops

On Friday, May 18th, Montana Rural Institute came to Belt Public School to conduct a work shop for Mrs. Tillman's classes. The work shop consisted of Student LED IEPs, or individualized education plans, where students were able to get an idea of what they wanted to pursue and conquer in life. This allowed the

students to think for themselves instead of having teachers or their parents telling them all of the options.

This year, six students participated in the event, and Mrs. Tillman thought it was a great success. It was beneficial to the students because there was "lots of hands on

activities that students can apply to next year's criteria," Mrs. Tillman told journalists. Student workshops allow the students to explore new fields, allowing them to create goals and find efficient ways to meet them.

By: Morgan Davis

Announcements

Interested in joining Mrs. Hiatt in COSTA RICA next summer? Check out www.eftours.com and type in tour #1893564SM (Costa Rican Expedition). If someone intends on signing up, DO NOT 'make it official' with EF yet. Please have a parent e-mail Senorita Hiatt (khiatt@beltschool.com) by May 25th to commit. When 6 travelers commit, the trip will become official. The next

4 student travelers to commit will earn \$100 towards their program fee or optionals!

The Belt Community Church will be hosting the Vacation Bible School on July 17-21st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The church will be sending out mail addressed invites, and people can check with the school reader board for more information.

Belt Public School will be hiring for the 2017-18 school year. Positions include bus drivers, janitors, and staff positions, and more information will be open to the community in August.

For more information, contact Belt Public Schools office at 406-277-3351 or stop by the office and talk to Miss Patty.

By: Morgan Davis

Field Day

Summer is finally here, and the students at Belt Public School kicked it off with a day filled with fun in the sun...FIELD DAY! While the kindergarten – 5th grade are enjoying the games, the 6th and 7th graders are having a blast conducting the event. Not only did the 6th and 7th graders organize the event, with the help of their teachers, and set it up, they're also coaching the younger students

and enjoying the fun and excitement they created. This is a great way for the older students to influence their younger peers, and it makes for healthy relationships throughout all the grades.

This year parents were invited to watch and take pictures of the Field Day, and experiencing the fun with their children has been an awesome way to wrap up the school

year. Students were participating in events such as: parachute games, relay races, tug o war, long jump, and duck-duck goose. The students had a blast at the Field Day, making it a great success for the students and they are ready for summer vacation. Belt Public School is excited to see students back for the fall.

By: Morgan Davis

Memorial Day



With summer right around the corner, students, teachers, parents, and guardians need to be aware of drunk drivers. Summer is the prime time for drinking due to events such as: camping, hiking, fishing, golfing, and especially holidays like the 4th of July, so the community needs to be aware of their surroundings and how to address them. When seeing someone who is drinking and driving, report it. Call the Great Falls Police Station and inform them of a reckless, drunk driver and notify them of the situation and area where they were seen.

The best way to avoid these situations are to find a designated driver **before** attending the event, sport, or night out to ensure a safe route home, not only for yourself but for other families who may be on the road. Of 64 road way deaths in a year, approximately half of them are caused by drinking and driving. This means that 1 in 6 students will drink and drive, and of those 6, only 3 will survive. Drinking and driving isn't a joke. Drive sober, wear your seat belt, take other vehicles into consideration, and enjoy your summer vacation.

Do Not Drink and Drive!

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