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Tourney Time

As the regular season ended last week, both the Husky basketball teams have kicked off the District 8C Tournament in Great Falls High. Yesterday the boys took on the Geraldine/Highwood Rivals and the girls matched up against the Winnett/Grass Range Rams.

Both of Belt's team's were victorious in their games yesterday and advanced into the semi-final games which will be played today. The teams will both be up against the Tri-City Titans. The Belt boys beat the Titans both times this season but had a very close game the first time around and the Lady Huskies defeated Tri-City

handily both times. The boys matchup will be at 4:30 followed by the girls game at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The top four boys teams are Belt, Denton/Geyser/Stanford, Roy/Winifred, and Centerville and luckily for the Huskies all three of those teams are on the other side of the bracket so it is very likely that the Belt boys will make it to the divisional championship but it is difficult to guess who they will be playing. While the boys' bracket is still very much in the air as far as who the top two teams will be, it is very likely that the Belt girls will meet the Roy/Winifred Outlaws in the championship (*cont. pg. 2*)



Poetry Out Loud

Last Tuesday, Belt High's Poetry Out Loud winners went to the regional competition to compete. They each recited two poems. Five schools were in attendance.

The participants from Belt were juniors Sierra Reese and Riley Larsen, and seniors Adam Langston, Adelle Meissner, and Keely Drummond. There were two rounds in the event. All participants presented

their first poem after properly adjusting the microphone to their height.

Four of the total competitors moved on to the state competition in addition to an alternate. From Belt, there were two people who moved on to the next round, Meissner and Langston. They tied for first place with one hundred and sixty-five points. The point totals for the other competitors, at this time, have not been announced.

Meissner will be performing three poems at state. Her first is "Life Cycle of Common Man" by Howard Nemerov followed by "Broken Promises" by David Kirby. Meissner's final recitation (*cont. pg. 2*)



Tourney Time *(cont.)*

game tomorrow night.

The divisional tournament will be held next week in the Four Seasons Arena and both the Husky teams should be competing on the “big floor” as girls’ coach Jeff Graham likes to call it. Looking beyond the district tournament and into the Northern C Division there are many teams that will give the Huskies a run for their money.

Both the Fort Benton teams are undefeated this season and should be coming in as the #1 seed from the 9C. Last year at divisionals the Lady Huskies beat the Longhorns in a loser-out game to keep

their season alive but the two teams have not faced each other this year; however, the girls were very competitive in volleyball and hope to have a chance to carry that rivalry onto the basketball court.

In the 10C the Simms boys are projected to be the number one seed and the Augusta Elk girls should come out on top of their tournament. While the Huskies have never had the opportunity to play either of these teams before they are eager to have some new competition.

Finally, if both the Husky teams are fortunate enough to move

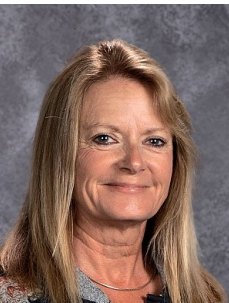
onto the state tournament they will head down to Missoula for joint contests. The boys side of the bracket will bring in many new competitors such as Scobey from the east and Melstone out of the south. Smart money says the girls state bracket will be primarily dominated by whoever comes out of the Northern C.

All of Belt’s district, divisional, and state games will be broadcast on the Central Montana Radio Network. Either on KMON (560am) or Kool 92.9 fm. The games will also stream online.

By: Adelle Meissner

Paraprofessional Week

Para-professionals are key to the smooth sailing ship Belt School runs. Para-professionals take on a diversification of roles, jobs, and tasks, such as assisting teachers in the classroom, providing supervision toward students on the playground, lunchrooms, and during class, and simply teacher support. Ronnie Davison, Diana Maus, Heather Ratliff, Freedom Dirksen,



Kim Oster, Melissa Flatten, and Linda McManigle (Pleasant Valley Colony) lead Belt in the productive environment at Belt School.

Mrs. Ron-

nie Davison has served Belt Schools for 3 ½ years and is still going strong! Mrs. Davison works with early kindergarten through fifth grade students, though she works mainly with kindergarten learners.

Mrs. Davison is responsible for many tasks, for instance working one-on-one with students in the classroom and filling in as a substitute for teachers when needed, as well as recess duty. Throughout recess duty, Mrs. Davison ensures safety for each child and recognizes, “What it takes to be a Husky”.

Like every job, there are many wonderful focuses concerning work and some challenging. Mrs. Davison’s favorite part of being a

para-professional is, “The smiles on children’s faces, and the moment they finally understand and meet their goal. Also, all my co-workers and staff.”

On the other hand, the most challenging part of her job is getting children to communicate their needs in an appropriate manner. Mrs. Davison is an extraordinary asset to the husky pack and is sure to continue improving our education system.

In conclusion, para-professionals are an important part of the school, and the system would not be the same without their expertise. Next issue will feature another one of these important school employees. **By: Haley Hoerner**



will be “On an Unsocial Family” by Elizabeth Hands. Langston’s first

Poetry Out Loud *(cont.)*

poem is “Cold Blooded Creatures” by Elinor Wylie. His second poem is “The Children’s Hour” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and he will end with “The Pull Toy” by A.E. Stallings.

The state competition will be in Helena on March 7th unless there is a weather issue in which

case the competition will take place a week later. The competition is open to the public and support is always welcome. National finals will be held on April 27th through the 19th in Washington DC. Best of luck to Belt’s young poets as they move on to higher levels of competition. **By: Sierra Reese**

Girls Go CyberStart

Girls Go Cyber Start is an online competition where students are assigned webpages and try to find the hidden codes and messages.



The goal for this website is to help kids get better at coding and to know what to look for when finding the messages. No prior experience is need-

ed to participate in this website. They work though topics such as cryptography, web vulnerabilities, Python, Linux and forensics.

In Belt School Faith Marchington and Shelby Paulson are involved with this interesting new program. Marchington says “this website teaches you how to look at coding and solve missions”. When asked what got her into this she replied “Mr. Hoyer told me about it

and so I joined”. Marchington adds “this is a very fun program and it makes time pass by”.

The girls are just getting started in this national competition, but so far it has been both educational and fun. If interested in more information go to <https://www.girlsgocyberstart.org/students> and learn more. Good luck on this website girls.

By: Gentry Johnson

Wrestling Wrap-up

On Saturday, February 8th, Brandon Wall and Montana Covington went to Conrad to compete in their final meet of the year. This meet would determine whether or not Brandon would be able to compete in the state competition.

Brandon Wall started the meet competing against an athlete from White Sulphur Springs. The meet went on for three rounds. Both athletes wrestled hard and made it an action-filled match. Brandon ended up pinning his opponent in the 3rd round. Wall then went on to fight another kid who was from Whitehall. Similar to the last one, Brandon’s match went on for a couple of rounds. The vigorous opponent ended up taking Wall out, but it was not an easy win against Wall's speed and technique. With Wall losing that second match, he was taken out of the running for the state tournament.

Montana Covington lost his first match against a competitor from Columbus. Covington wrestled hard but eventually was overcome by his more skilled and experienced opponent. Covington went on to wrestle again later that night against an opponent from Jefferson. The match lasted for a couple of rounds before Covington was beaten by his foe. Even if Covington had won both of his matches at the tournament, he would not have qualified for the state meet.

With the losses of the tournament, it puts a close to the high school wrestling scene for the Belt Huskies until next year. Brandon will be graduating, thus putting Montana Covington as the only high school wrestler set to return for the next season. None of the little guys will be stepping up to the high school scene for a couple more years.

The title of Northern class B/C champion for the divisional meet goes to the Cut Bank Wolves. The champion of the Southern class B/C is the Whitehall Trojans. The Huntly Project Red Devils took the Eastern B/C while St. Ignatius/Charlo won the West.

The little Husky wrestlers had another meet in Fort Benton. Only Wade and Walt Hoyer participated in this out of town meet. Wade won all of his matches. Walt wrestled hard but was overcome by some of his opponents. The young athletes look forward to their next meet and are getting better every practice.

By: Memphis Black



Belt Booster Banquet

On March 28th the Belt Boosters will be putting on a dinner followed by a Calcutta auction in the banquet hall at the Belt Performing Art Center to raise money for Belt athletics. The Boosters raise funds throughout the school year, to support middle and high school football, volleyball, basket-

ball, cross-country, track, wrestling, golf, and cheerleading. The money raised by these volunteers pays for student-athletes’ jerseys, referees, coaches, hotel rooms for tournaments, and dinner for athletes after select competitions.

The doors for this dinner will open at 5:00 p.m., and dinner

will be served at 6:30. After enjoying a mouthwatering main course, a Calcutta auction will be held. A silent auction will also be part of the fun. For tickets contact Jenn Hepfner 231-5554 or Polly Pimperton 799-0289. Tickets-\$60 per individual Groups of 8-\$55 per individual

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Boys' Basketball

The boys have rounded off the conference...

On February 7th of the week before last, the boys competed against Winnett-Grass Range for the second time. This was another game that could decide who wins the conference, and both teams came out with fire in the first quarter. The Ram's shooters came out strong on their home court, and pulled ahead in the first quarter, 11-9. In the second the boys pulled ahead with a couple nice shots from Bridger Vogl, Hunter Vogl, Garrett Metrione, and Aiden McDaniel. Going into halftime the boys were leading 20-19. The boys emerged from their locker-room with a new goal in mind, scoring, and score they did. The Huskies scored just under 35 points in the second half. They finished off the match 54-34. The top bars in points for this matchup were A. McDaniel (19), B. Vogl (9), and Kaimen Evans (8).

The day after the boys played Tri-Cities in another intense contest. After the warmup and starter announcements the ref let the ball fly, and the game was on. The Huskies showed that this game wasn't going to reflect the last game, and had the lead at first 14-8. The boys then scored double Tri-Cities points, and took a marginal lead, 32-17. Coming out after the halftime break the Huskies held the Titans to seven points, while also getting inside to Evans. The huskies wrapped up the game by putting some of the JV players in, who still managed to outscore the Tri-City Titans. The final score showed 61-36. The three Belt players who scored double digits in this tournament were A. McDaniel



(18), H. Vogl (15), and Evans (10).

After a few days of preparation, the boys then faced off against Highwood/Geraldine at Geraldine. This was an outstanding game for the boys and it showed in the first quarter when they scored 22 to the Rival's 4. This scoring streak continued into the second quarter, and the Huskies put another 15 onto their score. At halftime the score was 37-6. The Huskies held the Rivals to two points again in the third quarter while they stacked 13 more on their lead. In the fourth quarter the JV boys played the Rival's varsity and almost managed to outscore them. The game ended, 53-13. The leadings scorers for this match were A. McDaniel (19) who was assisted by H. Vogl and Evans.

The Huskies final game of the conference was against DGS, and this game would decide the conference champions. After a twenty-minute warmup the boys faced off against DGS for the opening tip. The Huskies started off strong, passing it inside to Evans for some of the first points of the game. The Huskies had the lead, 11-6, by the end of the first. The second quarter featured a stifling Husky defense that held DGS to just one bucket. The halftime score showed 21-8. Coming out of the third DGS

outscored the Huskies with a couple sharp shots. However, it wasn't enough to get the lead, and the third quarter ended 31-19. In the fourth quarter the Huskies offense caught up with the D, and sealed the game. The boys won 47-32 to earn the 8-C conference title and the #1 seed in the district tournament. The leading scorers for the final contest of the conference were Aidan McDaniel (20), Evans (10), and Metrione (7). The win gave them a conference title with a 10-2 conference record, and a 15-3 overall record.

The 8-C District Tournament began yesterday at Great Falls High School. The Huskies cruised to an easy win the first round, 54-12 over the Rivals of Geraldine-Highwood. They hit the floor today at 4:30 for a semifinal matchup against the Tri-City Titans. Coach Paulson and the boys are looking to secure a spot in next week's divisional tournament at the Four Seasons Arena. The top three teams from the 8-C tournament will qualify for the next round.

By: Isaac Maki



Belt	9	20	38	54
WGR	11	19	13	34
Tr-City	14	32	51	61
Belt	8	17	29	36
Belt	22	37	45	53
Geraldine/Highwood	4	6	9	13
Denton/Geyser/Stanford	6	8	19	32
Belt	11	21	31	47

Girls' Basketball

As the regular season came to a close with matchups against the Winnett/Grass Range Rams, the Tri-City Titans, the Geraldine/Highwood Rivals and the Denton/Geyser/Stanford Bearcats, the Huskies kicked off the 8C district tournament in Great Falls yesterday afternoon.

Since there is not enough girls for the Winnett/Grass Range Rams to field a junior varsity team, all the underclassmen were left at home and the seniors made the long trek to Grass Range. The senior girls enjoyed playing together as it reminded them of their elementary travel ball days. The Huskies dominated both halves of the game and the final buzzer sounded with a score of 87-33

The Husky effort was led by Kolby Pimperton with 28 points

Belt	25	46	67	87
WGR	7	15	27	33
Tr-City	5	12	19	29
Belt	25	37	58	62
Belt	13	25	43	57
Geraldine/Highwood	3	9	12	16
Denton/Geyser/Stanford	7	13	20	21
Belt	18	36	50	62

and Kyelie Marquis who added 15.

The following night, the girls once again faced off against a team who had given them trouble last season. The Tri-City Titans beat the Huskies twice in the regular season last year but the Huskies bested them in the divisional tournament to advance to the consolation game. In this matchup, Belt was quick to come out against their old rival but the Huskies outscored them 37-12 in the first half. Belt's offensive productivity nearly doubled the second half and the girls added 25 points to the home side of the board. When the final buzzer sounded the score stood at 62-29

The Belt girls were lead to victory by Brooke Schraner who added 15 points and Pimperton who contributed 15.

Last Friday, the girls loaded

the bus and rode to Geraldine for a

girls found their footing a little and brought the score to 25-9. Finally, in the second half the Lady Huskies began to play in their normal rhythm and the game ended with a score of 57-16.

The Husky triumph was lead by Schraner who once again added 15 and Marquis who tallied 9.

As the contest against the Denton/Geyser/Stanford Bearcats on February 14th marked the last home game of the season, the night also honored seniors Abby Gliko, Kyelie Marquis, Adelle Meissner, Grace Norstedt, Shelby Paulson, Karlee Permann, Kolby Pimperton, and Brooke Schraner.

The Huskies took the lead early, 18-7 after one quarter of play. As the teams cleared the floor for halftime, Belt was still in control of the game 36-13. A fantastic defensive effort by the home team, held DGS to just 8 points in the entire second half while Belt almost doubled their score, adding 26. As the final buzzer sounded the Huskies notched another win with a score of 62-21.

The senior duo of Pimperton and Schraner led the way for Belt with 15 and 11 tallies respectively. Coming off two big wins the weekend before, the Huskies were ready for the 8C tournament. Their first matchup was against the Winnett/Grass Range Rams.

The Lady Huskies started fast at the 8-C District tournament that opened yesterday at Swarthout Fieldhouse on the campus of Great Falls High School. The girls used a swarming defense and balanced offense to post an impressive 74-15 victory over Winnett-Grass Range. The win earned the girls a spot in the semis tonight against the Tri-City Lady Titans. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

By: Adelle Meissner



matchup against the Rivals. At first, the girls were in a sort of funk and struggled on the offensive side of the game. The score at the end of the first quarter was 13-3, in favor of Belt. In the second period the

Young Pups' Iditarod Lesson

The Iditarod, a race between humans and dogs, is a very intense and exciting 1000-mile exertion.

The Iditarod takes place every year in Alaska, it starts in Anchorage and goes to Nome with a total of 938-miles in trail. Musher are forced to guide their dog teams of about 12 to 16 dogs, though jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forest, desolate tundra and miles of windswept coast.

The Iditarod Musher that compete in this race prepare their dog teams with hours of training every day, special food diets, and special treatment. Most of these teams they consist of mainly Alaskan Malamutes.

These dogs can run/trot for around 100 miles without taking a break. As this race is one of the longest races known, these dogs are perfectly suited for the sport. The race does not finish until the last musher comes though the finish line.

The third graders in Mrs. Jones class were able to have an Iditarod day. Retired Belt educator Mrs. Remington also came in and told them a story and about the Iditarod. The students learned and did activities to understand more of what the Iditarod is and how to keep track of it.

The students came to school this day with enthusiasm and open

ears to understand what the Iditarod is. Here are some of their thoughts on how the day went and some interesting things they learned.

Leila, Kale, and Ellison said "we learned that it started in Anchorage and ended in Nome". "It was cool to hear that Susan Butcher won the Iditarod with the lead dog named Granite".

Elli, Luke, and Landon H. said that they enjoyed having Mrs. Remington come and teach them about the Iditarod "because of the trail mix with fractions and how she taught them useful information.", "She's funny" they added.

Adianna, Ariana, Luke, and June said something they learned was that "dogs have to wear booties to protect their paws from cracking and splitting." They stated that it was very interesting to hear that the race was very long and about 1000 miles. June adds "it was surprising that the dogs can run lots of miles." Adianna said that "one of the stories that we learned was of Susan Butcher, a musher who had a dog named Granite and he was a weak puppy when he was born, but when he grew up he was the strongest". Ariana added that one of the most surprising things she learned was that "one team in the Iditarod got run over by a snowmobile".

Collyns, Kenzie, Tenley, and Markki learned that the dogs in

the Iditarod wear booties so that their paws don't freeze. They said that the most interesting thing they learned was that the lead sled dog knows the trails. They all thought it was surprising that "they don't shoot the moose or other wild animals".

Landon H., Elizabeth, Katie, and Emma said that they thought it was cool that "the last person in the Iditarod got to turn off the lantern at the end of the race. They added that an interesting thing was that "if you pass 2 shorter sledding races you get to go into the Iditarod". They add "an interesting fact is that the race doesn't stop until everyone passes the finish line".

When asked if the third graders would like to go to the Iditarod one day they responded with almost all yeses. They would love to go to the Iditarod so they can cheer the teams all on, to see all the different kinds of dogs, wild life, and because they like to explore.

This day was filled with new information, and the kids were able to learn a lot. Thanks to Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Jones, and everyone else that made this possible. The students had a great time and enjoyed learning more about the Iditarod and the huskies who run in it. They also hope to continue learning about the Iditarod.

By: Gentry Johnson

4-H Sticker Sales

The Tiger Butte 4-H club is currently raising coinage in order to partake in the annual "Can-tastic" competition. Can-tastic is a service project involving purchasing canned produce and building a sculpture representing a food theme. With that being said, the Tiger Butte members decided to reference the Nebraska Cornhusker basketball team, with corn being the food reference. After the food tow-

ers are deconstructed, 100% of the cans are donated to the Great Falls food bank to feed families in need.

In order to raise the money, Tiger Butte 4-H club is partnering with DECA with the sale Husky stickers. Hit up either a 4-H or DECA member to receive sticker details, price and sizes. These high-quality stickers are waterproof and look great on water bottles, laptops, and on vehicle windows.

There are a diversity of sticker logos ranging from "Home of the Huskies", "Belt Husky Basketball", husky heads, and "Husky Nation" logos. These stickers range from 1 ½ inches to 11 by 3 inches in size.

The local 4-H and DECA chapters want to remind everyone to help out those in the community in need of assistance.

By: Haley Hoerner

Senior Night

Before the girls' varsity teams began warming up on Valentine's Day, the gym took a timeout to honor the basketball and cheer seniors.

The upperclassmen were escorted onto the floor by their parents and presented to the audience.

They then presented someone who has made an impact on their life with an honorary B to represent how thankful they are.

Adam Langston was escorted by his parents, Danelle and Hezekiah. Adam has participated and lettered in basketball for three years and his favorite memory is celebrating wins in the locker room with the boys. He then presented his Dad and two sisters with his honorary B because they have kept him on the straight and narrow, made him laugh, and set a good example.

Hunter Vogl, who has lettered in basketball for four years, was accompanied by his parents Crystal and Todd. Vogl's favorite memories were going to the state tournament his freshman year and all the summer tournaments with the boys. Hunter awarded his dad with his honorary B as he has always pushed Hunter to be the best player on the court and the best person otherwise and he has put in a lot of extra time to help Hunter get where he is today as a player and a person.

Anthony Wall has managed the basketball team for four years and was escorted onto the court by his parents Tony and Phyllis as well as his older sister Heather Laird. Wall gave his honorary B to Raily Gliko for putting up with him during school and many long bus rides as well as making many memories with him and keeping him in line. He detailed his favorite memory as an incident during summer ball where he and the team snuck out during a tournament, were caught

the next day, and then tried to pass the blame off to Hunter.

Aundrea Glick walked onto the floor with her parents Jordy and Evan Asleson. Glick managed basketball for her senior year and her favorite memory is when she threw Abby's sweat soaked warm up at Alyssa who proceeded to gag and throw it on Hattie. Aundrea presented her honorary B to her mom who has always supported her in everything and because no matter how many times she makes her absolutely furious they always work it out.

Sydne Flinn was escorted by her parents Theresa and Eric Flinn. Sydne has managed basketball for one year and participated in cheerleading for two. Her favorite memory comes from state volleyball when there were tons of Andes Mints at Olive Garden and everyone was obsessed with them. She and Shelby had a whole bunch and some of the girls literally jumped them for a mint and when the pair got on the bus they would throw one up to where a group was sitting to watch them lunge and attack each other, like geese. Flinn awarded her honorary B to her mom, the person who she always forgets to tell when the games are but continues to support her no matter what and is the "best mom around."

Grace Norstedt, a four year participant in basketball, was accompanied onto the court by her parents Shaun and Kristin. Grace's favorite memories are when she splashed her first three pointer ever, all the laughs the team has shared at tournaments, and the good ol' days of dominating travel leagues in elementary. She added, "It's been awesome to play with the girls from start to end." Grace's honorary B went to her entire family because they have always come to her games and supported her as well as helping her grow into the person

she is today.

Cory and Beckie Marquis escorted their daughter Kyelie onto the floor on senior night. Kylie has participated in basketball for four years, lettering three. Her favorite memories are last year during practice when she broke Ahmia's ankles and playing Uno on the bus rides, always beating Adelle, and making her mad. Marquis awarded her honorary B to her dad because no matter what he has going on, he always tries his hardest to make it to her games. She wants to thank him for always pushing her to play to the best of her ability and for teaching her to be the person she is today.

Adelle Meissner walked onto the court with her parents Janet Thayer and Scott Meissner. Adelle has participated in and lettered in basketball for all four years of high school and shares her favorite memories as winning state freshmen year, and when the team attended the Shelby tournament last year and Karlee slipped in the snow and fell down a hill... she was so convinced she had a concussion that Adelle had to call her dad and relay Karlee's symptoms so she would stop panicking. Adelle presented her honorary B to her bestie Madisyn Lords and gave her a special shout out because it was her birthday the day before.

Brooke Schraner was accompanied by her parents Dave and Teresa. Schraner has participated in basketball for four years and lettered for two. Her favorite memories are playing with her sister Ryan for two years and when she broke her nose, Coach Graham asked her what was wrong, and she yelled at him to quit talking to her. Brooke gave her honorary B to her sister Shawni Steinglen because she always watches her games if she cannot make it and texts her after. She also has always (cont. pg. 9)

Cheer Clinic

The Belt cheerleaders did a workshop for the kindergarteners through fifth grade. This was an event where the Belt cheerleaders instructed the kids to do some of their cheers, show them how to stretch, and dance to the “hoedown throwdown”.

The cheerleaders worked hard in advance to prepare and make up the dance. This cheer clinic had an end goal of having fun performing and cheering at the basketball game on Saturday, February 8th. This was a great clinic where students were able to have a fun time and see what cheering is all about.

In all, there were a total of twenty-six little cheerleaders. Each day, the little cheerleaders participated in stretching and conditioning. They all did a little stretching routine and a workout to help with their strength and balance in their legs. In addition, they also worked on kicks, squats, and supermans.

The little cheerleaders then learned some of the cheerleading jumps such as tuck, star, and toe touch. After they were all warmed up and stretched, they learned about twenty-four husky cheers. These cheers

were simple and easy to teach, some of the favorites include “roll with the gold” and “marching”.

Once they were done learning the cheers, the little cheerleaders learned a dance routine to Miley Cyrus’s “Hoedown Throwdown”. In this dance, the participants did jumps, partner dance moves, and moves such as the grape vine and clapping.

All these helped the cheerleaders with coordination and being able to memorize dance moves. At the end of practice, they all participated in fun activities such as games, making Husky bows, and creating run-through signs for the basketball game. In the run-through signs they all put their own handprint and name.

When it came to game day, on Saturday, February, 8th. All the cheerleaders showed up with their cheer clinic t-shirt and enthusiasm to cheer on the basketball players.

They all rotated by grades on who was cheering at the time, every quarter. This was where they showed off the new cheers they learned during practice.

At half time, they all got in their formations and did a great job performing their dance, while families in the audience sat back and enjoyed watching this adorable dance.

Great job to all the Little Husky cheerleaders and all their hard work. They all had a fun time with this cheer clinic and hopefully will do it again next year.

A special shoutout to Mrs. Visocan for putting this on and making it possible to do this wonderful and fun clinic. All the hard work and time practicing really paid off to making this night one to remember.

By: Gentry Johnson



Where are They Now?

This week’s “Where are They Now?” features Robbie Gliko. Gliko graduated from Belt High school as part of the class of 2019. He was very actively involved in the school.

While attending Belt High, Robbie was a part of the football, basketball, and track teams as well as just being a staple in the student body as everybody know Robbie.

Currently, Gliko attends Montana Tech for automotive schooling. He is working on taking his general classes for the time being. At this time, he doesn’t have a job, but he does plan on finding one in the summer. His proudest achievement up to this point is running the Knuckle Buster obstacle course.

Gliko has many hobbies. He spends his time skiing, hunting, fishing, and whatever he can that keeps him active. He also enjoys playing video games. His favorites are Fortnite and Star Wars Battlefront.

It seems that Robbie is enjoying college and the lifestyle that he has adapted too, but he still enjoys coming home to rural Montana and seeing his family and all his friends again. That’s the best thing about life in a small town, you can always come home.

It can clearly be seen that Gliko does many things with his time. He’s definitely on his way to a successful future. Next week will feature another Belt graduate as they go on with life.

By: Sierra Reese

Senior Night (cont.)

supported Brooke and believed in her through all her years of basketball. In Brooke’s elementary years, Shawni inspired her to play basketball and become the player she is today.

Karlee Permann, who has participated in basketball for four years and lettered for three, came onto the floor with her parents Randy and Kally. Permann’s favorite memories are doing tik tok dances everywhere she goes with Shelby and Sydne and the time she fell down a hill in Shelby... but Adelle told you the rest of that story. Karlee gave her honorary B to her mom because she has always been there for her and listened to her problems.

Abby Gliko was escorted onto the floor by her parents Cody and Jill. Abby has participated in basketball for four years, lettering for three. Her favorite memory is when they were playing DGS in Geyser and Coach Graham’s knee locked up. All of us were calling him an old man. She also enjoyed being able to play with her sister for the last two years and the running commentary that the two of them have during practice. Abby gave

her honorary B to her Grandma Kathy because she has always pushed Abby to keep playing basketball, even when she didn’t want to and has been a great supporter over the years.

Kolby Pimperton was walked onto the court by her parents Gary and Polly. Pimperton is a four year letterman for the basketball team and lists her favorite memories as winning state with her sister freshmen year and listening to Coach Suzy yell “God bless America” while she stomps her foot. Kolby awarded her honorary B to her dad because he has helped her to become the player she is today and will come rebound for her even though he keeps saying that he is too old for this.

Katrina and Kyle Paulson accompanied their daughter Shelby onto the floor. Paulson is also a four year letterman on the girls basketball team. Her favorite memories are getting to play varsity sports with her sister and when Coach Graham

called a timeout in Winifred but no one ever heard a word he said because there was a booger on his forehead and it was all they could think about. Shelby gave her honorary B to her dad because he has always been that voice on the sidelines whether she wanted it or not. He has been there through countless parochial, AAU, and high school games and always gives her some sort of advice. Her dad has been a huge part in making her into the person and athlete she is today.

It goes without saying that this group of seniors has had a huge impact on the school as a whole and an even bigger impact on the athletic programs. Each and every one of these kids has a bright future ahead of them and the community cannot wait to see what they do with all their potential.

By: Adelle Meissner



Having all sorts of activities and events going on, leaves a lot of people at risk of drinking and driving; however, there are many consequences with drinking and driving such as getting arrested, a suspension of license, fines, drunk driving school, alcohol evaluation and having to have a court appearance. Even safe drivers make mistakes sometimes and when under the influence of drugs and or alcohol driving is ten times harder and dangerous. With these facts and cautions please take driving seriously and realize the importance of being a safe and responsible driver. Stay safe and drive responsibly. And always remember....

NEVER DRINK & DRIVE!

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Art Wall Complete

The students in advanced art have finished the art wall. The idea to do an art wall came from Mrs. Mavrinac herself. This is a project where the seniors were asked to complete the quote “Everything that is real was imagined first”. In the word “imagined”, they had the freedom to design their own letter. The



rest of the advanced art students were to choose a character of their choice to paint on the wall. These characters include, Stich from Lilo and Stich, Edna from Incredibles, Niko from Rio, WALL-E, and many more. These were very detailed, thought out, and showed great skill. Overall, these students did a great job of creating their characters. In addition to the wall, Senior Aundrea Glick painted planets, symbolizing that they were also imagined once.

This project is not yet, and will probably never be completely finished. Mavrinac plans on continuing this as a tradition for the advanced art students every year. She wants the upcoming advanced art

students to add on their own character on the wall every year.

This creative idea has brought new colors and excitement to the art room. Hopefully with this project, students will look at it and be inspired. They will look forward to the day when it will be their turn to paint a character and leave their mark in the art room.

With all the bright colors and characters, this wall will help art students to remember to be creative and go outside their comfort zones. Thanks to Mrs. Mavrinac and her willingness to make this possible and to inspire students every day to be creative and try their best.

By: Gentry Johnson

Mrs. Meissner, the librarian in Belt School is the “Featured Staff” of the week.

Before becoming the librarian, Mrs. Meissner was the middle school math and language arts teacher. While she did enjoy her time forming the young mind of the middle schoolers, she always wanted to become the librarian after Mrs. Ray retired.

Her hobbies include working and taking care of her 12 horses, cats, two steers, two dogs, and three goats. Having animals has always been a part of Meissner’s life as she grew up on a ranch just a few miles outside of Belt.



She enjoys traveling with her husband to literally anywhere, reading as much as she can, working out, playing

with kittens, being outdoors and supporting and traveling with her daughters Keely, who is a senior at Belt High, and Brady, a sophomore.

One thing that Meissner especially loves doing is laundry, she says “I actually love doing laundry but prefer to avoid the kitchen at all costs.”

One thing that Meissner is proud of and has accomplished in her lifetime is that she has run the Pemberton 50K with her husband as a team. She also ran three 200-mile relays with teams of mostly Belt people. These teams ended up winning two out of three races.

Meissner went to high school at Belt School, in the class of 1992. Meissner got her bachelor degree in Elementary Education with a Reading Specialist minor from MSU-Northern in Havre. She obtained her Master’s degree in mathematics from Walden University. Then just recently, Meissner got her library degree at MSU-Bozeman.

The main reason Meissner

decided to start teaching was because her mom and her grandma told her that she would always be a teacher.

At first, Meissner resisted and tried a couple of other majors in college, but in the end went back to teaching. She says “I can’t imagine doing anything else”.

Meissner’s favorite thing about teaching is working with the kids and being around books.

Her main goals for the year are to create an up to date living document of all the class novels in the school and to continue to develop library collections and AP reading curriculum.

Meissner has a great impact on her students on a daily basis. She is always putting her students first and shows that she really cares. Meissner is a great teacher, who cares about her students learning and how they are doing.

Thanks to all her hard work and dedication to the Belt School, it is greatly appreciated.

By: Gentry Johnson

Principal's Report

The monthly Principal's Report has been released, and has a lot of review over the past month. This report includes everything from winners of the recent spelling bee, to when and where the Poetry Out Loud regional contest will be held.

Starting off this report is the school spelling bee that was held on February 5th. Students from grades 4-8 came to show-off their vocabulary skills in the annual spelling bee. After 11 rounds Tobias Wilson came in third, Jeremy Nebel took second, and Walker Maki was the champion.

The Math Counts was another academic competition that 8th grade students participated in at the COT regional math counts competition. Belt was the only Class C school competing and placed 4th in the team competition. Clayton Jassen placed 2nd in the head to head competition, and will be competing at state on March 9th in Butte.

Next on the report, is Poetry out Loud and Belt Theatrical events. The winners from Belt's Poetry Out Loud competition, Adam Langston, Adelle Meissner,

Keely Drummond, Sierra Reese, and Riley Larson (alternate), will represent Belt at the regional competition.

The Belt Theater students performed the middle school version of John Cariani's play, "Almost, Maine." This was the first school play in the last ten years that featured mostly middle school students. The young actors chose most of their parts and navigated their actors' social situations.

Belt students and their accomplishments make up the next section of the report. First of all, Shelby Paulson and Faith Marchington have advanced to the second round of the MT Girls Go Cyber-Start competition. Both will be competing in forensic science, in an online fashion.

Paulson was also recognized as Belt School's D.A.R. Good Citizen at an awards reception on February 8th at the Meadowlark Country Club. She was also honored at the Montana Club for the Great Falls Exchange Club as Youth of the Month.

Middle school and elemen-

tary students have had additional events put on as well over the last month. 7th graders journeyed to East Fork Reservoir to go ice fishing. It was held by Hooked on Fishing and was reported to have been a great day for fishing. Shawn Wiser caught 15 fish, the most out of everyone.

Elementary students had a Cheer Clinic put on for them. In this clinic the students were able to cheer, jump, and dance at the basketball games last Saturday. Each participant received a goodie bag and a husky cheer t-shirt.

Congratulations to the Freshman and 7th grade classes for having the highest percentage of students making the honor roll. Belt would also like to thank Kathy Remington for teaching third graders about the Iditarod, sled dogs, and mushing. She will be in contact with the third grade when she is at the Iditarod.

That concludes this month's Principal's Report. Tune in to the Valley Voice next month for the next report.

By: Isaac Maki

DECA

At this time, it has been confirmed that seven Belt DECA members will go to ICDC in Nashville, Tennessee. There will be one attending a leadership academy while the other six are competing in their events. These students will depart on April 28th and return on May 4th.

Keely Drummond, Brady Drummond, and Anna Pethel will be competing in the Project Management Community Awareness event. They received first in the state DECA competition. K. Drummond is a senior and B. Drummond is a sophomore. Pethel is a junior. William Franzen is a senior at Belt High. He placed second in the Inde-

pendent Business Plan event and will be attending ICDC.

Anthony Wall, a senior, placed third in the Professional Selling event and will also be going to Nashville. Senior, Maggie Andrews, placed eighth in the Marketing Communications Series and was bumped up to go to national DECA. Wall and Andrews events both had people that dropped out of that event which made it possible for them to attend. The final attendee for ICDC from Belt will be Sierra Reese. Her Community Awareness event placed fifth, but she will not be competing for it at ICDC. Reese will be traveling for the Ignite Leadership Academy

instead.

DECA will be hosting a bingo night on Friday March 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be given after each round of bingo. A loaded baked potato dinner and concessions will be available for purchase. Several silent auction items will also be on display. Profits made from this event will help pay for the student's trip to Nashville.

By: Sierra Reese



Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event
2/21	ALL DAY	District B-Ball @ GFH No School
2/21	ALL DAY	District B-Ball @ GFH
2/24	1:00 p.m.	Meeting w Life Touch Photo
2/26	ALL DAY	Northern C Divisional B-Ball 4 Seasons K-2 Ski Trip
2/27	ALL DAY	Northern C Divisional B-Ball 4 Seasons
2/28	ALL DAY	Northern C Divisional B-Ball 4 Seasons
2/29	ALL DAY	Northern C Divisional B-Ball 4 Seasons
3/2	4:00 p.m.	MS B-Ball @ Highwood
3/6	3:00 p.m.	MS B-Ball vs Centerville

*** There will be a “dead week” between divisional and state basketball so state will be 3/12-14
*** The state POL competition is on March 7th

BINGO NIGHT!

Join the fun Friday, March 6th and support local DECA students for the 2nd annual BINGO night! The festivities last 3:00 through 8:00, so if you're at the Middle School Basketball games versus Centerville come down and take a chance.

Win terrific prizes!



In addition to the prizes, there is a silent auction will include many mouth-dropping prizes, for example the Ranches at Belt Creek is sponsoring a getaway for the whole family. To clean up the night enjoy a deluxe loaded baked potato. So, come on down and enjoy some family-friendly fun!



Pennies for Patients

National Honor Society (NHS) worked with Pennies for Patients to raise money and awareness for leukemia. At last week's home football game, members of NHS walked around the stands with buckets collecting money for the cause.



Another method they used to raise money was to put containers with a teacher's name on a stand outside the lunch room and have people put money in the container for whichever teacher they wanted to see get a pie thrown at them. The teacher whose container collected the most money got pied in the face. This took place last Wednesday at the pep rally. The three teachers that got pied were Mr. Sutton, Ms. Rose, and Mr. Cooper.

The money raised will surely be put to good use with Pennies for Patients. The next major endeavor that NHS is embarking on is the induction of new members. Currently, these students are writing their papers to see if the board will approve them. Announcements will be made when the induction ceremony is held.

By: Sierra Reese

Family Reading Night

Family reading night took place three days ago, Tuesday, February 18th from 5:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. The both amusing and educational night was put on by Belt elementary teachers, Title 1, and Youth Leadership.

Elementary students and their families were all invited for a free dinner and reading games and activities. Numerous elementary students and their families joined together and had an awesome experience sharing their love for reading.

Thank you to teachers, youth leadership, and most importantly the elementary families who contributed to this fun night!

The school also hosts math and science night annually to get kids excited about learning. Math night has already happened, and the date for science night is not yet set but parents can look forward to yet another education night with their children courtesy of Belt Schools.

By: Haley Hoerner