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Welcome Back!

The 2017-2018 school year kicked off with confused middle and high-school students, due to a third bell added to help the elementary students get to their classrooms without being disorientated by the usual stampede in the morning. Although the bell schedule is the same, other additions include band teacher Mr. Sutton and aides Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Sylvestre, and Mrs. Ratliff with 17 new students. Although the construction on the elementary wing is mildly inconvenient, it has given the school the opportunity to reorganize itself and install a handicap ramp into the band room.

As per usual, Belt's extra-curriculars are up and running with the cheerleaders spreading school spirit



Construction visible from behind the shop. Taken 8/28/17

as the student body anticipates Homecoming Week (the week following Labor Day). The football game in Cascade ended with the boys winning their first game while the girls' volleyball showcase saw the Lady Huskies go undefeated. The games this weekend will be against Center-

ville for football tonight in Belt and at Fairfield tomorrow night in volleyball.

Along with sports kicking off, Youth Leadership's first meeting will be the 7th of August. Those wishing to go to Youth Days featuring the past NFL player Oscar...

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The Event of a Lifetime

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and according to the director, it will change lives. It spanned a year and took a monumental amount of work and training yet this small community pushed through and sent these students to Scotland to perform, properly representing the Belt Public School and Belt as well. This adventure across the pond will be re-

membered for vast ages.

The critically acclaimed Fringe Festival, the performing arts gathering that doubles a population of about 500,000 in Edinburgh, Scotland is a gathering of professional and student performers alike, offering a once in a lifetime event for everyone involved. This wonderful opportunity was taken ad-

vantage of by the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players as they were invited to perform in Scotland. This massive honor of being invited was no small feat. After almost a full year of practice they were finally prepared for their four excellent performances done by the students. There were also about twelve days of viciously soaking up their ...

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Husky Football

Many students dreaded the trek back to school, yet were ecstatic for the kickoff of the annual Friday night lights as the Belt Huskies took the field in Cascade on Friday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. As usual, the boys didn't disappoint with a 54-20 blowout. The Huskies are expected to have a winning season as they boast an impressive 9-0 2016 regular season record from last year. In 2016 the boys won their first two playoff games before falling to Charlo in the state semifinals. Key contributors to last year's success who will be missed include: Jaren Maki, Harry Green, Jess Bodner and Taylor Olson. This year's seniors, Robbie Flinn, Brayden Haugrose, Antonio Heaton, Trey Heitzman, Troy Hennes, Nolan Myrstol, and Keagan Stroop are expected to shine as they almost outnumber underclassmen seven to eight.

The Huskies played the Cascade Badgers who had an 8-1 conference record for the 2016 season. It was expected to be a close game since both teams were so successful last season. Despite the fact that both the Huskies and the Badgers have worked

hard and are very skilled, the Huskies trumped the Badgers with a 54-20 win.

The two teams were neck and neck throughout the first half with Cascade leading the first quarter 8-6, but the Huskies came back in the second quarter with two touchdowns for 12 points. The teams headed off to their respective locker rooms at half time with the Huskies leading 20-14. Head coach, Jeff Graham must have had a really motivational half time speech since the Huskies kicked off the second half with 28 points in just the third quarter. Both teams had a good last quarter with a touchdown each, but Belt got the win with a final score of 54-20. It was a great team effort according to Coach Graham, "our line held up quite well, and it gave Stroopy a chance to shine the backfield." QB Stroop tossed for five TD's and ran for two more. His 14/17 passing effort added up to 252 yards and he rushed for 50 yards as well. Flinn and Hennes had 117 and 108 yards receiving, respectively. Flinn scored twice and Hennes tallied three TD's.

Heitzman starred defensively for the Huskies, accounting for 26 tackles. Adam Langston (12) and Brandon Wall (11) proved that Belt sophomores were ready to contribute for the season. Myrstol had a great defensive game with 12 tackles along with Heaton and Hennes who both collected 10.

The 2017 Northern C Football Division is split into subdivisions A and B. Since Cascade is placed in the B division, the game didn't count for the conference standings. The Belt Huskies will play their second game of the season tonight at 7:00 p.m. against the old rival Centerville Miners here in Belt at Remington Field. This will also be a non-conference match-up, with conference play beginning the following week at home against Box Elder. Last week's win puts the Huskies record at 1-0.

By: Maggie Andrews

Belt	8	12	28	6	54
Cascade	6	8	-	6	20

Welcome Back *(Cont.)*

...McBride during October 8th and 9th should go to the meeting. Again, DECA will be hosting the Homecoming Dance the 9th from 9 to 11 pm in the cafeteria. Be sure to spread the word and get all of your social and antisocial friends to come, because the dance is always better with more people.

Overall, the new additions will be worth the trek to the bathroom (the ones by the art room are reserved for elementary) in the long run. Having a new year to settle into, Belt students will enjoy the year with a positive attitude with the help of the extraordinary staff.

By: MaKayla O'Neil



Husky Volleyball

The 2017 school year has officially started, and so has volleyball season. Head coaching for her sixth year is Christine Gondiero, and alongside her as assistant coach is Clancey Kirby. On August 14th, as the Husky team bid adieu to last year's seniors: Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, Alison Stoker, and Sara Anderson, the reigning state champions began practicing for the upcoming volleyball season. After a couple days of class, the Lady Huskies played in the local showcase.

On August 26th the annual showcase was held in Belt. The tournament consisted of ten teams: Belt Varsity, Power Pirates, Winifred-Roy Outlaws, North Star Knights, Reed Point-Rapelje Renegades, Big Sandy Pirates, Centerville Miners, Denton-Geyser-Stanford Bearcats, Belt JV, and Harlowton Engineers. The players who represented the Husky Varsity were seniors: Dani Urick, Adrian Malek, Shannon Hoskins, Ashley Triviso, Jordan Swanson, and Cristina Fernandez, junior Morgan Cooper, and sophomores: Kolby Pimperton, Adelle Meissner, Shelby Paulson, Abby Gliko, and Kyelie Marquis. The Belt JV was represented by junior Tori Shelton, sophomores: Adelle Meissner, Shelby Paulson, Kyelie Marquis, Abby Gliko, Natalie Larsen, Karlee Permann, and Candyce Davison, and freshman: Riley Larsen, Sabrina Wing, Livvy Shelton, Anna

Pethel, and Sierra Reese.

The junior varsity played in the showcase for the first time this year. Their first game was against the DGS Bearcats. The young Huskies split the match with the Bearcats, winning the first with a score of 25-22 and losing the second with a score of 25-21. For their second game, the JV faced the Harlowton Engineers. The Engineers bested the Belt JV in two with scores of 25-17 and 25-24. For the third game, the Huskies faced the Centerville Miners who were defeated in two matches. The first set was 25-24 and the second set was 25-16. The fourth game was a match between the Big Sandy Pioneers and the young Belt Huskies. The Huskies and the Pioneers split the match. The Pioneers taking the first one 25-17 and the Huskies with the second 25-20. The JV was seeded number two on their side of the bracket so for their final game they took on the Reed Point Rapelje Renegades. The young Huskies were beaten in two matches with scores of 25-12 and 25-12.

The varsity kicked off the showcase with a game against the Power Pirates. The Huskies won handily taking the first two sets 25-16 and 25-9. The team continued to roll, defeating the North Star Knights in two additional matches with scores of 25-13 and 25-20.

The third game continued to be successful for the varsity team as they beat the Reed Point Rapelje Renegades in two. The score of the first set was 25-21 and the second set was 25-17. The final game before the championship was against the Roy-Winifred Outlaws. The Husky Varsity bested them 25-15 and 25-8. The Huskies then continued into the championship game where they faced the Harlowton Engineers. The Husky team proved too much to handle for the Engineers, defeating them in two for the championship title with scores of 25-20 and 25-14.

The showcase was a great kickoff tournament for both the varsity and the JV. Both teams were excited to start the season with their first conference game versus the Fort Benton Lady Longhorns. Last Night, the Belt JV fell to the Longhorns in three, but the varsity gained a measure of revenge, winning their contest in four matches: 25-10, 22-25, 25-17, and 25-14. The girls are 1-0 in conference play and will be taking on the Fairfield Eagles tomorrow night in Belt. The JV game will begin at 6:00p.m. with the varsity to follow 20 minutes post the conclusion of the JV game.

By: Adelle Meissner

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1st Football vs Centerville (Non-Conference) MS- 4:30 p.m. Var- 7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 1st Cross Country @ Cut Bank MS - 1:00 p.m. Var - 3:00 p.m.
 Sept. 2nd Volleyball vs Fairfield "C" Squad - 4:15 p.m. JV - +20 min Var - + 20 min
 Sept. 4th NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 Sept. 5th - Sept. 9th Homecoming Week
 Sept. 7th Volleyball vs Geraldine-Highwood JV - 6:00 p.m. Var- + 20 min
 Sept. 8th Football vs Box Elder (Homecoming) MS 2:00 p.m. - Var 7:00PM
 Sept. 8th Cross Country @ Kalispell Var - 2:00 p.m.
 Sept. 9th Volleyball vs Simms (Homecoming) JV - 6:00 p.m. Var- + 20 min
 Sept. 12th Volleyball @ GFCC JV - 6:00 p.m. Var- + 20 min
 Sept. 14th Volleyball vs Centerville JV - 6:00 p.m. Var- + 20 min
 Sept. 18th School Picture Day (this is a rescheduled date!)



The New and Improved!

School has started and with this fresh beginning comes the new and improved. This is particularly true this year with the schools re-model but it is doubly true with this year's Belt School website. Not only is it significantly more pleasant to look at but it is also more easily accessible than ever before and there is a brand new app to improve the experience even more.

When the website is opened there is a pleasant collection of pho-

tos, and if one were to scroll down they would find tabs for the live feed, the news, and current events coming up. All of these mix together in a metaphorical cocktail of awareness for the viewers. For students, teachers, and parents like there is also a link to PowerSchool where all can check grades.

Lastly, there is the menu tab where all sorts of helpful and useful tools are available, including: administration news, athletic calendar,

scholarship information, and academics. Perhaps the most useful is the staff directory page which allows parents to contact teacher directly. The web site is also designed to be compatible with a greater number of mobile devices to keep pace with hi-tech.

Also, employment opportunities will be posted on the web site for those in search of additional work.

By: Keaghan Opheim

Theater Renovations

For the past eight months the Belt Theater has been under construction. A few months into the construction the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players were moved to the school to practice in their director's classroom, the music room, and anywhere they could. Although they were not too excited to be practicing somewhere other than the theater, they are



very excited for what's to come. The theater should be completely remodeled and completed around spring. The theater board has been in charge of the renovations from the start and

is very excited to see the final results, as is the rest of the community. "The new theater will be the center of arts, performance, and

theater is going to be completely remodeled, it's not going to look anything like the old theater everyone's used to. There are many

additions to the building including an elevator, a new stage, dressing rooms, bathrooms, and more. The theater board has been wanting to change and remodel the theater for over twenty years and just recently they were

everything else in that category, just like the football field and basketball court is the center of sports" states Jeffrey Ross, the director of the Belt Valley Shakespeare players. The

able to come up with the money. The theater renovations are taking place on Castner Street, and will be ending in the late spring.

By. Tori Sherwood

Board of Trustees

In the most recent Board of Trustees meeting there was a representative for the Dick Anderson Construction as well as the CTA to discuss the new building project. Josh DeVos also gave a maximum for the project, effectively putting a final price tag. In the end it was decided that Mrs. Prody as well as two other board members would tour the construction and then attend bi-weekly meetings to discuss the progress made. On the twenty-second of August Marty Byrnes attended the school's open house to answer any

questions on the project.

Mr. Paulson cleaned up the handbooks and made sure they were aligned with the school policy in every way; this was presented at the meeting. Alongside that was a better, safer lockdown procedure that will help keep all students and teachers safe in case of an emergency. Reasonably, he was commended for all of the thought he put into the new safety procedures.

Next came Mrs. Prody who promptly informed the members that the shop, residing behind the

school, had been flooded. The hot water valve on the heater was stuck open and there were seven inches of water. Mrs. Prody thanked the custodial staff for their speedy recovery of this mistake, as well as the other teachers for moving classrooms and Mr. Paulson for his extra hours put in during the summer.

The next board meeting is slated for Tuesday, September 12th. Board meetings are open to the public.

By Keaghan

New Students

Starting off the new year the Belt School has picked up quite a few new students, starting from the 1st grade to the 11th. There are a total of 17 new pupils in the school. In the issues to come, the other new students will be introduced. In this feature we are introducing, junior, Matthew Dollenger, sophomore, Candyce Davidson, also an eighth-grader, Riley Kuebler.



Matthew Dollenger, a junior, has just recently moved from all way in Japan. Although the move was very far he seems to be enjoying his

time so far. Matt's hobbies include a lot of fishing and what comes with most every boy out there, hunting. He is currently on the

football team but doesn't know what other sports he may participate in. When asked who his favorite teacher simply he didn't know yet.

Candyce Davidson is a sophomore transitioning schools from Great Falls High in Great Falls, Montana. The city she transferred from wasn't far, but she seems to fancy the new school. Her favorite class thus far



is Media, although she has a favorite class she doesn't have a favored teacher yet. When asked about her hobbies she replied with just mainly sports. Candyce is currently on the volleyball team with plans to play basketball later in the year.

Riley Kuebler is an eighth grader, also transitioning schools,

she recently came from North Middle School in Great Falls Montana. Her hobbies include camping, softball, volleyball, and just outdoor things. Her favorite teacher so far is Mrs. Meissner and her favorite class is



Physical Education. Riley is currently on the middle school volleyball team and is going to play basketball as the current sports season gives way to the next.

The entire community of Belt is pleased to embrace these fine additions to Belt School. New students will be welcomed in subsequent issues of the Valley Voice

By: Sydne Flinn

Fires in Montana

In the days of early August Montana seemed to catch on fire, and it doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. Senator Bullock has claimed emergencies in Montana because of the fires, and a drought disaster declaration due to the lack of rain. Although the fires have been for the most staying clear of Great Falls area, on the west side of the state fire is everywhere. Even Belt couldn't stay out of the mix, experiencing our own fire Friday the 26th in the Armington area. The fires have many causes, but the few main ones are near-record temperatures, wind, low humidity, and little precipitation. The state of Montana has also created restriction for when and where burning is permitted until the danger subsides. For maps and more information go to:

<http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/montana-wildfires>.

By: Natalie Larson

Weather

Chance of Rain	Day	High (°F)	Low (°F)
0%	9/1	87°	58°
0%	9/2	94°	63°
0%	9/3	93°	53°
0%	9/4	75°	49°
0%	9/5	81°	52°
0%	9/6	87°	56°
0%	9/7	91°	59°
0%	9/8	89°	58°
0%	9/9	86°	58°

*Data obtained from
www.wunderground.com*

Movie Review

"Everything, Everything" a book that was written by Nicola Yoon was recently turned into a movie. The movie came out on May 19th, 2017. The movie stars Amanda Stenberg and Nick Robinson, who play Maddy Whittier and Olly Bright. Throughout the movie the characters fall in love even though Maddy faces a life-threatening disease.

The movie has made 51.5 million dollars since it came out in May and it recently came out on DVD. The film followed the book pretty closely and captured the hearts of all who watched it. "Everything, Everything" was definitely a hit in American movie theaters, and is worth the price of admission for those who like a nice love story.

By: Natalie Larson

Homecoming

As the school year commences, Homecoming for the 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner. It is one of the most favorite times of the year for all the students, including the 40th year reunion for the Class of 1977. The high schoolers are excited and hungry for competition for the Husky Spirit Stick as the 2017 senior class, who captured the stick for the last three years, has graduated. There will be fun filled events and activities from Tuesday, September 5th to Saturday, September 9th.

The Dress Up days are as follows: Tuesday - Tourist Day, Wednesday - Favorite team/college Alma Mater Day, Thursday - Color Day; Seniors-Lime Green, Juniors-Purple, Sophomores-Yellow, Freshman-Pink, Middle School-Blue, Elementary-Red, and Friday - Maroon and Gold Day. Please keep in mind that the dress code standards apply to all dress up days.

On Tuesday, the seniors will paint the "B" under the supervision of Principal, Mr. Paulson and Mr. Koontz. In previous years, the students have frequently applied more paint to themselves than the "B". Who knows what this year's graduating class will do. Also on Tuesday, will be the legendary Class Olympics. Hosted by Student Senate, Mrs. Jessica Tillman, and Mr. Karl Koontz, the

classes are ready to fight to gain much needed points for the week-long spirit stick competition. Games that will make reappearance are dodge ball and a relay race, but the Student Senate is also stirring up new events for the battle.

Thursday, September 7th, the volleyball girls will play Geraldine/Highwood in Belt. The middle school plays at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. JV plays at 6:00 p.m. and Varsity is + 20 min. After the JV game. Homecoming royalty will be introduced in between the JV and Varsity games.

September 8th will be definitely one of the most fun-filled days of the year. At 9:30 a.m. the high school classes all meet with their advisors to vote for Homecoming Queen and King. After that, they will head to their float building sites and start their projects. Float Building will last from then until 2:00 p.m. The middle school football team play Box Elder at 2:00 p.m. at Remington Field. The senior class will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner in the Belt Cafeteria from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be \$7.00 for a plate or \$20.00 for a family. At 5:00 p.m. the Homecoming Parade will start in front of the Harvest Moon Brewery and proceed to the school gymnasium just

in time for the Community Pep Rally in the Gym. At 7:00 p.m. the varsity football team will take on the Box Elder Bears. At halftime, Homecoming Queen and King and the winners of the Spirit Stick will be announced. Finally on Saturday September 9th the Lady Huskies host Simms for the Volleyball Homecoming Game. The Middle School "A" and "B" teams will play at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. JV will play at 6:00 p.m. Varsity will play 20 minutes after the JV game ends. Following the volleyball game DECA will again host a Homecoming Dance from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. All high schoolers are welcome to attend and the dress code will be casual. There will be pizza and punch at a cost of \$3 per person to enter.

As some classes are thinking of winning ideas for floats, others are thinking of Class Olympics. Sophomore Shelby Paulson challenged the Class of 2018, "SOPHOMORES are gonna win this year @ Seniors!" All students in grades K-12 are preparing for a very exciting week. Homecoming is a great reason for all students, parents and alumni to gather and celebrate. The Belt community is invited to attend all the activities.

By: Keely Drummond

Cross Country

The 2016-2017 cross country season starts off with a bang as the Belt-Centerville runners head off to Cut Bank today for their first meet of the year. Head Coach Mark Garber has high hopes for his team, gearing up for the boys squad to snag an even higher credential at state than 3rd place. The roster for the season is stock full of potential, on the girl's side: sophomores Shaylyn Dilley, Shelby Paulson, and Kolby Pimpton are raring to get this year's season

off to a fantastic start. Racing for the boys are: a state returning jun-



ior, Keagan Stroop, sophomores, William Franzen, Jacob Kelly, and freshman Trajan Caivarelli. The young Husky/Miner co-op team is preparing for one fast paced season that should prove not to disappoint. The meet results and times will be posted in the next edition of the Valley Voice and the staff wishes the team good luck!

By: Shelby Paulson

The Event of a Lifetime (Cont.)

...ever-present surroundings with two days in London, England and ten days in Edinburgh, Scotland. The main director, Mr. Jeffery Ross, was asked about his experience, he simply said "I am extremely proud of what the students have accomplished."

The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players are the native high school troupe to Belt, Montana. During the summer, they consisted of two actors from Bozeman- Hannah Palmer and Daniel Westlake- as well as nine students from Belt Public School, ranging from freshmen to seniors. In addition to these actors there are those responsible for most of the troupe's success, Elizabeth Harrison and Jeffery Ross, the main and co-directors; all the people mentioned here worked together extraordinarily, creating and weaving together a grand tale in *The*

Tempest.

These young performers began working on *The Tempest* in the beginning of the school year in 2016 and continued throughout the summer of '17. When Palmer and Westlake joined the troupe they practiced about four hours per day. This strenuous schedule continued on for the following five weeks, as well as numerous times when certain actors would stay behind to work on their parts and interactions.

There is a rigorous process to be invited into the AHSTF program. One must first be recommended, and then after that they must apply themselves and pray that they will be accepted and then invited. When talking to Mr. Ross about a return trip he said that it is not only possible but plausible. "I

think the impact of the trip we won't know for a while, it could be quite profound," said Mr. Ross.

Edinburgh, Scotland is a central hub for the performing arts and is home to thousands of actors, street performers, comedians, and every other kind of performance art. It also has been home to many great literary artists in the past, ranging from J.K. Rowling to Don Patterson. Edinburgh, Scotland spills culture at every crack and is full to the brim of art.

Congratulations to Mr. Ross and the Belt Shakespeare Players on their wonderful trip and great accomplishment. Many in the community are proud that drama is alive and well in the valley.

By: Keaghan Ophem

DECA

The 2017-2018 Belt High School DECA chapter gathered together to start preparing for State competitions this year. DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is the largest marketing club across the world. Mrs. Jessica Tillman will be the new chapter advisor, taking over from Mr. Hoyer who has been in charge for the past 15 years. Tillman is excited to see what the students this year and DECA has to offer.

This year the chapter consists of seniors: Trey Heitzmen, Troy Hennes, Tucker Johnson, and Hannah Schweitzer, junior Tori Shelton, sophomores: Maggie Andrews, Keely Drummond, William Franzen, Abby Gliko, Kyelie Marquis, Adelle Meissner, Avery Newman, Grace Norstedt, Karlee Permann, Kolby Pimperton, Shelby Paulson, Brooke Schraner, Hunter Vogl, and Anthony Wall and freshmen: Leaf Corrow, Kaimen Evans, T.J. Hennes, Anna Pethel, Sierra

Reese, Livvy Shelton, and Sabrina Wing. This past Wednesday, the chapter elected Keely Drummond as President; Hannah Schweitzer as Vice President; and Tori Shelton as Secretary.

Last April, eight girls made the trip to Anaheim, California to the International Developmental Career Conference. Keely Drummond, Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, Hannah Schweitzer, Tori Shelton, Ali Stroker, Haley Stoker, and Joely Stoker were all part of the qualifying Nationals team. Drummond attended a leadership conference with high hopes of becoming a state officer her junior year. Hoyer and Pimperton competed in the Creative Marketing event using the new fitness room for their project. The trio of Stoker sisters were competitors in Innovation Business Plan where they created a business plan for a coffee shop they hoped to open.

The State DECA Confer-

ence will be held at a new location of Fairmont Hot Spring this coming February. The International Career Development Conference this year will be hosted in Atlanta, Georgia April 21st to 24th. Belt has always had a great representation at ICDC in the past. This year the chapter is looking to do the same.

In order to attend both of these conferences, fundraising will be a necessity. The first fundraiser of the year will be the Homecoming Dance from 9:00-11:00 p.m. after the homecoming volleyball game on September 9th. The dance is casual and all high schoolers are welcome to attend. Cost is \$3 to get in the door and pizza and punch will be served. Word of a Daddy/Daughter dance also have been circulating for the little ones and a gun raffle also will be held again in the spring.

By: Keely Drummond

City News

On August 2nd and August 16th, the town of Belt met to hear the concerns of the city residents and employees. The former meeting was attended by: Glen Enderson acting as Mayor, Lynn Shilling as Clerk-Treasurer; Aldermen Porter, Heikkila, Darko, and Miller; Public Works personnel Robin Franzen; and members of the public William Clifford, Marcus Lair, Wally McManigale, Austin Walker, Kathleen Prody, Russ Roberts, Dave Urick, and Dave Eggert. The latter consisted of: Mayor BJ Wells, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Judge Jim Olson, Alderman Delbert Darko, Annie Porter, Paul Heikkila, Glen Enderson, and Sally Miller. Also present were candidates for 2018-19 Council, David Eggert, Russ Roberts, and Cliff Williams; members of the public Jack Funderberg, Dennis Veleber, John Mital, Amy Olson, and April Wells; Belt School Superintendent Kathleen Prody, and DEQ representative Tom Henderson.

A topic which is of interest to many people was discussed during the city hall meeting on August 2nd. There are four nominees for the 2017 mayoral election: Bo Wells, Don Crowell, Jim Olson, and John Masonovich. The mayoral election for the city of Belt will be held this November.

Recently, Nadine Hardinger, Alderman 3, resigned from the council. During the August 2nd meeting Alderman Darko announced the nominations to fill the vacancy, Clifford

Williams and Russ Roberts. There was a 30 day period beginning on August 2st to select an interim councilman. The results were announced at the August 16th meeting. By a 3-2 vote, Russ Roberts was selected to fill the spot. On January 1st, an election will be held to find a permanent replacement to fill the vacancy.

The council voted to approve and adopt the revised County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Also, the council voted to enforce a fee for NSF returned checks because the bank charges the city \$5 for each bounced check. The council put into place a \$35 charge for returned checks, effective immediately. Pavilion improvements were also brought up in both of the meetings. The council has discussed adding air conditioning, new steps, and a ramp. Robin Franzen got several quotes on both air conditioning and lumber for the new steps and ramps. The requested quotes for the installation of the air conditioning were deemed too high, but Franzen will be obtaining more quotes before the next meeting. The council also passed a motion that the steps and ramps at the Pavilion be replaced using composite materials.

Fire hydrants around town have been in need of repair for the last year, and on August 2nd Alderman Porter asked Franzen for a status report. Franzen said he has not heard back from sales reps

regarding parts. Franzen looked into the fire hydrant situation and is still waiting to hear back on several phone calls. In order to fix the problem immediately a list of all hydrants needing repair and/or replaced is being made. If possible the city will replace all the hydrants in need.

The lift station pump for the city went down last month. The pump, which sends the waste water to the lagoons, has been deemed unfixable. A new pump engineered by DEQ will be mandatory.

In other news, Alderman Porter proposed drafting an Ordinance to govern cutting trees and bushes that obstruct the sidewalk. Scott VanDyken of the Cascade County Sheriff's Office is to come speak to the council about a plan to cover such situations and writing more citations. Judge Jim Olson's presence has also been requested to advise on progress being made with respect to a contract with the county attorney. The council hopes to clear up this issue at the next meeting.

There are two meetings a month at City Hall on Castner Street. The council will meet again on September 6th and September 27th. City meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged.

By: Adelle Meissner

The Valley Voice staff welcomes everyone back for the 2017-2018 school year! With the beginning of classes that means more cars driving to and from the school be sure to buckle up and drive responsibly. Labor Day is also right around the corner, if partaking in any activities involving alcohol be sure to designate a driver and stay on the road sober. It only takes one second to change your whole life, buckle that seat belt and don't drive under the influence.

Remember-Don't Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Volleyball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 26	Showcase in Belt	TBA	Belt
August 31	Fort Benton	+20	Fort Benton
September 2	Fairfield	+20	Belt
September 7	Geraldine-Highwood (HC)	+20	Belt
September 9	Simms (Homecoming)	+20	Belt
September 12	GFCC	+20	GFCC
September 14	Centerville	+20	Belt
September 16	Big Sandy	+20	Big Sandy
September 21	Cascade	+20	Belt
September 23	Geraldine-Highwood	+20	Geraldine
September 29	GFCC	+20	Belt
September 30	Showcase @ Choteau	TBA	Choteau
October 5	Centerville	+20	Centerville
October 7	Cascade	+20	Cascade
October 12	Fort Benton	+20	Belt
October 14	Big Sandy (Senior Night)	+20	Belt
October 16	Simms	+20	Simms
October 17	Fairfield	+20	Fairfield
October 26-27	District	TBA	GFCC
November 2-4	Divisional	TBA	Chinook
November 9-11	State	TBA	Bozeman

Varsity Football

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 25	Cascade	7:00	Cascade
September 1	Centerville	7:00	Belt
September 8	Box Elder	7:00	Belt
September 15	CJ	7:00	Chester
September 22	Choteau	7:00	Belt
September 29	Hays	1:00	Hays
October 6	GFCC	7:00	Belt
TBA	Seeding Round	TBA	TBA
TBA	1st Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
TBA	2nd Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
TBA	State Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA
TBA	State Championship	TBA	TBA

Cross Country

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 1	4:20 PM	Cut Bank
September 8	2:00 PM	Kalispell
September 15	3:00 PM	Great Falls
September 23	12:00 PM	Havre
September 30	9:30 AM	Missoula
October 5	1:00 PM	Helena
October 14	11:00 AM	Townsend
October 21	TBA	Helena (State)

New Staff

Faster than you can say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious the staff of the Belt School paper has been swapped out. As always the editor in chief is the illustrious history teacher, Karl Koontz. Being the new editor of the paper, the intrepid MaKayla O'Neil is assisting Mr. Koontz. Lacking any seniors, the rest of the staff is comprised of the magical Keaghan Opheim, hilarious Maggie Andrews, humble Keely Drummond, good-natured Sydne Flinn, calm Audrea Glick, cool Natalie Larson, strident Adelle Meissner and energetic Shelby Paulson. We hope you enjoy the show.



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