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School Bond Passes

The community and district members have been notified that both of the Belt Public School bonds have passed. The high school bond, with a total of \$1,840,000 in construction costs, passed with 421 votes out of a total of 709 ballots (59%). The elementary bond, totaling \$2,760,000 in costs, also passed with 452 out of a total of 736 votes (61%).

Although the school and community emphasized the importance of the project, voting and passing the bonds were the just the beginning. This is going to be a long process for Belt schools, and the next step is putting the bonds on the market to be sold. The tentative goal is to begin construction next summer; this is a time-consuming project

requiring a bidding process and construction planning.

To refresh the community's memory, the Valley Voice would like to give a brief summary of the facility updates. Needed upgrades will increase security at the entrance of the facility, renovations to the elementary will create larger classrooms and additional restrooms, and a multi-purpose room will benefit athletes, theater groups, and community members. Building an entrance where visitors can easily be checked in will create a safer environment for both students and staff. Elementary facility improvements will allow Pre K and Kindergarten classes to return to the main

building, creating a safer, enclosed environment and that will increase the instructional use of space and time. A multi-purpose annex that will be constructed on the south end of the existing gym. The multipurpose facility will consist of a stage for the theater, a practice gym, and locker rooms. The fitness room and weight room will also be a part of this area.

The administration would like to stress that the picture of the renovations displayed on page 8 is only published to give the community an idea of the area that will undergo construction—it is NOT a finalized plan. Again, the bidding process has begun, and the construction planning will take place in the near future.

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Homecoming

The students' favorite time of the year has just passed last week: Homecoming. There was a lot of events to keep the students involved during Homecoming Week like Class Olympics, the volleyball and football games, dress up days, and the DECA dance.

Class Olympics was a huge success. Everybody showed up to compete in events like the relay race (egg carry, 3-legged race,

piggy back, potato sack hop, bear crawl, and wheel barrow), chip off, tug-o-war, badminton, quiz bowl (two Sudoku's, a crossword puzzle, and a multiple choice questionnaire), and dodge ball. After a few hours of competition, the junior class was announced as the Class Olympics (20 points), the senior class following in second place (15 points), sophomores

got third place (10 points), and the freshman finished last (5 points) for the Class Olympics.

These points were part of the weeklong class competition for the coveted Spirit Stick.

The dress up days were very fun for the students and staff alike. These themed days included: pajama day, camo day, favorite sports team day,

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Husky Football

The Belt football team continues to dominate their competition after two wins against Hays/Lodgepole and Simms. Tonight the squad will be competing against the Great Falls Central Mustangs, who are no longer undefeated after a loss to Cascade two weeks ago.

In the first quarter against the Thunderbirds, Belt scored on their first possession by a seven yard run from Jaren Maki. Maki found pay dirt again for the Huskies with a 25 yard run.

Taylor Olson ran in for the two point conversion. The running game was working for the Huskies,

Hays Lodgepole	0	0	0	6	6
Belt	36	12	0	6	54

but so was their passing. Harry Green found Keagan Strop in the end zone to add to the growing margin. Antonio Heaton converted the extra two points after receiving a pass from

Simms	0	0	0	0	0
Belt	19	29	8	0	56

and ran in back for six, adding to the increasing Husky lead. Running clock was then intact after this touchdown due to the Thunderbird's 40 point deficit. Bodner found the end zone after catching

Green. Turning defense into offense, Jess Bodner intercepted the Thunderbird ball for six points. The last of the scoring in the first stanza ended after Robbie Flinn hauled in a 24 yard pass from Green. Maki was found by Green in the end zone for the extra two points. By the end of the first period, Belt had a 36 point lead.

With four minutes left in the first quarter, a weather delay was issued for 45 minutes due to lightning, high winds, and rain.

In the second stanza, the Huskies continued their scoring ways as Maki intercepted the ball

and ran in back for six, adding to the increasing Husky lead. Running clock was then intact after this touchdown due to the Thunderbird's 40 point deficit. Bodner found the end zone after catching

a pass from Green from 14 yards out. Heading into the locker room, the Huskies held a steady lead of 48-0.

After the crowning of the homecoming royalty, the third period was not too exciting as there was no scoring on both sides of the spectrum. But in the final quarter, Troy Hennes caught a pass in the end zone from freshman Hunter Vogl to add six. But the Thunderbirds had one last effort and scored in the final three minutes. As the final horn blew, the Huskies defeated their competition by a score of 54-6.

Defensively, Brandon Wall, a freshman, was involved in 13 tackles for the Huskies. He earned two solo tackles and had 11 assisted tackles. Bodner and Maki both had one interception on the night that resulted in a touchdown for the home team. Nolan Myrstol also had two sacks on the night. On the offensive side,

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Harvest of the Month

Teresa Elam organized an enjoyable cooking event for the Husky clubbers on Wednesday, September 28th. This cooking event is known as Harvest of the Month. This exposes kids to new veggies such as: summer squash, egg corn squash, spaghetti squash, cucumbers, and much more.



The kids got to see what the vegetables looked like before they cooked them. This experience helps the young Huskies understand what Montanans grow.

Two of the Husky Club members enjoyed sharing with the Valley Voice their experience cooking with the squash and cucumbers. 5th grader, Danika Lords



found it really fun with the little kids because they didn't know what to do when they were cooking. Lords would love to make food with squash again. She learned many things

from this experience. One of the things she remembers is that the soft squash was the harvest squash. Lords least favorite of the food was the spaghetti squash.

Another 5th grader, Marshall Bond, thought making the food was fun. Unlike Lords, Marshall doesn't like squash or cu-

cumbers. Marshall made it very clear he wouldn't like to make food



with squash or cucumbers again. His favorite part of cooking was mixing the sugar in. Marshall did find the cooking very exciting just he didn't like the food he was using.

All of the Husky clubbers had an amazing time cooking and learning new things. They are very thankful to Ms. Elam for making time to expose them to different kinds of vegetables. Husky Club is looking forward to the next cooking event.

By: Kara Neal

Bowling Scores

Week 3Men's High Game

Brian Neill	213
Logan Lewis	200
Mike Ezop, Drew Koffler	197

Men's Series

Brian Neill	578
Mike Ezop	548
John Larson	518

Women's High Game

Lis Urick	191
Linda Lewis	186
Sandy Fracom	176

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	520
Sandy Francom	506
Linda Lewis	484

Week 4Men's High Game

Mike Ezop	227
Bill Romero	216
Brian Neill	202

Men's Series

Brian Neill	531
Mike Ezop	521
Bill Romero	513

Women's High Game

Polly Pimperton	171
Denise Puppe	159
Celeste Hoyer	152

Women's Series

Polly Pimperton	444
Patti Sweeney	431
Denise Puppe	418

Belt Grade Community Pick-Up

Youth Leadership grade and the men volunteered to clean up the grade for the Brew



Pub, which has adopted the road. As many people of the community could probably tell the Belt Grade was getting really disgusting. There were 10 members who showed



up to volunteer 2 hours of their time on Sunday, September 25th. There were many revolting items that shouldn't be mentioned that were found on the road side. The ladies started at the top of the

worked their way up from the school. The two groups eventually met half way with many large bags to take to



the dump.

Mr. Hoyer, the advisor for Youth Leadership, provided the trash bags, gloves, liners, and his truck to take to the dump.



Youth Leadership members considered the idea of making this project a once a month event. The grade clean up was a great way for

students to gain experience as volunteers hours and help beautify the Belt Community. Youth Leadership

wants to prevent the grade getting terrible with the loads of trash they picked up.

These students would like to remind the Belt Community :

Don't litter and when taking trash to the dump please cover it so it doesn't blow away.

The goal is to keep Belt a great looking town which the members of the community can take pride in.

By: Kara Neal

Middle School Sports

Middle school sports continues to go full throttle throughout the weeks. The mid-point of football, volleyball, and cross country passed last week for the young athletes. By now the participants should be hitting their peak right before tournaments start.

Two weeks ago on Saturday, the middle school football team competed against Hays-Lodgepole for the homecoming game. The Thunderbird team was no match for the Huskies. Belt defeated them by 48-30. Last

week, the Huskies were matched up against the Simms Tigers. defeated Belt by a score of 44-8. The volleyball team continues to improve their record after defeating GFCHS, Centerville, but falling to Cascade. Two weeks ago they defeated the Mustangs with scores of 25-13, 18-25, and 15-6. Last week on Thursday, they dominated Centerville with scores of 25-13 and 25-21. On the 8th, the Belt Huskies lost to Cascade with scores of 25-19, 19-25, and 9-15. The middle

school cross country squad ran in Havre on Oct. 1. In the middle school boys' race, Asa Jassen finished 9th with a time of 9:53.41. Cole Hepfner came in next for the team by a final time of 10:04.82 with a 14th place finish. Richie Andrews was the last of the runners crossing the line with a time of 11:58.73 good for 53rd place. As for the girls, Lindsey Paulson earned 3rd place with a finish of 10:30.2. Piper Denno placed 5th with a time of 10:54.6.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Pizza Pro

Everyone has those nights when their mom doesn't want to cook or their family has a night out on the town for dinner. Most people drive all the way into Great Falls just for their meal, but they are unaware that hot, fresh food is waiting right at home. Pro Alley Bowling, also known as Pizza Pro, is located on 2 Valley Drive in Belt, MT, offering Belt com-

munity pizza, bread sticks, beer, bowling, and a great time!

The building was bought out and remodeled into a pizza joint over 20 years ago by Tony Wall. Pizza Pro is open from Monday through Friday, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., and they offer bowling league on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Supporting local

businesses is a great way to improve Belt community, and Pizza Pro is the best place to go for a family night, a special date, or even going alone can be a blast! So the next time someone says they're hungry, round up a few dollars, order pizza, and go bowling with a friend.

By: Morgan Davis

Husky Football *(Cont.)*

Green completed seven out of nine passes, while three resulted in touchdowns. Maki averaged 10 yards per carry, his longest run being 25 yards.



He ran for two touchdowns. Receiving wise, Maki once again was the go to man. He hauled in four

catches, averaging 15.75 yards after the catch. The Huskies rushed for 101 yards and received for nearly 200 yards. The Huskies once again completed a shutout on Remington Field against the Simms Tigers on Friday, October 7th. In the first quarter, the Huskies, like usual, jumped out to an early lead. After an early turnover for the Huskies, Bodner started out the scoring for Belt with a six yard run. Green was the next for the Huskies to find pay dirt with a one yard run. Green then found Bodner for a 39 yard touchdown for Belt. The extra point was successful for the Huskies to make the home teams lead 19-0 after one quarter.

The second quarter is where big plays turned into points for the Huskies. Maki was found by Green resulting in a 30 yard touchdown. The extra point was kicked by Bodner, to add to the margin. The Tigers could not move the ball up the field against the Huskies forcing them to punt the ball. Stroop received the

punt and ran it 68 yards to find the end zone. The next Husky possession lead to more points for the home team. Green found Stroop open for a 65 yard touchdown. The two point conversion was good when Maki threw it to Taylor Olson in the end zone. The Bodner and Green duo found stride with a 73 yard touchdown. Stroop located Hennes in the end zone for the two point conversion. Heading into the locker room, the half time score was 48-0.

During the second half of the football game, the Husky reserves played most of the remaining time. In the third quarter, the only points came from Stroop passing to Hennes for a 43 yard touchdown.



Robbie Flinn caught the ball in the end zone to complete the two point conversion. By the end of the game, the Huskies

completed a 56-0 win to add to their perfect record. When the Tigers had the ball, the Huskies were staunch, allowing no first downs in the first half and no touchdowns within the entire game.

Maki earned ten tackles, five solo and five assisted. Olson also completed nine tackles with three solo and six assisted tackles. Green used his athleticness to com-



plete an interception for a Husky possession, which eventually resulted in a touchdown.

On the offensive side of the spectrum, Green completed six out of 13 passes, but the average after every catch was 42.1 yards. He threw for 253 yards total along with four touchdown passes. Stroop completed two out of three passes for 74 yards. Green and Stroop passed for 327 yards combined. Bodner hauled in two passes for 112 yards both resulting in touchdowns, while Hennes and Maki caught two passes for 62 and 57 yards, respectively. Stroop received one pass for 65 yards, contributing to the team total of 327 yards. Stroop used his speed to run 68 yards after a punt from Simms.

The Huskies still hold an undefeated record of 7-0. Tomorrow the Huskies will travel to Great Falls to compete against the Great Falls Central Mustangs. The Mustangs are currently the number two seed with one loss to Cascade. Kick off time is set for 1:00 p.m. in Great Falls.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Homecoming (Cont.)

throwback/retro day, and maroon and gold day. The seniors won the dress up days for the week with a total of 15.5 points. Students in all grades got really into these days and for each class, almost every student dressed up every day!

On Friday the 30th, all of the classes left to build their homecoming floats. This all day activity allowed the students to bond and



work together as a class. The freshman won the float building (20 points); following was the seniors (15 points), juniors (10 points), then the sophomores in last place (5 points).

Serving as Grand Marshalls for this year's parade were Class of



1977 members Neill Sweeney and Tom Zuhoski. They led the procession down Main Street

from the viaduct to the school and did not take a single wrong turn.

The final competition for the spirit stick was the Husky roar at the assembly on Friday. For this contest, each class stood in sepa-



rate corners of the gym. First place was awarded to the seniors (4 points), second place to the juniors (3 points), third place to the sophomores (2 points) and freshman got fourth place (1 point). This final competition allowed the cheer-



leaders to tally up the total points for each class and the seniors won the spirit stick with 49.5 total points. This was the third year in a row for the Class of 2017 to win the spirit stick. As far as sports go, the Huskies have been very successful in their contests. The volleyball girls played the GFCC mustangs and defeated them in four sets 25-16, 19-25, 25-16, and 25-20. The football boys also won their homecoming game by dominating



Hays-Lodgepole 54-6. The Homecoming king and queen was announced during halftime of the football game. The nominees were senior class: Adrianna Irvine, Jess Bodner; junior class: Kali Duncan and Dawson Marquis; sophomore class: Emily Langston and Harry Green; freshman



class: Kerstyn Pimperton and Taylor Olson. The 2016 Homecoming king and queen winners were Kerstyn Pimperton and Jess Bodner. The Homecoming royalty represent the senior class until next year's Homecoming. One symbol that stands out in Belt is the 'B' on B Hill. The Class of 2016 did a fantastic job painting their '16 on the hill, but it was time for the Class of 2017 to represent Belt and paint '17. The seniors left school to lift heavy rocks and paint not only the numbers, but their classmates as well. This activity allows the seniors to have a great time together and bond before they graduate and go their separate



ways. Next time you drive down the grade into Belt, make sure to look at the '17 B on the hill.

Saturday, the Homecoming dance, sponsored by DECA, was a blast. Most of the high school participated in this activity and danced the night away. Keith Hoyer was the DJ and kept the tunes going throughout the night and put a cap on Homecoming Week that was a fitting end to a great week of spirit and competition.

By: Alison Stoker

Volleyball

The volleyball girls are still undefeated in their district with an 8-0 winning streak in conference play, and 12-0 overall including, three non-conference games, along with two undefeated showcase tournaments. The Huskies are first in the 7C conference and have a two game lead against the GFCC Mustangs. In these past two weeks, the Lady Huskies played a lot of volleyball. On the 1st, the Dogs trekked to CJI for their showcase, then the next week played Centerville and Cascade in the Belt home gym.

In the CJI showcase, the Huskies played four games total, taking first in the tournament. The first team

the ladies played was Valier and took the win 25-



-13 and 25-8; next they played Big Sandy and defeated them 25-9 and 25-12. Against Heart Butte, the Lady Huskies won 25-6 and 25-7. Finally, the girls advanced into the championship against the Centerville Miners. In two close matches, the Lady Huskies defeated the Miners 25-14 and 30-29.

Last week, the Lady Huskies



Alison Stoker with 13 digs, Dani Urick with 15 kills, Kassie Hoyer with 2 blocks, Kerstyn Pimperton with 3 aces, and Pimperton with 34 assists.

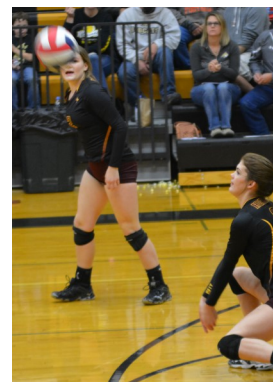
Later that week, the Cascade Badgers jour-
neyed to Belt's gym to play a quick volley-

ball match and the Huskies defeated the badgers 25-20, 25-9, and 25-12. Leading in stats was Stoker with 11 digs and Stoker with 6 aces which led to the nomination of Stoker for Athlete of the week be-



played the Centerville Miners in the Belt gym. In three quick sets, the Lady Huskies swept the Miners 25-16, 25-13, and 25-12. Leading in stats were

cause of her performance on the court. Voting takes place on the Great Falls Tribune website.



Tonight the Huskies have a home game against the Fort Benton Longhorns. Tomorrow the Big Sandy Pioneers

will travel for a nonconference match in the Belt gym for the Huskies' senior night.

Volleyball seniors this year are Sara Anderson, Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, and Alison Stoker. At the conclusion of the JV match, before the varsity match, the seniors will be walked out by their parents onto the court and will be recognized for their achievements throughout high school.

On the 17th, the Lady Huskies will excursion to Simms for a loud and exciting volleyball match then on the 18th the girls will go to Fairfield for a nonconference game before tournaments start. The 7C District tournament will begin on October 27th. Go Huskies!

By: Alison Stoker

New Website

The Belt School website has been a great access for the students, parents, and teachers. It has the activities calendar, lunch schedule, access to grades, and much more. Most people would think it couldn't get better than that. Recently, the school has developed a new website. This website has amazing new features for the community. This outstanding website has interactive features such as Face-

book and Twitter. With these new structures it releases information out more quickly about the school.

Most people now a days have a smart phone and the Belt School is aware of that. With this website anyone who has access to a smart phone can download the app. The website has been recently up-loaded and ready to go. The key users of the website have been trained

on how to run and use it. Then they assisted the rest of the staff who were trained as well. The web address is same as the last website, (www.beltschool.com). Belt School hopes this new website will help the community, parents, staff, teachers, and students stay more to update with upcoming events.

By: Kara Neal

National Honors Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization that features academically interested students that show leadership and good qualities of a hardworking student. Every student in the Belt NHS are ones that are interested in pursuing a successful college career and goal setting, which is exactly what Debra Ray, NHS advisor, looks for. NHS students are the “leaders of the school.” NHS students represent Belt school. Seniors that graduate high school with NHS receive a white satin stole to wear with their cap and gown.

Every spring, Mrs. Ray and teachers and staff at this school look over sophomore and junior class students, and have the academically successful ones fill out an essay and apply for NHS. The students are required of having a 3.5 GPA and 3 semesters of work in high school, transfer students need 3 semesters of work in school as well as one semester at Belt. The inductees are featured in the spring banquet. The students involved in NHS this year are seniors: Harry Green, Isabelle Newman, Kassie Hoyer, Adrianna Irvine, Kerstyn Pim-

perton, Sara Anderson, Emily Highfill, and Ali Stoker; and juniors: Nolan Myrstol, Hannah Schweitzer, Shannon Hoskins, and Jordan Swanson.

The students in NHS and Mrs. Ray also just had a recent meeting discussing service projects and the election of senior officers. President is Adrianna Irvine, Vice President Isabelle Newman, secretary Kerstyn Pimperton, and Treasurer Harry Green. Irvin, Newman, and Green have been inducted since their sophomore year here at Belt High and Pimperton received her induction last spring. All four are more than excited to finish out their last year as an NHS member.

All NHS students are required to work on group and individual service projects throughout the year. The group projects that will be executed this year are the blood drives and canned food drives. The blood drives are always a big hit, and it gives the entire community a chance to donate blood and do a good deed for those in need. The next blood drive is

coming up on November 14th. There will also be another drive this spring, there has not been a set date yet. NHS students that donate blood three times will receive the Red Cross red cord for graduation. Those that cannot donate blood must do 2 hours of service for every blood drive, for a total of at least 6 hours. Also during the week of the 14th, there is the Feed the Cats, Feed the Griz canned food drive. This service projects is great for the elementary students to get involved. The purpose of this is to have students bring in cans of food and put it in the Cats bucket or the Griz bucket (whichever team they are rooting for). This is also a competition to see which team will have the most cans while doing it for a good cause. The students are still currently working on picking out a successful service project for the year. More information on the upcoming service projects will be provided in the next couple of issues of the Valley Voice.

By: Alison Stoker

To some drinking and driving may be a normal habit but that does not mean that it is a good/safe habit. Not only could the people who are drinking and driving but hurt or killed, but so could the people that are around them. Thousands have died from this but yet it still happens today.

You can help this situation by making sure that you have a designated driver that can take you home after you have been drinking. Call a sober friend, parent, or trusted adult who can bring you home safely. The main point is Make A Plan ahead of time.

Make sure to stay out of the driver's seat when you have been drinking because the consequences can be deadly. It's not worth your life or anybody else's.

Don't Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Career Fair

This year was the first that Belt Counselor, Jill Gliko, took students to the annual career fair. The entire junior class, as well as a few senior classmen, trekked to the Trades and Industries Building at the Great Falls Expo-park. The fair is designed to introduce children to occupations in the trade industry. This event was organized to where students walked

around to tables where careers were displayed so they could figure out what they were interested in. Some stations included paramedics, engineering, auto body repair, and plumbing.

The event didn't offer all types of careers, but enough for the students to get a feeling for future opportunities. Jason Metrione, sen-

ior from Belt High, enjoyed the career fair. He loved "all of the options." Metrione's favorite station was the plumbing station because of the hands on activities they offered. Mrs. Gliko is glad the students had a good experience at the career fair and hopes for it to be even better next year!

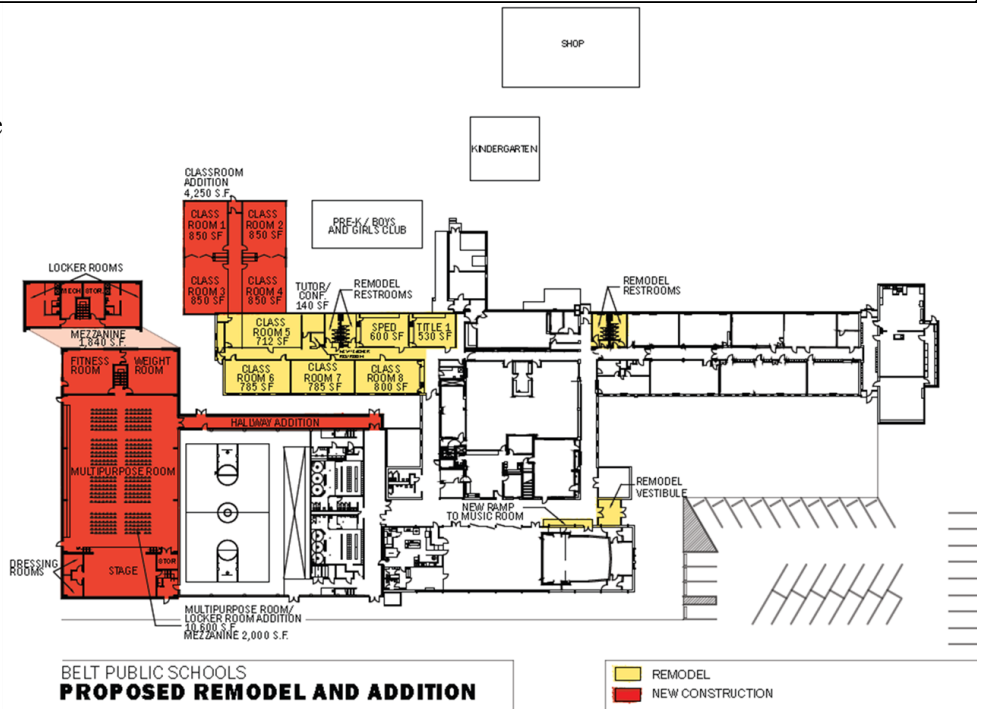
By: Alison Stoker

School Bond Passing (Cont.)

Although the information provided at the right is not the final plan, it gives the community and district voters a brief preview of the conceptual design of the renovations. The Valley Voice is happy to announce that the construction project could begin as early as next summer if each step of the process goes smoothly.

The school would like to emphasize how greatly they will benefit from the renovations, and the board and administration would like to thank all of the voters who participated in making a big, positive change in the community's education system. Updates will be published as more information becomes available.

By: Morgan Davis



National Bullying Prevention Month

For years, bullying has been an issue, whether it is physical, mental, cyber, verbal, etc. In 2006, PACER developed National Bullying Prevention Month to raise awareness about this serious concern. This began as a weeklong event and ended up turning into a worldwide movement.

This month communities are encouraged to work together to stop bullying. PACER wants students to participate in activities for bullying awareness. Schools want upstanders not bystanders. It's never fun to be the kid being picked on, so it's encouraging to those students being bul-

lied.

Belt High School students recently took the annual My Voice Survey. This survey asks students how they feel about the school, teachers, classmates, their grades, etc. Under the bullying section of the survey, only 6% of the high school students said bullying was a problem. However, 3.6% of students strongly believe they have troubles fitting in. These numbers and stats are quite impressive and have decreased dramatically over the past couple years. While these numbers are encouraging, it is an issue that

cannot be ignored.

There is no doubt that bullying is still an issue in school around the country. Belt has made some major progress these past couple years in an effort to diminished the problem. Bullying is not a big problem in the Belt School; the students and staff would like to keep it that way. The rest of October the students will participate in this month and encourage others to not bully. A safe, positive learning environment is the goal for all students in Belt.

By: Kara Neal

City News

The town hall has had a couple meetings in the past month and they have discussed a few problems as well as new events coming up. Their first meeting was on September 21st, and present at the meeting were: Judge Jim Olson, Mayor B.J. Wells, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Belt School Superintendent Kathleen Prody, and Aldermen Nadine Hardinger, Delbert Darko, Paul Heikkila, Annie Porter, Sally Miller, and Glen Ender-son. In this meeting they discussed a few motions, one of which is constructing a sound bar for the pavilion; the pavilion hosts many parties and events and a sound bar could be useful. The committee also mentioned their appreciation towards April Wells and other volunteers at the Belt Summer Celebration.

The next meeting composed of the same people, and they dis-

cussed more recent news. The meeting was held on October 5th.

A big event discussed was the school bond project, which includes expanding the school for further safety and convenience. Superintendent Prody mentioned that the bond passed and construction will potentially begin in the spring 2017 and will finish in the winter of 2017. Next the committee discussed the annual cleaning and flushing of fire hydrants, and they will be cleaned in the next couple weeks.

They want to improve the pool barn in the park by extending electricity to it. This will add convenience to those using the pool and working there. There is already a dog ordinance in the town of Belt and a lot of dog control laws, but there hasn't been one for cats. They discussed how they could control

the wild cats around Belt and those with homes, but the committee took no action because there is no way to control this problem without spending an unnecessary amount of money. The final discussion was about the extra money from the water meter grant.

This grant allowed every house in Belt to install water meters to track how much water they are using. The meters are expected to help citizens use less water, because they will be more aware of the amount they are using. The water meters will begin tracking in the end of this October. The extra money from the grant will be put towards fixing the curb stops that are currently inoperable.

By: Alison Stoker

Help Wanted

Belt School is looking for individuals who take pride in their work, community, and Belt School to join our support staff. Currently, we have openings for bus drivers and substitute and/ or games custodian. Starting pay is \$10.40 an hour for custodians, no experience needed; and \$12.85 for bus drivers, CDL is required and district will compensate for training for qualified candidate.

To apply call the school at 277-3351, pick up an application at the school, or complete the application online at www.beltschool.com. Go Huskies!

What does it take to be a Husky?

- H**elp others
 - U**nderstand differences
 - S**how respect to self and others
 - K**ind to all
 - I**gnite enthusiasm
 - E**xpect to be the best
 - S**how responsibility
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Calendar of Events

- Oct. 20-Educators Conference
(No school)
- Oct. 21-Educators Conference
(No school)
- Oct. 22-Fball @Power (MS-4:30PM Var-7:00PM)
- Oct. 27&28-Vball @GFCC (Var-TBA)
- Oct. 29-Fball @TBA (Var-TBA)
- Oct. 31-Halloween
- Oct. 31-Halloween Parade-3:15PM (Grades Pre-5) @Belt Public School Gymnasium



Music Department Update

Starting Thursday of last week, the music students started their annual wreath fundraiser. This year there are nine different wreaths to choose from; a 14", 18", 24", or 36" circular wreath, candy canes, crosses, door arches, and new additions include hearts and hand tied garland wreaths. Sales end on October 28th. There is an upcoming 5-12 grade concert on Tuesday October 25th. Each group will perform three pieces of music.

The high school students

also auditioned for the North-Central Montana Honor Band and Choir. This year it will be held at Shelby High School November 28th - 29th. When asked about her experience in honor choir last year,



sophomore Makayla O'Neil (trying out for honor choir for the second year in a row) says "I really enjoyed Honor Choir, you get the full body experience of a large choir group that you don't normally get in a small school, and it was really cool to have a bunch of tenors and bass's singing with the sopranos and altos."

Last year seven music students including O'Neil went to honor band and choir.

By: Kali Duncan

Behavior Impacts

With the start of a new school year, the Valley Voice would like to refresh the Husky Expectation Matrix and What It Takes to Be a Husky with not only the students, but also the school faculty and community members of Belt as well. This is an efficient way to remind the student body, teachers, and visitors at Belt Public School of the school's expectation of a positive learning environment. Following these regulations will not only improve a student's behavior on a personal level, but it will also make them more aware of other students' feelings, too. The impact of knowing this Matrix and What It Takes To Be a Husky really reminds everybody of the importance of not only learning but respecting everyone's education, including their own.

Montana Behavior Initiative's mission is an approach to create a positive behavioral environment that supports the success of the students emotionally, physically, mentally, socially, and academically. In 2006, the students at Belt Public School united to create the Husky Expectation Matrix, which was an attempt to create a better learning environment for students that also applied to their feelings. The results were great. Schools around the United States, including BVHS, have witnessed im-

provements in not only student behavior towards themselves and their peers, but it has also seen the reduction of: violence, drugs, and alcohol in the toughest school situations.

When students follow the key word to simple rules such as: safe (keeping hands, feet, all objects to themselves, follow directions, and use common sense), responsible (report concerns, help others, and display positive leadership), respect (think of others, understand differences, use appropriate language, and ask permission), learn (make good choices, be happy, have self-confidence, expect to be the best, and have a positive attitude), they are more than likely improving their personal skills, confidence, and academics, while also encouraging and supporting fellow classmates.

It is also important to keep other people's feelings in mind. Whether someone is speaking about them self, their peers, their teacher, or someone in the community, people need to be aware of that person and their feelings. As most people know, kids like to joke around, but sometimes adolescents don't realize when the line has been crossed or where the limit begins. Joking and picking fun at friends is the life of

high school, middle school, and elementary students, and a lot of times it can be fun and humorous. While laughing and having a good time is great, students need to be sure that **everyone** is having fun. Sometimes it's hard to understand other people's thought processes or the way they feel about certain subjects, but it's extremely important to students to understand that it's their responsibility to respect their peer's requests and feelings.

Following these simple guidelines and being respectful, accepting, and responsible will help create a fun, inviting learning environment that meets **all students'** expectations and needs. Clearly, no one is perfect, mistakes will be made, but keep in mind that it takes a lot of self-respect and courage to set differences aside, apologize for the mistake, and move on with the day. Parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members will benefit greatly if everyone works together and practices Husky behaviors.

The Belt M.B.I. chapter is headed by Mr. Hoyer and Mr. Adams

By: Morgan Davis

Cross Country

The cross country team participated in Havre two weeks ago and Helena last Thursday. Tomorrow they will travel to Townsend for a meet. Coach Mark Garber continues to push the runners in practice, hoping to improve their times for the upcoming meets.

In Havre, the boys' varsity race consisted of 65 participants. Keagan Stroop finished 3rd out of the 65 with a time of 17:16.16. Robert Gliko came in next for the co-op squad finished 29th. He had a time of 19:15.04. Robbie Flinn finished 56th with a finish of 21:53.96. Brandon Little from Centerville clocked in at 22:21.22, good for 58th. William Franzen finished for Belt/Centerville with a time of 30:45.76.

On the girls' side of the spectrum, 54 runners participated in the varsity race. Shelby Paulson was the first girls' runner to cross the finish line for the Husky/Miner co-op. She placed 29th with a time of 23:47.42. Shaylyn Dilley from Centerville finished 32nd with a finish of 24:04.30. Makayla Paul, also

a Miner, crossed the finish line while the clock read 25:37.08 to place 40th.

In Helena, the races aren't set up as girls' varsity and boys' varsity, instead each team will put their number seven boy runner and their number seven girl runner in the same race to compete against other seven runner. This continues all the way up until the top runner.

Stroop was put in the number one race, where he competed against other top athletes ranging from class C school to class AA schools. He finished 26th out of 34 runners with a time of 17:15. Gliko was placed in the number two race. He crossed the line at 18:48, finishing 32nd out of 36. Jacob Kelley from Centerville was the number three runner, finishing with a time of 19:33, good for 36th out of 40. Flinn, the number four runner, placed 26th out of 43 participants with a time of 18:38.

Little, a Centerville contributor, competed in the fifth race of the day. He finished with a time of

21:08 to earn 35th place out of 43. Harry Green was the sixth runner to run. He crossed the line when the clock read 17:34, earning 11th place out of 45. Franzen was the last runner for the Huskies. He ran in the seven runner's race and finished 23rd out of 35 with a time of 27:27.

Only two ladies were able to make it to the competition in Helena. Dilley, a Miner contributor, raced in the fifth race. She finished with a time of 23:00, good for 23rd out of 35. Paul competed in the number six race. She clocked in with a time of 24:24, earning 26th out 36.

Tomorrow the runners are travelling to Townsend to compete in their last meet before state. Next week the cross country athletes will compete at the state meet in Kalispell. Coach Garber has high expectations for both teams and hopes that they can run their fastest.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

DECA Dance



On Saturday, the 1st of October, the DECA students held a Homecoming dance. Last year was the first time Belt has had a Homecoming Dance in quite some time, and since it was such a success, the DECA organization hosted it again. Hopefully, it becomes an annual tradition.

To get into the dance, each person had to bring \$2 or 2 cans of food. But this event was not about making money; this was an "opportunity for students. The dance was more about making a memory than making money," says Hoyer,

DECA advisor. The dance was quite the success this year. Students stayed for the entire night because of the fun they were




having. This is one of the students' favorite dances of the year because they can dress casually and move around the dance floor.

Hoyer was the DJ for this event and says, "*Baby Got Back* never goes out of style." He kept the tunes going and the students loved all the music he played, along with requests from the students. Hoyer and the DECA squad want to host



another dance this winter after Christmas break. Students in all grades of the high school suggested this. The dance allows students to have fun while getting good exercise. Three hours of constant dancing gets students' heart rate up and any opportunity to get teens exercising is one to take. Hoyer thanks students for joining in on the dance and hopes another one later this year will be just as successful.

By: Alison Stoker

Games/ Puzzles	Inspirational Quotes
<p>And body parts continue! Whose legs are these from after painting the B during homecoming week?</p>  <p>Answer to last weeks puzzle: Jaren Maki</p>	<p>This week's theme for Valley Voice's Inspirational Quotes is: priorities. Now that it's finally October, school is in full swing along with sports, extracurriculars, family, friends, and so on. Sometimes it is hard to make time for it all, however, it's possible believe it or not. Here are some quotes to try and help you prioritize your schedule:</p> <p>"The key is not prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." – Stephen Covey</p> <p>"Sometimes things in life happen that allow us to understand our priorities very clearly. Ultimately you can see those as gifts." – Mariska Hargitay</p> <p>"What seems so necessary today may not even be desirable tomorrow." – Martin Luther King</p> <p>If you're ever stressed, overthinking, or maybe there is just too much on your plate, get a new perspective and decide what is most important to you. Putting yourself first is not always a selfish thing. It can actually relieve some stress and make your life easier for yourself and others, creating a happier life style.</p>

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