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Still Undefeated

Football playoffs continued last weekend at Belt's home, Remington Field. After a first round win against Twin Bridges, the Grid Iron Gladiators came prepared to dominate the Circle Wildcats. This tight game gave the crowd goose bumps because of the alternating scores but in the end, the Husky football squad took the quarterfinal win, 33-28. The dramatic win puts the Dogs into the semifinals against Charlo.



The boys record now stands at 11-0. If the Huskies remain undefeated after this round, they will advance into the final game against

the winner of Ennis and Wibaux. *(complete story on page 2).*

Not only have the manly football team been spotless this season, but the volleyball team also has yet to taste defeat this season. The Lady Husky volleyball squad advanced into the state tournament taking place this week, Thursday to Saturday. These Dogs captured the Divisional Championship last weekend, defeating GFCC. This is the 6th year in a row that the Lady Huskies trek to Bozeman, in hopes of taking the state title for the first year in history. Yesterday the girls started off the state tournament by playing the Circle Wildcats, the defending state champs. They beat Circle in four



sets in the opening round and last night swept the Ennis Mustangs to advance to the undefeated game tonight against the Broadus Hawks. *(complete story on page 5).*

The men's football team hasn't captured the state title since 1994. This year has captivated Husky fans as the boys advance into the semifinal game against Charlo. As for the Lady Huskies, they have yet to capture the state title for Belt High School.

More information on the football and volleyball games are provided in following pages of the Valley Voice.

By: Alison Stoker

Veterans' Day Program

Americans owe a lot to the citizens who have served this country. The Belt Valley School is taking time to honor the veterans of the community. The annual Belt Veteran's Day Program will be taking place today at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to this commemorative event in the Belt Gymnasium.

Kale Stroop, a kin-

dergartener, will inaugurate the program with the Pledge of Allegiance. This event includes the two seniors, Harry Green and Isabelle Newman, who will deliver their Voice of Democracy speeches. The VOD speeches are part of a VFW sponsored national competition. After the seniors have touched everyone's heart in the



room, the 4th graders will perform a patriotic skit. Then Sierra Reese, the winner of the Patriot's Pen essay competition (the middle school writing competition *(Cont. pg. 6)*)

Husky Football

The state Class C playoffs kicked off for the Huskies two weeks ago at Remington Field. The Husky football team defeated the Twin Bridges Falcons and the Circle Wildcats to advance to the semifinals. The community continues to support the undefeated Huskies through their winning run.

On October 29th, Belt competed against the Twin Bridges Falcons. The Huskies got their first taste of playoff action on their home turf. In the first quarter of

Twin Bridges	6	8	6	7	27
Belt	14	16	8	20	58

the game, Belt started out with a quick score on their first possession with a two yard run from Harry Green. But Twin Bridges scored quickly with a long pass to tie the ball game at 6-6. The game continued to go back and forth after Green ran 65 yards to add six for Belt. The two point conversion was successful via a pass to Keagan Stroop from Green. By the end of the first stanza, Belt held the lead, 14-6.

Early in the second period, Twin Bridges found pay dirt with an-

other 35 yard run and two more points with the conversion to knot the game. On Belt's next possession, a turnover took place to give the Falcons another chance for points, but the Huskies' forced a turnover on first and goal on the three yard line. After receiving the ball again, Belt drove 67 yards and scored with a three yard run by Stroop. Stroop also completed the two point conversion. This sequence was the turning point in

the game. Another Husky defensive stop resulted in points for Belt once again, this time by way of a 47 yard run from Green. Stroop was then found in the end zone by Green for the two point conversion. Heading into the locker room, the Huskies clung to a slimmer than usual lead of 30-14.

The third quarter took a little bit of a slow turn for both teams. The Huskies scored off of a 24 yard run from Green midway through the period. The two point conversion was good after another

Green to Stroop connection. Twin Bridges finished off the scoring in the third quarter with a touchdown. The score was 38-20 as the horn signaled the end of the third.

In the last quarter, Green continued to rack up stats by passing to Maki for a touchdown. The two point conversion was completed when Green found Stroop in the end zone. Maki found pay dirt once more with a four yard run. Twin Bridges showed some life, bolting to the end zone with a 20 yard run. But the Huskies had the last say of the day as Green ran 44 yards for another score. The final horn blew and Belt was victorious in the first round of playoff play with a tally of 58-27. Defensively, Maki and Troy Hennes were able to force 14 and 11 tackles each, respectively. Bodner also completed an interception to give the Huskies another chance for points. Hennes and Taylor Olson both sacked Twin Bridges' quarterback for a loss of yardage. On the other side of the spectrum, Green was unstoppable. He passed for 290 yards averaging 13.1 yards

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Library Donation

Michael and Andrea Uram visited Montana the first week of October along with their two children Andrew and Katie (who are now adults). This family has a lot of history in Belt and its surrounding areas. They came to discover some important historical facts about Belt and donate several *New York Times Best Seller* books to the Belt School library. These books were written by Andrea .

The Uram family has a lot of history within Belt. During Belt's mining days, around 1900, Annie Hornick, grandmother of Michael Uram, lived in a house on 2nd Avenue North in Belt (this house no longer stands). Her father, Stephen, was a coal miner. While her father was out coal mining her mother would stay home, rent beds to the miners, wash their laundry, as well as cook meals. When Annie Hornick was little all of her brothers died in infancy. They were buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Because Annie's parents could not afford a tombstone at the time they marked their little baby boys' graves with small pyramids of

stones.

There is also Michael's great uncle who died when his son was only 4 years old. One Halloween night Michael's granddad, John Uram, was standing out in the rain trying to protect his Model T from hooligans that were up to no good. He caught pneumonia that night and died sometime after during the 1930's. When John Uram was alive he was very busy working at the Granite City Steel Mill until 1930.

Andrea, wife of Michael Uram, and author of the New York Times Best Seller books (that were donated), has a family history that connects to Montana as well.

Andrea's great-great uncle, Doc Drake, was born during the year of 1887. He was also a very busy man just like John Uram. Doc Drake did many things. He was a deputy sheriff that ran livery stables and he was also an unofficial veterinarian. The livery stables that he ran are now a part of the Wibaux Museum. John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who were related to Doc Drake, were two of the pas-

sengers that arrived to America on the Mayflower.

Andrea's books contain some of her and her husband's family's history. They also contain wonder and excitement. Her books are all about learning about history and they are filled with wonder, excitement, and adventures. The books that she and her husband donated contain all of these wonderful things. Some of the titles of these books are *Secrets of the Cicada Summer*, *Rosie Revere Engineer*, *Ada Twist, Scientist*, *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies*, *Artist Ted*, and *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*. These books are filled with fun and excitement for children to read. The reason that the family is donating all of the book is because they are trying to say thank you. Though their family left the Belt Valley over a century ago, the Uram's still feel a connection to the valley. They now live in Chicago, but a little bit of them still feel they have a place in Belt.

By: Abby Marchington

Teen Driver Safety

Most teen drivers are aware of the rules, safety regulations, and have heard millions of lectures from their parents, teachers, and other adults about driving. Although many young drivers have heard of the precautions, most don't take it as seriously as they should. It is extremely important to educate all drivers, especially people who are just getting behind the wheel, about driver safety and what to do in case of an emergency.

AAA Exchange: Teen Driver Safety is a website that has been expressing the importance of driver safety across the nation for 75 years. This program began a Teen Driver Safety Week that takes place at the

end of October, and it lasts the entire week.

This is where Montana Teen Driver Safety Day originated from, but Montana decided to take it a step farther and dedicated a specific day, the third Tuesday of every October, to the idea. Montana is a state that recognizes the dangers of driving, especially for unexperienced drivers, and educates their students, hoping to prevent accidents.

Belt Public School proudly participates in MT Teen Driver Safety. This year, the school and surrounding districts are focusing on two main points, distracted driving and buckling up. This

ranges from texting and driving, to simply changing the radio station. Any movement that requires a driver to look away from the road is considered to be distracted driving. Also, it is extremely important to buckle up, and reminding friends and family of the rule will benefit them and the person responsible, the driver.

Seats belts ensure that the driver and passengers will not be ejected from the car in case of an accident. Teachers and parents cannot stress these rules and regulations enough. Remember to buckle up, don't drive distracted, and be a Husky!

By: Morgan Davis

Career Fair

This year was the first that Belt Counselor, Jill Gliko, took students to a career fair. The entire junior class as well as a few senior classmen trekked to the Trades and Industries Building at the Expopark.

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 learn a lot.

Jason Metrione, senior 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

Fall Concert

Last Tuesday was the first 5th – 12th grade concert of the year, directed by Mr. Gabriel Nordquist and accompanied by Stacy Pomajevich. After two and a half months of working and practicing their music, the band and choir students performed one of their best opening concerts. This year, the fifth graders have started learning their chosen instruments and within two months of hard work and patience, they played Au Claire De La Lune, a French folk song, and Merrily We Roll Along, a traditional song. The sixth graders, who have

also been practicing hard, played William Tell Overture written by Giacomo Rossini, arranged by Brian Balmages.

The middle school choir provided their rendition of Rockin' Robin, arranged by Kirby Shaw, clapping along to the upbeat jazz like song. The middle school band played Owen Williams, Egyptique, a crowd favorite. The high school choir sang two songs for this concert, Sing A Rainbow, arranged by John Coates Jr. and Danny Boy arranged by Carl Strommen. The last

group of the night was the high school band, performing three pieces of music. Four Freedoms Overture by Leland Forsbald, Three Ayres from Gloucester by Hugh M. Stuart, and Russian Sailor's Dance by Reinhold Gliere, arranged by Mark Williams.

In all the concert was a big success for the 5th-12th grade music students and has shown the students how their skills are progressing as they prepare for the next concert in December..

By: Kali Duncan

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens continue to gather to have their cup of coffee in the mornings. They love to get together to get caught up with recent events going on in the community. It's a great time to share camaraderie and keep up on the latest local news. The Senior Center provides a valuable service for the elderly in Belt, from nutrition and company to important help with issues regarding health.

The Senior Citizens are looking forward to their annual Thanksgiving dinner coming up. This dinner will be taking place on the 17th at 12 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome to this event as long as they have reservations. To make reservations stop by the senior center or make a call.

It's never too late to become

a member of the Senior Citizen Center. They are always welcoming new people. The members never have never a dull moment at the Senior Center. They are always keeping busy with the entertaining activities going on weekly. The Senior Citizens begin their day with a cup of coffee in the morning. They have the option to participate in palates every Monday and Thursday at 9 in the morning.

On Tuesdays, the elderly take the senior bus at 9 a.m. The driver will take them to where they please in town. If they have any appointments, need to go to the grocery store, just want to do shopping, etc. This is a great way for the Senior Citizens to get their errands finalized for the week.

When the retired get together

er for their delicious lunches they listen to some pleasurable music afterwards played by some of the members. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month the senior citizens get together to celebrate all the birthdays on the monthly calendar. They provide cake and make sure it's a good time everyone in attendance.

The Senior Citizens continue to have an ecstatic time over at the Senior Center. Remember, they are always looking for new members so it's never too late to join. The Belt seniors would also love to have more volunteers helping around every once in a while. There is always something that could be done at the Senior Center.

By: Kara Neal

Lady Husky Volleyball

The Lady husky volleyball team traveled to Great Falls Central Catholic to dominate the 7C District once again. This was the seventh year in a row that Belt volleyball has captured the first place win in the district tournament. The Lady Huskies secured their spot in the divisional tournament as they headed to play GFCC in the district championship. The Mustangs fell behind in a three set match and took second place. The Centerville Miners took third place. These three teams from the 7C district all head to the divisional tournament that took place last Thursday-Saturday. The scores for the Fort Benton game was 25-20, 25-12, and 25-13.

Leading in stats for the match against Fort Benton was Sara Anderson with 3 aces, Dani Urick with 13 kills, Urick with 4 blocks, Alison Stoker with 14 digs, and Kerstyn Pimperton with 32 assists. The Lady Huskies finally defeated the GFCC Mustangs in three sets for the first time this season 25-17, 25-23, and 25-17. Leading in stats was A. Stoker and Anderson with 3 aces, Urick with 12 kills, Urick with 4 blocks, Anderson with 15 digs, and Pimperton with 34 assists. Belt's momentum continued as they went into the championship undefeated against GFCC. The championship was another three set win 25-17, 25-14, and 25-21. Leading in stats for the championship game was Adrian Malek and Joely Stoker with 2 aces, Anderson with 12 kills, Kassie Hoyer with 5 blocks, Anderson with 12 digs, and Pimperton with 36 assists. The Dogs prepared well for the divisional tournament. This year, the games will be held in Conrad. The Huskies started off the games by playing the Sunburst Refiners. This quick

three set match gave the Huskies the win, and they continued on their way to the championship. The scores of this match were 25-10, 25-9, and 25-12. Leading in stats was Urick with 6 aces, Anderson and Hoyer with 7 kills, Malek and Hoyer with 2 blocks, Urick and A.



Stoker with 6 digs, and Pimperton with 21 assists. Later that night, the Dogs played another match against the Simms Tigers. The Belt Squad terminated the Tigers in another three set match 25-5, 25-18, and 25-7. Leading in stats for this match were: J. Stoker and Anderson with 4 aces, Malek, Urick, Hoyer, and Anderson with 6 kills, Hoyer with 4 blocks, Urick with 9 digs, and Pimperton with 27 assists. This match took them to the semifinal game against the Chinook Sugarbeeters in hopes of making it into the championship match, which secures their spot in state.

This was the Huskies 1st time playing the Sugarbeeters this year. The Lady Huskies quickly adjusted to Chinook's play and defeated them in three consecutive games for the championship. On Saturday, the last night of Divisional play, the championship match took place. In this match, the Lady Huskies tangled with Great Falls Central, repeating the district tournament title tilt. Yet again, the Huskies won in three sets 25-11, 25-13, and 25-19. Leading in stats were Urick with 9 kills, Anderson and J. Stoker with 4 aces, Malek with 3 blocks, A. Stoker with 12

digs and 17 serve receive passes, and Pimperton with 21 assists. The state tournament began yesterday and the Huskies started off playing the Circle Wildcats. Last year the Huskies played this team for the championship match, as well as the if-necessary match, falling short and taking second place. This year the Huskies came back for revenge in their first match and take the Wildcats in a 4 set win 25-20, 25-18, 25-27, and 25-20. That win sent the girls into a winner's bracket match against the Ennis Mustangs.

The Mustangs were expected to be a tough test for the Dogs. Ready for the challenge, the Lady Huskies played their best match of the season. In rather surprising fashion the Belt girls rolled to a three set sweep of the Mustangs, 25-23, 25-11, and 25-21. This exciting match placed the Lady Huskies in the undefeated game at 6:00 p.m. tonight against the Broadus Hawks. Belt is guaranteed a state trophy at this point.

A win tonight would leave Belt as the only unbeaten team in the tourney, in which case they would play again on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. against the remaining team with one loss. The challenger would then have to beat the local girls twice in a row or Belt would secure their first ever state volleyball title. If the girls lose tonight, they would do battle tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. against the loser bracket survivor in hopes of getting into the championship match the hard way.

The girls have enjoyed an incredible season besting their opponents in every match. Their record now stand at 26-0 in full matches, and they were undefeated in showcase play as well this year.

By: Alison Stoker

Veterans' Day Program (Cont.)

equivalent to the high school VOD) will recite her essay to the audience. After this moving speech, some of the elementary students will share with the audience their Veteran's Day acrostic poem. Jack McKinney, a graduate of Belt High School, will perform TAPS. By playing TAPS, McKinney will be recognizing the citizens who have served in the air force, army, marines, navy, and the coast guard. He will conclude his performance by sharing his thanks to veterans in the audience. The event will be concluded with a song,



“Thank You Soldiers.” The program will be punctuated by several short songs performed by the Belt elementary. Today is Veteran's Day, the citizens who have served this country will greatly appreciate the people who



will attend the Belt Veteran's Day Program. The school has put in time and effort to make this afternoon's program

great as possible. Come and support not only the Belt School, but the veterans as well.

By: Kara Neal

Middle School Sports

Fall sports for middle school are slowly coming to an end. Both volleyball and cross country ended four weeks ago, while the football squad participated in their last game against Power/Dutton/Brady on three Saturdays ago.

The football season came to a close against Great Falls Central and Power/Dutton/Brady. The football team defeated Great Falls Central by a score of 26-0. The game against Power/Dutton/Brady was much closer. The boys pulled out a win with a score 16-21.

The volleyball team represented Belt well earning 2nd place in their tournament. The Huskies competed

against Cascade in first round play. They defeated the Badgers in two games to move forward into the tournament where they played Fort Benton. They lost to Fort Benton, resulting them to move to the loser's bracket. The Huskies defeated the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals in two games clenching a spot in the championship game. Belt competed against the Fort Benton Longhorns for the second time in the tournament, but lost in three close games. Consequently, the middle school placed second in their tournament and brought home the silver.

The last cross country meet for the middle school team took

place on October 15th in Townsend. Richie Andrews was the only middle school boy who was able to make it. He earned 41st place with a time of 13:15.6. Lindsey Paulson came in 12th out of 52 participants when the clock read 12:30.5. Piper Denno wasn't far behind. She finished with a time of 12:56.6, good for 20th.

The middle school athletes are sad that falls sports are over, but are looking forward to basketball and wrestling. The fall sports' teams all had successful seasons and hope to improve next year as well.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is back in season, folks! Students were excited to attend the first Science Olympiad meeting in October, and many are beginning their projects already. The students are preparing for the competition at MSU Bozeman on November 22nd where the young scientists will compete in a series of events and challenges that cover all fields of science.

Students have done extremely well at this event in the past and will

hopefully continue Belt's reputation in this years contest. Students love to be a part of this event every year; it's a great experience for all of them. The broad range of competitions include contest involving: biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computer science and technology.

Mrs. Horton is proud to be in charge of the program, and Mrs. Vogt helps Mrs. Horton as an assistant teacher. The two of them have

introduced the competition to the 7th graders, and they're welcoming 8th-12th grades back. Mrs. Horton encourages students to join because Science Olympiad, “gives students the opportunity to different fields of science that they haven't had the chance to get familiar with.”

Students and parents are reminded that projects are due by November 18th.

By: Morgan Davis

Shakespeare in the Schools

Shakespeare in the Parks is a program that has been traveling across Montana and educating communities and schools with the art of Shakespeare since 1973. Shakespeare in the Schools formed a number of years after the original organization, and it consists of a band of actors who travel from school to school, portraying the art and literature of Shakespeare. This year, students at Belt Public Schools were introduced to Hamlet, an action filled tragedy.

Students at Belt Public School were sitting on the edges of their seats because of the tension and irony that the actors expressed in the play.

On Tuesday, November 1st, Shakespeare in the Schools and eight professional actors came to BVHS, and put on a performance that had the crowd roaring with laughter. Students, staff,

and teachers were pleased with the outcome, whether they understood the entire thing or just followed the



mood and setting.

It is important to study Shakespeare and other parts of history because they are a piece of western civilization, and the art, language, and ideas of that time period had a distinct impact on modern society. As young adults, paying attention and comprehending events of the past can be extremely difficult, but the Shakespearian actors made the plot, poetry, and emotions fun and exciting.

Belt Public Schools would like to thank Shakespeare in the Schools for organizing this play for schools around Montana. This year, the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players are traveling to Edinburgh, Scotland to perform at the Fringe Festival, so watching the actors in action and interacting with them during the workshops was encouraging and extremely appreciated by Mr. Ross and the students.

By: Morgan Davis



Bowling Scores

Week 7

Men's High Game

Matt Lewis	195
Bob Williams	188
Dave Anderson	186

Men's Series

Matt Lewis	525
Mike Esop	502
Dave Anderson	479

Women's High Game

Lisa Urick	196
Denise Puppe	167
Vicky DeKoning	165

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	543
Denise Puppe	453
Sandy Fracom	446

Week 8

Men's High Game

Brian Neill	185
Dave Eggert/ Neill Sweeney	168
John Larson	164

Men's Series

Brian Neill	458
Dave Anderson	485
Dave Eggert	462

Women's High Game

Lisa Urick	193
Sandy Francom	179
Teri Cummings	149

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	478
Sandy Francom	452
Patti Sweeney	400

Now that Thanksgiving is coming up, so is Black Friday. This day is one of the biggest drinking days of the year. It is also the day when many families travel. This day is one of the deadliest each year. About 400 people per year are involved in accidents from driving while intoxicated. If you are one of the people who drink a lot on black Friday, make sure that you have a designated driver. After all, nobody likes to hear that one of their friends and family members were involved in a car wreck, especially on a holiday...

Don't Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Halloween Parade 2016



The annual Halloween costume parade took place in the Belt gymnasium on Monday, October 31st.

There was a variety of frightening and adorable costumes roaming the gym. The kiddos had a great time showing off their get-ups to the rest of the school and parents. The students that were a part of this were the pre-k and the elementary. This is a great way to bring the students and the community together for an exciting time.

By: Kara Neal



Husky Football (Cont.)

per completion and rushed for 237. He threw one touchdown pass, while accumulating five touchdowns himself. He averaged 18.2 yards per carry with his longest run being 65 yards. Green's receivers also had themselves a game. Bodner averaged 14 yards per catch, while Maki averaged 13.4 yards per grab.

In the competition against Circle last weekend, the Huskies faced their biggest test of the. Belt scored twice in the first quarter off of a 25 yard pass to Stroop from Green and a three yard pass to Bodner in the end zone. After each score, the Huskies converted the two point play with a run by Stroop and a point after kick from Bodner. But the Wildcats fought back and crossed the goal line at the end of the first to make the score 15-6.

Belt and Circle's defense took command in the second quarter with only one score being allowed by the Wildcats. The Huskies scored on a 30 yard pass to Stroop for six. The scoreboard showed a 21-6 Belt lead as the two team adjourned for

halftime meetings

In the third stanza of the ball game, the home team struggled to score while allowing Circle to score twice to take the lead. Heading into the final 12 minutes of the competition, Circle had the lead with a score of 22-21. Three lead changes in the fourth quarter made this the most exciting game in the fall campaign.

In the last quarter, the Huskies advanced the ball up the field to the one yard line where Green found pay dirt with a quarterback sneak making the score 27-22. The Wildcats clawed back with another touchdown to take the lead once again at 28-27.

The Huskies next possession was impressive. Green passed to Bodner for 35 yards to put Belt at the one yard line. Maki bulled his way across the line with a two yard run to put the Huskies in control once again. With a little less than three minutes left, the Wildcats had the ball. They ad-

vanced the ball to midfield and on fourth and five, Taylor Olson sacked the quarterback to give the Huskies the ball and to secure a home berth in the semifinals.

Tomorrow, Belt will compete against the Charlo Vikings in the friendly confines of Remington Field. The Vikings, the number one seed out of the West, advance to the semifinals with a 64-52 win over Fairview. Belt will give away a little size advantage to the Vikings, but that has been the case in almost every game this year. Kick off time is set for 1:00 p.m.

Circle	6	-	16	6	28
Belt	15	6	-	12	33

If the Huskies defeat the Vikings, they will advance to the state championship against the winner of Ennis and Wibaux. If the Huskies make it to the title game, it will take place in Belt on November 19th.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

NHS Blood Drive

Belt Public School would like to invite and encourage community members and eligible students to join the American Red Cross blood drive on November 14th. The drive will take place in the library, and donors can check into the office at any time between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a great way for the community and school to get involved in a program that helps people and saves lives, and

students will directly benefit by receiving Red Cords. Red Cords represent how many times the student has donated.

Over 40,663 pints of blood are collected by the American Red Cross of Montana each year, but that number isn't even close to how much blood is actually needed. According to the Red Cross website, people in the U.S. need blood every

2 seconds. Blood is a factor that is constantly needed, and is required to save lives.

Students must be 16 years of age and have a parental consent form filled out and turned into the office in order to give blood. The Valley Voice encourages everyone who is entitled to donate to participate in local blood drives.

By: Morgan Davis

2016 Election

November has finally arrived, and many citizens of the United States were unsure of who to choose for the presidential election of 2016. While a majority of people spent their time arguing and voicing their opinions, some (especially teenagers) may wonder how the election itself works. The United States has an indirect voting system, meaning that individual votes are not counted (representatives on a state-by-state basis vote), and the Electoral College counts the votes and announces the president. The number of representatives is determined by the size of the state, and their ballots are counted, known as electoral votes. The candidate that receives the most votes in a state will inherit all of that state's electoral votes (with the exception of Nebraska and Maine, where electoral laws are slightly different), and the applicant that earns the most electoral votes will win the presidential election of 2016. The series of steps is complicated, but it can't be as difficult as making the 'big' choice.

When the dust settled, Donald Trump emerged as the upset winner of the race. He will be inaugurated on January 20th in Washington D.C. His victory came as a surprise to most experts, and the election itself drew more attention than many in recent

years.

Students at Belt Public School have seen the debates and arguments on social media and the internet, and many of them have a personal preference and have voiced their opinions in class or during lunch. "As of now, I'm a little disappointed in our country. This has been the most controversial, scary debate in my lifetime, and it makes me uneasy to know that the fate of our country is in the hands of crooks," Sam Vaughan elaborates on her personal opinion of the election. Some students have even reported that they feel bad for last years' seniors, claiming, "... they were so excited to have freedom and vote, and this is what America has given them...?"

From a younger point a view, Alyssa Nebel 6th grade, decided that Trump would be the best

option because people would still have their gun rights.

While some students may believe the election doesn't effect them, a majority know the truth; students MUST educate themselves on these topics so that they can deal with them and make the right choices when it is their responsibility to choose the president. Good ways for students at BVHS to engage in what's going on and how elections work are: create conversation with peers, ask teachers what the recent news is, and pay attention to local elections and how they operate. It is essential for adolescents to prepare themselves for future responsibilities. If democracy is to work, then it requires the demos (the people) to get involved in the process.

By: Morgan Davis

The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players proudly present:

"SCENES FROM THE TEMPEST"

The show starts at 2:00 p.m. in the Belt Theater and admission in free! Plan to attend the performance by the national recognized Belt drama students as they deliver their rendition of Shakespeare's cultural classic.

Power Up and Speak Out

Power Up and Speak Out is an organization that helps students across the nation create healthy relationships that prevent harassment, bullying, and violence. The main goal of the program is to address the biggest problem of peer and dating relationships, the misuse of power. Adolescents are unaware of how to create and maintain healthy relationships, whether it's a relationship between two classmates or an intimate relation, and this often leads to one sided power. This program is a great way to engage students in peer interaction, and it teaches them the four most important parts of relationship dynamics: *I get to be myself, I treat others well, I can say no, and I have fun.* These four simple guidelines are critical fragmentations to building healthy relationships.

In most cases, these lessons are taught to 7th and 8th graders during health classes, but grades and variations can be made according to maturity levels. The lessons last the entire class period, about 45-50 minutes, and they consist of five components that cover the major lessons. In the first section, *What Does a Healthy Relationship Look Like?* students are introduced to the program and the four guidelines of consent mentioned in the paragraph above. The second field uses a real life example to demonstrate *Red Flags and Power.* Students become aware of the things that make them uncomfortable, red flags, and they also recognize power abuse. Misuse of power can be applied to many situations. For an example, Suzie and Jackie are best friends, but Jackie always decides what they're doing after school and Suzie rarely gets to choose their after-school activities. This hurts Suzie's feelings, but she doesn't want to ruin their friendship.

On another note, many kids don't even think about taking other

people's boundaries into consideration because they haven't thought about setting boundaries, or self-respect rules, for themselves. The third section discusses *Boundaries* with students, and this is a great way for students to become self-aware of their wants and needs. For instance, Marley's parents let her stay out until ten on school nights, but Kari decided that she was more comfortable when she was home and safe at seven. This is a perfect example of boundaries, and it leads into the fourth lesson – *Consent.* Consent can mean a number of things, but in this case, consent is defined by the word 'no.' It doesn't matter what the situation may be, by the end of the lesson students will understand the true meaning of the word 'no,' and they will also be aware of the consequences of ignoring the will to consent. Last but not least, *Healthy, Equitable, Violence Free Relationships,* will wrap up the program by applying all of the lessons in a large review and all questions will be answered. As students' progress from middle school to high school, new responsibilities and more opportunities surface.

These young adults are beginning to develop more defined relationships, including student-teacher, peer, and intimate relationships. As inexperienced adolescents, students may struggle with dealing with these relationships, feelings, and how to handle certain situations, and sometimes talking to mom and dad just isn't an option. Power Up and Speak Out is a program that helps students learn how to develop the skills needed to deal with their emotions, physical changes, and their personal surroundings.

This program was introduced to Belt Public School by a student who had taken the class at

her former school, and the student expressed how the program directly affected her and encouraged the school to get involved. When sharing the idea with Mrs. Gliko, it was found that she is a Power Up and Speak Out teacher. With a trained counselor and a high school full of students, the program would be a great success in many different ways. The program would benefit students greatly, create a more positive learning environment, and in all reality – it just looks good as a school to be involved in a program that is educating the youth of Belt.

While all these positive factors coincide with each other, there are still a few small complications to figure out. If the program is launched, the first priority would be to send students' home with signature sheets that would verify the parental/guardian approval. The second goal is to segregate students into groups with similar maturity and understanding levels such as freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The Valley Voice would like to stress that this program is NOT in effect, but would like to express the importance and benefits of the classes. A majority of the information above is sourced directly from the Power Up and Speak Out website for accuracy purposes, and parents and teachers are encouraged to visit the webpage at <http://powerupspeakout.org/>.

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By: Morgan Davis

Husky Club

Husky Club has been busy with a variety of entertaining and learning activities. Two weeks ago, October 12th, Husky Club hosted their annual spaghetti dinner with the Boys and Girls Club. This is a great way to bring students and families together for a nice meal. The delicious meal was spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The 4th and 5th graders made delightful popcorn balls for the dessert. This was another successful spaghetti dinner and the students are looking forward to next year's dinner.

The 4th and 5th graders not only treated the students and families with their desserts, but they are also currently making cards for the veterans. The veterans will have a smile on their faces on Veteran's

Day after receiving the unique cards. Mrs. Anita Vartz is taking the time to come to the Belt School with her stamping supplies to help the kiddos. Vartz will return to the Valley towards the end of the year to help the students make their Christmas cards. Each month Husky Club has a special "Career Heroes" guest. The clubbers get to listen to the amazing jobs there are out in the world. These "Career Heroes" give students a person to look up to other than their parents. This month's career hero is Mr. Terry Elam. He came to the Belt School to share with the students his Vending Machine business. After the kids learned about this business all of them received a prize. These clubbers are looking forward to

who will be coming in the month of November. Husky Club will also continue their Harvest of the Month. Last month the kiddos learned about squash and cucumbers. Towards the end of October the students will be tasting Kale and learning about it as well. Husky Club will continue to learn about vegetables and fruits throughout the school year.

Husky Club has been making a positive impact on the students and community. The clubbers will continue to learn a variety of things throughout the school year. So far many of the kiddos have talked great things about Husky Club and are looking forward to more activities to come.

By: Kara Neal

New Students

Three more new students are being introduced to Belt school this week, all in the third grade. Belt is always excited to meet new children that have so many different interests. These students are Lilliana Corbett, Ireland Mears, and Jaida Warren.

Lilliana Corbett is a young girl transitioning from Morningside Elementary, Great Falls. Corbett enjoys drawing and cannot wait until she can take art class again. She also loves to swim; every summer

she will do this for hours. One of her favorite activities is singing. She won't do it in front of people, but Corbett definitely isn't shy when it comes to singing in the shower; she'll belt out high notes at the top of her lungs. Corbett's favorite subject is science because of the science experi-



ments. She loves the products and results that come from chemistry-like projects. Corbett enjoys Belt School this year and likes how different it is from her previous school.

Ireland Mears is a young girl from Wolf Point. She lives in Monarch now and is currently enrolled in Belt School. Mears loves Belt so far because of all of the nice students and the very kind environment. In her free time, Mears plays games and plays her recorder, making new songs.



Gymnastics is a sport that Mears would like to get involved in sometime this year and possibly cheerleading later on. Her favorite subject in school is math because she is very talented in this area.

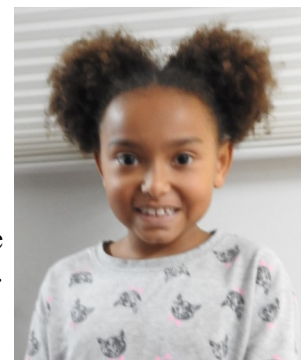
Jaida Warren is another

young girl that recently moved to Belt this year all the way from Seattle, Washington! The change in environment is a change for Warren but she is enjoying the transition. Warren loves to read in

her free time and loves listening to music and playing music in her band class. This little athlete enjoys basketball, gymnastics, and cheerleading. Warren enjoys Belt School because the other kids are much nicer and the school is "just better."

In the next issue, the Valley Voice will be featuring another set of new students that are joining the Husky pack.

By: Alison Stoker



Hunting Trophies

Name: Aidan Bergstrom

Type: White tail buck

Range: 183 yards

Weapon: .243

Area: Fort Benton

Highlights: It was the biggest buck Aidan has shot.



Name: Kaiden Marquis

Type: Mule deer buck

Range: 150 yards

Weapon: 7 mm rifle

Area: On his family ranch.

Score: 4 by 4

Highlights: It was Kaiden's biggest buck.



Name: Declan Bergstrom

Type: Mule deer buck

Range: 286 yards

Area: Highwood Mountains

Score: 3 by 2

Highlights: This was Declan's first buck.



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