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Lady Husky State Champions

After several close calls over the last half dozen years, the Lady Huskies ascended to the summit and captured the state C volleyball championship for the first time in school history, adding to the list of state titles for Belt High School. This is Belt's 21st state title in interscholastic sports.

The Huskies continued their winning streak all the way throughout the state tournament, and completed the undefeated season 36-0. After five seniors departing the team through graduation last spring, many opposing squads expected the Huskies to endure an off-year but four seniors came up this year that are very experienced, as well as other veteran



players and transfer students. The Husky volleyball was well rounded and all 12 players were stacked with talent and determination.

Last weekend, the maroon and gold gals commenced the state tournament by playing the Circle Wildcats. These defending state champions defeated the Huskies in the "if-necessary" championship game last year, so the Belt girls were looking for redemption and revenge.

The Lady Huskies

had first game jitters because of the unfamiliar environment of play, but got over this scare quickly and defeated Circle in 4 close sets 25-20, 25-18, 25-27, and 25-20.

Leading in stats for this game were: Haley Stoker with 3 aces, Sara Anderson with 12 kills, Kassie Hoyer and Anderson with 2 blocks, Alison Stoker with 17 digs, and Kerstyn Pimperton with 40 assists. This game got the Belt Ladies excited for their next game that night against Ennis.

Ennis was one of the favorites at the state tournament because they were undefeated throughout their season as well. Belt was confident however, and welcomed the higher level of

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Ross Recognized

sen. On Friday, November 18th, Mr. Ross will be



traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, to receive recognition for his achievements. This is a huge accomplishment for Mr. Ross, and Belt Pub-

lic School and the students couldn't be more proud.

Mr. Ross began teaching at Belt Public School nine years ago, and this year Montana Association of Teachers of English Arts, or MATELA, acknowledged his methods and commitment to teaching English. He was nominated by MATELA, and out of ten teachers that are chosen

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Football Playoffs

The Huskies' fantastic run throughout the 2016 football season



Charlo	16	14	12	8	50
Belt	7	7	0	21	35

came to an end last week at Remington Field, as they fell short against the Charlo Vikings. Coach Jeff Graham was more than impressed with his team this year and is going to miss the four seniors next year including: Jess Bodner, Harry Green, Jaren Maki, and Taylor Olson.

In the first quarter of the ball game, Charlo drew first blood off of a 48 yard run and a successful two point conversion. Late in the first, the Huskies were able to find pay dirt with a three yard pass to Maki from Green. Bodner's kick was successful for the extra point. With less than two minutes left to go, the Vikings were able to score once again to make the score 16-7, Charlo by the end of the period.



In the second stanza, Maki was found in the end zone by Green to add six to the Huskies' margin. The extra point was good from Bodner. The turning point in the game came late in the second quarter with the score at 14-16, Charlo sophomore

sensation Landers Smith scored on a 46 yard run with 1:12 to go. The failed conversion left Belt trailing by eight points. The ensuing line drive kick bounced off one of the Husky up men and the Vikings recovered. With 19 seconds remaining the second, Charlo scored again and took a 30-14 lead into the locker room.

Charlo's momentum carried into the third quarter, with the Vikings crossing the goal line two more times to extend their lead. After three quarters of play, the Vikings led 42-14 and the Huskies looked like they were done. However, Belt had a different idea.

In the final twelve minutes of the ball game, the Huskies gave it all they had to catch up with the Vikings. They quickly scored twice in the fourth quarter with a pass to Bodner from Green and a pass to Maki from Green.

The two point conversion was good on the first touchdown and the kick was successful on the second. This cut Belt's disadvantage to 29-42, and gave the hometown fans hope. Belt's attempted on side kick was



recovered by the Vikings and Smith got loose for another long touch-

down to seal the ball game. With a little less than two minutes left in the fourth, the Huskies



found pay dirt off of a run from Keagan Stroop, but the two point conversion was unsuccessful. The final horn blew and the Huskies found themselves on the wrong end of a 50-35 final.



From the outset, Belt found it impossible to move the ball on the ground, forcing them to pass. The Huskies rushed for only 77 yards, while they

passed for 312 for a total of 389 yards. Individually, Green passed for 252 yards while he ran for 57 yards. Hauling in eight passes, Bodner finished with 103 yards receiving. Meanwhile, Charlo rushed for 353 yards, 240 from Smith alone. Despite the season ending loss, it was a heck of a season as one of the last four teams standing.

Many of the Husky football players also received All-Conference and All-State honors. Bodner earned outside linebacker/cornerback 1st team All-Conference, wide receiver 1st team All-Conference, and All-State honors.

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Football Playoffs



Green was awarded with outside linebacker/cornerback 1st team All-Conference, quarterback 1st team All-Conference, and All-State honors. Antonio Heaton received defensive end 2nd team All-Conference. Troy Hennes earned defensive end 1st team All-Conference, tight end 1st team All-Conference, and All-State Honors. Maki was worthy of inside linebacker 1st All-Conference, full-back 1st team All-Conference, and All-State honors. Nolan Myrstol

earned center 2nd team All-Conference. Olson's talent was rewarded with defensive line 1st team All-Conference, offensive guard 2nd team All-Conference, and All-State honors. Stroop received safety 1st team All-Conference, wide receiver 1st team All-Conference, and All-State honors. Coach Graham was rewarded with Coach of the Year.

All good things must come to an end, but congratulations to

these student athletes on a great playoff run. While the four seniors will be missed, the Huskies look good for next year. Returning athletes for the 2017 football season include: juniors, Robbie Flinn, Heaton, Hennes, Myrstol, and Stroop, sophomores, Robert Gliko and Braydon Marks, and freshman, Adam Langston, Gavin Roberts, Hunter Vogl, and Brandon Wall.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

November Principal's Report

October was a busy month for Belt Public School, and it wrapped up quickly to begin the new month. November, although it's just begun, has brought many accomplishments to the students and staff in Belt. The Valley Voice would like to recognize Mr. Jeff Ross. Mr. Ross is one of the twelve English teachers in the United States that will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, to accept the "2016 High School Teacher of Excellence Award," from the National Council of Teachers of English. Also, a round of applause is in order to Mr. Ross and Elizabeth Harrison, directors of the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players, and for the students who performed Scenes from *The Tempest* on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of November. Congratulations!

Red Ribbon Week (Drug and Alcohol Prevention & Awareness) took place October 26th-30th, and students participated in lessons, counsel-

ing classes, and the school wore red on Wednesday to support the cause. This followed with the Montana College Application Week from Oct. 31st – November 4th, as many seniors took advantage of the college application fee discounts and applied. Students, juniors and seniors, are encouraged to stay on top of college applications and their deadlines.

Youth Days were also a big part of the month. On Sunday and Monday, the 6th and 7th, 25 Belt Public School students attended Youth Days in Great Falls, which was a great experience for the students. On Sunday, they met Oscar McBride, former Notre Dame and Arizona Cardinal Football player, who discussed the importance of belonging. On Monday, the students volunteered at various learning sites around Great Falls.

Sports were a highlight in

November. State Cross Country took place in Kalispell last month, and concluded with the girls' in 6th place and the boys' claimed 3rd place. This followed with Senior Volleyball Night on October 15th, and four seniors and their parents were honored. Honor and pride were expressed a few weeks later when the girls' volleyball team became Montana State Champions. A huge congrats also goes out to the Husky football team for making it into the playoffs for the 4th year in the row. The fall sports teams represented Belt Public School well, and the Valley Voice is ready for winter sports reports.

All of this excitement helped wrap up the first quarter on October 31st, and grades were mailed out to all parents who didn't attend Parent-Teacher Conferences.

By: Morgan Davis

Local Olympians

On the 11th of November, Belt Public School (and surrounding areas) were proud to have their students participating in the Special Olympics.



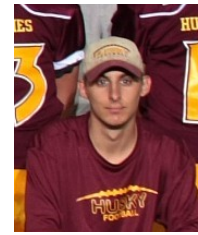
Madisyn Lords, Sean Nelson, and Nolan Urick, along with other people (ages 8-100) involved, traveled to Helena, MT, to compete in events that tested their individual

skills and athletic abilities.

The students were chaperoned

by their parents, who were extremely proud to see their children having fun, building their self-confidence, and competing with other children who share the same struggles. Sean Nelson earned a Bronze medal for achieving his event goals, and Madisyn Lords was awarded with a Silver medal. Nolan Urick took first place, claiming the Gold medal in basketball competition.

“Special Olympics athletes gain confidence and recognition through competition at the games,”



Mrs. Lords stated when asked about the benefits of Special Olympics.

This is a great way for students to interact with other kids, build their social, physical, and mental health, and excel their athletic skills. Congratulations to these young athletes on success in their competitions.

By: Morgan Davis

New Students

Five new students are featured in this edition of the Voice.

Brenden Daily is an 8th grader all the way from Reno, Nevada.



This cool kid loves hunting and airsoft. Earlier this year, Daily participated in football and plans to join the basketball team later this year.

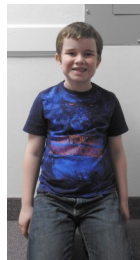
Daily loves Belt already because “everyone is very connected in the community,” he says. Even with all of these activities going on, Daily keeps up with his schoolwork. His favorite subject is math, and it has been that way since 5th grade!

Kenzie Martin just joined the Husky pack last week as an 8th grader. Martin moved in from Lewistown. Like many people from Montana, she loves hunting. She is also very sporty.

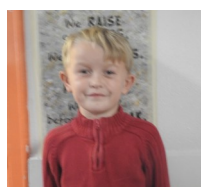


Martin loves playing basketball, volleyball, softball, track, tennis, cross country, and wrestling! This 8th grader has already participated in each of these sports at least once in her life. She will soon join the

basketball team and later this year join the track team. Martin has only been in Belt for a few days but she already enjoys it because everybody is so nice.



Jackson Miller is a second grader in Mrs. McNally’s class. Miller moved into Belt from Longfellow in Great Falls. This young boy loves Belt because of the friendly kids. He says Belt doesn’t have any bullies. In his free time, Miller likes playing with his sister and baby brother. He also enjoys playing math games when he can. This year, Miller is looking forward to Christmas and opening his presents. When asked if he could be any animal in the entire world, he says he would be a cat because “they are so cute and fluffy.” Also, if he could be anyone in the world with powers, he would be Godzilla.



Haidyn Visocan is a first grader in Mrs. Waldner’s class. Visocan moved to Belt from Havre. He likes Belt because it is bigger and friendlier. In his spare time, Visocan enjoys playing with toys and playing basketball.

He cannot wait until he can start competing. This young boy likes math and science because of the fun activities his teacher plans. Visocan says if he was invisible for a day, he would go around scaring people. He also said if he could be anybody in the world, he would be Michael Jordan. The Valley Voice is proud to have this future NBA player in the school.

Lilly Silvestre is also a first grader in Mrs. Waldner’s class. This young girl came all the way from Georgia. This busy kid likes Belt because there is a lot to do, and there is a park that she can play at. In her pastime, Silvestre loves riding her bike, walking her dog, and playing soccer. If only Belt provided soccer as a school sport., she quipped. Silvestre said if she had a million dollars, she would spend it on toys and a big scooter. Her favorite thing about herself is her kindness.



Belt School welcomes these students to the Valley and hopes to add more this 2016-17 school year.

By: Alison Stoker

Husky Basketball Schedules

The following schedules for the boys' and girls' basketball 2016–2017 season. With the exception of the games at Fairfield, all games will begin with the girls' game, followed by boys' game.

2016-2017 Belt Valley High Basketball Schedule Varsity

Date	Opponent	Time	Facility
December 9/10	Shelby Tourney TBA	TBA	Shelby
December 16	WGR	6:00pm	WGR (Winnett)
December 17	Centerville	5:00pm	Belt
December 22	Roy-Winifred	3:00pm	Winifred
January 5	Fairfield	5:45pm	Fairfield
January 6	Tri-Cities	6:00pm	Moore
January 12	Geraldine-Highwood	6:00pm	Belt
January 13	GFH JV	6:00pm	Belt
January 14	DGS	5:00pm	Belt
January 20	WGR	6:00pm	Belt
January 21	Centerville	5:00pm	Centerville
January 27	Roy-Winifred	6:00pm	Belt
January 28	CMR JV	2:00pm	CMR
February 3	Tri-Cities	6:00pm	Belt
February 4	Fairfield	5:00pm	Belt
February 10	Highwood-Geraldine	6:00pm	Highwood
February 11	DGS	5:00pm	Denton

Girls' Post Season

February 16-18	District	TBA	Lewistown
February 22-25	Divisional	TBA	Four Seasons
March 2-4	State	TBA	Belgrade

Boys Post Season

February 16-18	District	TBA	Lewistown
February 22-25	Divisional	TBA	Four Seasons
March 9-11	State	TBA	Bozeman



Where Are They Now?

The 2016-2017 school year is almost half way over, and the seniors are inching their way to graduation. The Class of 2016 only graduated about six months ago, and the Valley Voice has not forgot about them. All of those students are either beginning their college education, or working in order to support themselves. A few graduates that will be featured in this issue are Bailey Cooper, Addy Martin, and Dusty Potter.



Bailey Cooper is attending Montana State University this year. She is still unsure of what she permanently wants to do in her future, but right now she has set her mind to studying kinesiology.

Cooper is enjoying MSU a lot. "My schedule has worked out perfect for me this semester and I'm enjoying all my classes." However, college is much different than high school. She is surprised that, contrary to what high school teachers tell you, college is much more laid back. Cooper was on the varsity basketball team for all 4 years in high school, and she took this hobby to college and is involved in the co-ed intramural basketball team. "It's been a lot of fun so far!"

This busy woman also volunteers at Eagle Mount to swim with special needs kids. "I really enjoy it and it's nice to do something other than school work!" Cooper says she plans to do the skiing program in the winter with those kids too.



Addy Martin attends Rocky Mountain College this year as a basketball player. After receiving \$5,000 to play basketball as a Battlin' Bear, Martin took her talent into the collegiate level of sports. Martin is currently at a basketball tournament in Las Vegas with her team.

"College sports requires much more time and work put into the game than high school. We have been playing since the last week of August and the season ends the last week of March." Martin describes the amount of time and effort that college sports require compared to high school sports. "Everyone is bigger, faster, and stronger which takes the competition to the next level. Basketball takes up most of her time, but she still manages to balance time for her studies. Martin

is majoring in exercise science in hope to go onto physical therapy school, specializing in the pediatric field. "I am always busy and there isn't much down time. Between being on the road for basketball, practices, weights, individual workouts, and classes along with the homework, it becomes a bit overwhelming," Martin says. Despite her busy schedule, she is enjoying it and Martin says she is happy with her decision to attend RMC.



Last but not least, Dusty Potter is a 2016 graduate that is now living in Nevada. Potter is currently at the community college, a cheaper option for now, and working in the mines. He is saving up the money to attend the University next year. Potter is enjoying Nevada and is proud of his decision to travel outside of Montana. He is experiencing much more since he isn't in Montana anymore, and he has met a lot of people.

By: Alison Stoker

Basketball Preview

After successful football and volleyball seasons, the Husky athletes are turning their attention toward the hardwood. After deep state tournament runs by both teams, the Huskies are hoping to bring home hardware once again. Basketball practices started for the boys and the girls last Thursday. Coach Kyle Paulson returns for his fourth season at the helm, while Coach Jeff Graham begins his tenth year at Belt High.

The boys' basketball team finished third at the state tournament last year. They return three of their starters including Jess Bodner, Harry

Green, and Jaren Maki, who are all seniors. Taylor Olson is also a senior who will contribute to the team this coming season. Brayden Haugrose, Antonio Heaton, Trey Heitzman, Troy Hennes, and Keagan Stroop are juniors participants who will help the Huskies.

On the other side of the spectrum, the girls' team finished atop the field last year at the state tournament. The Huskies return three starters as well, including: seniors, Kassie Hoyer and Kerstyn Pimperton, and junior, Dani Urick. Sara Anderson, a senior, who con-

tributed valuable minutes last year, is looking forward to her upcoming basketball season. Juniors Adrian Malek, Ryan Schraner, Jordan Swanson, and Briana Wall will also be important members of the Husky squad.

Both of the teams will participate in their first contest in Shelby on December 10th. The Valley Voice will keep local readers apprised of the events of the promising season that lies ahead. Varsity basketball schedules are published on page 5 of this issue.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Ross (Cont.)

nationally for the award, Mr. Ross is one. This is a big step for Mr. Ross and his career, and he's even featured in the NCTE magazine. When asked about his accomplishments, Mr. Ross replied, "I think this is really recognition for my students and colleagues as much as a personal recognition, and it benefits the academic reputation of the school. This was also a great way

to give Belt Valley Shakespeare Players greater visibility and credibility."

On Thursday, November 17, teachers quietly snuck their students down to the main hall by the cafeteria to give Mr. Ross a secret, surprise send off. A big thank you to Miss Patty, Mrs. Prody, and others for setting up the sendoff. During

the sendoff, Mrs. Patty commented, "I'm so excited and happy for him, he is so deserving." Students and staff can hardly express their gratification and appreciation for Mr. Ross. Thank you...from the staff, teachers, students, and Valley Voice. Best of luck and safe travels to Mr. Ross.

By: Morgan Davis

Website

As most of the community is aware, the innovative Belt School website has been completed for almost a month. The staff, student, and teachers are still adjusting to some of the new features of the website. With some patience, it is actually easy to navigate. If a person needs access to staff information they click on the menu button and on the left hand side will pop up "staff directory." However, a person cannot reach the staff's documents on that page.

If a parent would like to know what their student is learning, they have to go to menu again and click on



documents. After they click on documents they go to teacher folders and then the list of teachers will pop up. From this location, a user can access uploaded documents and links created by the instructor.

Again, the homepage has everything that is occurring now

and/or in the near future. Everything else is self-explanatory in the menu. The menu has everything that is needed for the students, staff, and the community. The website is still undergoing a few changes to make it easier for their users. One great advantage of the new site is that is designed for easier access using the many mobile platforms available today. Check it out:

<http://www.beltschool.com/>

Any questions about the new site should be directed to Belt School at (406) 277-3351.

By: Kara Neal

Thanksgiving is just a few days away. With the holiday coming up, some family members are sitting down and having a drink to celebrate the holiday. This is all okay until they decide that they better go and get something or go on a drive. Nobody should be driving if they have been drinking.

If they do decide that they want to go on a cruise, they should make sure that they have a legal, sober driver. Don't drink and drive at the same time, especially on a holiday. Nobody likes hearing that one of their family members was involved in a car accident. Be wise and careful about your choices so you can spend more holiday seasons with your family, friends, and loved ones.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Volleyball (Cont.)

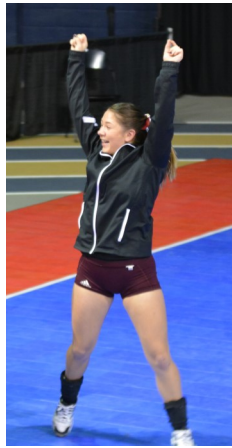


Competition. The Lady Huskies snatched the win from Ennis in three sets 25-23, 25-11, and 25-21. Leading in stats was Joley Stoker with 6 aces, Dani Urick with 13 kills, Urick with 4 blocks, A. Stoker with 15 digs, and Pimperton with 32 assists.

This led the Huskies to the undefeated match against the Broadus (Powder River Co.) Hawks on Friday, and left Ennis to fight their way back up to the championship by playing 3 more games than necessary. Broadus has also been very successful in their season, and because they defeated Circle earlier in the post season, Belt had more motive to conquer the Hawks. The Huskies know to never overlook any team because they can become a whole new team once tournaments begin. The maroon and gold ladies held their ground and outplayed Broadus in three sets 25-20, 25-23, and 25-18. Leading in stats were: Adrian Malek, J. Stoker, and A. Stoker with 1 ace, Malek with 17 kills, Urick and Kassie Hoyer with 3 blocks, Pimperton with 13 digs, and

know they were going to play the Ennis Mustangs until only hours before their match. Ennis scratched their way back into the championship match against Belt by beating Broadus in the third place game. Ennis was forced to play two games in a row, so even though they were expected to be tired and fall short, Ennis still battled against the Huskies.

This match was extremely close for the Huskies. The Huskies won the first set, but the Mustangs came



back and won the next two sets, and the Huskies came back again and won the fourth set, bringing the match to 5 sets. This set was only to 15 points, so the team that started off strong would be the

team to take it all. It was a see-saw battle with, one point to Belt, one point to Ennis...this continued throughout the game. Once the Huskies hit 12 points, they finished out three more points and defeated the Ennis Mustangs. This sent Belt

fans into a frenzy of celebration. The scores of this match were 25-18, 17-25, 13-25, 25-18, and 15-11. Leading in stats was Urick, Pimperton and Anderson with 3 aces, Hoyer with 18 kills, and Hoyer with 5 blocks, A. Stoker had 29 digs, and Pimperton dished

out 48 assists. This game gave the Belt Huskies their first state championship in history. They will now have a state championship on the banners displayed in the Belt gymnasium, a trophy to display in



the trophy hall, and bragging rights for the rest of the year. The Dogs

celebrated for the next few nights and still get chills from their win. "Man, victory tastes so sweet," says head coach Christine Gondeiro, "My girls did so good, and I'm so proud of them. We have 16 solid girls." Coach Gondeiro really says it all. The Huskies did amazing and they proved it on the court.

After this volleyball season, four seniors will be leaving: Sara Anderson, Kassie Hoyer, Kerstyn Pimperton, and Alison Stoker. Their jerseys will be worn by upcoming players next year that earn their spot on the varsity team. Veteran players like Urick, Malek, Swanson, Cooper, and twin Stokers will come back and hopefully help Coach Gondeiro in returning to the state tournament and bring home hardware.

Last Thursday the volleyball squad was introduced and congratulated at a banquet held at the school. The volleyball players rolled into the school on a fire truck to see the entire community at the doors cheering them on. They were given a pot luck dinner full of chicken, pastas, fruits, and deserts, a highlights video from the season, and a very inspirational talk from their coach. The annual awards banquet for all fall sports teams will be held in a couple weeks on November 29th. Be there to support your Huskies!

By: Alison Stoker



Pimperton with 49 assists.

This win advanced the Huskies into the championship match. That night the Dogs were well rested to play on Saturday. The Huskies didn't

National Diabetes Awareness Month

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month so that healthcare professionals can help spread the word about how to deal with diabetes, and in an effort to help the students that attend Belt Public School who have diabetes. The teachers have been attending meetings to learn more about it, and how to identify and help a student who has it.

There are three types of diabetes: Type 1, which develops mostly in children and young adults. Type 2,

which is the most common type of diabetes, and Gestational diabetes, which is only found in pregnant women and normally goes away after the baby is born although both the mother and the baby are susceptible to getting diabetes later in life.

It's important to go get screened for diabetes, because many people in the United States suffer from diabetes but not all of them know that they have it. This is because a lot of the time, people

with type 2 diabetes don't show the symptoms of having it. It is very important to know how to manage diabetes because if not properly taken care of, it can lead to: heart attacks, strokes, vision loss, amputations, and many other health issues. Several students at Belt Public School are affected by diabetes, and the teachers help them check and manage their diabetes daily.

By: Kali Duncan

Paper Airplane Competition

On the 26th of October all of the middle school students had a paper airplane competition. Mrs. Vogt (science teacher for grades 6th, 7th, 8th) had taken some classes on flying airplanes and helicopters, which gave her the idea of having all of the middle school students make paper airplanes. The project may sound silly, but it was very educational for the students. When partaking in this project the students had to figure out what makes a paper airplane work best, and fly the farthest. Students researched different designs online and learned about aerodynamics along the way.

Some of the contest rules included: having only one partner, but if a student chose to have a partner, both students would only be allowed to enter one plane for the event. Two throws was the maximum amount, and to be able to enter two planes were required for the competition.

The winners for the best distance were Garrett Metrione and Ryley Mapston, Hailey Assels, Hayden Urick and Cole Hepfner, TJ and Mason. The winners for most accuracy consisted of Owen Halley, Isaac Maki and Bridger Vogl, Hayden Urick and Cole Hepfner, Leaf

Corrow and Brendan Dailey. The winners for the longest hang time were Deanna Davison and Makaila Marchington, Isaac Maki and Bridger Vogl, David Wall, Jason Wall. Last but not least the winners for the best/coolest design were Gavin Olson, Tara Hedstrom and Kayden Bell, Katelyn Reese and Shanae Johnson, Anna Pethel and Sabrina Wing.

Mrs. Vogt plans to make the contest an annual event, and she hopes that each and every student had fun doing the project.

By: Abby Marchington

Movie Review: Thanksgiving Themed

Everyone gets extremely excited when the holidays arrive because of family, food, and the long vacation, but many people find themselves unsure of what to do over the break. This Thanksgiving, friends and family can get together to enjoy a Thanksgiving themed movie. Although *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* is an older release, it's a great festive movie because, like the holidays—nothing ever goes as planned.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles is a 1987 comedy starring Steve Martin, as Neal Page, and John Candy, as Del Griffith. Two days before the Thanksgiving holiday, Neal Page

is rushing home to his family in Chicago when he runs into a blabbermouth salesman, Del Griffith. After numerous accounts of bad luck, flight delays, luggage issues, and an annoying 'buddy' on Neal's plane, Neal and Del end up heading the same direction and deal with what the road throws at them together. As the story progresses, comedy, pity, and friendship prevail. By the end of this show, even grandma and grandpa will be in fits of laughter, and the entire family will be in the Thanksgiving spirits.

Thanksgiving traditionally kicks off the holiday season, but it

can be difficult when taking time off, making plans for family activities, and actually arriving at the correct destination. Most people go through the struggles of travel and airlines, so *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* is a great film to relate to!

Holidays are the best for sharing laughs, reminiscing, and playing jokes on one another. Watch this great 80's movie that will kill time while waiting for grandparents to show up, or enjoy the movie with the entire family after eating dinner.

By: Morgan Davis

Follow– Up Veteran’s Day Program

The students pulled off another successful program for the veterans on Friday, November 11th. There were tears in the veteran’s eyes as the students presented their speeches, skits, and songs. Harry Green and Isabelle Newman delivered their VOD (Voice of Democracy)

speeches from the heart, honoring veterans. Sierra Reese also spoke her very outstanding Patriot’s Pen speech. The skits were enacted very well by the elementary students. The little ones sung their hearts out for the veterans in between the performances. Jack McKinney dramat-

ically ended the program by playing Taps and sharing his thanks to the veterans. Overall, every student put emotion into their enactments. This was a great way to bring the community together on Veterans’ Day to show their thanks to the veterans.

By: Kara Neal

Wrestling	Calendar of Events
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The Husky wrestling season has begun again. After only a couple kids participating in wrestling last year, many have joined this year. Veteran wrestler Nolan Myrstol was injured during wrestling season last year with a knee injury but that did not stop him. Myrstol is back in action on the mats and is ready to win. The 2016-2017 wrestling team consists of re-

turning junior, Nolan Myrstol, and freshman: Gavin Roberts, Andrew Stice, and Brandon Wall. This is the second year that Tim Lords will serve as head coach, after assisting his brother, Turk, two years ago. Wrestling schedules were unavailable on the publishing date, but the schedule will be in the next issue of the Valley Voice.

By: Alison Stoker

- Nov. 23-27th- No school
- Nov. 24-Thanksgiving Day
- Dec.3rd- Breakfast with Santa
- Dec. 5th-Second Quarter
- Dec. 9th and 10th—B-Ball @Shelby ...boys and girls varsity and JV tournament

Spanish Kid on the Loose

Kerri Hiatt, the Belt High School and middle school Spanish teacher has a lot on her plate. She not only teaches in Belt, but also at Highwood and an adult class in Great Falls. Hiatt decided to mix things up a bit for her students in Highwood and Great Falls.

On Wednesday, November 9th, Hiatt brought one of the Belt High foreign exchange student, Javi Infantes Lobo, to her classes outside the Belt Valley. She wanted the students to test their Spanish speaking and have them learn more about the Spanish culture. Javi is an intelligent, young man and Hiatt wanted students outside Belt to meet him and gain a different perspective on the Spanish culture.

The two of them first went to Highwood in the afternoon. Hiatt put her students’ Spanish vocabulary to the test as she had them carry on conversations with Javi. The eager learners had a great time experiencing

something new. They were able to ask questions and learn more about Javi’s life in Spain and his world. Javi shared the interests he has in Spain that the Highwood students might find interesting as well. He played the guitar for the students and shared information on a variety of topics.

Afterwards, Javi accompanied Hiatt to Great Falls for a session with her adult Spanish class. He prepared a traditional Spanish meal, paella, to share with the students. Javi and Hiatt had a remarka-

ble time with students both in Highwood and Great Falls.

Not only did the students have a remarkable time, but so did Javi. He was able to meet students outside Belt. For one day, everyone was focused on Javi and his culture. He was able to share his interests and skills with everyone and wants to do it again.. As Hiatt said, “Having exchange students in our schools is a great opportunity to experience other cultures and break down stereotypes.”

By: Kara Neal

Breakfast with Santa Community members and their families are encouraged to enjoy a festive breakfast with Santa! Photos with Santa and games/activities will help benefit the Belt community pool.

Where & When: Belt School Cafeteria on Saturday, Dec. 3rd (8 a.m.—11 a.m.)

Entry Fee: \$5—per individual \$20—per family

Activities: Require \$5 to participate—festive activities

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving. As a child, the first thought that comes to mind is a big table surrounded by the first pilgrims and the Native Americans who became their friends and helped them. As an adult, the first thought is about how great the food is going to be, and the second is all the dishes that will follow. But what is Thanksgiving? Why does the U.S. celebrate it, and how long has it really been since the first Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving began in 1621 when the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans shared a harvest feast, the most common story of the holiday origin. It was celebrated for centuries be-

fore Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, declared an annual Thanksgiving to be held each November. Many people think of the first Thanksgiving as a symbol of peace between the colonists and natives because of former incidents between the two, and the peace and healthy harvest are why the people were so thankful. This was an important, symbolic moment in U.S. history, and the celebration has lived on to present day.

Today, most people go home for the holiday to be with their families, and they give thanks beside the people who they care for most. A big feast, as in turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, ham, stuffing, gravy, roast, beets,

and other salads, is usually held at a grandparents' house, and all of the cousins, aunts, and uncles come together for food, to give thanks, and to socialize with family. Thanksgiving falls between Halloween and Christmas, the biggest holidays of the year, so sometimes it can be overlooked and forgotten when people admire the Halloween and Christmas decorations. Thanksgiving is a big part of U.S. history, and it is just as important as any other holiday.

So enjoy the time off from school and eat a great meal with family. Give this tradition its due before moving on to Christmas.

By: Morgan Davis

Senior Spotlight

It's that time of year again where the Valley Voice is beginning to introduce the seniors of the mighty class of 2017. Senior spotlight will be a regular article, appearing in each issue until all the seniors have been interviewed. First on the list are Garrett Adams and Sara Anderson.

Garrett Adams moved to



Belt when he was a freshman so he has attended Belt School for four years. He was on the football team his junior year in high

school and says that it has been his most memorable year yet. He very much enjoyed playing a part on the husky football team last year and misses the thrill of it. One of his favorite memories from high school was painting the "B" with his class. Adams liked being able to do one

last thing with his class before graduation and thought painting the "B" was the perfect way to do it. He proclaimed that his favorite teacher throughout high school was Mr. Koontz. He stated that he is probably going to miss his friends the most and plans on working after high school. He wants to start working with a construction company after graduation and then go in to the air force. Adams is excited for the rest of his senior year to come and can't wait to make the most out of it.

Sara Anderson, on the other

hand, moved to Belt when she was in 4th grade from Geysler. One of Anderson's favorite memories from high school has been winning not only basketball state championships, but this year's volleyball



state championship as well. She stated that it was a bittersweet moment, relieved that they finally made their dream a reality, but sad that it had to be her last year as a lady husky. Anderson has been involved in volleyball and basketball all three years of middle school and all four years of high school. She has also been involved in yearbook for two years and the school paper for one. Like Adams, Anderson is going to miss her friends the most. Her favorite teacher throughout high school, also her basketball coach, is Mr. Graham. After graduation, Anderson plans to go to college. She isn't positive on where she would like to attend, however she states that Western looks promising and is planning on going to major in education. Anderson is thrilled to see what the rest of her senior year has in store for her.

Look in the next issue of the Valley Voice to read about the next couple of seniors: Jess Bodner and Kali Duncan.

By: Isabelle Newman

Hunting Trophies

Name: Trever Shimerdla

Type: Mule Deer

Weapon: AR-15

Area: Belt

Score: 3 by 4

Highlights: This was Trever's first buck.



Name: Garrett Metrione

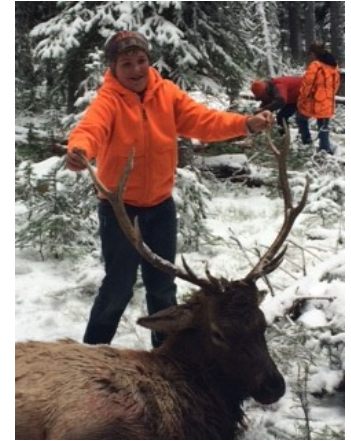
Type: Elk

Range: 100 yards

Weapon: .270

Area: Little Belt Mountains

Highlights: This was Garrett's first elk.



Name: Walker Maki

Type: Mule deer

Range: 111 yards

Weapon: AR-15

Area: Near Belt

Score: 2 by 2

Highlights: This was Walker's first buck.

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