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Wrestling

The Belt High wrestlers are nearing the end of their season with divisionals right around the corner. Three boys make up the small Husky team including: junior Nolan Myrstol, and freshmen Andrew Stice and Brandon Wall. Since the New Year dawned, the wrestlers have travelled to six meets around Central Montana, but the highlight of the season took place on Tuesday the 24th in the Belt gymnasium. The road meets took place in Cascade, Fairfield, Choteau, Fort Benton, Highwood, and Great Falls.

On Tuesday, over 200 spectators filled the lower end of the Belt Gymnasium as Cascade, Conrad, Fort Benton, and Highwood voyaged to Belt. The first Belt wrestler to take the mat was Stice. He split in

his matches, defeating his Highwood competition, but falling to his Conrad foe.

Wall, nursing a shoulder injury, held substantial leads in both of his matches, but was pinned in the third round both times. Though disappointed, he considered it a good learning experience.

The last Husky wrestler to take the stage was Myrstol. He wrestled three times and had a record of two wins and one loss. Myrstol was victorious in his first match, winning with a third round pin. Myrstol's second match of the day was the highlight of the whole tournament. Despite not knowing much about the sport, the home town crowd never failed to encourage the competitors.

After three two minute rounds, Myrstol and his opponent were tied, forcing a one minute overtime round. With the chant of, "Nolan, Nolan, Nolan," echoing from the stands, Myrstol pinned his rival with 20 seconds left. In his final competition, Myrstol lost on points, but the crowd never stopped cheering for him.

The next competition will be this Saturday in Fort Benton, as the wrestlers are engage their final tune up before the divisional meet. Unlike other interscholastic sports, in wrestling Belt competes in the Southern Division along with Anaconda, Broadwater, Powell Co., Cascade, Columbus/Absarokee, Drummond/Granite, Jefferson, Whitehall, Lone Peak, and Highwood.

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Student Teacher

When people think of school, they often imagine early mornings that entail long lectures, frustrating equations, and piles of homework that lead to nerve racking exams. Although all of these points may be very accurate, school is about more than education and the stress or fun that comes with it. Techni-



cally, school is a student's first job, which teaches kids discipline, organization, and how to handle different situations without becoming upset or overwhelmed. Most of all, school is the environment where students find who they truly are and decide what they want to be in

life.

Carli Morris graduated from Great Falls High School in 2007, and is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in English and History. When she first graduated, she began attending classes at University of Montana before transferring to the local college in Great Falls, the University of Great Falls. Along the ride, Miss

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Lady Husky Basketball

The Lady Husky basketball team continues to improve throughout their season, staying undefeated in conference play. The girls defeated Highwood/Geraldine, Great Falls High's JV, Denton/Geysler/Stanford, Winnett/Grass Range, and Centerville in the past two weeks. After a first game loss to Malta during the pre-season, the Huskies have prevailed in every game since. Coach Jeff Graham is impressed with the way his team is playing.

On Thursday, the 12th, the Huskies competed against the co-op team of Highwood and Geraldine. In the first quarter, the ladies created a 20 point advantage with a score of 27-7 against the Rivals. In the next period, Belt outscored their competition 18-4, making the score 45-11 after one half. In the third, Belt continued to push the tempo, extending their lead to 61-20. In the final eight minutes, the Huskies coasted to victory over the Rivals, 82-21. Morgan Cooper earned 17 points, followed by Dani Urick with 15, and Kerstyn Pimperton notched 13 markers on the night.



The next day, the Huskies were matched up with Great Falls High's JV. The ladies jumped out to their usual lead of 18-8 in the first quarter. In the second, Belt outscored GFH JV by 10, making the score 40-20. After the half time meetings, Belt's defense was too much for the AA team. After three, the score

was tallied at 56-29. In the fourth stanza, another victory was added to the Huskies' growing record.

The final score was 71-38.



Urick led Belt in scoring with 14, followed by Briana Wall with 13, and Pimperton with 11.

The third home game on consecutive nights was against the DGS Bearcats for the Huskies. The Bearcats didn't know what hit them

after the Huskies took the lead of 30-8 in the first. The second quarter was just as impressive as the first. The Huskies ended the first half with a score of 49-14. In the third period, Belt outscored DGS 14-4, adding to the growing score of 63-18. And after four quarters of play, the Huskies found themselves on the right end of an 83-21 final. With 10 girls on the Belt roster, nearly every single one of the Husky players scored making it difficult for other teams to key in on certain players. With 16 points Urick led Belt. Ryan Schraner closely followed with 14. Coach Graham has taken the opportunity to play all 10 athletes in a variety of combinations as they have just crossed the halfway mark of their season.

Last week, the Huskies were paired up with the WGR Rams for the second time of the season in Belt. The ladies grasped a 16-5 lead in the first quarter against their

competition.

In the second stanza, the home team outscored the Rams 18-6, making the lead 34-11. Momentum from the first drove the Huskies throughout the second half. In the third, Belt's lead was 47-19. In the final period, Belt defeated the WGR Rams with a score of 64-33. Urick notched 17 for Belt, followed by Pimperton with 13.

The next day, the Huskies travelled to the coulee to compete against the Centerville Miners. In the first stanza, Belt earned a slim lead of 16-14. Slowly, the Huskies extended their lead to 30-22 heading into the second half.

The Miners weren't going to give up against the Huskies and cut the lead to five in the third. Finally, in the fourth, the ladies pulled away from Centerville. By the end of the 32 minutes of play, the Huskies defeated the Miners with a score of 63-42. Urick earned 25 points on the night, and Pimperton was tallied with 19.

The girls' overall record is at 11-1. Conference wise they are undefeated at 8-0. Today, the Huskies will play Roy/Winifred at home. Tip off time is set off at 6:00 p.m. The boys' varsity game will start at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, both teams will travel to Great Falls to compete against CMR's JV team. The girls' game will start at 2:00 p.m., while the boys' game is set for 3:30 p.m.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Geraldine/ Highwood	7	4	9	1	21
Belt	27	18	16	21	82

GFH JV	8	12	9	9	38
Belt	18	22	16	15	71

DGS	8	6	4	3	21
Belt	30	19	14	20	83

WGR	5	6	8	14	33
Belt	16	18	13	17	64

Belt	16	14	13	20	63
Centerville	19	8	16	4	32

Facility Committee Meeting

Belt Public School and its students are becoming more and more antsy to see the changes and improvements that were passed in the bond initiative by voters in 2016. While the Valley Voice published a concept of the renovations in past issues, the design is not set in stone. At this point, the bond must be sold, and design plans need to be refined and finalized.

On Monday, January 16th, a Facility Committee Meeting was hosted in the Belt Public School li-

brary at 7:00 p.m., and was open to the public. At the meeting, Mrs. Prody, school board trustees, students, and the facility committee discussed potential design plans aimed at meeting future educational needs for the school. Although the bid, design, and construction processes are time consuming, Belt Public School is looking forward to the much needed upgrades and they're positive that these changes will benefit the students, communi-

ty, and the school itself.

Future meetings will be announced in the Valley Voice issues, and meetings are *always* open to the community. Meeting times may change, but all meetings are posted on the Husky Web Page agenda. The community is encouraged to attend because now is the time to voice further opinions before the final drafts are created.

By: Morgan Davis

City News

The Town of Belt recently hosted a meeting on December 21, 2016 followed by another on January 4, 2017. In attendance at the City Hall meeting were Mayor BJ Wells; Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling; Aldermen Porter, Darko, and Heikkila; and NCI Engineer Idaho Trenberth. The first topic discussed at the December 21st meeting were the ordinances and policies regarding the full utility charges water property usage. This meant that even those that were not present in Belt and shut off their water still had to pay their water bill. Currently, the Water and Sewer Ordinances enacted in 1997 hold this policy in place. The Town is hoping to alter this policy in order to create a more fair practice for the properties

that were paying for services they aren't receiving. An option proposed would be to charge a disconnect fee as well as a reconnect fee. Because of the complications, no action was taken at that time.

The first meeting held in the new year took place on January 4th. This meeting mostly consisted of discussing the potential lease with the Milos ranch. This lease would allow the City to pump sewer water from the lagoons and discharge it upon the Milos field for a 40 year term, and Jim Milos will get irrigation to his 25 acre hay field. Terms of the contract are currently under negotiation, but the cost of the lease and the project itself will most likely result in an

increase to sewer rates in Belt within the next year. This agreement allows Belt to dump sewage into the Milos field, but Milo is asking for additional compensation as part of the agreement. Currently, Belt is dumping its sewer into the lagoons where it is filtered, then dumped into the creek.

The DEQ has tighter regulations this year so instead of this, Belt has to dump it into the field after going through the third lagoon. Construction will be let for bids in March, with actual construction commencing as soon as it is warm enough. It's tentative, they are targeting a completion date of Sept 30th, 2017.

By: Alison Stoker

Student Teacher (Cont.)

Morris picked up classes such as the History of Religion, Critical Thinking, Core Math and Science, and she also had to complete a Fine Arts credit. Miss Morris has come far since 2007, and she is positioned at Belt Public School as a student teacher for Mr. Jeff Ross, who was recognized for the Excellence Teacher Award this year for his academic accomplishments in Atlanta, Georgia.

While working towards her graduation date in May, Miss Morris has managed to work two jobs, pay

some of her student loans off, and pass her online classes that she's required to complete on top of her student teaching project. Although she will only be with Belt Public School until April, she has a message for the students of BVHS, "There is always a way to go to college." She mentioned that earning her degree has been a challenge with her constant juggling of jobs, homework, and life itself, but she encourages students to work hard to meet their goals and dreams. "Even

though it took me a long time to get where I am today, I am going to leave college knowing that I earned my degree, and it's mine," Miss Morris adds. Carli has already begun her search for jobs, and she plans to begin her career in an intercity such as New York City or Seattle. Wherever her journey may take her, the students, teachers, and Valley Voice wish her the best of luck in her career.

By: Morgan Davis

DECA

DECA has been busy like always, especially now since state is around the corner. State competition is February 12th, 13th, and 14th. All the written events were due last Friday, January 20th. All of the members have been doing a great job and haven't

fallen behind. Mr. Hoyer is really looking forward to state competition. Before state takes place, Mr. Hoyer would like the students to practice like every year before state competition. This coming Saturday, January 29th, anyone who would

like to listen to the members practice is more than welcomed. It's a great way to boost the DECA members' confidence on their performance before they head to state.

By: Kara Neal

Senior Spotlight

This issue's senior spotlight is highlighting Emily Langston and Jaren Maki.

Emily Langston has been in Belt a couple times throughout her childhood. She started out here in pre-k and then moved to Cheyeme, Ramstein Germany due to her father's military position. After their time in Germany, Langston and her family moved back to Belt just in time to attend fifth grade, however, that was not the end of her journey. After that year, they moved again but to Minot, North Dakota for two years and then returned to Belt when Langston was to attend seventh grade. The Langston's have lived here since then.



Ever since her permanent residency here in the valley, Langston has become very school involved. She has participated in the play for three years, cheer three years, journalism three years, band three years, track her freshman year, youth leadership for one year, and student senate for all four years. She has been nothing but a strong addition to the Belt community. One thing that she is going to miss the most, besides her friends and peers, is "Mr. Ross's evasive teaching." Mr. Ross is an English teacher at Belt High and Langston has done nothing but thrive in his classroom since freshman year. One of her favorite memories from

high school was getting the chance to travel with the Close Up group to Washington D.C. and New York the summer after her sophomore year. Even though there are several great memories in high school, everyone has a not-so-swell one. Langston's greatest downfall occurred her freshman year in info processing class when she received a B for her grade.

Ever since she can remember, she has always pushed herself to do the absolute best, and she was not thrilled with herself after that class. However, if that is her worst memory, that has to be a pretty good worst memory. Langston is stoked for graduation in May and plans to take a year off of school before enrolling in a Bible College. One fun fact about Langston is that she once stuck 49 pencils in her hair during English class.



Jaren Maki is another senior who is more than excited for the day to finally wear his cap and gown. Throughout high school, his favorite memory was winning State Basketball his sophomore year. He also really enjoyed taking an independent U.S. history class his junior year with Mr. Koontz. His involvement at Belt School primarily started in his sixth grade year. Throughout all of

middle school, he participated in basketball, track, and football. In high school he participated in those sports all four years plus one year of journalism.

One thing he is going to miss the most, along with his friends and teammates, are the teachers. They have helped him sculpt into the student he is today and he wouldn't be where he is without them. One of his not-so-fond memories was dissecting starfish in his biology class sophomore year. He also didn't enjoy smashing his middle finger in between two posts as a freshman.

His plans after graduation begin with working at his dad's ranch in the summer before he leaves for Montana State University Northern. He plans to major in either welding technology or carpentry. Even though it sounds all great and swell to have freedom so close, it's also a bitter-sweet feeling for Maki. He notes that it takes a toll on him to think about never being able to play with his football or basketball teammates after this year ever again. A fun fact that he would like everybody to know is that he is "the best student ever" and that he has two cats he likes to hang out with named Harambe and Bantoon.

Next issue's senior spotlight is going to cover the stories of Dawson Marquis and Jason Metrione.

By: Isabelle Newman

Google Fest

Every student knows how overwhelming school can be after the conclusion of the first semester, but no one really takes teachers and their feelings into consideration. Teachers also experience that half-way-done depression and excitement, and they too need a break every once in a while. On January 16th, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Meissner, Mr. Hoyer, and Mr. Paulson traveled to Lewistown, MT, to participate in the fun, educational Google Fest program that is annually hosted at Fergus High School.

The teachers all learned various skills that will benefit their classrooms such as: digital formal assessment, add-ons (enhances ed-

ucation through google documents), and how to screen certify.

Mrs. Horton had the privilege to test and purchase Google Cardboard, a poor man's virtual reality, and found herself having as much fun as a child in a candy store. The cardboard glasses cost about \$15, and allows the viewer to see the world through a 3 Dimensional lens. The user can watch 3D educational videos on YouTube, or they can experience the world through Google Maps. Mrs. Horton hopes to squeeze the glasses into her budget, claiming, "You can take kids to places they've never been without the expenses of traveling, and this is extremely beneficial to

the students and the class."

Not only do these conventions give the teachers a break, they are also rewarding in the classroom. Students will be able to visit numerous areas of the world, which can be helpful when comparing different cultures, parts of the world, and even scientific studies such as viewing different types of erosion in different areas of the world. There are quite a few positive outcomes from these fun goggles, and incorporating them into science, history, and other subjects that deal with geography would be a great way to infuse fun into the classroom environment.

By: Morgan Davis

Husky Club

The Husky clubbers have been staying busy as always with their fun, exciting, and generous projects. Just a few weeks ago, the 2nd and 3rd graders made rice hand warmers for the local senior citizens. The young participants are not only making goodies for the locals but for citizens of Great Falls as well.

Since early January, Husky Club has been working on service projects for the people of the new Rescue Mission. The Kindergarten and 1st grade made scarves, 2nd and 3rd graders made blankets, and the 4th and 5th graders made hats. Lori Swanson, the director of Husky Club, delivered these projects last week to the Rescue Mission.

Husky Club has been continuing their Harvest of the Month, managed by Teresa Elam. For the month of January, Elam prepared carrots with humus for the clubbers. It's always good for the kids to look to a variety of foods they have never tried before. They can actually taste the food before they say they don't like it. The kiddos are looking forward to what Elam has planned for the up-

coming month of February.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been having a splendid time at Husky Club because of the archery hosted by the 4H. The kiddos head up to the mezzanine every Tuesday after school and learn about archery. This event is a great way for the clubbers to open up to a different activity for after school and/or during the summer. As most people know, the weather has been warmer than expected. Which is very nice for the kiddos to have recess instead of being stuck inside the whole time after school. Husky Club has been very busy and needs fresh air every once in a while.

Swanson and the other teachers that help Husky Club have been doing a fantastic job with the kiddos, engaging them in meaningful and fulfilling after school projects. They are making sure that they are being Huskies for their community. The Valley is looking forward to see what their next generous efforts will be.

By: Kara Neal

Calendar of Events

Jan. 28th-BBall @CMR (Boys: JV-4:30pm Var-3:30pm Girls: Var-2:00pm)
 Feb. 1st-Ice fishing for 7th grade
 Feb. 3rd-BBall @Belt (Boys: JV-4:30pm Var-7:30pm Girls: JV-3:00pm Var-6:00pm)
 Feb. 4th-Wrestling @Anaconda
 Feb. 4th-BBall @Belt (Boys: JV-3:30pm Var-6:30pm Girls: JV-2:00pm Var-5:00pm)
 Feb. 8th-Early Out
 Feb. 10th-BBall @Highwood (Boys: JV-4:30pm Var-7:30pm Girls: JV-3:00pm)
 Feb. 10th-Wrestling @Billings
 Feb. 10-12th-Theatre Performance @Ursaline Centre (Fri & Sat-6:30pm Sun-2:00pm)
 Feb. 11th-BBall @Denton (Boys: JV-3:30pm Var-6:30pm Girls: JV-2:00pm)
 Feb. 14th-Board of Trustees
 Feb. 16th-Mid-Term
 Feb. 17th-No School
 Feb.18-20th-BBall @Lewistown (TBA)

Ground Hog Day

Groundhog Day falls on February 2nd every year. Groundhog Day is an observance day, not a public holiday, that is popular in the United States, and is based on the idea of the famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, predicting the weather for the remainder of the winter season.



Even though the day isn't considered to be a public holiday, some people, including members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, organize Groundhog Day events and activities in parks and on the streets. The idea originated in the 1800s when people in the area of present day Germany believed that the badger

was empowered with the ability to predict the coming of spring. At the time, it was the best way to track the seasons and farmers would know that it was warm enough to plant crops. Even though this theory was proved to be untrue, people still carried on the idea as a tradition. The annual event spread with colonization and new discovery, and eventually the idea reached Pennsylvania. Although the state did not have a large population of badgers, they were able to substitute a groundhog as the new shadow maker.

According to tradition, if the groundhog emerges from his hole sees his shadow, people can expect

six more weeks of winter. If it's cloudy, look for an early spring.

The United States held their first Groundhog Day on February 2nd, 1887, featuring Punxsutawney Phil, the Groundhog. The tradition has been around for many generations. In fact, in 1993, *Groundhog Day*, starring Bill Murray was released to theaters. The movie is well known for it is classical American comedy, and is PG rated...student and child friendly!

Although it's not really a holiday, it represents new life, new opportunity, and a reminder people that one way or another, it's going to warm up.

By: Morgan Davis

JV Basketball

The JV season hit the halfway mark after the last two weeks. The Huskies will begin to descend on the second half of the year. In the past two weeks, Belt competed against Highwood/Geraldine, Great Falls High's freshman team, Denton/Geyser/Stanford, Winnett/Grass Range, and Centerville. These past couple weeks have been nothing but busy and tiring for the Husky basketball teams, however that doesn't stop them from getting a win.

The Boys' JV team continues to show improvement for Coach Megan Graham. The Huskies defeated the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals with a score of 56-35. With 19 points, Brenden Wing led the Huskies in scoring. The next day, the boys squared up against GFH's freshman team. They easily overpowered the AA team with a score of 34-18. Antonio Heaton notched 10 to lead Belt. The last game of the weekend, Belt competed against the DGS Bearcats. The Huskies fell to the Bearcats with a score of 52-62. Wing led Belt with 14 points on the night. Last week on

the 20th, the Huskies competed against the WGR Rams. Belt overpowered the Rams with a score of 54-20. Vogl had 20 markers on the night. The next day, the Huskies were paired up with the Centerville Miners. The Huskies fell to the Miners 37-41. Vogl added 11 points for Belt. The boys are proud of their improvements from the beginning of the year and are ready to see what the next couple weeks have in store for them.

The Lady Husky JV team continues to stay undefeated. Coach Suzy Maki couldn't be any prouder of her team. The Huskies defeated Highwood/Geraldine with a score of 64-23. Kolby Pimperton tallied 19 points. The next day, the ladies competed against GFH's freshman team. They overpowered the AA team with a score of 66-16. Shelby Paulson led Belt in scoring with 13. On Saturday, the 14th, the Huskies were matched up with the DGS Bearcats. They defeated their competition with a score of 56-16. Emma Six notched 14 points to lead

the Huskies to a win. The Huskies competed against the WGR Rams on January 20th. They defeated the Rams with a score of 57-15. Pimperton tallied 11 for the win. The next day, the Huskies travelled to Centerville. After the final horn blew, the Huskies found themselves on the right end of a 64-9 final. Paulson donated 12 points on the night. The ladies are more than ecstatic about their recent success these past couple weeks and can't wait to continue on the season this way.

Both of the Husky teams have winning records. The ladies are still undefeated and are ready for more competition. Tonight, Belt will compete against the Roy/Winfred Outlaws. The girls' games will start at 3:00 p.m., followed by the boys JV and varsity games. Tomorrow the teams will play Great Falls Central at home. Tip off time is set for 10:00 a.m. Both teams are prepared to dominate their rivals this next week.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Principal's Report: January

Belt Public School and its students returned from a long, much needed Christmas break on January 2nd. After the students and staff rejuvenated over break, they returned to wrap up the first semester. High school students partook in semester finals on the 10th and 12th, and grades will be mailed out on Thursday, the 19th, at 9 a.m. With a new year and a fresh start for the second semester, students and teachers are excited to work towards the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year. Students, parents, and staff had a great time participating in the annual Christmas Caroling on the 21st that is hosted by Mr. Hoyer and the

Youth Leadership organization. After a few hours of singing and spreading holiday cheer, everyone enjoyed the spaghetti dinner that was provided by the Catholic Church. On December 20th, Belt's elementary students traveled to the colony to attend their Colony Christmas Play. The younger students were entertained by the performance, and the play turned out to be a

great success. Students in grades 3-8 have recently been traveling to Showdown, MT, for Ski Trips, but sometimes the weather doesn't allow it. The 3rd and 4th graders were scheduled to depart on the 4th, but severe weather conditions called for



a rescheduling which will take place on March 22nd.

On January 9th, Belt Public School, Social Sciences classes, and the community of Belt welcomed Sam Sweeney home for a short visit. Sam discussed his current position in the Middle East with the students of Coach Graham's history class, and

he also allowed the Valley Voice to publish an article featuring Sam and his job. It was wonderful to share his success, and it gave students the motivation to pursue their dreams. A huge 'Thank You' goes out to Theresa Elam and the kitchen staff for providing a cheerful Christmas breakfast, but especially for always keeping everyone's stomach full and smiles on students and teachers faces. Belt Public School would also like to recognize the eighteen students who volunteered to help clean up after the Belt vs Centerville game.

Over 47 students have volunteered more than 347 hours to Belt Public School and Belt community, which is an outstanding way to benefit the school and town. On another note, please practice Husky behaviors by cleaning up after games, concerts, or other school events that take place in the gym.

By: Morgan Davis

Many people are aware of the hazards and consequences of driving under the influence. However, many do not heed them. These people are either too drunk to pay attention or care about what they are doing. They are possibly thinking that they have a short ways to go or they are not drunk enough to drive. These types of people are responsible for 84% of the deaths around the world. The sad thing is even though most learn from this and change their ways, there are still the few who continue to make the same mistake over and over again until it is too late to fix.

Use your logic when going out to have a few drinks. Pay attention to the warnings you have learned about driving under the influence. Have a plan and get a designated driver.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Boy's Basketball

After two weeks, the boys' basketball team continues to improve their game defeating Highwood/Geraldine, Great Falls High's JV, Winnett/Grass Range, and Centerville. The Huskies had a tough go last Saturday, falling to the Denton/Geyser/Stanford Bearcats. Coach Kyle Paulson still sees room for improvement for the Husky team.

The Huskies competed against the Highwood/Geraldine Rivals on January 12th. Within the first quarter, Belt grasped a 21-12 lead. The home team continued to hold their lead by the second half with a score of 39-23.

In the third, Belt held an 11 point advantage at 47-36. In the final eight minutes, the Huskies finally ran away with the game, defeating Highwood/Geraldine with a score of 70-49. Jaren Maki accumulated 32 markers on the night, followed by Taylor Olson who notched 19.

The next day, the Huskies were matched up against Great Falls High's JV team. The Huskies jumped on the lead with a score of 11-5 in the first stanza. In the second, GFH JV managed to close the gap, tying the score at 19 by the end of the second.

In the second half, the Huskies outscored the Bison 21-9, creating a 40-28 lead. In the fourth period, Belt's momentum continued through. The Huskies defeated their AA rivals with

a score of 55-43. Maki led the Huskies in scoring with 14. Jess Bodner tallied 13 on the night to help Belt.



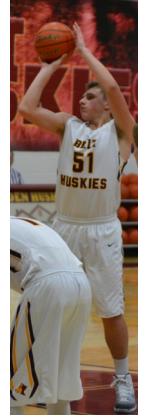
The third game of the weekend for Belt was against the Denton/Geyser/Stanford Bearcats. In the first quarter, the Huskies held a slim advantage of 9-6. But the Bearcats continued to push the Huskies, tying the score at 19.

The next half of the ball game, DGS began to pull away from the home team.

The Bearcats took the lead after three with a score of 34-29. Offensively, the Huskies struggled to score against the high pressure defense that the Bearcats were playing. After four quarters of play, Belt found themselves on the wrong end of a 46-52 final. This is the Huskies first conference loss of the season. Maki earned 21 points, while Harry Green added 11.

Last week, the boys competed against the WGR Rams. In the first quarter, Belt jumped out on the Rams and took the lead with a score of 18-1. The second period was just as impressive as the first. The Huskies had the lead heading into the second half 37-15.

In the third, Belt outscored the Rams 21-10. This put the tally at 58-25, plenty of breathing room. In the final quarter, Belt proved victorious with a score of 68-31. Maki notched 18 markers to lead the Huskies in scoring. Green made 15, while Bodner tacked on another 14.



On the 21st, a road trip to Centerville resulted in a Husky triumph. The Huskies took the lead in the first with a score of 16-8. They continued to push the tempo against the Miners and had the lead heading into the half with a score of 36-18.

In the third quarter, Belt went on a 14-4 run, making the score 50-24. In the last eight minutes, Belt was too much to handle for the Centerville team. They defeated their competition with a score of 65-34. With 16 points, Maki led Belt to a victory. Bodner donated 14 points on the night.

The boys will play the Roy/Winifred Outlaws tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Belt Gymnasium. Tomorrow they will head to Great Falls where they will compete against CMR's JV team. Tip off time for that game is set for 3:30 p.m.

By: Kerstyn Pimperton

Geraldine/ Highwood	12	11	13	13	49
Belt	21	18	8	23	70

GFH JV	5	14	9	15	43
Belt	11	8	21	15	55

DGS	6	13	15	18	52
Belt	9	10	10	17	46

Belt	16	20	14	15	65
Centerville	8	10	8	10	34

WGR	1	14	10	6	31
Belt	18	19	21	10	68

Billings Field Trip

Leaving around 8:00 a.m. on December 14th a group of high school students under the supervision of Mrs. Tillman went on a field trip to the Montana State University Billings and the City College to participate in numerous labs. Here, they learned about the variety of classes offered by the two separate campuses.

Mrs. Tillman arranged the field trip to show the students the importance of college and all of the amazing qualities that it has to offer. Mrs. Tillman hopes that the students had a good time while on the field trip. She also hopes that everyone was able to see the importance of post-secondary education and all of the different options of classes.

While the field trip was a great learning experience for the students who went, it was also a fantastic time to socialize with the teachers and a few college students still on campus.

Even though the students didn't make it home until 7:00 p.m. they all had a blast. They had an amazing time socializing with the students and teachers on campus and taking part in the numerous labs that were going on within the buildings. Mrs. Tillman was glad to see the students have a great time on their trip, and she is confident that it will be an important part of their decision making process.

By: Abby Marchington

Bowling Scores

Week 16

Men's High Game

John Larson	231	213
Dave Anderson	209	
Dave Eggert	208	

Men's Series

John Larson	594
Matt Lewis	544
Dave Anderson	516

Women's High Games

Lisa Urick	181
Polly Pimperton	167
Linda Lewis	163

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	474
Sandy Francom	447
Linda Lewis	447

Week 17

Men's High Game

Mike Ezop	232
Bill Romero	215
John Larson	202

Men's Series

John Larson	558
Mike Ezop	553
Dave Anderson	531
Brian Neill	531

Women's High Game

Linda Lewis	209
Lisa Urick	198
Teri Cummings	177

Women's Series

Lisa Urick	527
Linda Lewis	478
Denise Puppe	457

Wrestling (Cont.)

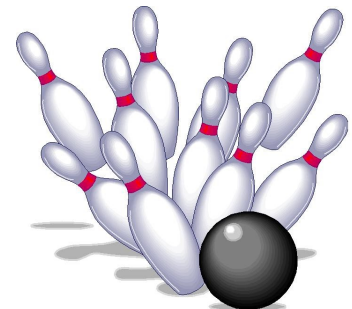


The Southern B-C Divisional Meet will be held in Anaconda on Saturday, February 4th. The top four competitors from each weight class will qualify for the all-class state meet, held in Billings on February 10th and 11th. The state meet is reputed to be an amazing annual show.

Best of luck to the Husky grapplers. Results from the post season meets will be posted in the Valley Voice.



By: Kerstyn Pimperton



New Student

The Belt School just welcomed a new young lady, Brooklyn Phillips, a 6 year old from Great Falls, Mt. Phillips is enrolled in 1st grade with Mrs. Waldner and she has really enjoyed it so far. Phillips loves to read more than anything else in class. She has made many friends already and is very friendly. She has all of the qualities of a great Belt Husky. Phillips is not only busy during school, but afterwards as well. Every Monday, Phillips participates in dance and gymnas-

tics with Darcy Darlington. She loves to stay active and participate in lots of fun activities. When Phillip's goes to Great Falls, her favorite activity is to paint at



Brush Crazy. As people can see, Phillip's loves creative and exciting activities.

The Belt School is always happy to see a new student who works hard in school and adds a positive presence to the community. For the New Year, Belt hasn't received many new kids.

The Valley Voice will keep the community updated on who will be the next Husky.

By: Kara Neal

Lewis and Clark

The Belt students and staff were very welcoming to Duane Buchi, an employee of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center of Great Falls. Buchi traveled to the Belt School on a Thursday morning, January 19th. He shared the amazing adventure and stories of Lewis and Clark to the 4th and 5th graders. The students could not keep their eyes off of him as they were very amused by his stories. After his presentation, there were many eager students raising their hands for their questions to be answered. The students were more than impressed with the amount of knowledge possessed by Buchi. After questions and answers were shared, Buchi showed some artifacts that were very interesting. He also handed out

many goodies and toys to the students. Before Buchi began sharing stories of Lewis and Clark to students of Mon-

tana, he was in the military. Buchi served for 29 years and after he retired he wanted to find something he enjoyed. He was born and raised in Montana and loves the history behind it. So he decided sharing the history of Lewis and Clark to people around the Great Falls area would be great for him.



Buchi has been sharing stories for two years now and shares about 10 stories a week. It is always great to see somebody love their job. As Buchi stated, "I love to tell wonderful stories to kids and seeing their faces light up." He also shared how he loves to share his interest to the people and is glad to receive any opportunity he can get. Buchi is very thankful to have had the opportunity to come out to the Valley and share the history of Lewis and Clark. It is always great to see someone willing to take time out of their day to come out to Belt School to share interesting stories about something the students didn't know about before.

By: Kara Neal

Valentine's Day Balloon Sales



Win your sweetheart's heart! The Junior Balloon Sales are back again, and this year there is a wide variety of choices, ranging from sappy love balloons to fun, cute designs with cartoons—but hurry in, supplies are limited. Purchases can be made during Husky Time and Lunch in front of the office, but don't wait...the sales end on February 10th. All profits will benefit the 2017 Prom, so any and all acquisitions are appreciated! This is the perfect way to put a smile on your lover's or friend's face, while supporting Belt Public Schools and their programs.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Where Are They Now?

Next for the Where Are They Now students is Lauren Winder. Winder has been an amazing addition to the class of 2016 even after graduation last May. She is currently enrolled at Montana State University in Bozeman with a couple other friends from her class. Winder is very much enjoying it there as well as the college life in general. She is still deciding on her major, however, she has narrowed it down to either business or financial engineering. The classes she is currently taking are for financial engineering and accounting. If she continues on this path, she will double major in financial engineering and accounting.

One of the things she most enjoys about the college life is getting to create her own schedule. Winder likes the independence she has received since attending MSU. One of the biggest differences between high school and college for her is “You actually have to study.” She admits that she wasn’t studying as much as she should have the first semester and it really got to her. She states that she’s going to be more prepared for the second semester.



Currently, Winder is working at the campus bakery part time. She enjoys the work that she re-

ceives and likes that it is so close to her dorm and school. This makes it a lot more time efficient for her and her schedule. One thing Winder does not enjoy about college is having to live in the dorms. She says that next year she will definitely be living off campus. Winder would like to give upcoming seniors advice about college: “Get ready for the adjustment of becoming nearly completely independent. It’s a big step in your life so just be prepared.” Everybody knows that it’s going to be a big change, but not everybody realizes how big of a change it is until it actually happens.

Following Winder is 2016 graduate Nick Vogt. He is currently attending Kirkwood Community College in Iowa. Because he is trying to establish residency there, he is not a full time student, but that means along with his part time student job, he is able to work full time. He is really enjoying his time away from home so far, but also misses his family and friends frequently. He works as a full time manager at a Jimmy John’s and often works about 45 hours a week. Now, that is dedication.

One thing that Vogt enjoys the most and declares as one of the biggest differences between high school and college is the diversity. He loves the diverse atmosphere he’s been able to explore and experience throughout the campus, teachers, other students, and classes that he has been able to choose and take. Coming from Belt, Montana, almost any college is going to offer a different set of diversities, however, being in Iowa has certainly opened Vogt’s horizons and he’s doing nothing but soaking in as much as he can.

As of right now, Vogt is trying to decide what to major in. His



choices lie between two double majors: theatre and psychology or theatre and political science. Either way, he knows that a lot of work is cut out for him, but he’s prepared to face it all head on. Some advice he would like to give to upcoming seniors is “Enjoy learning while you don’t have to pay for rent.” He also states that every senior should fill out as many scholarships as they possibly can. College isn’t cheap and “scholarships help out a lot more than you think they will.”

Next issue’s Where Are They Now is going to cover the stories of Johanna Stinson and Eddie Fernandez.


By: Isabelle Newman

Deadline Notice

Little League Registration

- When: Thursday January 26th (5:00– 6:30 p.m.)
- Where: Belt School Cafeteria
- Who: Belt and Centerville (ages 4– 16)
- Cost: Tee Ball and Minor C: \$50
Minor B and above: \$75

For more information on registration or volunteering please contact (406) 647-7298.

Games	Inspirational Quotes
<p data-bbox="100 176 776 275">Sports Numbers: Who's volleyball number does this belong to? (Hint: she attended State Volleyball this year with the team.)</p>  <p data-bbox="100 793 797 926">Answer to last week's games: Body Parts– Brayden Haugrose. Match Up– Seniors/ Husky Howl , Juniors/ Relay Race/ Dodge Ball, Sophomores/ Tug of War/ Quiz game, Freshmen/ Floats</p>	<p data-bbox="815 176 1516 380">This week's Inspirational Quotes is going to hone in on simply being happy. Being in a content and joyful state of mind doesn't only affect one's mental health, but physical, social, and emotional health as well. Maintaining a positive attitude is very important for an over- all healthy life- style.</p> <p data-bbox="815 413 1503 480">“Doing what you like is freedom. Liking what you do is happiness.”- Frank Tyger</p> <p data-bbox="815 514 1516 613">“You cannot judge what should bring others joy, and others cannot judge what should bring you joy.”- Alan Cohen</p> <p data-bbox="815 646 1511 783">“Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.”- Denis Waitley</p> <p data-bbox="815 816 1495 984">So, relax and enjoy the littler things, because one day, one might realize that those were the bigger things. Make sure that you love what you do, you focus on your own happiness, and live life with 'love, grace, and gratitude'.</p>

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