

# Panther Paw Print

Volume I

## Eclipse in the Village – A Fairmont Story

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Interviews: Maddi G & Alia H

On Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 we witnessed the revival of the Nationwide Solar Eclipse. This was an unprecedented once in a lifetime chance that we had the privilege to see. Since we were given this opportunity, Madison Galusha and I decided to take advantage of it and interviewed some of our out-of-state friends that traveled miles upon miles to watch this two and a half minute experience.

Since Fairmont, Nebraska was only one mile away from the complete path of totality, the town was busy, busy, busy! Going from a town that has a population close to 400,



to thousands of strangers from across country is pretty eye opening! There were license plates from

Texas, New York, New Mexico and even Washington! Coincidentally the Solar Eclipse landed in the same time period as the Nebraska Sesquicentennial (150 years) Anniversary, where Fairmont was putting on some community activities that include the opening of the two museums, an appearance from Millard Fillmore, and butter churning!

In this column, I will share some of the responses that we received from visitors! The first people that we interviewed were Mel and Lea Borst. Mel and Lea are brother and sister. Mel is from Salina, Kansas and Lea is from Manhattan, Kansas. Their trip took only two and a half hours. They shared to us the reason why they chose Fairmont, and it was because they looked at a

research center and saw that Fairmont was only one mile away from complete totality. Also they said that the Facebook page was very welcoming as well. We asked them a question, which was, "What's the most interesting thing you have experienced while being here?" They said that the town quality was outstanding and the community was very helpful and caring! He told us to pass on a huge thank you to the Fairmont Community Club and said, "Oh we're going to be back!"

Another person we interviewed was from Golden, Texas. His name was Todd. He said honestly the reason he came to Fairmont is because he just drove north and landed here. His trip took him about 18 hours, not including stops. Todd had some interesting experiences here in Fairmont but he said two of his favorites. One was being able to see Jupiter and Saturn in the middle of the day through his telescope and seeing the different



formations of stars that are seasonal, but they came out during the time of the eclipse. Again, we got multiple responses of how great the hospitality was here! He said that the best part of his whole trip was being able to experience it with his daughter and will always remember this family memory!

Overall, the eclipse was a day to remember for everyone across the country. The eclipse showed a sense of community entirety for towns all over. We are sincerely thankful for this opportunity! We hope all of you can enjoy the next eclipse, which is April 8, 2024! **Happy Eclipsing!**



## New Principal Spotlight

Written By: Riley Moses

Over the summer Fillmore Central hired a new principal. Mr. Ryun Theobald. He and his family moved here from Sterling where he used to be the principal. For this article we asked him a few questions. The first question was the one almost every student was curious about. That question was why do you have a u in your name. His response was, to the best knowledge my father chose the spelling of the name by Jim Ryun, famous mile runner, first high school runner to break the 4-minute mile barrier.

The next question we asked is how he has handled the move to Geneva. He said it has been a very easy move. The teachers are great and the students are great. Obviously it's going to take sometime to get used to a new school and new traditions and routines. He stated this feels like a really good place. We asked him how his kids felt about the move. He said he thinks they like it here. They miss their friends, but they are adjusting well.



Now we were curious on some of his roots. He went to high school at Beaver City and he got his bachelors from The University of Nebraska Kearney. Then he proceeded to get his masters from Doane University. After we got through his education, we proceeded to dive further into his home life. We first asked him what he does outside of school. He told us he enjoys golfing, and in the fall he hunts. Mr. Theo also tries to stay active. He also attends the activities his kids participate in. When it comes to his favorite sports teams he enjoys watching the San Francisco Giants and 49's. Obviously he is a Cornhusker fan like many others in the school.

When he has time to watch T.V he chooses to watch N.C.I.S. Mr. Theobald enjoys dining on Cajun cuisine. He really enjoys

Jambalaya, Crawfish and Rice. He really enjoys hot wings he was quoted saying the hotter the better.

We wish for you to have a great first year Mr. Theobald.

## Birthdays in August & September

By Rae Chapman

**August 2nd-** Trenton Srajhans

**August 9th-** Dawsen Smith

**August 10th-** Eliana Varruciu

**August 14th-** Sara Oldaker and Isaac Rodriguez

**August 20th-** Alia Hurst

**August 23rd-** Sydney Schelkopf

**August 31st-** Jena Prieto- Post

**September 4th-** Breonna Lammert and Karson Myers

**September 6th-** Christian Lovan

**September 7th-** Anthony Green and Taylor Wurtz

**September 9th-** Rae Chapman

**September 24th-** Isiac Cruz

**September 26th-** Dakota Wilkins

## School Lunches

By: Travien Motis

### **This Week:**

Monday- chicken nuggets

Tuesday- deli sandwich

Wednesday- hot roast beef

Thursday- chicken and noodles

Friday- ham and cheese

### **Next Week:**

Tuesday- taco salad

Wednesday- sloppy joes

Thursday- spaghetti

Friday-pizza

### **Favorites:**

Chicken Nuggets

Pizza

## Visiting with our Foreign Exchange Students

*Written By: Sydney Jividen*

Fillmore Central was selected to have two foreign exchange students this school year. Eliana is from Italy and Ine is from Norway. First and foremost, I asked each of them to explain their cultures. Eliana stated that in Italy, the food is great and the most important thing to her is where she is from, or her country of origin. Ine stated that in Norway they eat a lot of dark bread and less fast food. She also commented that the people are shyer and not as outgoing in Norway.

After starting the conversation off with their culture, I led into the new experiences they have had so far, and I was intrigued to hear what they had to say. The first question I asked was "what was your first impression of coming to America?" Ine said that it was a big country. Ellie said that it was like "OMG I'm in the United States of America". The next question I asked was what their first food they tried when they came to America. Ine said that her first food was corn and peanut butter cookies. Ellie said that her first food was donuts.

After covering their culture, impressions of the U.S., and first food upon arrival, we dove into how our school is different compared to the school they came from in their respective countries. Ine commented that is was smaller in population size. We also have the same schedule every day. Ine also realized that American students wear a lot of more sports clothing compared to dressing up each day for school. Ellie stated that she was surprised to have a locker in school, as they do not have one in Italy. They both also stated that the time change was and still is hard to adjust to. We finished off the conversation talking about sports. They both stated that our sports here in America are different because back home in their own countries they play one sport all year round in a club environment instead of associated with a school like America has.

After covering these topics with the two foreign exchange students at Fillmore central, I have learned a lot about them and I hope this information lends a helping hand to the rest of the school in understanding a little bit more about each of them and where they are coming from.

**Pictures are shown on last page.**

## Teacher Spotlight – Mrs. Waldron

*Written By: Amy Maciel*



This school year Fillmore Central High School welcomed a new English teacher, Mrs. Veronica Waldron, after the departure of Mr. Jeff Hunt. With the arrival of a new staff member at the high school, we decided to have her in this month's Teacher Spotlight. Listed below are the questions asked and answered.

- What previous schools had you been at before Fillmore Central?
  - York, Broken Bow
- How is your transition from (York) to Fillmore Central?
  - Enjoyed being in a smaller school
  - Excited to support
  - Very welcoming
- What is your favorite thing about being at Fillmore Central?
  - Where I live
  - Excited to be part of community
- What ties do you have to FC/this community?
  - Live here
  - Husband is a graduate from FC
- What are a few things that you took from your previous schools to bring into this classroom?
  - All included
  - Participation
  - A lot of movement
  - Do a lot with Google classroom

## Cheer Section

*Written By: Amy Maciel  
Assisted By: Maddi G*

On Tuesday, August 24th, the cheerleaders had their very first game to cheer at! The student section was great to work with and they really kept up with the cheerleaders. The cheerleaders had lots of fun cheering on our Lady Panthers! We may have lost but our spirit on and off the court never faded.

The next events for our school are a home volleyball game vs. David City on August 31 and our first home football game on September 1.

**Our home volleyball game will be a Blackout, so be sure to wear all your black! Our first home football game will fall on Cheer Clinic so come and watch them dance during halftime!**



## Academic Spotlight – A1 Since Day 1

*Written By: Dakota Wilkins*

Each month of the school year, the Fillmore Central Paw Print newspaper will highlight an Academic Scholar. We vote and discuss this in yearbook class when deciding whom to interview for this spotlight.



This first Academic Scholar spotlight goes to **Tanner Nun**. He has been accepted into the National FFA band and also went to Boy's State this past summer. He was accepted after completing a few steps. He first had to complete an online application. He then paid a small entry fee. After those two things he then submitted a recording of himself playing a major scale, the chromatic scale in 2 octaves, and a self-chosen song to play. After that was all sent in, he was reviewed and evaluated by the National FFA band director and received an acceptance email a short time later. He will be playing at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 25-28th.

He also attended Boys State this summer, which was on June 4th and ended on the 10th. He was quoted saying "It was a very good and enjoyable experience, taking a lot away

from it, including new friends, new things about our government, and also mock elections". Some of the leaders that he saw at Boy's State included Lt. Governor Mike Folley, Huskers Head Volleyball Coach John Cook, and many other UNL and Nebraska government related leaders.

Congratulations Tanner Nun on your Accomplishments over the summer.

## Sports Wrap-Up

*Written By: Shalin Bhakta  
Last Updated: Aug. 25, 2017*

### Softball:

As school takes it's place in our daily schedules, so do sporting events. The FC-EM softball team has taken the field four times since the start of school. They had a home game as their season opener against Blue Hill with the final score being 12-0 in a quick 3-inning victory for panthers. The panthers then proceeded to go on a three game losing streak, which included a heartbreaking loss to Centennial and a walk off loss to Fairbury.

**The softball team had games over August 26, and that story will come in the next volume of this newspaper.**

### Volleyball:

The volleyball team started the season off as they usually do by playing BDS (Bruning Davenport Shickley) in the Hall of Fame game. The game ended in the fourth set with BDS coming on top of the young panthers. You can catch the Panthers back in action on Thursday, August 31st as they face the David City Scouts.





## Athletic Spotlight – Schmidt Starts Season off Right

*Written By: Shalin Bhakta  
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Alexis Schmidt has been selected as our stand out athlete of August. On August 17th, 2017, Alexis Schmidt played an outstanding game against the Blue Hill Bobcats to start the softball season. She went 3 for 3 with 5 RBI's (runs batted in). She hit a stand up triple in the second inning and a game winning double in the third inning. After playing four games as of August 25, Schmidt had an outstanding batting percentage of .538, with 9 RBIs, and had 14 putouts.



## Back To School

*Written By: Tessa Bridges*

Being back to school isn't always the best thing, but its definitely better in any aspect. Going back to school means making new friends or just meeting new people in general, getting back into a routine, and getting closer to graduation day! Many emotions come with going back to school as said by the students of Fillmore Central many kids are glad to be back but for some seniors they're sad knowing this is their last year but also excited to turning a new page to a new chapter.

Asking the student body a few question brought many different asks for all the classes.

1. How do you feel about being back to school? "I like it so far. It is different from what I am used to, but I look forward to getting in the daily routine."- Senior
2. How were your first couple days of school? "Really rough, but I'm trying to stay optimistic"- Senior
3. What has been your favorite thing about the start of school? "All the new people"- Sophomore  
"Everyone is so nice"- Sophomore

The school year has started off on the right foot with positive attitudes and a great outlook on the year. Mr. Theobald has fit right in with the staff and students, which as also made the start of the year a smooth transition. The 2017-2018 school year has been great so far and hopefully stays that way!



## Two Foreign Exchange Students listed above in article.

