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Homecoming

By Morgan Bax

Parkston celebrated this year's Homecoming week from September 27 to October 1. There were games every day between third and fourth block.

On Monday, students participated in a game of scooter racing. Tuesday's game was musical chairs. The student council tried out a new game on Wednesday: sleeping bag relay where the players had to lay down in sleeping bags and inch across the floor. In Thursday's game, the royalty faced off against the teachers in a volleyball game.

Friday was Homecoming Day and we had time to work on our floats before the parade. Because it was raining, we played more games in the armory, instead of on the field as we traditionally do. Some of the games included: musical chairs, tug-of-war, dodgeball, and a scavenger hunt. After all the games on Friday, we went to the parade--and it began to rain again before we were finished. The top three



King Lane Johnson, and Queen Brielle Bruening are surrounded by their royal court at Coronation, Monday night. Attendants from the back left are Cole Prunty, Spencer Albrecht, Max Scott, Allison Ziebart, Maelie Culbert, and Baylee Schoenfelder.

winners for the parade were eighth graders with first place, sophomores with second, and freshman with third. Then the football game finished off the day with a satisfying win against Kimball/White Lake.

Halloween's long history

By Troy Norden

Halloween was grew out of the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts celebrated the new year on Nov. 1, which marked the end of summer and harvest. It also marked the beginning of the cold harsh winter. On Oct. 31, they celebrated Samhain on which they believed the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

The Druids commemorated the event by constructing huge bonfires. During the bonfires, they wore costumes and sacrificed animals and crops. The costumes were made from animal skins and heads, intended to ward off the ghosts of the dead. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III officially designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day. Eventually, the traditions of Samhain were incorporated into the celebration and became known as All Hallows Eve, or as we know it--Halloween.



Top: The faculty face off with the royal court in a volleyball game. Above: The Competitive Cheer Team prepares to perform for the crowd at the Homecoming pep rally.

Organization News

NHS begins new Service Projects

By Brody Boettcher

The National Honor Society is doing a new type of community service this year. Instead of emptying trash cans in the gym after athletic events as they have done in recent years, they are donating non-food items or cash to the Trojan Den.

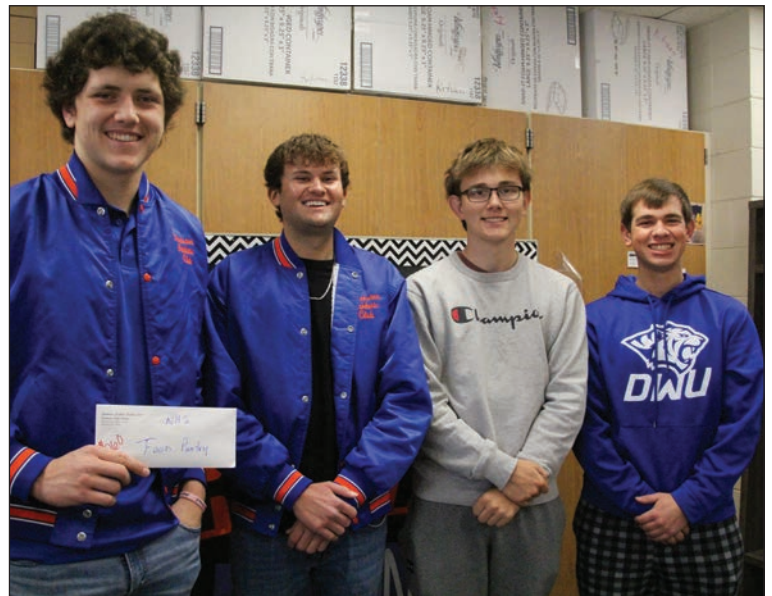
The Trojan Den, which was started this year, is a service that can provide clothing and hygiene items to students in need of them. The Trojan

Den is located in room 120, where the old senior lounge used to be located. Students can scan the QR codes posted around the school to access a form they can fill out with a request for items. Parents and students can also contact their teachers, Mrs. Kafka, or Mrs. Mette for hygiene items and clothing items.

In addition to the Trojan Den, every NHS member made a cash donation to the Community Pantry. There are 52 members involved in NHS this year, including fourteen new members. For both the Trojan Den and Community Pantry all 52 members chose to make donations in cash.

"I am very proud of our NHS members because not only do they have a high academic average, but they exhibit leadership, service and character," -Mrs. Deinert.

Representatives of the National Honor Society, Max Scott, Quinn Bormann, Matt Ehler, and Caleb Titze, present a donation to Mrs. Kafka, FCCLA Advisor and FCCLA member Amedea Luikens to help support the Trojan Den and local Food Pantry.



Sports

Volleyball keeps going strong

By Brielle Bruening

The Volleyball team has had a pretty tough month for matches. October 5, they played the Platte Geddes Black Panthers. The girls fought hard but came up short and lost the first three sets.

In their next game, they played the Kimball/White Lake Wildkats October 7. It was also senior night. Three senior players were recognized at Senior Night: Allison Ziebart and Brielle Bruening, both middle hitters, and Baylee Schoenfelder who is the Libero. The team came out strong and finished with a win in three sets!

Dig Pink night was October 12, against the Wagner Red Raiders. Every year the two teams schedule their game in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month so that they can team up and do the Dig Pink and donate to Breast Cancer Research. The Trojans took Wagner to four sets, but fell short on the win. A new tradition was set this year. At the end of every Dig Pink game between Parkston and Wagner, the winning team will get to



The girls come together to celebrate a score!

take home a pink volleyball trophy.

The rest of the month was a mixed bag: October 14, they played the Parker Pheasants who took the win over the Trojans in three sets; October 19, the Trojans played the Bon Homme Cavaliers and came back home with a win against the Cavs in four sets.

The Trojans have one more tournament left before Regions begin. The tournament is the SESD conference tournament. This year the tournament is held in Wagner, SD. Regions will begin on November 11.

X-Country Athletes do well at state

By Javon Friederich

The Cross Country team ended their season with a bang. In Regions the varsity girls team took first place with Lindsey Roth finishing in 5th place and Morgan Maxwell in 12th place, rounding it up with Berkley Ziebart in 14th place and Sadie Mueller 16th place. Then the varsity boys almost got there but couldn't quite make it as a team. Evan Bartelt placed 3rd and finished in 16th place earning both individual slots in the state meet.

The Girl's Team finished the State Meet in 8th place. Individual place finishes include: Evan Bartelt 10th; Lindsey Roth 23rd; Sadie Mueller 50th; Morgan Maxwell 51th; Berkley Ziebart 52nd; Gage Hohn 73rd; Leah Klock 89th; and Taryn Lentsch 101st.



Strong season finish give hope for FB title

By Connor Prunty

—The Parkston Trojans beat the Gregory Gorrillas in a 50-0 blowout. The Trojans started the game out with two touchdowns in the first quarter. The second quarter was the same story with the Trojans scoring two more. At the half it was 28-0. After the break the Trojans picked it up and scored three more touchdowns ending the game.

—The Parkston Trojans dominates the Bon Homme Cavaliers on their homecoming in a 44-7 win. The Trojans started off hot, scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter, followed by a strong second quarter with two more touchdowns. At half time the score was 32-0. In the third quarter the Trojans were slow in scoring and only scored once. The cavaliers finally got and the board with a touchdown but the Trojans got the final say in the fourth quarter and put up a final touchdown.

—The Parkston Trojans win their Homecoming game against the Kimball/White Lake Wildkats with a 35-7 score. In the first quarter both teams score touchdowns. The second quarter was

saw only the Trojans scoring. At the half it was 14-7. In the third quarter the Trojans picked it up and scored two touchdowns. In the fourth quarter the Trojans ended the game with another touchdown. The final score was 35-7.

—The Parkston Trojans win the conference championship against the Wolsey/Wessington



Warbirds with a score of 60-40. In the first quarter the Trojans scored two touchdowns, but the Warbird kept it close, scoring one of their own. In the second quarter the Trojans scored three touchdowns, and the Warbirds scored two. At the half it was 33-20. In the third quarter the Trojans scored three touchdowns. In the fourth the Trojans scored two touchdowns and the Warbirds scored three. At the end of the game, the score was 60-40.

Golf team brings home trophy

By Cade Thuringer

The Parkston golf team had a very successful season with many wins on the year. The team rounded out the season with a very good State Golf Tournament. The team of five scored very well, ending up getting 5th place out of 12 total teams. The season ended on a terrific note with excellent scores followed by a great season boys!

The final results: Matt 92, 94, (43rd place); Quinn 80, 88, (15th place); Landon 97, 89, (43rd place); Kelby 106, 107, (75th place); Payton 89, 90, (27th place).



Comp. Cheer team places at State



By Samia Benson

The Parkston High School Competitive Cheer team did an awesome job at the State Tournament. They placed 3rd in Small Group and the team came in 7th, overall. State was held in Brandon SD, on October 22-23 of 2021. Photo courtesy of SDPB.