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School Board faces difficult choices

by Amber Weber

The loss of funding the Parkston School District School Board is facing has caused some serious concern in the school community. With all the buzz about buildings going up and budgets going down, people are concerned about what is exactly going on with the school. The February school board meeting was heavily attended, including many band parents who showed their support for the band program and the director.

Nothing is final yet, except the accepted retirement of Tom Reiff. Some of the possible cuts discussed were in cheerleading, aids, teachers, and music personnel.

They also discussed a proposed new building which would be built by the football field. It would include bathrooms, a concession stand, and a six stall garage to store the school's vehicles and other motor items like the lawnmowers. It would also provide shelter for students if the school had to evacuate during bad, or very cold weather. The funds would not come out of the General Fund, instead the money would come out of Capital Outlay funds, which cannot be shifted into the ailing General Fund. The building is in the planning stage only, and is on hold in case special funds are appropriated through the federal stimulus plan.

There was also discussion about the co-op of track with the Ethan Rustlers. The name of the team would be Ethan-

Parkston. They will order new uniforms (splitting the cost between the two schools) in the colors blue, gold, and white. Ethan will also provide coaches to help with the program and the practices and meets will be in Parkston. The ratio for the team and meets will be about 2/3 to 1/3. The board also discussed the possibility of co-opting



with Ethan for Girl's Golf, but there was not enough advantage in it at this time.

Everything will need to be finalized by April. School board meetings are open to the public. If you want to voice your opinion about the issues the board is discussing, you can attend the next school board meeting on March 9, 2009.

Band members compete in costume

by Sam Bialas

Things got a little creepy on February, Friday the 13th. The Parkston pep band was in competition for best dressed. Mr. Kleindl told the band that every section was to come up with their own costume theme and that the best section would win a trophy. It was a very exciting night! The flutes came cozy in there pajamas, while the trumpets were throwing a birthday party. Clarinets were looking professional in their army attire, and the drummers were impersonating the rock band Kiss. The French horns were hobos and the low brass dressed as if they were from the Middle East. The saxophones, or should I say "The Adams Family," won the competition with the most votes. Everyone had a great night and they all looked great.

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Juniors attend ACT training in Lake Andes

by Kaitlyn Ketchum

On Wednesday, February 11, 2009, the junior class of Parkston went to Lake Andes for a presentation on the ACT tests. Mr. Kollman took the students down there where they met with Mr. Akre.

When they arrived there was free pizza and pop for the students and each student was handed an ACT info book. As they entered the gym they took their seats amongst students from other schools. The students were talking to people from other schools while waiting.

Then the program started. All the students were given a card to write their name and the name of their school on four drawings, so they could draw for different prizes throughout the program. Dave Krull did a presentation on

how well you will do in life with the scores you get from your ACT's. That showed us the average income that a person can make with what they go to school for.

After Mr. Krull was done speaking they had another speaker from SDSU. He talked about the test: what it included, how to prepare, and what to bring. He also shared stories about people who had actually fallen asleep during the test so they didn't get it finished; therefore make sure you get a lot of sleep before you take the test.

When he was finished speaking, the Parkston students loaded the bus to return home. A lot of information was given to the juniors that day about the ACT's, and it would really help us out as well. The next ACT test is in April which a lot of juniors will be taking.

Prom Series

PROMising a costly night

by Paula Kummer

Prom is a very busy time of the year for high school students. The hustles and bustles of getting the money to pay for the expenses, and getting the perfect dress/tuxedo with all the accessories can be stressful. Many schools do fundraisers to get money to help pay for decorations, souvenirs, DJs, photographers, and many other things. A school's fundraising efforts to help with the costs of Prom are very important and can be very effective.

The cost of Prom Night can vary greatly, but you don't have to spend a fortune to have a good time. The following is a list of items that will likely be part of your evening's expenses: dress/tuxedo, flowers, pictures, shoes, jewelry, dinner, and hair/nails/make-up. Another thing that varies is the vehicle that you take to prom. Some kids rent a limo, some use their parent's fancy car, and some just stay with their school car.

Most students find Prom a lot more enjoyable if they go in a group. Couples can share a car, and several cars can go together and arrive at the dinner and

dance at the same time. This way you can enjoy each other's company all evening long. Prom is meant to be an evening of fun for all to enjoy.

Spanish Classes create villages

by Matthew Suhr

Mrs. Mangold's Spanish II class has been busy building a mock town, as part of a chapter project. Mrs. Mangold has been doing this for the past 2 years. She got the idea to start building mock towns from looking at the different stores and vocabulary in the Spanish book and thought that students might like a practical hands-on approach to the vocabulary. As Mrs. Mangold reflects on the previous year she concludes that the project went well in her eyes. She elaborates by saying, "we set up the 'stores' on the tables and use the table aisles as streets. The students then gave direction to get to different places in the little town."

She thinks that "some of the students like the project, but others don't." This is mostly because some students prefer more hands-on projects than others do. She hopes that her students, "learn the new vocabulary as well as find working together on this kind of project enjoyable." She also says that at the end of the class's current unit the project will end as well. Everyone will get to "drive" to their destinations as other students give directions to each other to get to different places in the town.

Mrs. Mangold says that she enjoys watching the students create their boxes. "Some let their imagination run wild and that makes it fun for the whole class, but it is still a learning experience for all of us. I learn from my students what works and what doesn't." If she decided to do this again she says that she may change some things. All the projects that her class does may change from year to year depending on the students and the time involved.



Carolyn Werning and Kayla Fanning proudly display their Spanish shop.

SENIOR

Gianna Lantero

by Amber Weber

Bruce and Christine Perkins were blessed with a smiling little girl on October 22, 1990 in Long Island, New York. Gianna Marie Rose Lantero was the name they gave their bubbly



red-haired child. She was later joined by her little sister Callie.

This average 18 year-old loves to hang out with friends, dance, watch movies, and attend sporting events. The busy senior is involved in FCA and FBLA. Gia's favorite food is Kara's Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, and her favorite drink is Mountain Dew.

Gia's favorite memories here at PHS are of going to State Boy's Basketball her sophomore year, and cheering for wrestling, but she will miss her family, classmates, and her friends from the surrounding area. Gianna's plans are to go to SDSU for Fashion Merchandising and to room with Kara Werning. She also plans to try out for the dance team. Gia sees herself in ten years "pursuing a career in my field of study, married, and having children."



Aaron Klumb

by Jenna Reiser

Aaron Klumb was born in Yankton, SD, July 4, 1990, to Terry and Lisa Klumb, along with twin brother Adam. Together they were welcomed by their older sister Gina (20). Later, their little sister Abby (17) would join the family.

Throughout high school, Aaron has been involved with football and his church youth group. His favorite memories of Parkston High School are taking Mr. Spurrell's tire at homecoming, long nights studying in the hot tub.

After high school he plans to go to Watertown to study Diesel Technology, and then probably come back to help his dad on the farm. The advice he leaves for younger classmen is to "make good friends, have a good time, and try not to worry about what someone else thinks."

Danny Thury

by Jenna Reiser

Daniel (Danny) Arnold Thury was born in Parkston on June 8, 1990, to Dave and Judy Thury. Danny is the youngest of four siblings: Pat, Justin, Laura, and Scott. He has one brother-in-law Lance, a nephew Gavin, and niece Ella.

Throughout his school years he has been actively involved in Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and TORCH. He is almost always seen with a Mountain Dew® in his hand and mak-

ing jokes with his friends. In his free-time during the school day, he likes to help out the computer technician, Mr. Miller with fixing damaged computers. When he is not in school or other activities, he works whenever he can at the grocery store. Among his favorites are the color blue and the movie *Step Brothers*.

He doesn't know yet where he wants to go to college but he plans to become a Computer Engineer. The advice he wants to leave younger classmen with is to "have fun while you can."



Shelly Wuertzer

by Ashley Katilinek

Shelly Wuertzer was born January 17, 1991. Her parents are Dale and Lila Wuertzer. She plans to go to college, get married and have a family.

She has enjoyed both her friends and her teachers in high school and will miss them after she graduates. She will especially remember when we had an assembly and Mr. Kollmann played the drums.

After high school, she'd like to attend a school, possibly MTI, and study graphic design and photography.



BIOGRAPHIES

Scott Roth

by Kaitlyn Ketchum

Scott Allen Roth, 17, of Parkston, SD, was born January 21, 1991. His family consists of Melissa, Angie, Duane, and parents Michael and Elaine.

Some of Scott's hobbies are things like hunting, fishing, farming, camping, four-wheeling, and riding motorcycle. He also likes to spend time with his girlfriend and hang out with other friends. Scott likes to spend time with his family, as well.

He would like to go to college to become a mechanic, but isn't sure of what school to go to yet. After college he would like to come back to Parkston to farm, get married, and think about starting a family.

Scott's best high school memory was when they were working on the class car and tearing around with it when they were finished.



Kelly Hohn

by Tyler Reichert

Kelly Matthew Hohn was born May 18, 1990. His parents are Steve and Paulette, and he has two brothers, Jared and Craig.

He enjoys watching television, especially NASCAR, and working with friends on the farm with anything that needs doing. He plans to go to MTI to become an electrician.

His favorite saying is "life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." *Forrest Gump*.

Favorite memories in high school include having a good time in the shop. He will miss all his friends from high school.



Darcy Leischner

by Morgan Weber

On May 1, 1991, Terry and Kris Leischner were blessed with another addition to their family. Darcy Lee Leischner is a 17 year old student of Parkston High School. She has two older siblings Jenaya and Mike who are both attending college right now.

Some activities that Darcy is in are FCCLA, plays, NHS, TORCH, and CYU.

When Darcy isn't doing all this you can find her working at Subway, playing piano, cheerleading, meeting new people, reading, or listening to music. Her favorite saying is "Be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else"

- Judy Garland.

Her favorite memories in school are Human A&P

class, winning lots of drum major awards, band, and study hall in the lunchroom, discussing relationships in Family Living class, making chocolate mousse in Advanced Foods, bonding with her state officer team in FCCLA junior year, traveling places for FCCLA and band.

What Darcy will miss about PHS is all the teachers and how much they care for their students and wanting them to succeed.

Darcy's plans to attend USD for occupational therapy, get married, and have kids.

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Maria Fitzler

by Annette Juhnke

Jack and Roxanne Fitzler were blessed with a beautiful baby girl on January 3, 1990 at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell, South Dakota. They named her Maria Ann Fitzler. She was later joined by her younger brother Joshua.

Throughout Maria's life she has lived in Tripp, Mount Vernon, and Parkston. In high school she says that her biggest challenge is graduating and probably going to college. In her free time she works and she enjoys talking to her friends and her boyfriend. She likes to do arts and crafts and she used to play basketball.

Maria is planning on attending college at MTI (Mitchell Technical Institute). She wants to become a chef. She says that when she is out of high school she will miss her friends and teachers the most. One of her favorite memories from high school was when she was skipping through the armory and she got stopped by Mr. Kollman.

In ten years, Maria sees herself hopefully married with one child and a good paying job. Her advice to underclassman is, "always get your homework done and handed in on time so that so that you don't fall behind the rest of the class."



Troy Alley

by Brooke Behrend

Troy Alley is an 18 year-old senior at Parkston High School. He was born on September 14, 1990, to Tim and Roxanne Alley. He has three younger siblings: Ryan, Justene, and Jessica.

In his free time, Troy likes to play sports, hang out with friends, and play poker. His favorite passtime activities are playing street basketball, backyard football, knitting complex sweaters, and studying for endless hours at a time. Troy is involved in many sport activities. He is in baseball, basketball, golf, and track. His favorite memory here at Parkston High School, was going to state boys' basketball two consecutive years.

In the future, Troy is planning on attending SDSU in the medical field.

His advice to underclassmen is, "set a high goal for yourself and strive to accomplish it."

Brittany Brosz

by Keegan Heisinger

On March 9, 1990, Russell and Lori Brosz welcomed Brittany Ann Brosz into their lives. Brittany's hobbies are hanging out with her family, boyfriend, and friends. She also likes to shop, watch movies, and go to any kind of athletic



game. She spends some of her time working at the wellness center. She is also a member of NHS, and Luther League.

Brittany's favorite saying is "Impossible is Nothing" by Adidas. Brittany plans to attend either the University Center or USF in Sioux Falls. She will be majoring in either nursing to become a nurse anesthetist or going for dental hygienist. In ten years she hopes to be happily married and starting her own family. Brittany's favorite memories are all the conversations she had with friends and with Mrs. Deinert in her Human A&P class.

Some of Brittany's favorites are, color- some shade of blue or mustard yellow, she likes any kind of music, but it depends on what mood she is in. Her favorite meal is spaghetti, and her favorite candy is chocolate. The thing that she will miss the most is hanging out with her close friends.



Andra Linn Varney

By: Daniel Polreis

Andra was born at Avera St. Benedict Hospital in Parkston, S.D. She was born to Dick and Janelle Varney. She has two sisters, Abrea Rorak and Carrie Varney, and a brother-in-law Adam Rorak.

In Andra's free time she enjoys shopping, watching movies, spending time with Katie Kate (Weiss), having *Gossip Girl* night on Mondays, taking road trips to Flandreau, reading the Twilight saga, baking, Facebooking, spending time with the Wickersham kids, and chilling at the Sugar Shack. Her passion is collecting purses.

Her fondest memory from high school was being a stats for the 2007 boys' basketball team, because it felt like she was part of a family that year. When Andra gets out of high school she plans to attend the University of South Dakota, and major in business administration. Being head stat for boy's basketball is what Andra will miss most about high school. Andra's favorite quote is, "It's better to be hated for what you are, than to be loved for something you are not." *Andre Gide.*

Zac Pruner

by Annette Juhnke

Zachariah Allen Pruner was born on October 17, 1990, to Steve and Velda Pruner in Parkston. Zach is the youngest member in his family; he has an older brother, Matthew and an older sister, Stephanie. He has lived in Parkston his entire life and says that when he goes away to college that he will miss the small town love.

Throughout his years at Parkston High School, Zach was involved in golf, basketball, baseball, and he enjoys racing. In his spare time Zach says he likes to play his X-box 360. Zach has many memories from high school that he can take with him.

Zach is planning on attending the University of Sioux Falls for college. He is unsure about the career he wants to pursue but he knows that he wants to make lots of money.

Some advice that Zach gives to underclassmen is, "Don't get involved with gangs."



District Wrestling wrap-up

By Tyler Reichert

The recent district tournament for High School Varsity Wrestling was a good one. Districts were held in Gregory, South Dakota. In this wrestling tournament Parkston Wrestlers wrestled very well. Even though some wrestlers didn't make on to Regions, they wrestled a heck of a year when they gave it their all. Some were injured and had to forfeit their match, like Joe Schieffer who was wrestling for 3rd place and dislocated his shoulder when he was slammed to the mat, forcing him to forfeit.

Place winners included: Mitch Heisinger(103) 4th; 112 Justin Thomas(112) 2nd; Derek Heisinger (119) didn't place; Myles Bialas(125) didn't place; Joe Schieffer(130) 4th; Alex Horstman(135) 2nd; Nick Kummer(140) 3rd; Austin Wolf(145) 4th; Keegan Heisinger(152) 4th; Josh Schieffer(160) 2nd by forfeit; Joe Hyke(171) 4th; Eric Reiff(189) 1st; Jacob Horstman(215) 4th; Kyle Boehmer(285) 1st. The wrestlers who placed moved on to Regions, Saturday Feb. 21.



The boy's team works together against Lennox but comes up short on the final score.

Teams split Platte Geddes Double Header

by Brooke Behrend

On Tuesday, January 27 the boys' and girls' basketball teams headed to Platte to battle against the Platte-Geddes Panthers.

The girls' had a successful win with the final score of 46 to 32. The girls brought their record to 12-1 with their amazing effort and hard work. Keep it up ladies.

The boys' played a tough and rough game. Unfortunately, they lost to the Panthers by 5. The final score was 49 to 44. They kept up with the Panthers the whole game. They now have to play harder to keep up their record. The boys' record is now 11-1.

Lady Trojans win last home game

by Brooke Behrend

On February 16, 2009, the Parkston Lady Trojans played their final home game of the 2008-2009 basketball season. The Trojans came out firing and were quickly on top of the Lake Andes Golden Eagles. The ladies started the game with hot shooting from the starting line up. Outstanding sophomore player, Jenna Reiser, was the Trojans leading scorer with 20 points. The team kept the pressure up throughout the night until, with a final score of 80 to 35, the Trojans wrapped up an awesome game.

The girls will be spending the upcoming days working hard at practice to prepare for the District Tournament, Tuesday February 24, where they will face their first hurdle, the Wagner Raiders, on the road to state tournament. Good luck Lady Trojans.



The Lady Trojans demonstrate their skill at one of their last home games against Andes Central.

Little B Tourney

by Tyler Reichert

On January 24, the Parkston wrestling team had their own wrestling tournament. All of the varsity wrestlers competed in the Little B, except for Joe Hyke because he got hurt in the Bon Homme dual. But Jacob Horstman went in to fill his spot at 171. There were a total of 11 teams at the Little B and we ended up getting second place out of 11 teams, coming behind only Howard who took first. Parkston wrestled very well in this tournament.

Results:

- 103 Mitch Heisinger (L)
- 112 Justin Thomas (1st)
- 119 Derek Heisinger (L)
- 125 Chris Welch (4th)
- 130 Joe Schieffer (3rd)
- 135 Alex Horstman (2nd)
- 140 Nick Kummer (3rd)
- 145 Austin Wolf (3rd)
- 152 Keegan Heisinger (L)
- 160 Josh Schieffer (1st)
- 171 Jacob Horstman (L)
- 189 Eric Reiff (1st)
- 215 Nick Heisinger (L)
- 285 Kyle Boehmer (2nd)