

# TROJAN TRIBUNE



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The Competitive Cheer team struts their stuff in their state competition performance. The team includes: Madison Zwinger, Rachael Mahoney, Kenna Konfrst, Kennedy Heidinger, Maelie Culbert, Maci DeGeest, Kayla Neugebauer, London Sudbeck, Keelie Konfrst, Hanna Jackson, Gracie Oaklie, and Lizzie Kinneberg.

## Competitive Cheer team brings home the hardware

by Maci DeGeest

The Parkston Competitive Cheer season has come to an end. On October 25, 2019, the team joined 18 other teams and competed at the State Cheer and Dance competition in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The five seniors--Keelie Konfrst, Hanna Jackson, Rachel Mahoney, Madison Zwinger, and Maci DeGeest--are happy about the results.

The cheer team left Parkston at 8:15 am, after a walk-through with the elementary and high school students. Before each performance they prayed, did the "Who's Gonna Win" cheer, and then the "Trojan" cheer for good luck on the mat. For once, the "Who's Gonna Win" cheer proved to come true.

In the performance, a stunt fell, but the back (Maelie Culbert) saved London Sudbeck from hitting the ground and getting either an injury or a ten-point deduction. At the end of the competition, Parkston had won first place in Small Group, having outscored 12 other teams, with a final score of 226. That placed the team in a solid third place, falling short of second place by a slim 1.5 point margin.

Even with falling short of second place, they were very pleased with how the season ended and wouldn't have wanted it any other way. The girls wish luck to the upcoming sports with their season.

## Halloween has deep roots

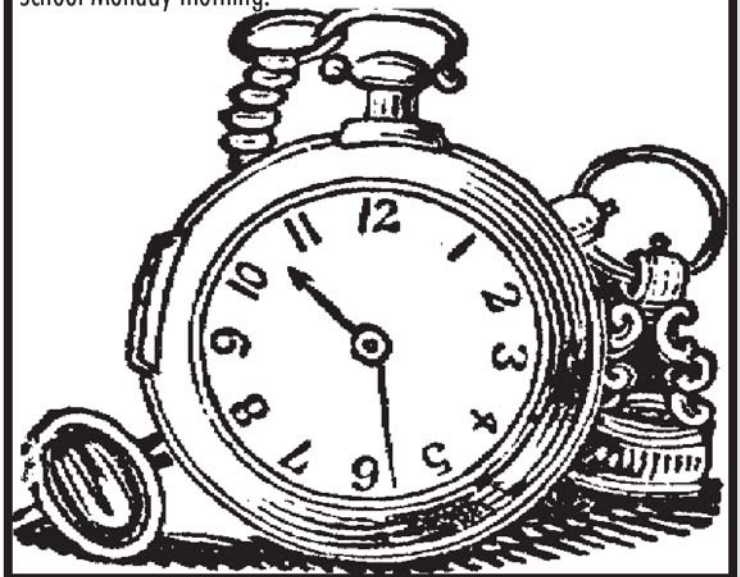
By Lane Johnson

Halloween, originally celebrated as the festival of Samhain, was started 2,000 years ago by the ancient Celts. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to fool ghosts and keep spirits away. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III officially created All Saints Day as November 1, to honor all saints. The evening before became known as All Hallows Eve, which eventually became "Halloween."

This is the reason why most Halloween customs are about the dead or scary things. The end of the growing season became associated with human death, as well. The transition from summer to winter seems to have blurred the boundaries between the world of the dead and the world of the living, as well.

# FALL BACK!

Sunday morning at 2 AM, Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep. See you in school Monday morning.



## Zwinger serves as FCCLA state officer

By Madison Zwinger

At the beginning of October, South Dakota FCCLA held its annual Fall Leadership Conference. Madison Zwinger, First Vice President, attended this conference, October 6-7. Throughout the two days she spent her time with members new to FCCLA. There were seven State officers who taught the new/younger members what FCCLA is about and what they can do in the organization.

The Officers were in charge of hosting workshops throughout the two days, encouraging the new members to get active and involved. Madison held two workshops, one about the History of FCCLA, and another workshop explaining one of the National Programs, Families First.

## NHS Induction held

by Chase Wickersham

The school year has started and is now going full speed. National Honor Society is inducting new members from the sophomore class into the group. To join the National Honor Society, students need to be willing to put in service, have strong character, have a strong commitment to learning, and have a 3.25 GPA.

This year many new members are being inducted. These members include Spencer Albrecht, Quinn Bormann, Brielle Bruening, Maelie Culbert, Matthew Ehler, Carter Kalda, Noah Mahoney, Troy Norden, Joshua Polreis, Ethan Poore, Cole Prunty, Kellie Ripp, Lindsey Roth, Baylee Schoenfelder, Maxwell Scott, Caleb Titze, Chase Wickersham, and Allison Ziebart.

While involved in the National Honor Society, members will participate in three service projects per year. The first project involves helping the school. NHS members are required to clean up after home sporting events. The second project involves helping the community. NHS members help collect food for the food pantry. The third event is an individual project where NHS members help an individual or group without compensation.



The 2019-2020 Members of the National Honor Society.

## Upcoming Events

### All-State Chorus

All-State Chorus will be held in Sioux Falls this coming weekend. This year's participants are Madison Zwinger, Hannah Braley, Josh Polreis, and Reagan Monson.

The final performance is Saturday Night and will be broadcast on SDPB.

### HOSA Blood Drive

By Alivia Royston

Time to save lives! The Parkston HOSA chapter will be holding a blood drive November 7. With every donation made, three people's lives can be saved.

Donors must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds. Anyone who wants to donate can talk to Mrs. Bartells or Sydney Wickersham to set up a time to donate.

### Art Night

By Sadie Lindeman

Mrs. Mette is having a family art night here at the school November 14, at 6:30 pm, in the MPR. There will be a walking taco fundraiser before to help support the art department. Mrs. Mette has received a new grant to purchase paints and canvases for the event.

Mette says, "My hope is to be able to continue doing these and promote more family involvement in the community." With this art night, she hopes to bring families into the school for something besides a sporting event. She has designed a kid-friendly event that families can share together. The options the families will have at the art night include a step by step winter scene, or a snowman painting that each family can put its own little twist on.

### FFA Membership Night

by Kade Bialas & Nick Hohn

FFA is holding a Member Night, November 14, at TNT inflatables in Parkston, SD. It's going to start at 6 pm and will end around 8 pm. Officers need to be there around 5:30 to help set up. This Membership event gives the chapter a chance to get together and bond with each other and get to know each other.

Even though we have a small school, many of the older students don't know the eighth and ninth graders. This member night will help the older members get to know the younger members, and should help the younger members feel like a part of the group.

Parkston FFA Chapter Adviser, Morgan Ackerman expects that it will be a good time. According to Ackerman, the purpose of this FFA member night is "member bonding." Before the members get to have fun and jump in the inflatables, they will hold a meeting and discuss fruit sales and state competition.



# Cross Country team wraps up a good year

By Lindsey Roth

After three months of hard work and dedication, the cross country team winds up their season at the state meet in Huron, Saturday, October 26. Competing at the state meet for Ethan/Parkston were Evan Bartelt, Lindsey Roth, Kayleigh Royston (Ethan), and Riley Endres (Ethan). These runners qualified by placing in the top 20 at the region meet in Beresford.

On Friday, the state qualifiers and coaches went up to Huron to practice on the state course. On Saturday, they took a bus up to the state meet with the qualifiers and any other teammates who wanted to come and support the runners. The weather was perfect for running; there was a light breeze and it was an overall cool day.

The boys ran first with Endres placing 35<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18:09.59 and Bartelt placing 61<sup>st</sup> with a time of 18:41.64 out of a total of 129 runners. The girls ran about an hour later with Roth in

eight place with a time of 19:39.00 and Royston finishing in 101<sup>st</sup> with a time of 22:54.76 out of a total of 124 runners. The top 25 earn a medal and a spot on the podium. The top 25 of all three classes receive the honor of "All-State." Roth was the only one of Ethan/Parkston's runners who accomplished this.



Coaches and Runners at the state meet: Coach Digmann, Lindsey Roth, Kayleigh Royston, Evan Bartelt, Riley Endres, Coach Aisenbrey, Assistant Coach Whitesell.

# Football team finishes disappointing season

By Landon Sudbeck and Sutton Hohn

The Trojan football team had an up and down season. Parkston finished with a regular season record of 2-6 before losing in the first round of playoffs. They started off the year with three straight losses to ranked 9-man football teams. After losing to Wolsey-Wessington, Kimball/White Lake, and Bon Homme in fairly competitive games, the Trojans went on to defeat ACDC/TDA 45-6. Just when it looked like the Trojans were ready to put their past behind them, they lost in blowout fashion to Gregory, another powerhouse football team.

The following week Parkston lost a back and forth affair to Hanson in a heartbreaking loss that brought the Trojans to (1-5). With their backs against the wall the Trojans rattled off a 32-0 shutout win against Menno. This cold, frigid night seemed to be the turning point for Parkston. The following week would bring in Platte, which was also battling for playoff positioning. Platte would win the game 18-0 in an emotional game. At the end of this game the Parkston Trojan football team didn't know where it stood.

Parkston later found out they were heading to the playoffs. This senior-heavy team had one more chance to make a run. Their challenge, however, was the number one team in 9AA and our rival the Bon Homme

Cavaliers in an elimination game. The Trojans started the game with momentum, but it was never enough to match their opponent. The Trojans would drop the game 54-0 due to the 50-point rule.

Overall, this season can be marked down as a disappointment and lack of execution, but also a test to this team's toughness and resiliency. Coming into the year with first year head coach, Matt Grave, the team faced many challenges. Several key seniors were out with injuries that occurred early in the season and continued to nag on. Combine this with one of the toughest conferences in the state, and you have your hands full. One thing that can be said, though, was that this team fought until the end and gave themselves opportunities.

Stats: Parkston averaged 17.7 points per game this season. Rushing totaled to 1036. Passing totaled to 905. Rylan Leischner led the team with 10 touchdowns on the season. Leischner also led in interceptions with four on the season. Leischner, the powerhouse, also led in all-purpose yards with 958 yards. Nate Doering led the passing game with 840 yards. On the defensive side of the ball a 5'7" short whooping 165lb. nose guard Cole Van Zee led the team in tackles with 65 total tackles on the season. Van Zee also led the team in tackles for loss with 11.

# STATE BOYS GOLF

By Chayse Weber

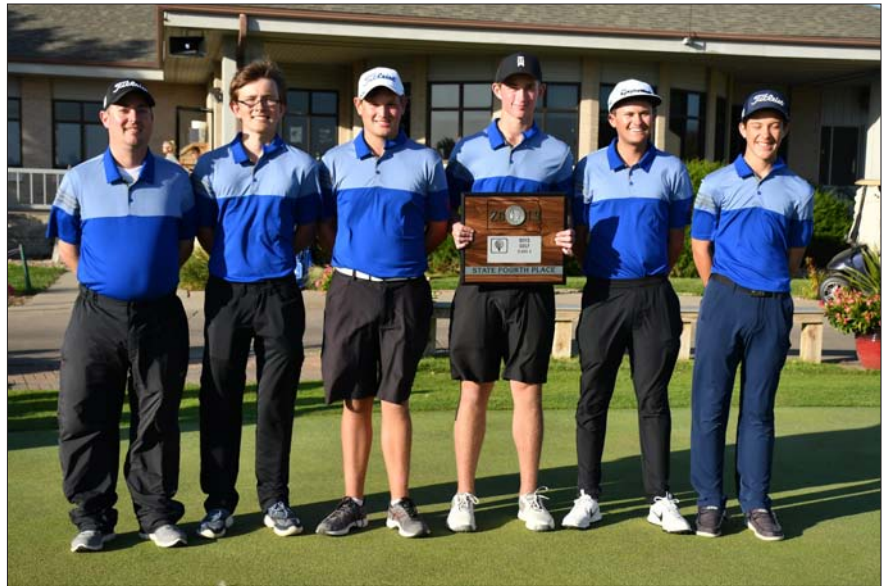
In early October the Parkston boys golf team set to Vermillion for state. This year's state boys golf team consisted of senior Braden Bruening, sophomores Quinn Bormann and Matthew Ehler, freshman Kaleb Weber, and eighth-grader Payton Koehn.

The first round of State 'A' Boys Golf kicked off on Monday, October 7. In the first round, individual scores, Quinn Bormann tied for second with 78, Braden Bruening tied for ninth with a score of 84, Payton Koehn tied for 18<sup>th</sup> at 86, Matt Ehler tied for 50<sup>th</sup> with 96, and Kaleb Weber ended the day with 100 and tied for 64<sup>th</sup>. After the first round concluded with Parkston in second place, only 14 strokes behind first place Vermillion.

According to Quinn Bormann, the second day was much different than the first day. The wind was blowing pretty good and it was cold, compared to the first day when some people wore shorts. After the 2019 State 'A' Golf tournament wrapped up, the Parkston Boys Golf team finished fourth as a team.

Final individual scores include: Tied for tenth Quinn Bormann (168); Tied for 16th Payton Koehn (171); Tied for 26th Braden Bruening (176); Tied for 59th Matt Ehler, (194); Tied for 61st Kaleb Weber (195).

Right: Senior Braden Bruening plays his last high school competitive golf at the state tournament in Vermillion. Below: Freshman Matt Ehler at the state meet.



Above: The fourth-place finishers at the state Championship. From the left: Coach Hockett, Matt Ehler, Payton Koehn, Braden Bruening, Quinn Bormann, and Kaleb Weber. Below: Quinn Bormann waits for his turn. Both photos courtesy of SDPB.



## Volleyball gears up for Season ends

By Hanna Jackson

This year's volleyball season is coming to an end. On October 28, Parkston played in Menno where they won in three sets. This week they had a good win against Bon Homme in three sets. The girls ended their regular season 17-16, and are turning their eyes to the final tournaments.

Four seniors will be retiring their numbers this year: Izzy Hohn, Amber Albrecht, Sydney Wickersham, and Ellie Weidenbach. With a couple injuries the girls suffered, they healed and are back at it with nothing stopping them.