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Christmas traditions vary around the world

By Chase Wickersham

It is that time of year again. Christmas is near and people are starting their Christmas traditions whether it is using an advent calendar or putting up Christmas lights. There are many different Christmas traditions from around the world. Here are some of the weirdest.

In Austria, some people dress up as Krampus to go and scare children and adults. Krampus is a holdover from pre-Christian Europe and is depicted as the half-goat, half demon son of the Norse goddess, Hel. His job is, on Dec. 5, to visit children who have been naughty and frighten them into good behavior. If the children have been very naughty, he carries birch sticks and chains to whip them into good behavior, or carries them away to the underworld in a sack that he carries with him.

Many city dwellers in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas roller skate to mass on Christmas morning. It is tra-

dition in Iceland for everyone to get a new set of clothes on Christmas to avoid being eaten by a rumored giant cat. In Ukraine, people use decorations that mimic spider webs. In Japan it is tradition to go to the local KFC on Christmas.

In Germany the tradition is to hide a pickle in the tree and give a gift to whatever child finds it. A South African tradition has people eating bugs on Christmas. In Norway the people hide all cleaning supplies with sticks attached so "witches" don't steal them.

In Sweden families tune in the TV at 3pm sharp to watch a Donald Duck Christmas special. Spanish children buy a log with four legs and a face, then feed it and water it. When it comes to Christmas, however, they beat it with a stick while singing a song. Then candy and presents spill out of the log.



| Wednesday, December 18 | Thursday, December 19 | Friday, December 20 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Orange 1, Normal Class | Blue 1, FINAL TEST | Orange 1, FINAL TEST |
| SRB | SRB | Blue 2 FINAL TEST |
| Orange 3, Normal Class | Blue 3, FINAL TEST | Everybody eats lunch 11:20-11:50 11:55-1:30 Orange 3 FINAL TEST |
| Orange 4, FINAL TEST | Blue 4, FINAL TEST | School Dismissed at 1:30 Have a Safe Vacation |

HOSA chapter has busy semester

By Aaron Baumiller

November 2019, the Parkston HOSA chapter held a Blood Drive. The Lifeserve Blood Center came and set up in the DDN room. There were 31 donors registered, but only 29 were able to donate. Thirty-six units of blood were donated which will help 108 hospital patients. There were 19 first time donors.

The Parkston HOSA chapter also sold “Taylor Tassels” in memory of Taylor Thuringer. They are to raise awareness for safe driving and are intended to be used as a key chain. All proceeds will go to Taylor’s family to be put in a scholarship in her name.

HOSA members also sold jars of jam, butter, and salsa. Each jar sold for \$10 and each member had to sell a minimum of \$120 or 12 jars.



Above Sydney Wickersham donates blood.

Below: Sydney Wear and CC Neugebauer enjoy a post-donation snack.



Hot Cocoa Contest

By Spencer Albrecht

Ms. Lyndsey Gerhart, the music instructor at Parkston High School, held a hot cocoa contest fundraiser. The event was held Dec. 3, at 6:30pm in the Parkston High School cafeteria. Five contestants participated, each sporting different flavors. Second place went to MacKenzie’s Cocoa Nuts, and first went to Hadley Digmann with Polar Express Salted Caramel Hot Cocoa. In total, this contest raised \$200 for the music program.



Winter temperatures plummet

By Lane Johnson

With the snow forecast, we are supposed to have above average temperatures this winter. The precipitation for the winter of 2019-2020 is predicted to be above average. The coldest period this winter is expected to be late January and early February, the months that are also supposed to be the snowiest. Weather forecasters are predicting that we will get around 30 inches of snow.



Fourth grade becomes wax museum

By Spencer Albrecht

The fourth grade class held a wax museum event Dec. 11. Every fourth grader chose a famous person and read a biography on them. Each student researched and wrote a report on the famous person of their choice.

The students wrote a speech, made a backdrop, and created a costume. The project took about a month with some help from parents on costumes, backdrops, and set-up.

Zach Thuringer gives his speech on Mohammed Ali to Tyrese Friederich.

Basketball teams gear up for new season

Boys

By Hanna Jackson

Dec. 2, the boys basketball team started practice for the season. This year they have about 25 boys out with 15 players on the varsity team. The seniors -- Nate Doering, Nathan Boettcher, Braden Bruening, Braydon Hurley, Sutton Hohn, Rylan Leischner, and Tyrese Friederich—hope to have a successful season. Cheering them on will be the cheer squad, which includes two senior cheerleaders—Hanna Jackson and Maci DeGeest.

The first game is away against Avon on Saturday, Dec. 14. Following that game, on Dec. 17, we host a double-header against TDA.

FCCLA celebrates the season

By Maci DeGeest

The Parkston FCCLA chapter had a Christmas party, Dec. 12, at 6:30pm, at the school. The advisor Ms. Kafka made mini pizzas left over from the fundraiser that the FCCLA students had done. After they were done eating, the members played a charade guessing game: the players drew a word or phrase out of a bowl and had to sketch what they drew on the board or act it out. The seniors won.



After the game, the members cleaned up and went into the Armory, bringing all of their gifts for the secret Santa exchange. The boys were in their own group and the girls were in another. Ms. Kafka read a story and if she said “left” you would pass your gift to the left and if she said “right” you pass your gift to the right and everybody ended up with a gift.

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Above: Austin Bartelt challenges the other players with his drawing. Below: The members get together and exchange their gifts in the armory.



Girls

By Madison Zwinger

The Parkston Girls basketball team had their first practice Dec. 2. This year, twenty girls have joined the basketball team. Four of them are returning seniors, Izzy Hohn, Hannah Braley, Sydney Wickersham and Ellie Weidenbach. The younger players look up to them for advice and leadership. The head coach of the girls basketball team is Coach Seiler.

The Trojans are expecting a successful season this year. Even though they are recovering from the loss of one of their own, they will use this for motivation to play better and with all their hearts, because this year they are playing for Taylor. This year the team decided to have a little competition with the O’Gorman Knights boys basketball team to remember one of the Lady Trojans they lost this past year, Taylor Thuringer. The competition is called the “Take a Charge for Taylor Challenge.” The team has been working hard for themselves but also for Taylor. “Play for Tay” is one of the many things they will say this season to remember her.

PEH Gymnastics season building

The PEH gymnastics team has had three meets so far this season: In Mitchell they placed third, second in Wagner (by 1.3 points), and Chamberlain on Dec. 17, they placed first.



Top: Parkston gymnasts at Wagner: Maelie, Kenna, Sadie, London and Grace wait for their chance to compete. Above right: Maelie Culbert performs on the beam. Above left: London Sudbeck sails through a vault.

First home games result in a pair of wins for basketball

By Quinn Bormann

The Parkston Trojans played their first home season games with a great pair of wins against the Tripp/Delmont/Armour Nighthawks, on Dec. 17, in the first double header of the season.

The girls' game started at 6:30pm. The starting lineup for Lady Trojans was Sydney Wickersham (12), Ellie Weidenbach (12), Izzy Hohn (12), Tiah Holzbauer(11), and Emma Yost (9). The girls played well the whole game. They ended up winning 46-25.

The Parkston boys basketball team played after the girls. The starting lineup was Rylan Leischner (12), Nathan Boettcher (12), Nate Doering (12), Braden Bruening (12), and Braden Hurley (12). The boys team played phenomenally, beating TDA 77-46.



SENIORS

CORDELL BUCHMAN

By Cody Van Zee

Cordell Buchman was born on March 12, 2001 to Michelle and Daniel Buchmann. His siblings are Danielle (23), Anthony (22), and Clayton (20). After he graduates he is going to Attend MTI for designing buildings and construction. His role model is J.D Henrich because he works hard to keep his business and his family going strong.

In his free time he likes to spend time outside, and working. He believes the most important issue for him and his classmates should be working out how to put good kids back into this world. One of the things on Cordell's bucket list is to go skydiving.



In high school, he participated in football, so it's not surprising that the moment he would go back to visit would be when the Parkston 11B football team won the state championship. He is especially proud of being named the most valuable defensive player on the football team his junior year.

A school tradition that means the most to Cordell is senior privileges. Cordell says the hardest part about being a senior is acting appropriately, and he defines "senioritis" as setting an example for the young. Cordell would redo his freshman year for better grades if he could. He wishes he had spent more time studying but he doesn't regret it. The most valuable thing Cordell has learned in school is to have fun but still get everything done. One thing he learned about himself is that he should have been a comedian.

After graduation, Cordell is looking forward to building and remodeling houses. One thing Cordell is most passionate about is working and building things. In 10 years he sees himself managing a construction business. He would advise younger classmen to study, get good grades, but still have fun. A quote that means something to Cordell is "When in doubt, figure it out." Cordell wants the rest of us to remember him by being funny and respectful.

TIFFANY COLLINS

By: Landon Sudbeck

Tiffany Collins was born on April 5, 2002 to Bradi Bodicker and Rock Collins. She has had eight siblings with one, Brittany, being her twin. Her role model is her uncle Jeff. An activity that Tiffany has enjoyed throughout high school is FFA. As of right now she plans to attend college at Mitchell Tech to pursue an Animal Science degree. She would like to graduate from college and become a vet technician as she has a loving passion for animals.

In her free time she likes to sing. Some of the best moments she has experienced so far are singing her solos in choir and listening to the crowd applaud and cheer afterwards. A valuable lesson Tiffany has learned is that friends come and go, but best friends stay forever. Tiffany describes a memorable occurrence as the day she and a friend tried some really strong hot sauce. It was painful at the time, but now it is a lasting memo-



ry. As her time in high school winds down she said the hardest part has been finding the right college. One thing she would have liked to spend more time on was FFA.

Tiffany would like to be remembered as the girl who was always willing to help anyone. A favorite quote of hers is "People will hate you, rate you, shake you,

and break you, but how strong you stand is what makes you." Her advice to underclassmen: It is important to have fun, but don't take anything for granted.

MADISON ZWINGER

By Hanna Jackson

Madison Zwinger was born on June 11, 2001, and is the daughter of Kevin and Leisha Zwinger. She has three siblings—Morgan (26), Josh (24), and Jonah (20). Her role model is her mom. She has kept busy in high school, participating in competitive cheer, sideline cheer for both football and girls basketball, FCCLA, FFA, FBLA and NHS. She plans to attend college at NSU or DSU to study Elementary Education and Special Education after she graduates.

In her free time she likes to hang out with friends and listen to music. She believes the most important issue her classmates should be concerned about is lack of respect underclassmen have for teachers. One thing on her bucket list is to go to Germany and visit memorials from WWII. In fact, if money were no object, she would travel the world and study abroad after she graduates.

If she could go back and visit the best memory, it would be to go back to freshman year, and enjoy the memories she made throughout high school. Since 7th grade, she has become more confident in her-

self. She is proudest of her team's accomplishment at state competitive cheer this year, placing first in small group and third overall. Her most valuable thing she's learned so far is that you should love what you do and you will never have to work a day in your life. Madison has learned that she is the only person who can choose her future.

The hardest part of being a senior is having to say goodbye to everyone you have known for the past 12



years, and knowing you are going to have to start all over. Her definition of senioritis is not wanting to do anything that involves school. She wishes she would have spent more time hanging out with friends and

making more memories in high school. Her advice for underclassmen is to be in the moment, high school goes by fast so take in everything while you still can.

BRANDON WALZ

By Nick Hohn

Brandon Joseph Walz, the son of Steven and Janell Walz, has three sisters Brooke(26), Brittany(21), and Brenna(19). Brandon was born on June 15, 2001. After he graduates he plans to go to MTI for Animal Science. Brandon's dad Steven Walz is his role model because he never gives up and he has overcome so much.

Brandon enjoys watching "Heartland" on Netflix if he gets some free time. He also enjoys working on his acreage. Brandon is passionate about cattle and ranching.

One thing on his bucket list, is to go to New Zealand. If he could have dinner with anybody he would have dinner with Selena Gomez, because she is his crush. If money were no object, right after high school Brandon would move to Rapid City and build a huge cabin.

The most valuable thing he has learned in school is to not give up, and the most unusual lesson he has



learned is to not talk back to his teachers. If he has learned anything about himself, it is he is smarter than he thinks he is. If Brandon could go back and redo something, it would be try harder in school. He also regrets not having more fun on the weekends. He participated in football for most of his high school career, and he is proud to say he started in football his freshman year. He would like to do FFA over if he had the chance to.

His favorite Parkston High school tradition is Homecoming. Since 7th grade Brandon says he has grown up and matured a lot. The hardest part about being a senior for him is having everyone look up to him. Getting all his stuff done before graduation worries him. Senioritis to him means he can do whatever he wants. He wishes he would have spent more time studying math. When he is out of school he is looking forward to making money. He sees himself ranching in 10 years.

His advice for underclassmen is to try hard. The quote "Live like you were dying," hits him hard, he says we aren't here for long so might as well have a good time.