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Jason Glines and Colby Rittel show off their poster for red ribbon week.

Volleyball Comes to a Close

Trenton Ramsey

The Highmore-Harrold volleyball team, with a current record of 8-14, is nearing the end of their season and will be losing five leaders/seniors this year. They have had hard fought games, tough losses, and great wins. The team has seen great improvement throughout this season and the seniors have seen improvement throughout their high school career. Sydney Marso, starting senior, stated, "The team has improved so much since I was just a freshman."

Although there will be five seniors graduating this year, there are high hopes for the upcoming members. The younger players have improved greatly and will continue to improve. "It's really cool seeing the younger girls improve in practice," said Marso. All the seniors attended as many of the open-gyms and team camps as possible to improve their own game and to help bring the team closer. The team looks forward to the upcoming games and seeing if they will make it to the state tournament.

Overall, the season hasn't gone exactly as planned for the Pirates, but they still have high hopes and have made vast improvement over the year and over the course of the seniors' careers. As the season comes to a close, the team appreciates the support they have received from fans, and they hope to have more and encourage everyone to attend the last few games.



The Varsity Volleyball team huddles up to discuss what they need to fix to win.

Homemade costumes vs bought costumes

Ana Johnson

There are a lot of differences between homemade costumes and store bought costumes. With homemade costumes, you get to add your own personal touch to it and make it unique, different from others. Also since it is homemade, it might be made better due to better material quality.

With store bought costumes, you may be buying a popular brand or a popular costume, but not necessarily the best quality of a costume. Most times people just buy a store bought costume because it's a lot easier to buy rather than to make the product. It could work both ways, sometimes if you buy the costume, it's popular and it's made better. There are times where if you know what you're doing, you can make an all-around better costume than a store bought costume.

Some people were asked what they liked better between the two and this was their response: Shelly Ahrenholz said that she would rather have a bought costume rather than making one. "It's just a lot simpler and takes less time, also looks better bought compared to me trying to make one." Dickson Bast said that he would rather have a made one, "I enjoy making things like that and because I made it, it's unique." Mike Ahrenholz said that he would also have a bought costume, "I wouldn't know how to make or design my own costume, also just a lot easier to buy one."



Last year's FCCLA haunted house committee dressed up to scare those who dared to enter.

Red Ribbon Week

Anna Ravel

Red Ribbon Week is a drug prevention awareness campaign. It was created when Federal Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camerana was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985 while he investigated in Mexico. RRW is nationally recognized and celebrated to preserve his memory and honor his sacrifice.

It's also a homage to all men and women who sacrifice themselves to protect the country from drug trafficking. The red ribbon became a symbol to eliminate drugs and the Red Ribbon Campaign shows intolerance for drugs in schools, the work place and communities. In 1988 the first Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed by Congress and is celebrated each year since its creation. Mrs. Kroepflin said "I do Red Ribbon Week because I want to do as much as I can to promote a drug free school and community and because I love our students and I want them to be safe, healthy and happy." Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated on October 29 through November 2 and the theme this year is going to be "Bee Drug Free!" Every day of the week, if you dress up, you will have your name in a drawing for prizes.

*On Monday, you need to wear black & yellow. There is a ribbon hunt, prizes for who find the ribbon.

*On Tuesday, you can wear tennis shoes, we will walk a mile to be drug free.

*On Wednesday, you can wear Halloween costumes but with no masks. There will be trick or treating for the kids in the high school.

*On Thursday, you can wear your future career outfit and there will be a short assembly.

*Finally, on Friday, you need to wear red and the school will pledge to be drug free.

As students and community members you can wear a red ribbon during the week of Red Ribbon to demonstrate your support and increase the awareness of the need for drug prevention programs in our community.

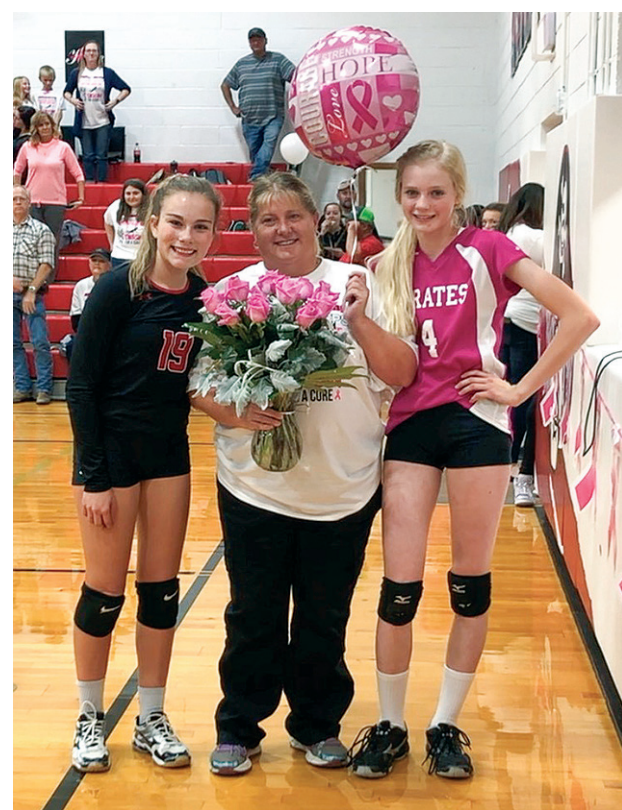
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Carson Palmer

Breast is an event that has taken place for more than 30 years in the month of October to support and raise awareness about the disease. Over the years, breast cancer deaths have gone down and treatments are getting better and saving more lives. Although the treatments have gotten a lot better, there are still thousands of women that fail to go to annual checkups. There is a program nationally that provides free mammograms for over 300,000 women that need it. These mammograms are usually around \$150 to \$200 and some people that need it cannot afford to pay for it.

The best way to survive breast cancer is to try and catch it early, then your surviving rate is way better and most of the women that catch it early recover faster. Doctors can't stress that point enough because it really is critical. Breast cancer is nothing to mess around with because there are still lots of deaths a year from this disease.

So, if possible, take advantage of getting a mammogram is what most women say that have had breast cancer or have family members that have had it. If you're looking to support the people that have had breast cancer, during the month of October wear pink for support. Lots of sports during this month wear pink jerseys to show support too. People always love to see people supporting breast cancer awareness so start supporting today.



Kassie Hale and Haley Husted awarded Carrie Stephenson a bouquet of flowers in honor of her fight through breast cancer.

Halloween Celebrations

Avery Bourk

Everywhere around the world those who celebrate Halloween celebrate it differently. They all celebrate in their own ways. In Mexico, Halloween, according to *Halloween Around The World* is called "All Souls Day." Their celebration begins October 31 and ends on November 2. It is to honor the dead who return home on Halloween. That night family members make altars to honor their passed relatives; the altars are decorated with candy, flowers, photos and their favorite food and drinks. They also go to the gravesites of passed family members and decorate them.

Halloween is celebrated very differently in Ireland than it is in France. Halloween originated in Ireland but is celebrated about as much as it is in the United States. On Halloween night, bonfires are lit, kids dress up, and people go trick-or-treating. After people are done with trick-or-treating everyone goes to parties around their neighborhood and play games. Barnbrack is a type of fruitcake that is a traditional food eaten during Halloween. A Muslim wrapped treat is baked inside the Barnbrack and if a ring is found inside, it means you're getting married and if a piece of straw is found it means that goodness is on its way.

Anna Ravel, who is a foreign exchange student from France, says, "France is still learning more about Halloween because they don't know what the holiday really is." Even though they don't know much about the meaning of Halloween, they still go trick-or-treating when they are young and they dress up in costumes. When they are teenagers they celebrate it by going to parties. People in France don't really decorate their houses.

According to *Halloween Traditions and Celebrations around the World*, Halloween in Hong Kong is known as "Yue lan" which means "Festival of the Hungry Ghosts." They try to make the spirits happy because they believe they roam the earth for 24 hours. Korea's festival is very similar to Halloween, except that it takes place in August and is called "Chusok." During this, families thank their ancestors with fruit and pay their respects by visiting their tombs and make offerings. Halloween is celebrated very differently around the world; by different names, different festivities and celebrated at different times.

In Highmore people celebrate in various ways. Halle Tvedt, a senior at Highmore High School said, "I am usually with all my best friends, watch scary movies while hanging at the house. Sometimes we go to haunted houses in other towns." Velvet Jessen, Junior at Highmore High School said, "I dress up for Halloween, decorate my house, I watch Halloween movies all month, and I take Ervin trick-or-treating." Savannah Solberg, a freshman at Highmore High school said, "I usually do Halloween makeup with my mom and friends. Watch Halloween movies all October, and the night of Halloween I usually dress up as someone and go trick-or-treating then watch scary movies all night long and eat candy." Although not everyone celebrates Halloween in Highmore, some people reported that when they got older they stopped celebrating the holiday.

FCCLA Halloween Carnival 10 Year Anniversary

By Shelby Hinkle

This year is FCCLA Halloween Carnival's 10 year anniversary and is being held on Saturday, October 27 in the Auditorium 5:00-6:00 p.m. The technical purpose of this Halloween Carnival is a fundraiser for the FCCLA chapter members to be able to attend State Meeting, however, Mrs. Kroepflin, the FCCLA advisor, says "it is a fundraiser, but it also gives families and the community a safe place to have fun."

This carnival is known for its range of activities: the haunted house, cookie decorating, crafts, and face painting. While all of the Carnival activities are decided by the Child Development FACS Class, and the Haunted House is made by an FCCLA Committee, Mrs. Kroepflin wants everybody to know that you do not have to be in FCCLA or a FACS class to volunteer. "I hope that the FCCLA Halloween Carnival will continue to be a fun tradition for many years to come," Mrs. Kroepflin said.



Cinnamon pull apart recipe

Landon Schied

Ingredients:

2 loaves frozen bread dough thawed (not risen)

1 cup granulated sugar

1½ tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. pumpkin spice (optional)

1 stick melted non salted butter

Directions:

* Preheat oven to 350 degrees F

* Spray bunt pan with nonstick cooking spray

* Combine sugar, cinnamon, and pumpkin spice into small bowl.

* Cut bread dough into bite sized pieces

* Dip dough pieces in butter

* Toss dough in sugar mixture and layer in bunt pan

* Bake for 30 min

* Remove for oven let cool

* Dump pull apart on pan and enjoy

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