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Lions Come Out on Top

BY ALYSSA WADE

The Granger Lion football team played the Holland Hornets on October 22. With a 36-19 win, the Lions improved to 2-1 in district play.

"This game was a huge challenge for the team if they want to achieve their goals," said Head Football Coach Stephen Wisdom. "They more than stepped up to the challenge."

The Lions scored early in the first quarter. This gave them the confidence they needed for the rest of the game.

"We were physically and mentally prepared," said Nels Scott. "If we wanted it, it was ours."

The Lions continued scoring and only let the Hornets score once the entire first half. At halftime, the score was 21-6.

"We felt like we were in control of the game," said Preston Jimenez.

During the second half, the Hornets scored a few more times. But Granger continued answering back with more touchdowns.

"We did great as a team," said Esteban Payan. "And we'll continue to do well throughout district."

According to the coaches, Nels Scott had a major impact on the game. He was very effective offensively and defensively.

"Nels Scott would have to get the offensive spotlight. His 215 yards were incredible," said Wisdom. "That's not an everyday accomplishment."

Scott rushed 25 times for a total of 215 yards. He also had one out of the three Lion interceptions against Holland.

Defensively, Andrew Aleman stood out to the coaches. Aleman had six tackles and an interception.

"It was not the most perfectly executed game," said Scott. "But we fought hard as a team to finish strong with a victory."

This victory built the Lions' confidence and took them another step closer to their goals.

"I believe that the team will win out and claim a share of the district championship," said Wisdom.

With this victory, the Lions' hopes to make playoffs are now closer in sight.



Paw Prints Bailed Out Granger Community Supports Fundraiser

BY DANIEL GRAVES

Extra! Read all about it! Paw Prints raised \$408.43!

At the football game on Friday, October 22, the Paw Prints staff held a fundraiser to help pay the press bill for two of its issues.

The recent economic recession has hit seemingly everyone hard, including Granger School. Due to some changes in the publishing budget, the need for a fundraiser arose.

This unique fundraiser featured the mock arrest and imprisonment of three people from Granger School: Mrs. Amy Vargas and students Ande Scott and Morgan Repa.

These people are notorious for their friendliness, personality and popularity. So Paw Prints assumed that they would be most effective in raising funds.

The fundraiser was advertised in Granger School for that entire week. Posters with the prisoners' mug shots on them were printed by Mr. Bassett and displayed throughout the school.

Clearly, the three volunteers didn't take being arrested very seriously, as all three were fighting back a smile in the mug shots.

The fundraiser was also announced by the cheerleaders at Friday's pep rally.

Vargas and Repa were each asked to post a \$50 bail in order to be freed from jail. The "jail" was

placed at the north end of the field next to the scoreboard during the game.

Scott was asked to post as much bail as she could raise during her halftime break.

I, Daniel Graves, served as the bailiff charged with accepting and recording donations near the jail.

Granger School Resource Officer Johnnie Liendo made the arrests at the game. Handcuffs were used only on the students to escort them to the jail. Apparently Officer Liendo was confident in his ability to chase Mrs. Vargas down.

Vargas was arrested and held for the entirety of the first half. Scott served her time at halftime. And Repa was taken in during the second half.

Once in jail, the prisoners either called their friends and family to come bail them out or waited for football fans to

come to the jail to donate money for the release of the current prisoner.

All the prisoners wore the traditional prison garb: orange jumpsuits.

It was interesting to see that, even though the prisoners were not dressed well, they seemed to enjoy their brief stay in jail. Maybe Texas isn't as

strict as it is perceived to be.

Bail Out con'd on page 3

Mrs. Mitchell's fifth grade class won the Best Attendance Trophy for the first term of the 2010-2011 school year. They are surely on the right track.



Treatment Center Residents Share Experiences

BY KIRSTEN MESSEX

The students of Granger School recently had a visit from three residents from Central Texas Treatment Center. Recovering addicts spoke to the students about their journeys with drugs and how they had been affected.

"I think that the actual people coming in and talking to us sent a better message than any poster or warning sign could," said Brooke Griffis. "I could really connect to the speakers."

These personal histories were told in order to teach a life lesson to the children. The speakers all had a story about the dangers of drugs.

They spoke about their own struggles and the impact that drugs can have. All three residents gave advice and answered the student's questions.

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Athletes of the Month

Football

Scott Leads the Pack

BY BROOKE GRIFFIS

The football athlete of the month, Nels Scott, can be seen running for touchdowns in games on Friday nights. Scott is a strong and inspiring player on the team.

He always encourages himself and others to perform their greatest.

"He pushes every body to do their best in the weight room, on the field and in class," said Head Football Coach Stephen Wisdom.

However, Scott does not give himself all the credit for his success. He gives it to his team.

"I enjoy the plays in which we block the other team's players so one of our backs can run through an open lane," said Scott.

Scott maintained his upbeat attitude even through his few position changes on both offense and defense.

"It was different, but with help from my coaches, teammates and studying my play-

book, I was able to learn it fast. Now I just have to execute my job," said Scott.

Currently, Scott is a running back on offense and a safety on defense. He has a total of 25 carries for 200 yards and 3 catches for 55 yards.

"He's stepped in and has done a good job of learning his new position. He is definitely one of the leaders of the team," said Head Football Coach Stephen Wisdom.

However, Scott does not give himself all the credit for his success. He gives it to his team.

"I enjoy the plays in which we block the other team's players so one of our backs can run through an open lane," said Scott.

Scott is also grateful for another important role model in his life.

"I am thankful to God for putting me in the position I'm in. I give glory to Him," said Scott.

His teammates agree that he gives confidence to the team in everything that he does.

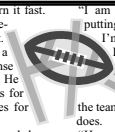
"He motivates me because with every play and every activity, he always gives one hundred and ten percent," said teammate Zackry Munoz.

Scott gives everything his best effort for a good reason.

"I try to resemble Jesus Christ when he gave everything he had for us. So I think I should give my teammates my everything also," said Scott.

With his team's hard work, Scott thinks that it could go far in this football season.

"My team has the will, the strength and the heart to win state if it wants to," said Scott.



Volleyball

Scott and Repa Shine On Court

BY ALYSSA WADE

This issue's volleyball athletes of the month are Ande Scott and Morgan Repa. These players are working hard to lead their team to victories.

"Both of these players go the extra mile even if things aren't going right," said Head Volleyball Coach Carlin Hohman.

Repa has been playing volleyball at Granger School since her seventh grade year. This is her third year playing on varsity.

Repa plays front row middle blocker. She has one of the highest hitting records on the team.

"I love setting the ball to Morgan because I can always expect to see her hit it down," said setter Ciera Strmiska.

Due to a back injury, Repa had to sit out during pre-season. Even then she encouraged her teammates through their high and low points.

"Slowly but surely we're bonding together and working as a team," said Repa.

Cheering the team on along

attitude and works hard every practice to get things right," said Hohman.

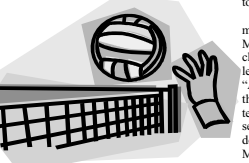
This is Scott's first year playing varsity. She worked hard to earn her spot as the team's libero, a back row specialist.

"Practices this year have been unforgettable," said Scott. "We never know what to expect."

Scott is a positive motivation to the team. Many of the underclassmen playing volleyball look up to her.

"Ande always looks on the bright side and teaches us to pick ourselves up when we're down," said Cassidy Miller. "She always has a smile on her face."

And it just tickles me." As district comes to an end, the girls hope to lead their teams to playoffs.



Cross Country

Filla Runs Up Front

BY LORENA LIZARDO

Senior Dylan Filla enjoys running in front of the pack. Filla is this issue's cross country athlete of the month.

"Dylan is a great runner. I expect good things at the district meet. I also think he has a good chance to be a region qualifier," said Head Coach Ernest Valdez.

Filla is the leader of the varsity team this year. He has shown his leadership skills by showing up to practice every day and supporting his teammates.

"Dylan is a great leader. When I ran, he was always the one who encouraged me to finish. He always made me keep up with him," said junior Lorena Lizardo.

Filla wakes up bright and early to make it to his 5:45 am practice. He has been running since August 2.

"I hate waking up to go to practice. But I always do because I get used to it after a period of time," said Filla.

This is Filla's last year running. He has been on the cross country team since his freshman year.

"Through the years, it has been fun and very tiring. Since it's my last year running, I always give it my best," said Filla.

Filla has attended five cross country meets held in Academy, Crawford, Moody, Salado and Temple.

"Dylan has great leadership skills. He always does his best at the meets," said teammate Kirk Dunn.

At the meet, the varsity boys have to run a three-mile course. Filla's best times were 22:38 and 23:10 at the Moody and Temple meets respectively.

"I know I can do better. I can't wait for district because it might be my last meet. My goal is to make it to regionals," said Filla.



Lady Lions Battle

Lady Gators

BY LORENA LIZARDO

On October 8, the Lady Lions played the Gateway Lady Gators for the second time this season and won. The Lady Lions are 5-3 in district play.

"The girls did a good job working together by communicating and having confidence in one another," said Head Coach Hohman.

According to volleyball player Alyssa Wade, the Lady Lions started off the first game playing poorly. The final score of the first set was 25-15 in favor of Gateway.

"I don't think they earned those points. We gave them the points because of our mistakes," said Samantha Peeples.

Leading in serves were Kelly Johnson, Cassidy Miller and Morgan Repa.

"I think we always do really well on our serves. We focus on placing our serves. That's how we get most of our points," said Miller.

In the second set, the Lady Lions came out with more confidence and energy. And that showed with the final score of 25-6 in their favor.

"We played at a higher level during this set. We also played more as a team," said Peeples.

During the more competitive third set, the Lady Lions and Lady Gators battled intensely. And the Lady Lions took the win with a final score of 25-17.

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Lions Dominate Bluejays

BY LORENA LIZARDO

The Granger Lions faced the Snook Bluejays at Somerville and won 70-0. This was Granger's second game in district.

"They deserved to win that game because the boys have been working so hard. This win also gave them more confidence," said Coach Wisdom.

The Lions had a total of 422 rushing yards. Andrew Aleman scored the first touchdown of the blowout game.

"I felt really great about it and glad that our offense could finish the drive," said Aleman.

Running back Alex Cruz ran 66 yards to the end zone for another touchdown.

"Alex ran like a T-rex through the defensive line with great power and force," said lineman Zackry Munoz.

Aleman, Cruz, Colton Mazoch and Nels Scott scored touchdowns in the first half. At halftime, the score was 42-0.

"It was my birthday so I was feeling great already. We had a lot of good blocks. And I think we made the game more exciting," said Mazoch.

Scott came out in the second half and scored the first touchdown of the third quarter.

"The linemen were working hard. They had great blocks so I could get that touchdown," said Scott.

The defensive line won the battle at the line of scrimmage and wore down the Bluejay offensive line.

"The defense was really aggressive. They came out to play, unlike last week. We were more hyped up for this game because we knew we had to get this win for the playoffs," said Cruz.

The Lions are now 1-1 in district. "We just hope all of their hard work pays off in the end. That would be the icing on the cake to our season," said Wisdom.



Band Drums Up Competition

BY CHARLY OWEN

On Saturday, October 16, the Granger High School marching band performed at the UIL Region 26 marching contest.

"I felt our performance was misjudged, though it shouldn't bring our spirits down. Everyone worked really hard and should continue to do so," said Nick Schwertner.

The band received a division four rating. A division one is the best that can be received.

"I think the nerves got to them. And I know we could have done better. But this doesn't change how far they have come within the last two and a half months," said Miss Eckert.

The band has many younger members this year. The group consists of 16 students, 9 of which are eighth graders.

"I feel honored to be able to work and learn from the

upperclassmen in band," said Quinlan Kuback.

The band members have been practicing on the football field since August 16. They began in summer band with daily rehearsals and continued a three-hour weekly practice to prepare for contest.

"It has taken a lot of dedication to be at all the practices. In the end though, I felt that it paid off," said Alex Reed.

Also part of the band is the color guard. This was a new addition to the band two years ago.

"I have loved working with the girls who have done colorguard over the past three seasons. They never fail to make me laugh," said Colorguard Coach Mrs. Reed.

Now that marching contest is in the past, the band will soon begin preparation for the UIL Region 26 concert contest. It will take place this spring.

"I am very excited about concert season. We will get to work more on our musicality and grow as musicians," said Miss Eckert.

Bail Out

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strict on crime as it should be. Frequent announcements by game announcer Johnnie Thornton helped to keep people interested and engaged in the fundraiser.

The fantastic effort by the football team also made fans more willing to contribute. The team played arguably its best game of the season.

The 36-19 win for the Lions kept the fans in good spirits for the duration of the game. And this increased the proceeds received.

While my hand almost began cramping due to writing so many receipts, I did enjoy being the bailiff. I was thrilled to see so many elementary students excited about bailing out people they knew.

And the pleas from the prisoners to the people walking by were humorous also. Much of the proceeds came

from parents and relatives who came to their loved ones' rescue. And hopefully they felt a bit of loyalty towards the school paper as well.

Seniors Scott and Repa even "escaped" from jail to run through the stands in an attempt to raise more funds. Maybe the handcuffs should have stayed on the students the whole time.

The success of the fundraiser was just another example of how the Granger community is extremely supportive of the school's organizations.

But the results show that this method was effective. The Paw Prints staff was successful in raising \$408.43 at the game on Friday. There is now no further need to

raise funds. The news crew is very grateful to the Granger community for such a successful turnout. They are also thankful to the volunteers who sacrificed their time to help fund the newspaper.

All three volunteers exceeded their bail amount, choosing to serve more time.

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Elementary Has a Fun-Filled October

BY ALYSSA WADE

Scraped knees and helmet hair—On October 4-8, elementary students had their annual skate week. During their P.E. classes, the children went to the old gym and strapped on their safety gear and skates. Mrs. Davis' family consumer science classes helped the children skate the entire week. According to many of the elementary students, they had a blast and can't wait until next year.

Are you smarter than a Granger Elementary student?—On October 15, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students had their first six weeks award assembly. Mrs. Mitchell's fifth grade class won the Best Attendance Trophy. Many first through fifth grade students received All-A Honor Roll.

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| First grade | Oziel Martinez |
| Samantha Lopez | Katarina Leza |
| Juan Chavez | Erin Kirkwood |
| Michael Perez | Second grade |
| Kylie Perez | Alexi Wade |
| Devin Falls | Oscar Torres |
| Juan Rangel | Andrew Romero |
| Amayah Simien | Alexis Mendez |
| Johnny Ryder | Rhett Huebner |
| Hunter Prinz | Garrett Cantwell |
| Deandra Salcedo | Third grade |
| Jaden Meza | Jack Levine |

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| Bruce Lay |
| Madison Donahue |
| Travis Miller |
| Tristen Burton |
| Fourth grade |
| Lee Ryder |
| Sarah Meza |
| Caleb Filla |
| Fifth grade |
| Kiara Miller |
| Gabbie Hernandez |



Pumpkin adventures- Granger Elementary kindergarten through third grade students visited the Pumpkin Patch in Elgin on October 28. A few of the students' parents joined them for a day of fun. All of the children went through a hay maze and then headed to the pumpkins. Each of them picked out a special pumpkin to take home at the end of the day.

Superheroes and princesses in the classroom- On October 29, each elementary class had its Halloween party. All the students came to school dressed in their best costumes. With stomachs full of candy and other sweets, students played games and had fun. This was just another way to excite them for the fun-filled weekend ahead of them.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Griffis Advertis Creative Side

BY BROOKE GRIFFIS

Ariel Griffis is a girl with a beautiful smile and a bright personality. She is a fun-loving senior this year at Granger.

"Ariel is quiet, but when you get to know her, it's worth it. She is an amazing person and a great friend," said Miranda Harwell.

Griffis takes life day by day and is always full of joy and excitement. Her delightful personality is noticed by many people around her.

"She makes every class live," said friend Nick Schwertner.

Griffis giggles through class and always finds a way to make her least favorite class more interesting. She can frequently be found screaming "Goal!" when she throws a piece of trash in the trash can.

Her favorite class is art with Mrs. Cooper. In this class, she is allowed to express herself fully through her masterpieces.

"I love that Ariel is taking my

class this year. She has always impressed me with her artwork. It just keeps getting better," said Mrs. Cooper.

Griffis's extracurricular activities include student council and a job at City Lights Theater in Georgetown. Working at a movie theater helped Griffis decide on one of her goals in life.

She plans to support and express herself through a fun and entertaining job in the future.

"Working at a theater, I see all of the movie posters. And that inspired me to create my own," said Griffis.

After high school, Griffis wants to attend Austin Community College to get her basics and then transfer to a bigger school to receive a degree in advertising.

In the future, people might see posters that show Griffis's interesting and fun character.

As of right now, Schwertner



Schwertner Finds Home in Music

BY CHARLY OWEN

Nick Schwertner has been a student at Granger School since the seventh grade when he moved from Temple.

"I like the atmosphere here and how just about everyone is able to get along," said Schwertner.

Schwertner has been involved in a couple of activities while at Granger. He was in One-Act Play his sophomore and junior years and has been in band since he arrived.

"Meeting Nick for the first time in band was interesting. But I'm glad he has stayed at Granger," said Tanner Martin.

His favorite of the two activities is band.

"I love music. It has always been something I was good at," said Schwertner.

Some accomplishments of Schwertner's in band include being the drum major his junior and senior years.

He also received a division I rating his freshman year and a divi-

sion II rating his junior year at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. A division I rating is the best possible rating.

"I believe that Nick is dedicated and loves music enough to succeed in his future career of music," said Band Director Miss Eckert.

Schwertner has also done well in One-Act Play. He received All-Star Cast his junior year.

"Nick puts his best foot forward in any activity he is a part of," said Julia Deming.

Schwertner's favorite class is his fifth period speech this year.

"That class is as funny as Mr. Bassett is himself. Plus, I enjoy telling stories," said Schwertner.

Coincidentally, Schwertner's favorite teacher is Mr. Bassett because of his good teaching skills.

"He's always positive and does not always follow the crowd. These attributes might be helpful to him in future careers," said Mr. Bassett.

As of right now, Schwertner

does not have a favorite high school memory.

"High school isn't over yet. Ask me at the end of the year and I might have one," said Schwertner.

Schwertner does, however, have a few activities that he likes to do in his spare time. He enjoys playing guitar, talking to people and spending time with his friends, namely Trevor Schwitzer.

"Nick is like a brother to me. And I enjoy his friendship," said Schwitzer.

Schwertner plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos to major in music.

"I know I want to ultimately have a career involving music, though I am not exactly sure what that will be. Maybe I'll own a guitar shop called 'Nick's Guitars,'" said Schwitzer.



Justice Enjoys Life

BY BROOKE GRIFFIS

Kirsti Scott-Justice is a new face

at Granger School. She moved from Gateway School in Georgetown and is now spending her senior year in Granger.

"It's kind of hard because I'm used to my old schedule at Gateway," said Justice. "In Gateway I was at school for only four hours. At Granger, I'm here all day and changing classrooms."

Though the transition has been rough at times, Justice is ready to enjoy her senior year. One thing she looks forward to is softball.

"I've loved softball. I've been playing since I was little. I'm excited to play for my senior year," said Justice.

As she moves on to bigger things in life, she'll continue to live by this motto.

One of her favorite coaches is Coach Enderlin, the Head Softball Coach.

"She's a great girl and always knows how to make people laugh," said Coach Enderlin.

Outside of sports, Justice enjoys being with her friends, who say that she is always in for a good time.

"Kirsti is fun and outgoing," said friend Sydney Wiles. "She makes me happy. She's like my sister."

Justice enjoys expressing her lively personality in her favorite class, which is art.

"It's great having Kirsti in art this year. She adds something new, yet fits right in," said art teacher Mrs. Cooper.

After making memories in high school, Justice wants to attend the Everett Institute and become a dental assistant.

"I've been going to the orthodontist for a long time. And I know how to do a lot of things already," said Justice.

After she has been a dental assistant for a few years, Justice wants to continue school and become a hygienist.



Allen Goes for Her Dreams

BY ALYSSA WADE

One of the many new faces to the class of 2011 is Amanda Allen. Although she's one of the smallest in the class, she knows how to have a good time.

"Amanda is my Polly Pocket!" said Lorena LizarDO. "She is very clumsy. But she always makes us laugh because of that."

Since her sixth grade year, she has lived with her aunt and uncle, Jackie and Ray Bowman.

Allen has four younger brothers who also attend Granger School: Andrew, 16, Seth, 13, Joseph, 12, and Teddy, 10. She also has a 22-year-old sister, Hannah, and an older brother, Sam, who passed away.

"Sam taught me to always go

for my goals even if people try to get me down," said Allen.

This is Allen's second year attending Granger School. She has been involved in FCCLA, NHS, Upward Bound, FCCLA, UIL Editorial Writing, track and cross country.

"Amanda always has a posi-



itive attitude and is very dedicated towards what she does," said Cross Country Coach Ernest Valdez.

Allen's favorite class at Granger School was her sopho-

more world history class with Coach Grandjean. She loved his personality in that class.

"Although Amanda puts a lot on her plate, she's able to manage her time and make good grades," said Allie Aguilar.

Outside of school, Allen enjoys spending time with her friends at the movies and malls. After graduation, Allen plans to attend Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin or Texas State University.

"I want to major in hospitality and travel the world helping others," said Allen.

Allen lives by the quote, "You'll never know someone's story until you walk in the person's shoes."

As she moves on to bigger things in life, she'll continue to live by this motto.

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Cheerleader of the Month

Derning Lights Up the Sideline

BY CHARLY OWEN

Julia Derning is October's pom-pom waving cheerleader of the month. "I started cheering in sixth grade and cheered until my freshman year," said Derning. Derning is a junior this year. This is her first year on the varsity squad.

a lot, she is sure to be on the sidelines every Friday night cheering on the Granger Lions.

"Julia brings her own special spunk to the squad. She's always smiling no matter the situation and helps keep the squad a family," said cheerleader Alyssa Wade.

Right now, Derning plans on participating in cheerleading through her senior year.

"Julia is very dedicated. She has a beautiful magnetic smile and a great Lion spirit," said Coach Hohman.

Along with cheer, Derning's hectic schedule includes volleyball, color guard and One-Act Play.

"I try to prioritize my time wisely so I am able to do my best in all of my activities," said Derning.

Though Derning participates in



Teresa Lizardo: Remembered

When the foundation of the house cracks, the whole family can feel it. Teresa Lizardo was a strong foundation to the community, and her loss has affected many.

We would just like to thank everyone for their help and support as we deal with the loss of our mother/wife/friend, Teresa, whose smile and kindness impacted everyone around her.

Thanks for the donations, the wonderful meals, the beautiful flowers, plants, cards, and most important, your thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful to live in such a great community. We can never thank you enough for all the great things everyone has done for us. God bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Antonio Lizardo and family



Band Member of the Month

Schwertner's Snare Strikes Success

BY J.D. VARGAS

Drum Major Nick Schwertner has exhibited his natural leadership abilities and been chosen as October's Band Member of the Month.

"He is dedicated to the success of the band and is always striving to better himself as a musician," said Band Director Anna-Maria Eckert.

Schwertner switched from the alto saxophone to the snare drum a year ago in order to broaden his musical ability.

"I enjoy playing both instruments and am looking into learning the trumpet," said Schwertner. Schwertner plans to attend college to major in music.

"I'm deciding between teaching and just working in recording studios and working with music technology," said Schwertner.

Schwertner is an excellent musician and serves as a role model for the younger band members.

"He is a very hard worker who is devoted to the band. He is always willing to help wherever he is needed," said band member Kaitlynn Beavers.

According to Schwertner, his motivation to pursue a career in music comes from his music-oriented family. He says he enjoys

band, but not because it's easy.

"Practice is the hardest part of band because we sometimes get upset with each other," said Schwertner. "It takes a lot of patience to just set those things aside and keep moving on."

Schwertner also says that his hard work in band pays off in the end.

"The satisfaction from the crowd is nice. I like their reaction when they say, 'Hey, you hear that band in the distance?'" said Schwertner.

Schwertner has been in band for many years and has had several great memories. His favorite memories are the bus rides to and from football games.

"Those rides are just way too crazy," said Schwertner. "We sing and dance and get hyper before the games."

With graduation fast approaching, Schwertner also wishes to leave behind some words of wisdom to the band he loves.

"I want the band members to remember that as long as they work hard and remember to keep a good attitude, they will always be successful," said Schwertner.



PAWS FOR POETRY

I Am Lost

BY TYLER CANTWELL

*Sitting under the wilting willow tree
Which once stood tall and mighty
Like I*

*Now fragile and thin
Willing to break*

*I walk slowly
Yet too fast for my withering body*

*I stand strong
Yet my shins shiver*

*I am lost
And now that time passes*

I don't believe I can ever be found



Academic Standouts: Juniors

Juniors Keep Positive Game Plan

BY DANIEL GRAVES

For this issue, two juniors are being recognized for their excellence in academics as well as extracurricular involvement.

One of those juniors is Nels Scott. Scott has been attending Granger School since the ninth grade. He was home schooled his seventh and eighth grade years.

He also attended Round Rock Christian Academy from pre-kindergarten through third grade. Scott says he has enjoyed Granger the most.

"At Granger, I enjoy my friends and sports," said Scott. "I can be involved in many different activities."

Scott has taken advantage of the opportunities given him by public school. He is involved in FCA, FFA, NHS, football, basket-

ball, baseball, and track.

Scott's favorite subject in school is athletics. He has learned many life lessons from all his coaches.

"God gave Coach Wisdom his name for a reason. He gives me and the other players on my team lots of motivation to succeed," said Scott.

Academically, Scott excels as well. He is a consistent member of the All-A Honor Roll. Scott has no favorite teacher because he feels each has knowledge and expertise that set them apart.

"Nels brings lots of enthusiasm to my classroom," said English teacher Mrs. Bassett. "He gives equal time to his sports and academics. And he always comes to my class prepared."

Central to Scott's life is his belief in Christianity. He says that he cannot succeed in any aspect of life without Jesus Christ.

"My motivation in life is to

give all I have for Him because Jesus gave his all for me," said Scott. "Without God, I wouldn't succeed."

Scott's future education will include a four-year degree in electrical engineering.

"I think Nels would be a successful electrical engineer because he's

strong, determined, smart and has common sense," said sister Ande Scott.

Also highly motivated and well-rounded is Scott's classmate: Kelly Johnson.

Johnson has not been attending Granger School since pre-K either. She moved from Georgetown in the eighth grade.

Johnson says that the best decision she has made was to move to Granger because of the

personal relationships she has formed.

"Kelly is absolutely amazing. And she knows how to make me smile," said Alyssa Wade.

"We've been friends since two-a-days in volleyball. That's when we became inseparable."

Johnson is also a very busy student, as she is a part of FCLA, FCA, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, and track.

"My favorite of all the sports is volleyball because I get to hit a ball, unlike in basketball. I play for the school as well as a club team in Hutto," said Johnson.

Johnson is also on the All-A Honor Roll. And her favorite subject was chemistry last year with Ms. Droche.

"I like math and science classes because I like a challenge and I'm good at it," said Johnson.

Math teacher Mrs. Reed is also

one of Johnson's favorite teachers. Johnson said that Mrs. Reed

teaches really well and enjoys her students as much as they enjoy her.

"Kelly was a joy to have in class. She always did her work and participated in class," said Mrs. Reed. "I miss seeing her smiling face in my room every day."

In the very near future, Johnson intends to attend Texas A&M in Galveston to major in marine biology.

"When I was little, I always loved going to the beach. I want to spend the rest of my life doing it," said Johnson.

Both of these outgoing juniors have proven themselves worthy of praise for their ability to succeed in many aspects of school life.

Comic

BY TYLER CANTWELL



Fiction Corner

Halloween Night

BY BROOKE GRIFFIS

I lapped the finishing touches to my sparkling eye shadow and checked my image in the mirror again. Everything was still spotless. Minutes ticked by, and finally I just plopped myself on my bed with an upset sigh.

A loud bang hit the window behind me. With a jump, I sprang up from my bed and looked around frantically. A dark shadow disappeared quickly from my window's view. I stood, my feet planted in the carpet by my bed, and my heartbeat pounded through my body.

I relaxed and let out my breath when nothing happened for many long moments. In a quick motion, I snatched my phone and dialed Charles's number. My call went straight to voice mail.

Metal clashed to the floor in the hallway close to my bedroom door. My chest turned cold with fright, and my body froze. Something was in my house.

With nowhere else to go, I ran into my bathroom, locked it and rested my back against the wooden door. More long moments of silence followed, and my muscles relaxed a little. Maybe I was being too on edge. It was Halloween night anyway.

I placed my hand on the cool door knob, ready to let myself out before I heard soft footsteps that sounded from just outside of the door. Afraid, I threw myself back against the counter, knocking

to pick me up. It was ten past seven, and I was starting to get a little agitated. Pacing on the floor of my bedroom, I checked my phone. No

calls and no texts. I threw my phone angrily on my bed and checked my image in the mirror again. Everything was still spotless. Minutes ticked by, and finally I just plopped myself on my bed with an upset sigh.

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Granger School Organizations MAINTAINED BY ALEX REED

FFA, Future Farmers of America, is an agricultural-based organization concentrated on the importance of agriculture to real-life in s t a n c e s . Members must be in or have completed at least one Agriculture class.



Sponsor: Eloy Perez
Skills USA is an organization made to unite in a common bond all students in trade, industrial, technical and technological careers. Students learn to foster a deep respect for the dignity of work, attain a purposeful life and create an enthusiasm for learning.

Sponsor: Mike Juranek
The newspaper staff combines their skills in journalism to construct *Paw Prints*, the Granger School newspaper. *Paw Prints* articles include activities at hand, some being UIL, sports, One-Act Play, Band, NHS, cheerleading, FFA, FCCLA, FCA, yearbook, senior highlights, academic highlights and teacher highlights.

Sponsor: Michelle Bassett
Academic UIL is a whole category of academic events available to students in grades 2-12 that are willing to apply themselves mentally to a certain event.

Sponsor: Jimmie Baker
One-Act Play is an organization for those who like to act or to be in theater. Acting, staging, fighting, and hair or make-up are some of the available positions for interested members.

Sponsors: Becky Kuback and Lara Barbiaux—Junior High
Jimmie Baker and Amy Vargas—High School
Band is a music-centered organization open to students who are interested in playing instruments and reading music. Members of the band can be seen performing during halftime at football games, competing in UIL contests, participating in All-Region/All-State Band and taking part in solo and ensemble contests.

Sponsor: Anna-Marie Eckert
Student Council is a group of student leaders that meet throughout the year to carry out service

projects and exchange ideas that will benefit the high school. Students in this organization are usually elected or appointed to their positions. They are responsible for the homecoming parade and halftime activities as well as Red Ribbon Week, which is a drug awareness and prevention program conducted for the whole school during a week in October.

Sponsor: Jeffrey Price
NHS, National Honor Society, consists of students in grades 11 and 12 who show their honorable qualities through service work and maintained GPAs. Requirements for NHS are GPAs of 3.0 or higher and at least 15 hours of service work per semester. Inductees are accepted into the society at the end of the tenth grade.

Sponsor: Jennifer Lane
FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family. And FCCLA is the only national career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus.

Students in grades 7-12 that have taken at least one family and consumer science class are able to join. Opportunities to learn through service learning projects are available. If interested in joining, dues are \$30.00. Dues must be paid or earned by October 1.

Sponsor: Linda Huebner
FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a group open to everyone that is willing to express the Christian faith in school. Participating in service projects is one way that members express their faith. Dues are \$10.00. They meet for Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in Coach Hood's room and around the flagpole on Fridays at 7:45 a.m. for prayer.

Sponsor: Kelli Hood
The Yearbook committee captures moments occurring around the school at various school events in the form of photography. They then design a yearbook with all the photos taken and publish it for students.

Sponsor: Chuck Bassett

Secondary School Honor Roll

6th grade All-A Honor Roll
Kenneth Burton
Steven Graves
Logan Hernandez
April Kaderka
Mikayla Larremore
Garrett Wisdom

6th grade A & B Honor Roll
Matthew Aleman
Brady Barbiaux
Cole Bolding
Jordan Donahue
Elizabeth Drake
Cassandra Flores
Sierra Gereszek
Justin Innes
Shelby Kaderka
Abigail Levine
Colton Marek
Guillermo Martinez
Jaylen McMarion
Kaleb Montgomery
Abraham Reyna
Roman Susaita
Giselle Torres

7th grade All-A Honor Roll
Carlos Bello
Jesse Deves
Mario Gonzalez
Hunter Klaus
Daniel Krueger
Zachary Miller
Daniel Pavelka
Lane Peace

7th grade A & B Honor Roll
Blake Bilbrey
McKenzie Cervenza
Jordan Dickerson
Ryan Filla
Adonis Mendez
Callie Miller
Baxter Nelson
Johnathan Smitley
Austin Susan
Cydney Trevino

8th grade All-A Honor Roll
Bergé Bassett
Tyler Coombs
Garrett Drake
Quinlan Kuback

8th grade A & B Honor Roll
Aaren Horak
Regan Luersen
Alyssa Wade

10th grade All-A Honor Roll
Alyssa Blomquist
Desiree Cruz
Kirk Dunn
Ashley Dutcher
Gunner Gardner
Kyle Geydos
Cecily Gonzales
Danielle Jakobait
Preston Jimenez
Miguel Juarez
Preston Jimenez
Desiree Reese
Ciera Sirmiska
Emory Sutton
Travis Tidwell
Jorge Torres

10th grade A & B Honor Roll
Tyler Cantwell
Kelly Johnson
Brian Lay
Nels Scott
Julia Dening
Jacob Gonzales
Maribel Lopez
Colton Mazoch
Cassidy Miller
Clayton Moore
Kristy Shelman
Joseph Vargas

12th grade All-A Honor Roll
Alejandra Aguilar
Amanda Allen
Daniel Graves
Maribel Lizardo
Kristen Messex
Alexandra Reed
Trevor Schwitzer
Ande Scott

12th grade A & B Honor Roll
Martin Aleman
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UIL Update
If anyone has any questions about or would like to compete in any of the following contests, please see Mrs. Baker in room 211.

Elementary UIL district competition—December 8 in Granger.
Junior high UIL district competition—December 7 and 9 in Holland.

Brett Martinka
Payton Olenick
Pedro Rivera
Shelby Zbranek



8th grade A & B Honor Roll
Quentin Doss
Julia Elizondo
Dannielle Jenkins
Azucena Pineda
Taylor Prinz
Erin Pustejovsky
Brittany Salazar
Michael Skrhak
Ashleigh Snyder
Kayla Vitek
Joe Wagnon

9th grade All-A Honor Rols
Bryce Jimenez
Aspen Kaderka
Amy Labaj
Corey Miller
Dylan Newsom

9th grade A & B Honor Roll
Jon Castillo
Jesus Chavez
Travis Filla
Colby Hajda
Jake Kaderka
Myra Lizardo
Raquel Luna
Jordan Dickerson
Wesley Mattice
Alexandria Martinez
Madison Outlaw
Nancy Payan
Jessica Vincent
Hayden Wagner
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Kirsten Peers into Pride Rock

BY KIRSTEN MESSEX

As fall begins, the school is starting to get a little wild. That's why your horoscope is all about the *Lion King*. After reading this it will be easy to channel your inner animal.

L i b r a (September 23-October 22) —This month is your birthday, and like Simba, you are the king of the jungle. Enjoy being at the top while you can. And always remember that life is an adventure. Lucky Days: 4th and 17th

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) —Zazu always managed to get himself in trouble by saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. You have been falling into this trap also and need to remember that s o m e t i m e s silence is the safest route. Lucky days: 1st and 19th.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — Don't let other people push you around this month. You and Pumba both have this problem. And it's starting to truly be an issue. Stand up

for yourself! Lucky days: 7th and 11th.
Capricorn (December 22-January 19) —You are a doer, just like Timon. But sometimes you look at another's great ideas and simply use them for yourself. Look inside this month and realize that you can accomplish great things without others' influence. Lucky days: 2nd and 10th.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) —You and Nala really know how to be a good best friend. And that will serve you well this month. Watch the people close to you because someone may need you to stand by them. Lucky days: 16th and 20th.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) —Rafiki is a very meddlesome baboon. And the past few weeks you have been, too. Try not to interfere in your friends' lives too much. Or they might start hitting you over the head with their own stick. Lucky days: 13th and 21st.

Aries (March 21-April 19) —Just like Mufasa, you have been betrayed and stabbed in the back before. Now is the time to forget the past and try to see the good in people again. Lucky days: 6th and 14th.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) —

The Outlanders are always on the outside looking in. You might be feeling this way this month. But try to hold on and realize that people will start to see how important you really are. Lucky days: 8th and 17th.

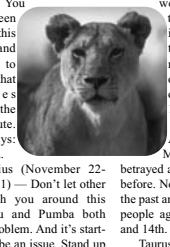


Gemini (May 21-June 20) —We all know that you and your friends are fun to be around. But this month you have started to act a little like the hyenas. Maybe you should take a step back from the pack and really look at what's happening. Lucky days: 7th and 15th.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Sarabi is the mother of Simba and the loving force behind most of the lions. This month, try to focus on nurturing your relationships and watching them grow. Lucky days: 25th and 30th.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — For some reason you have become a little power hungry lately. Try to make amends with the people you might have stepped on. And perhaps you won't end up like Scar. Lucky Days: 9th and 26th.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) —You are always involved in everything. And your face seems to be everywhere. That's why this month, you are simply the animals of Pride Rock. Perhaps it's your time to break out of the crowd. Lucky days: 3rd and 22nd.



CALENDAR November/December

- November 1—Prom meeting at 7 PM in student center
- November 2—Girls scrimmage basketball game at 5 PM
- Picture retakes for all grades
- November 3—Seniors' trip to Renaissance Festival
- November 4—Junior high football game vs. Milano, home
- November 5—High school football game vs. Milano, away
- November 7—FCCLA Race for the Cure
- November 11—Veterans' Day
- School Veterans Program at 9:30 AM
- November 13—Health Fair, 10 AM-1 PM
- November 15—NHS meeting, 3:42 PM-4:15 PM
- Project Celebration meeting, 7 PM in library
- November 18—Thanksgiving meal in cafeteria
- November 23—Early release at 1 PM
- November 25—Thanksgiving Day
- November 29-December 3—Book fair
- December 6—Band Banquet/Concert
- December 7—Faculty Christmas dinner in the board room
- December 8—Elementary UIL competition in Granger
- Early Release
- December 13—NHS meeting 3:42PM-4:15PM
- December 17—Early Release
- December 25—Merry Christmas

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Health Fair
November 13
10AM-1PM
Granger School
Includes:
-Free food
-Games
-Educational booths
-Blood drive
-a Bounce house
-and more!

SEEN ANY GOOD PICTURES LATELY?
Mr. Bassett is posting his Granger School pictures to Flickr, and you are welcome to download those you like. New pictures uploaded weekly. Enjoy!
Go to the Granger website, in the right-hand column click Quick Links, and click Photos.

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