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Photo by Nancy Wallace

Seniors Angie Christiaens and Cole Ratzburg are crowned as Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of Saturday's football game against Simms.

Refiners Go Semi-formal

By VERONICA GILLUND

Saturday Oct. 10 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., several students of NTCHS attended the semi-formal Homecoming Dance.

Each student received a ticket for every song he/she danced to and then put the tickets in for various items that were drawn for at the end of the night.

This event was sponsored by the Sunburst Booster club, and the official chaperones included Sally Aschim, Colleen Gillund and Nancy Wallace. Superintendent Tim Tharp disc jockeyed with his business The Sound Connection.

Tharp tossed glow stick necklaces and bracelets onto the stage at various times for all of dancing students to wear.

Senior Jacoba Hauschulz was one of the students who danced the whole night. Hauschulz said, "The dance was the perfect way to end my senior

Homecoming Week Inspires School Spirit

By REFINER STAFF

NTCHS celebrated homecoming the week of Oct. 3-9 with freshmen initiation, spirit week activities, volleyball and football games, a bonfire, parade, tailgate party, dance and class games.

One component of Homecoming was Freshman-Se-

nior Buddy Week. During this week, seniors dressed up their freshman and themselves for the corresponding dress-up days. The days were Crazy Day (Mon.), Flashback Day (Tues.), Superhero Day (Wed.), Twin Day (Thurs.) and Red/White Day (Fri.)

After the volleyball game Friday night, NTCHS heated things up with a bonfire. The sophomores were in charge of the event, and sopho-

more Kylie Pattison made the dummy that burned at the center of the fire. The crowd got fired up as Mr. Dunk led them in cheers.

On Saturday Oct. 9, the parade started at noon. Nate Aschim, Kara Svelstead and Justin Hilstrom judged the four floats that drove down First Street North in Sunburst. The sophomores created the winning float with juniors coming in second and freshmen in third.

There were other floats in the parade as well. There

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Students Explore Future Career and College Options

By **LARA CLARK**

Juniors and seniors had an opportunity to explore college options Thursday Sept. 23 during the Career Fair at the high school in

Cut Bank. Thirty-three NTCHS students attended. Recruiters came from colleges in Mont. as well as out of state ones like Ore., Alberta, Wash., and

other places. The military had a display table as well. Other schools also attend this event like Shelby and Valier.

Mrs. Nancy Linnell said,

“It gives them (students) a chance to see opportunities for further education at a variety of schools and to learn what programs are offered at each school.”

Students and teachers show their support by wearing their favorite college apparel Wednesday Sept. 22. Students explored college opportunities the following day.



By **ALISON WATSON**

Mylynn Felt is the new English 10 and Journalism teacher at NTCHS. She was born in Ogden, Utah and graduated from Southern Utah University in 1999 with a B.A. in English. She did her student teaching in Las Vegas. She earned her M.Ed. from Weber State University where she worked in residential housing for three years and taught small group and interpersonal communications and public speaking for six. She also taught classes at Clearfield High for seven years including AP English, IB English, English 10, Communications, and Creative Writing. Felt moved to Sunburst, Mont. a year ago because her husband, Eugene Felt, took a job at the Sweetgrass Port in customs.

Mr. Biniek

By **VERONICA GILLUND**

Russell Biniek, 27, of Cut Bank, Montana was recently hired as the business/tech teacher of NTCHS.

Biniek started his college education at Montana Tech, originally studying to be a metallurgical engineer. After one year and two weeks of studying for this profession, he realized he hated physics and changed his major to business. From there he graduated at the top of his class.

After tutoring students during his college career, he found that doing this was much more fun than actually doing the work.

Biniek then student taught at Big Sky High School before moving on to teach math, business, and computer classes for three years at Anaconda

See You at the Pole

By **VERONICA GILLUND**

At eight a.m. on Wednesday Sept. 22, some of the students of NTCHS participated in an international day of prayer, called See You at the Pole. This event was organized by sophomore Kylie Patti

Class of 2013

Colton Brown

Residence: Shelby
Birthday: July 22
Interests: Speech and Drama, basketball, soccer
Pets: Dog, turtle
TV Show: Psych
Candy Bar: Cookies 'n Creme Hershey's Bar



Cory Buckley

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: Feb. 27
Interests: Football, trucks, girls
Pets: Horse and pet dragon named Bob
TV Show: Family Guy, South Park
Candy Bar: Fast Break and Butter Finger



Rachel Ehlers

Residence: East of Sunburst
Birthday: July 3
Interests: Basketball, volleyball, trampolines, tic-tac-toe
Pets: Dog, cat, kittens, "Monkey"
TV Show: That 70's Show
Candy Bar: Milky Way



Ikika Endrina

Residence: Kevin
Birthday: July 22
Interests: Drawing, yo yo
Pets: None
TV Show: Thousand Ways to Die
Candy Bar: Milky Way



Haley Denison

Residence: Kevin
Birthday: Nov. 8
Interests: Volleyball, basketball, softball, snowboarding
Pets: Two dogs, two cats
TV Show: Anything on the Game Show Network
Candy Bar: Red Twizzlers



Stephanie Gliko

Residence: Oilmont
Birthday: Feb. 15
Interests: Volleyball, basketball, softball
Pets: Dog, three cats
TV Show: That '70's Show
Candy Bar: Sour Patch Watermelon



Brooke Lindskog

Residence: Sweetgrass
Birthday: Nov. 17
Interests: Volleyball, basketball
Pets: Two dogs
TV Show: That '70's Show
Candy Bar: Take Five



Austin Luckenbill

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: Nov. 20
Interests: Football, basketball
Pets: Dog
TV Show: That '70's Show
Candy Bar: Big Hunk



Class of 2013



Ben McAlpine

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: June 27
Interests: Football, track
Pets: Yorkie cross, cat, Dasc-hund
TV Show: Whose Line Is It Anyway
Candy Bar: Snickers and Butter Fingers



Kylie Pattison

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: Jan. 24
Interests: Volleyball, chillin' with friends
Pets: Dog Molley Jean
TV Show: Gossip Girl
Candy Bar: Skittles

Kramer Potack

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: Nov. 21
Interests: Football, hunting
Pets: Goldfish Jimmy
TV Show: Family Guy
Candy Bar: Big Hunk



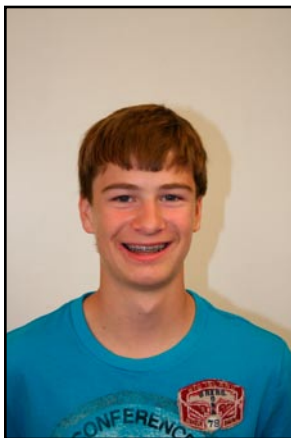
Kamron Ratzburg

Residence: East of Sunburst
Birthday: Sept. 9
Interests: Football, hunting, fishing
Pets: Dog named Nick
TV Show: Deadliest Catch
Candy Bar: Milky Way



Brett Simons

Residence: East of Sunburst
Birthday: Feb. 14
Interests: Football, reading, lifting weights, drumming
Pets: Golden Retriever named Trig
TV Show: Family Guy, Simpsons, Myth Busters
Candy Bar: Hershey's chocolate



Satyn Tomsheck

Residence: East of Sunburst
Birthday: Aug. 4
Interests: Dirt biking
Pets: Dog named Moose
TV Show: House
Candy Bar: Snickers



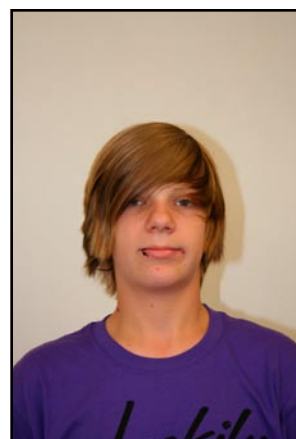
Shelby Wallace

Residence: Sunburst
Birthday: July 16
Interests: Volleyball, referees hockey
Pets: Two dogs, one cat, sometimes two to four pigs at farm
TV Show: Anything on the Food Channel
Candy Bar: M&M's



Jacob Woodward

Residence: Shelby
Birthday: June 20
Interests: Video games: Halo, skateboarding
Pets: Eight dogs, ten birds, one cat, and one fish
TV Show: Family Guy
Candy Bar: None; pizza



Local News

Photo Contest Calls for Entries

By MAHKIA CLARK

The Northern Telephone Cooperative (NTC) in Sunburst has begun accepting entries for the 2011 Northern Telephone Phone Book Cover Photo Contest. NTC members who are legal U.S. citizens and at least 18 are eligible to enter. Photos must be submitted to ntc@northerntel.net by Nov. 15, 2010.

Kim Stolz, an NTC employee, explained that photos must be taken in North Central Montana, be in color, and be submitted in a JPEG format by the original photographer. Stolz also stated that pho-

tos with "obscene or provocative content" are not allowed. If photos depict a recognizable person, a model release form is required (available at www.northerntel.net).

Photos with borders, frames, watermarks, signatures, copyright notices or artistic filters or other added photo elements will not be considered.

Stolz said, "We are looking for creativity and the quality of the photo." Official contest rules, photo entry forms, and model release forms are available on the NTC website: www.northerntel.net.

Making Votes Count

By ALISON WATSON

On Tuesday Nov. 2, the polls open for general elections.

Although there are not currently any city elections, the election to watch is the run for Justice of the Peace. The last Justice of the Peace died, leaving the state with an unusually high number of candidates. There are currently eight people running for the position of Justice of the Peace; because of this, the election votes will be close. The runners are as follows: Fred Brown, Mary Whitt, Erik E. Tokerud, Treva Nelson, Sherrie Murphy, Richard Steinhoff, Kari

Grant Frydenlund, Dina L. House. Linda Burley, Sunburst Clerk/Treasurer, said it will be a "very interesting election because there are usually only two people running."

Senior Mahkia Clark said "I'm excited to vote for the first time."

Linda McCulloch, Mont. secretary of state, noted "It is important that we vote as informed voters and exercise the right to vote." At least 440,000 copies of an informational pamphlet were sent out to help insure that Mont. citizens are informed voters on Oct. first.

To learn more, visit www.sos.mt.gov/Elections.

Dance

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homecoming experience. I had a blast."

Booster club member and chaperone Colleen Gillund observed the dance throughout the night. She said it seemed like a great end to the homecoming

festivities. "Mr. Tharp did a great job with the music," she added.

The dance followed the volleyball game against Chinook and the football game against Simmes.

Pounding the Pavement



PHOTO BY BETHANY MOORE

Local elementary students ride bikes on the newly paved intersection of 2nd St. South and 4th Ave.

Sunburst Gets Asphalt Intersections

By ANGIE CHRISTIAENS

Throughout the month of August, the Sunburst street intersections underwent a construction change to help improve the town's street conditions. According to city hall, engineering plans took place last summer and intersections were completed at the end of August. This upcoming Spring may promise more streets being repaved and improved, but plans haven't been started yet.

The town of Sunburst hired Century construction to lay concrete valley gutters in to make an even drive through the intersections. One Sunburst resident, Mr. Dan Nau said,

"I'm looking forward to the improvements. It's better that it (intersections) will divert excess water flow so there's no pooling and puddles in the streets."

Every family in Sunburst can look forward to the improvement and all ages have made use of the new development. Younger kids can easily ride their bikes on the smooth pavement. "You definitely see lots of other kids out using them (intersections) for bikes for a smoother ride," said Nau.

Sunburst looks towards better developments and hopes new plans for better roads will come forward.

Activities

Students Lead with FCCLA

By MAHKIA CLARK

The Sunburst chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently began their activity-filled year.

According to Nancy Linnell, chapter advisor, the first FCCLA activity was the Pre-Planning Meeting in Conrad held on Sept. 15 to discuss the upcoming District Convention. Seniors Angie Christiaens and Veronica Gillund and Juniors Amanda Tharp and Jayleen McAlpine attended this meeting.

Linnell said that on Friday Sept. 24, at least

20 members of FCCLA and five parents assisted with the Adopt-a-Highway program, headed by Becky Flesh (Jr.), Rachel Ehlers (So.), Kyle Pattison (So.) and Brett Simmons (So.) Members and parents removed garbage from along the interstate.

Upcoming events, Linnell explained, include creating a float for the Homecoming parade, the District Convention in Valier on Nov. 8 with a "Passport to Success" theme, blood drives (chaired by Gillund) and updating the community bulletin board.

Cheer Club Pumps Fans Up

By MAHKIA CLARK

Juniors Amanda Tharp and Whitney Aschim have undertaken the task of pumping up the crowd at North Toole County High School home games.

Under the direction of cheer coach Tawna Hanson, Tharp and Aschim present the color guard at every home Refiner football game. They wear a uniform of red shirts and black pants and present the United States and Montana flags.

Tharp explained that their practices depend on their schedules and upcoming events, and that they lead

the crowd in cheers during games.

Aschim and Tharp also created lockers signs for students in sports. According to Tharp, they will continue their current activities until basketball season, where they will recruit for more members to have a full uniformed cheerleading squad.

Tharp said, "I joined cheer because I'm really preppy and have lots of energy. I love to be around everyone." Aschim said, "I joined because I was in cheer last year and enjoyed it."

How Halloween Haunting Happened Historically

By LARA CLARK

October 31, Halloween, began as the Celtic celebration of the end of harvest season. It is one of the world's oldest holidays. The word Halloween means all hallows days or all souls day. The Celts believed that on the night of Halloween the worlds of the dead and the living overlap and the dead would come alive and cause chaos.

"Trick or Teat?" is not a saying but a question. It began in the U.S. for little kids who went to houses dressed up. If the owner did not give them a "treat" then the children would play a "trick" on them.

When the Celtic people dressed up for the evil spirits they would wear animal heads and animal skins. Their celebration would consist of big bonfires which they would burn animals in as a sacrifice to the Celtic deities. Celtic Culture would wear masks and dress up to mimic the evil spirits to appease them, they believed that if they did not celebrate this event that it would bring sickness and bad crops.

Senior Jacoba Hauschulz said "Halloween is a fun time to dress up crazy and eat as much candy as you want."



Mr. Dunk, sophomore Brooke Lindskog, sophomore Stephanie Gliko and Mr. Aschim dress as The Incredibles for "Hero Day" during Homecoming Week.



Elementary student Kelly Krutzfeld prepares to throw a football during the annual Punt, Pass, Kick, held at NTCHS Thursday Sept. 16.

Sports



Photo by Nancy Wallace



Junior Hali Miller, junior Alex Watterud, senior Jacoba Hauschulz and sophomore Rachel Ehlers celebrate a kill against Chinook.



Sophomore Kramer Potack prepares to snap the ball while junior Justin Hauschulz and sophomore Austin Luckenbill form the line.

Sophomore Rachel Ehlers jumps for a kill while the rest of the varsity team rushes to cover during Saturday's game against Chinook.

Volleyball Wins One, Loses One

By **ANGIE CHRISTIAENS**

On Friday Oct. 8 the Lady Refiners took on the CJI Hawks.

The first game was lost by only two points, followed with a second game win. The third game was a loss of 11 points, but the Lady Refiners came together to win the fourth game by three. The last game was the toughest and both teams played hard, but the CJI Hawks came out with an 18-16 win. Angie Christiaens led the team in kills with 18 and Becky Flesch powered her way, leading the team with three aces. Hali Miller led with 31 assists and Alex Watterud hustled to gain 35 of the 72 digs. Christiaens also led the team in blocks with four.

The Lady Refiners then played against the Chinook Sugarbeaters Satur-

Varsity Scoreboard

Power: W (3-0)
 Simms: L (0-3)
 Valier: L (2-3)
 North Star: W (3-2)
 CJI Tournament: 3rd Place
 CJI: L (2-3)
 Chinook: W (3-0)

day. The match was definitely shorter than Friday night. The Lady Refiners stomped Chinook in only three games. They won the first two games by two points and finished in third game with a win of 25-22. Christiaens led the team in kills with ten while Jacoba Hauschulz, Rachel Ehlers, and Watterud each had their own ace to contribute to the victory. Miller led the team again in assists with 20, while Watterud contributed eight of the digs. Brooke Lindskog also jumped high to gain one of the blocks.

Community Supports Football

By **ANGIE CHRISTIAENS**

On the night of Oct. 10 the Sunburst Refiner football team battled against the Simms Tigers under the lights on the Sunburst home field.

The football game started out slow for the Refiners with Simms scoring first, but Junior Scotty Bye ran for 14 yards to score Sunburst's first touchdown. Simms scored yet again until Bye pushed the ball for a nine-yard run and Sunburst put more points on the board. Both of Bye's runs were in the second quarter.

Sunburst tried to hold off Simms, but more injuries sidelined players.

Senior OJay Hartzell contributed to the team by hitting hard for five tackles and being quick on his feet for two fumble recoveries. Sophomore Kamron Ratzburg also played well by gaining six tackles.

"Our offense could've worked a little better, but our defense pushed them back in the beginning," said Hartzell.

The ending score for the game was Sunburst 12, Simms 53.

Varsity Scoreboard

Tri Cities: L (44-59)
 Belt: L (26-58)
 CJI: L (0-58)
 Simms: L (12-53)

Freshmen Tylor Tomscheck, Conner Overcast, Austin Robbins, and Mason Kearns perform "I'm a Little Teapot" during the bonfire Friday.



Photo by Nancy Wallace

Felt

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Felt decided to be a teacher because she loves education, learning, and discussions. She said that “If I wasn’t teaching, I’d want to be taking classes.” She loves learning from her students as well.

Felt’s hobbies include snow skiing, snowboarding and water skiing. She loves Rock climbing and scuba diving. She often gets herself into large sewing projects that she “doesn’t have the skill to finish.” She also crochets, enjoys photography and astronomy and all general crafting as well as quoting movies. Felt is a “purple

fanatic” and loves hats. In the summer of 2009, Felt led a group of students on what she called an adventure across Europe.

Family is a very important aspect in Felt’s life. She has been married for eight years. Felt said she has “four and a half daughters.” Her youngest is four months and her oldest is ten, but her niece Alison Watson, 17, also lives with her. She often spends her vacations at a family cottage in Bear Lake, Utah with her parents, four siblings, and nieces and nephews.

Homecoming

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were fire trucks, horses, fancy cars, and army trucks carrying football players. Students threw candy to the kids waiting for their treats.

Diana Barsness said, “There was a good effort from all classes on the floats this year, and everyone looked like they were having a great time.”

Immediately after the parade, community members attended the Booster Club sponsored Tailgate Party at the Sunburst Fire Hall. Then Mr. Shannon Dunk and Mr. Nate Aschim ran the NTCHS class games. Competitions were held between the classes.

Junior Titia Bloch and senior Jacoba Hauschulz dance to “Cotton-eyed Joe” during the Homecoming Dance.

The games included Tug-of-War, Water Chug, Bubble Gum Find, Football Throw, Wheelbarrow Race, Three-Legged Race, and Egg Toss. The overall results were seniors (1st) sophomores (2nd), juniors (3rd), and freshman (4th).

The day concluded with a volleyball game, football game, and finally, the semi-formal Homecoming Dance held on the stage of the auditorium.



Biniek

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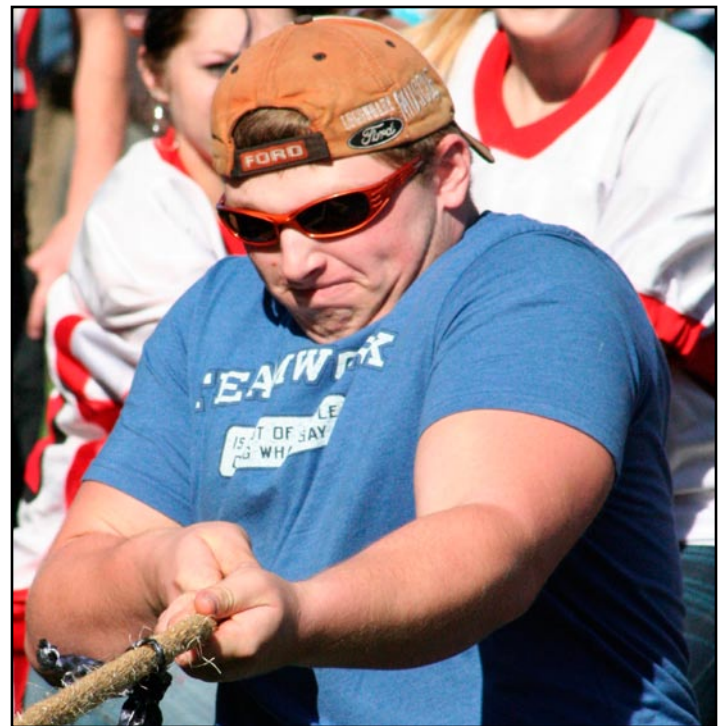
High School.

According to Biniek, when he saw the job opening in Sunburst, a light bulb flickered on and because he was familiar with what he called Sunburst’s great science program and the smaller class size it had, he applied for the job because he knew he would be able to get to know the students as individuals.

When he isn’t teaching,

one might find Biniek fishing or playing video games, his two hobbies. His video game favorites include *Modern Warfare 2*, *Mass Effect 2* and *W.O.W.*

Another interesting fact about Biniek is that he is confident in his intelligence. He said, “I’m probably the smartest guy here....I mean that in a nice way, though.”



Senior Coby Epperson pulls the seniors to tug of war victory during class games.

Prayer

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chase doughnuts, bracelets and t-shirts to give to the kids who participated.

Sophomore Rachel Ehlers was one of the participants and said that it was a good opportunity to pray with others in school and for anyone to express themselves. Ehlers said, “I thought it was nice ‘cause lots of people came.” This

wasn’t new to her, however, since she is a member of the volleyball team, and they pray before every game.

Pattison chaired this event because she enjoys being a leader. She said, “It was fun to see kids come together and be able to express themselves through prayer.”