Music, masks, merriment abound at Granger High Art Fest

By Julie Stanna

Granger High senior Isaiah Torres had never displayed any of his ceramics when his teacher told him about the school’s second annual art festival and asked him to display a piece.

“I showed off a ceramic-thrown tea cup,” he said. “I spent a couple days with it in class on a wheel, then added a handle. It was fired after I painted it red on the outside and black on the inside.”

Torres, who is on the school’s wrestling team and enjoys ceramics as a hobby, said it was his favorite item of a couple things he made in his Ceramics II class.

“It was cool just to have people see it and say it was neat,” he said.

His teacher, Visual Arts Chair Andrea Heidinger, said hundreds of people turned out to flood the school commons and auditorium to hear the school’s instrumental groups, such as pep band, orchestra, concert band and rock band; watch the dance classes and drama classes perform; and listen to the chorals groups’ repertoire.

There were also displays exhibiting students’ work in sculpture, printmaking, drawing and ceramics.

“This had a lot of people involved who aren’t always ones who display their work or perform,” Heidinger said. “We probably had 800 to 1,000 students who took part in performing arts, drama, fine arts, and dance or were stage crew volunteers.”

Heidinger said that last year, Division Chair Chris Moore, with the support of Vice Principal Rob Wessman, decided the festival would celebrate arts like many events or competitions focus on sports.

“This year, Vice Principal Ryan Oaks helped Heidinger, with the support of Principal Jerry Haslam.

“We were working together with other teachers to see kids get excited and want to really support each other by look-

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