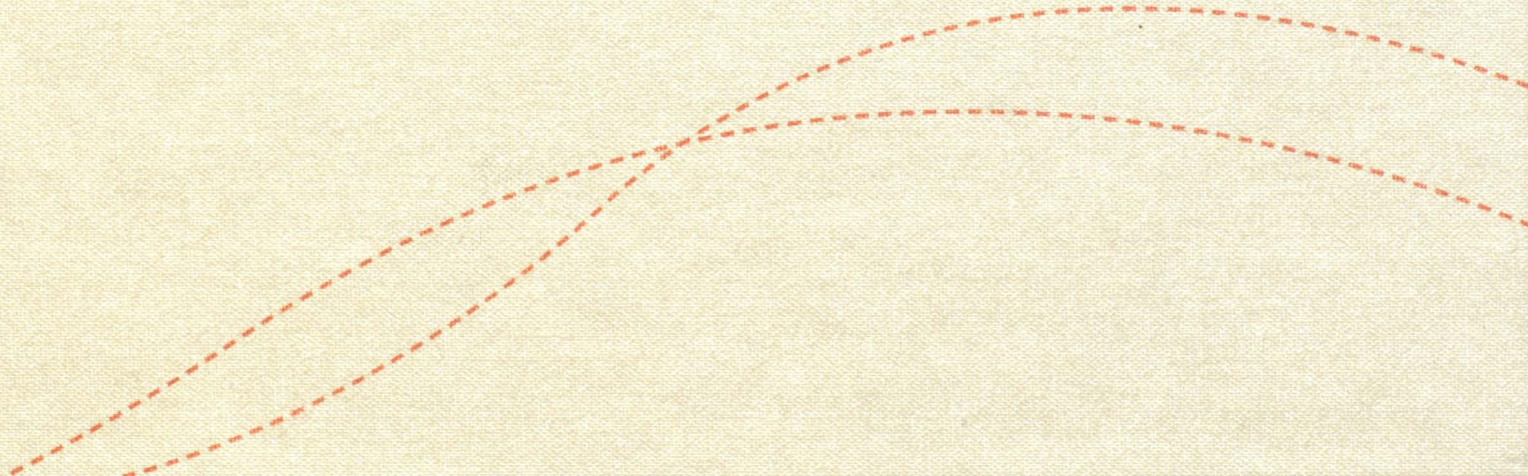
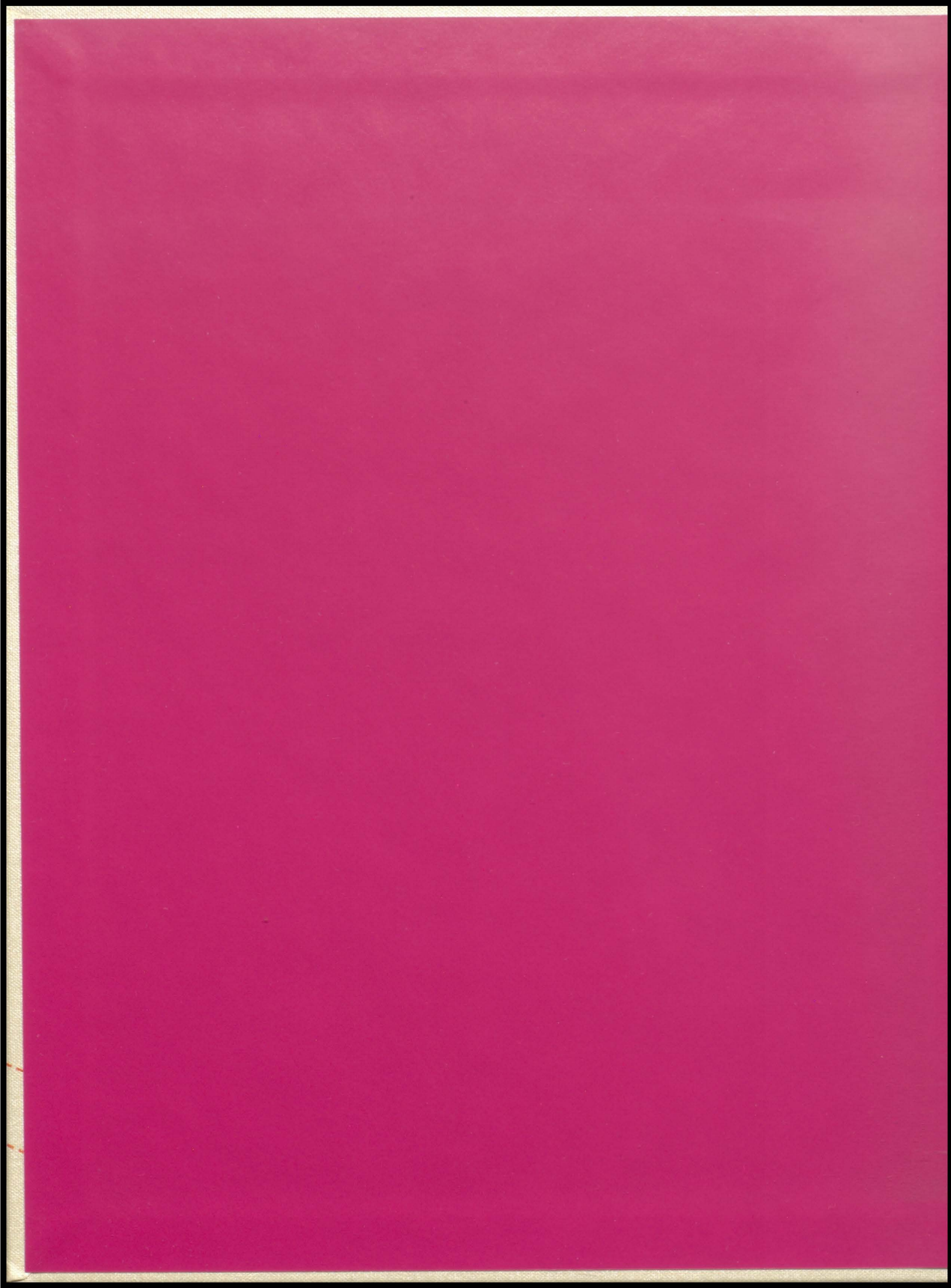
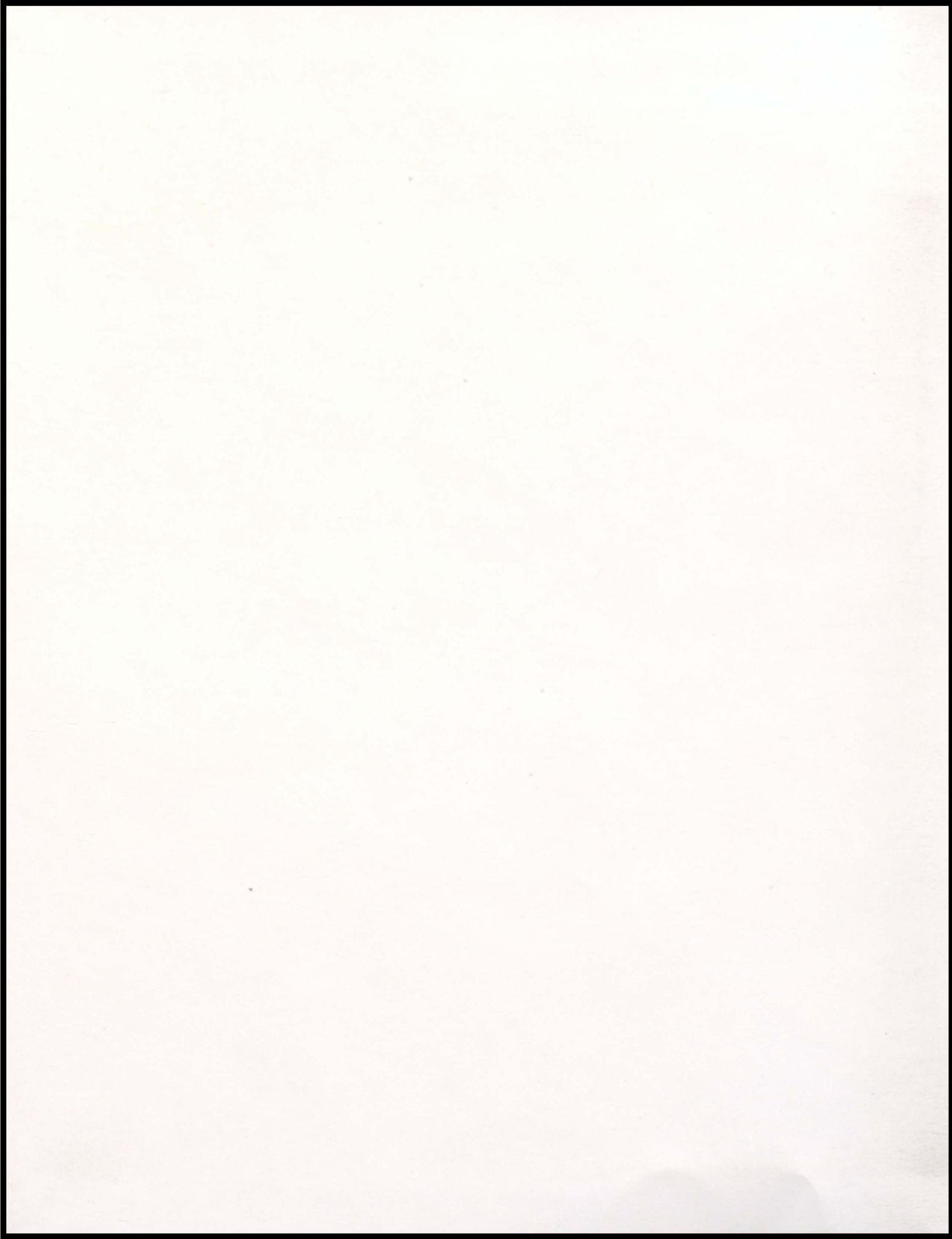


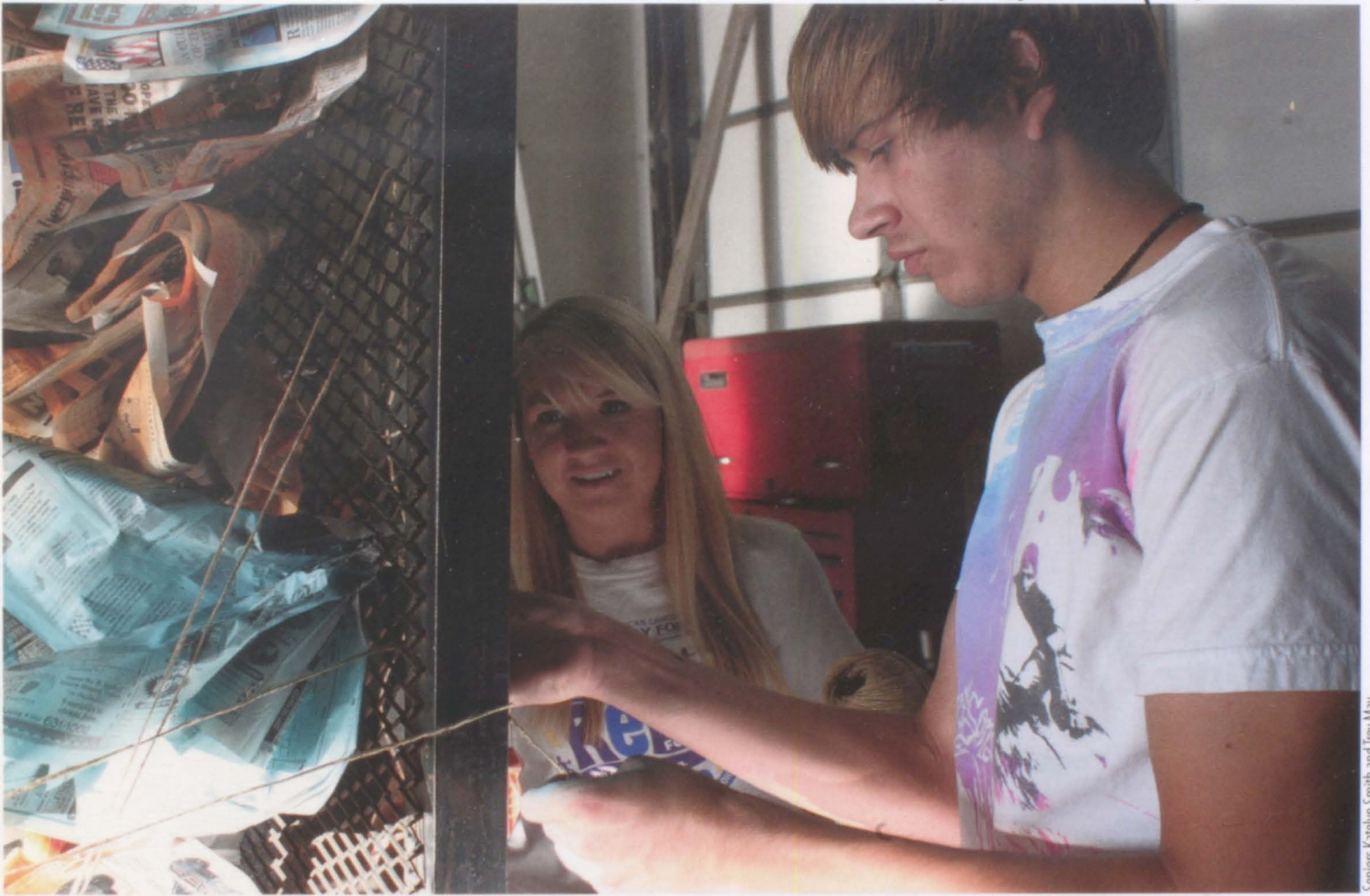
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Seniors Katelyn Smith and Trey May

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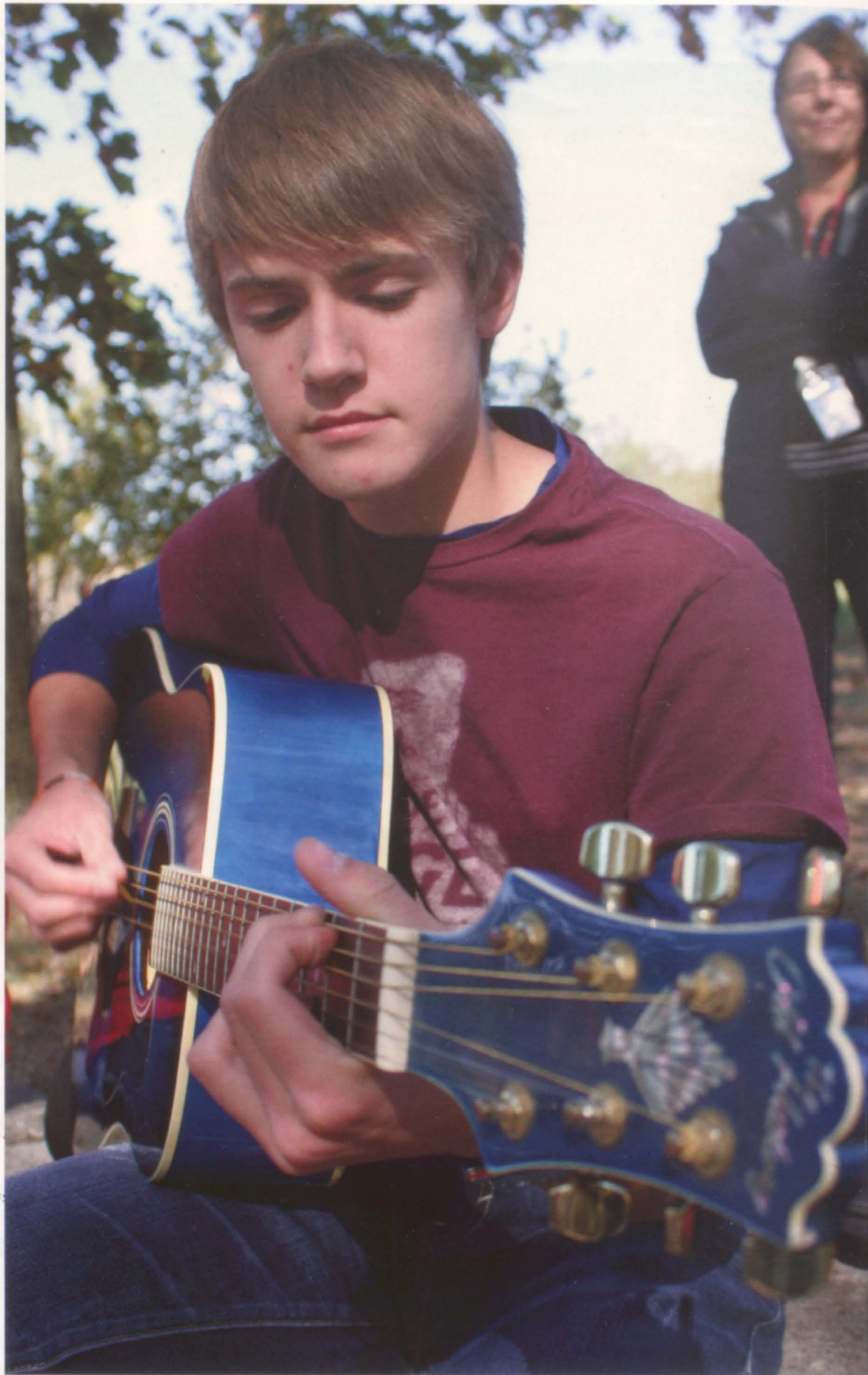
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» **On a Friendship Group field trip**, junior Aaron Lewis plays his guitar at the Cider Hill Family Orchard. The group sat around a campfire to sing and eat s'mores at the end of the day after choosing pumpkins and picking apples.

» **Squaring the wood**, junior Dustin Russell is assisted by Wood Technology teacher Casey Seirer while making a clock during fourth hour.



» **Stirring things up**, junior Breana Lynn helps her group cook a special dish as part of an Iron Chef competition in Tara George's Culinary Essentials class.





» **Spicing it up**, junior Haley Richmond performs in a Latin-themed halftime show at a home game. The band used this performance to sharpen their skills for their trip to the Alamo Bowl at the end of December.

» **Representing their class**, seniors Dyan Mackey and Maryssa Peterson compete in a two-legged race during the first Renaissance assembly.



We create...

MEMORIES, FRIENDSHIPS,

BONDS THAT WILL LAST

DRAMA, EXCUSES,

THINKING ON THE GO

LAUGHTER AND LOVE,

MOMENTS TO CHERISH

CONFIDENCE, CHARACTER,

OUR OWN IDENTITY

PURPOSE AND MEANING,

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS



» **Working together**, juniors Ciera Sweeney and Jared Clements create a Wizard of Oz themed pumpkin in their seventh hour independent study art class. "Jared and I always work well together," Sweeney said. "We chose this design because the Wizard of Oz is a very recognizable Kansas symbol. I liked how it turned out, and I was glad it was part of a service project to help those with special needs."

If all starts when...

You walk through the front doors and open your locker for the very first time, not knowing what's ahead or what you'll be asked to **CREATE**. A phone dialog in your senior English class? A box for an egg baby? A halftime show that's good enough to take to Texas?

The possibilities are endless, and you learn pretty quickly that your time here is a reflection of what you choose to **CREATE**.

The process can be exhausting, but also rewarding—like when you overcome your fear of being wrong and score your first point in a Scholar's Bowl meet. Or when you finally **CREATE** your Senior Project, putting behind the daunting task that made eight hours of sleep a distant memory.

It's the silly tweets you **CREATE** and the inside jokes that only you and your friends understand. It's those unforgettable moments you share with the people you've known your whole life or with those you just met in your seventh hour psychology class.

It's the camaraderie you **CREATE** every day in practice that leads you to a district football championship or a trip to the state basketball tournament. It's the realization that the only way you can possibly understand Calculus is when you **CREATE** snowmen with functions in the land of Sharpnackia.

It all comes down to finding your identity through four long, yet short years. You **CREATE** high school and it in turn **CREATES** you. Through your eyes, mind, heart and hands, you build, explore, love, see, discover and live, but most of all, you...

CREATE



✦ **Getting messy**, senior Aley Lies creates cake pops as part of a Spanish Honor Society fundraiser.

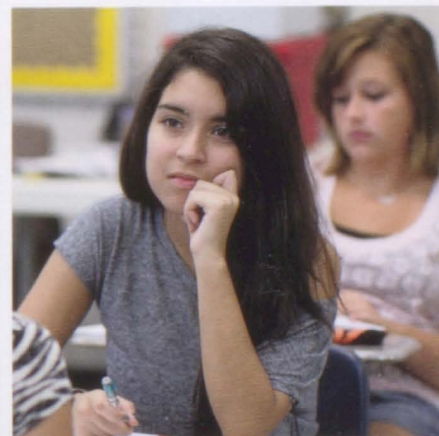
✦ **With an apple cider toast**, senior Erica Wilson, juniors Anna Deegan and Cassidy Holloway and senior Erin Marx celebrate their substate victory over Tonganoxie, earning a first-ever trip to the state basketball tournament.





✦ **Sporting a new jersey**, senior Toby Sullivan readies himself to take control of the ball in a home game against Topeka Seamen.

✦ **Slicing into her slab of clay**, sophomore Alex Carter creates a ceramic mobile in her 3-D art class.



✦ **Chilling in the commons**, sophomores Skyler Lucas and Nicole Norris (middle) work on the Mac laptops to research successful entrepreneurs in Bryce McFarland's Business Management class.

✦ **Deep in thought**, freshman Maressa Garcia intently listens to a presentation by English teacher Jennifer Stricherz during freshman orientation on Aug. 12.





FIFTY TENENTS

Homecoming Spirit Week

By Emily Hunt

80's Day



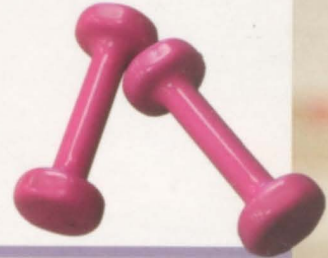
"I like being able to dress up in something I wouldn't normally wear. It didn't really take me too long to put it together because I had already thought of what I wanted to do the night before. I'm all for dressing up and dressing like people back in the day.

-Kordni Sanborn, 10



"I got my jacket from my grandpa, who wore it in his younger days. Then I just randomly found the shorts in my closet, which gave me great ideas for my outfit.

Grant Lewis, 10



Camo Day

"I used my mom's Army jacket from her basic training days. It took me a while to go through all of her Army stuff in the basement, but I was glad I did. I thought Camo Day was a great addition to the week.

-Jessica Carroll, 12



Maui Day

"I felt the same as every other day, just having fun while I could. It was fun to see people wearing ghillie suits at school.

Troy Hull, 11

"My sister had a Hawaiian 16th birthday party, so I just used clothes from that. I heard many comments throughout the day from people who said they loved my dress.

Stephanie Rose, 11



War Party

"I got the suit for \$70 last year and wore it to every big game during basketball season. Many people asked me 'Isn't it hot in that?' But it's actually very comfortable.

Nate Mitchell, 12



"I worked at Price Chopper after school and had to explain more than a dozen times that it was my high school's homecoming. One man came to my checkout lane and just fell to the ground laughing, breaking his eggs in the process.

Cesar Diaz, 11

"I picked Lucille Ball from 'I Love Lucy' because she is very funny, and I think I somewhat resemble her. Mackenzie Lofton and her mother put together the idea and the outfit. I'm very glad they did.

Haley Meier, 12



{Identify theft Day}

» **Rocking the 80's mullet,** freshman Ryan Closser works on a paper during his third hour World History and Geography class.



Teacher look-a-likes

"I adore Mrs. Sharpnack. She's hilarious and sassy and just plain amazing. The hardest part was definitely the hair. It took several good tries, and quite a few poor tries to perfect it, and it still wasn't good enough. I would so do this again. It was fun being Mrs. Sharpnack, and it was cool to feel the kind of power that she possesses."

Jacob Palmer, 12

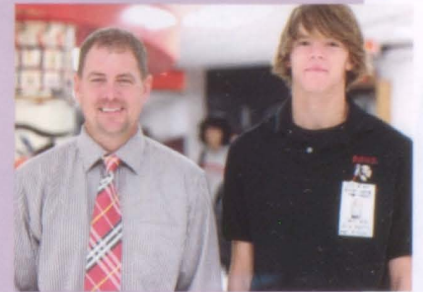


"I picked Mr. Addington because he's my favorite teacher and I haven't really seen anyone else at school who wore a bow tie. I thought it would be easy for other people to tell who I was impersonating. I couldn't find a bow tie at my house, so my dad decided to make one out of cardboard; it worked out great."

Luciano Fasani, 10

"I was just brainstorming with some people on who to be when Mr. Moulin walked by, thus giving me my inspiration. Mr. Moulin was thoroughly impressed with how accurately I portrayed him. I felt powerful and in charge. Now I see why Mr. Moulin is always happy."

Ryan Cook, 12



celebrity look-a-likes

"I was Jesus because I wanted to represent the coolest person that ever walked the face of this earth. Some people bowed down to me in the cafeteria, which was pretty funny."

Hannah Novogradic, 11

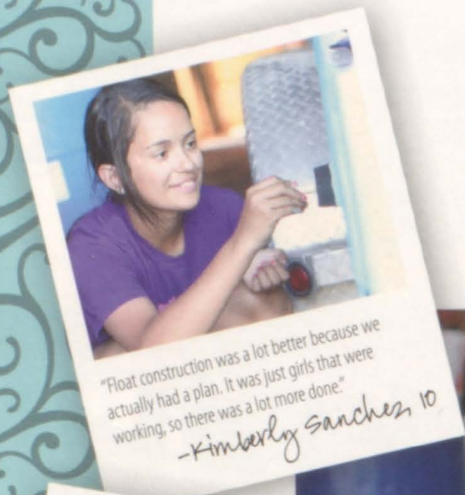


"I wanted to dress up like Mr. Klager because his style is very professional and easy to notice. I think he approved because he told me that I was looking good that day. It felt odd because everyone kept calling me Klager, but it was also awesome because he is the Klagerator."

George Docking, 12

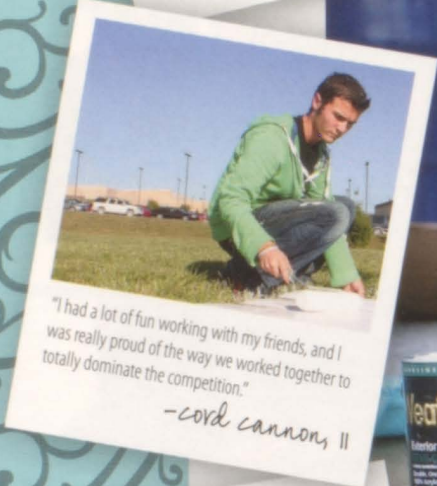
Say ALOHA to a Hawaiian Homecoming

By Ashton Irlas



"Float construction was a lot better because we actually had a plan. It was just girls that were working, so there was a lot more done."

-Kimberly Sanchez, 10



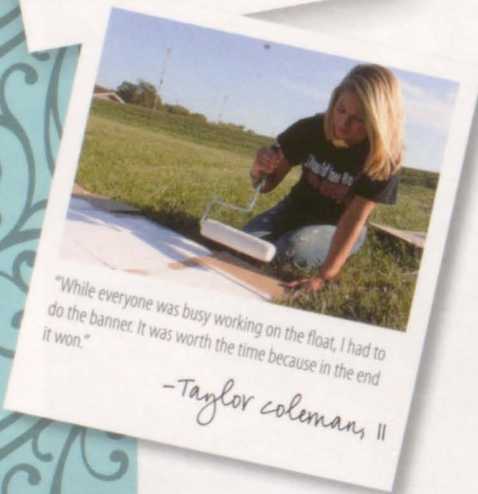
"I had a lot of fun working with my friends, and I was really proud of the way we worked together to totally dominate the competition."

-Cord Cannon, 11



"We really took it all the way this year. We had a simple, yet awesome idea, and after three years, our class has learned how to work together."

-Chad Vels, 11



"While everyone was busy working on the float, I had to do the banner. It was worth the time because in the end it won."

-Taylor Coleman, 11



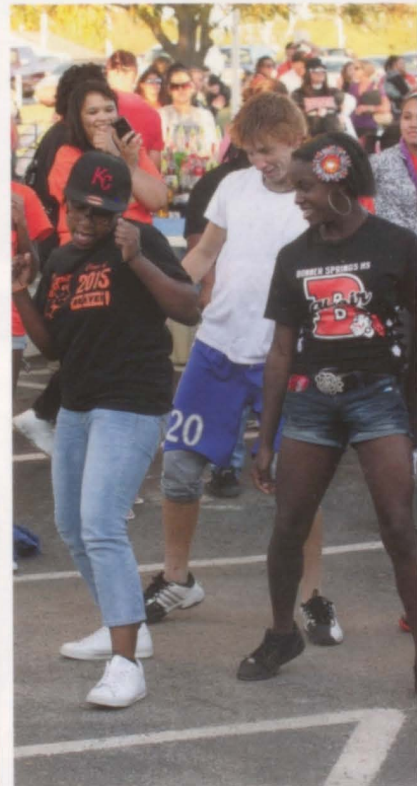
» **Intently focusing**, sophomore Citlally Fernandez precisely paints the football laces for her class float.



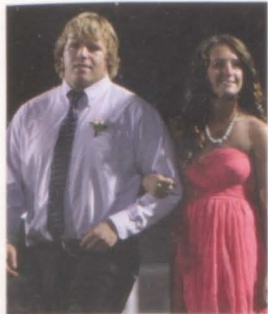
» **Holding her breath**, sophomore Lilly Eickhoff plunges into the ice-cold water during her Stuco shift at the pep rally dunk tank.

» **Overcoming the odds**, senior Kylee Timberlake sits in triumph after avoiding another dip in the dunk tank. "I think the pep rally was a really good way to get everyone in the spirit before the game. People look forward to dunking others into the freezing water," Timberlake said.

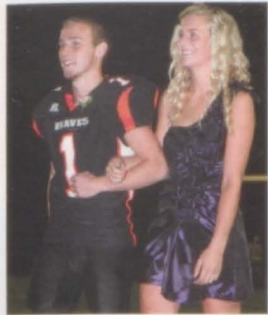
» **Letting loose**, freshmen Kianna Hickman and Aarionna Holliday (far right) get down during the pep rally as senior Spencer Bush joins in.



2011 Royalty



Nicholas Clark and Lauren Callahan



Nate Mitchell and Emily Hunt



King B.J. Watson and Queen Breanna Tendick



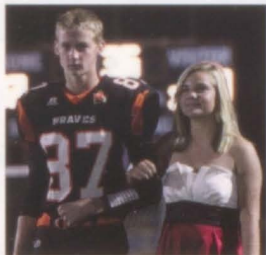
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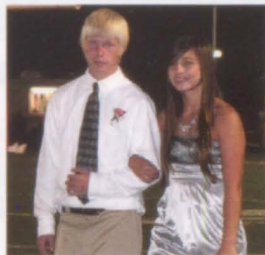
Brett Stewart and Toni Stock



Matthew Call and Taylor Hogan-Gooch



Travis Dooley and Bailey Hightower



Roman Glenn and Shelby Taylor



"I was shocked when I saw my friends slide on their sunglasses right before we stepped out. It was a relief and I didn't feel so awkward."

-Breanna Tendick 12



A Royal Pain

Dress, heels, hair, and nails are usually the stressing points for a Homecoming queen candidate, but for senior Bre Tendick it was avoiding the urge to sneeze and covering up a black eye.

During a softball accident the week before the festivities, Tendick suffered a concussion and a broken nose and had to ignore the pains.

Although nobody else had to go through the same, her friends were kind enough to wear sunglasses with her during the royalty assembly.

"We didn't want her to be the odd one out, so we all thought it'd be nice to make it easier for her. Besides, who doesn't like sunglasses?" Emily Hunt said.

Could ya hit the Lights?



✦ **Exploring her artistic abilities**, freshman cheerleader Gabby Bennett volunteers to face paint during the Homecoming pep rally as part of a squad fundraiser.

✦ **Gearing up for the game**, sophomore Itzel Soto has her face painted to show her spirit and pride. "I really enjoyed all of the activities at the pep rally. They really helped to get everybody pumped up for the game," Soto said.



✦ **At their first dance**, freshmen Airyana Fox and Caleb Malone (far left) sway to the music in the commons. A new wrinkle to this year's dance was the absence of the traditionally dark dance floor when the emergency lights behind the vending machines could not be turned off.

✦ **Slowing it down**, junior Joshua Bonwell and senior Maryssa Peterson enjoy a change of pace. "We had a great time," Bonwell said.

Twitter #obsessed



Camden Barker, 12
@12Fully
How many times do you tweet a day?
At least 10 times a day.
How many followers do you have? 10,600

What famous people do you follow?

Mac Miller, Lil Wayne, Tyga, Drake

What do you tweet about?

Mostly random stuff, whatever is trending.

Why do you think your tweets are so popular?

They're funny and people can relate to them.



Maressa Garcia, 9
@MaressaDeLaCruz
Twitter vs. Facebook?
Twitter. It's more of an addicting thing. You can tweet as much as you want without someone complaining about

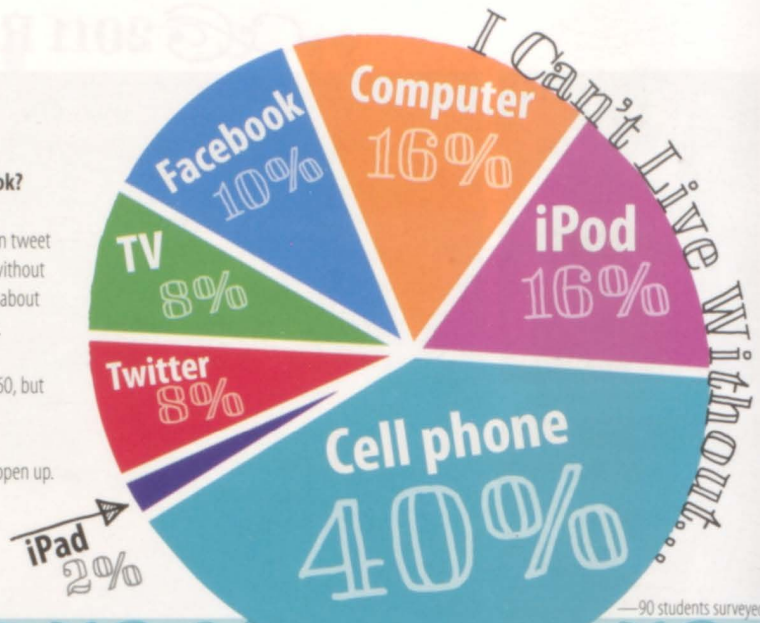
how many status changes you made in an hour.

How many times do you tweet a day?

It depends on my day. If I'm busy it is less than 60, but if I'm bored I go on a tweet rampage!

What do you tweet about?

Anything that's on my mind. Twitter is mine to open up.



Lifestyles & TRENDS

By Madison Epp

CHANGING IT UP...

For some, lunch is the most anticipated part of the day—an opportunity to relax, to chat with friends, to catch up on homework, and of course to appease your appetite. While many students take advantage of the daily cafeteria selections or the ever-expanding Brave Cave options, such as Hot Pockets or Simple Simon's pizza every Friday, more and more students have resorted to bringing a homemade lunch.



"I bring my lunch to school because school lunch is really gross and my mom doesn't want to pay \$2.05 for a lunch that I don't even enjoy."

—Katelyn Cochran, 10



"I don't really like the school lunch. I got sick two years ago from it, and I've brought my lunch ever since."

—Gonzalo Pichardo, 12



"My lunch usually consists of a turkey wrap, chips, an apple, and juice. My mother packs my lunch every evening."

—Caroline Clark, 10



You saw plenty of them in the fall, sported by celebrities in commercials and in movies, but after winter break they were everywhere. Whether bright pink, red, blue or silver, over-the-ear headphones became the hottest new trend, leaving the earbud headphones behind.



✦ **Hyping themselves up**, seniors Jourdain Smallwood and B.J. Watson listen to "House Party" by Meek Mill with their beats before the Pink Out game at Turner.

✦ **Shutting out the world**, junior Mason Roberts listens to his music through his new high performance headphones. "I saw a commercial for Beats and I really liked them, so I got them. The sound quality is great and I like how I can't hear anything else when I have them on. They were around \$300 and I've had them since Christmas."

I'm addicted to Nutella



Fun Facts

- ★ One serving size of Nutella (1 tablespoon) has **100** calories.
- ★ The amount of Nutella produced in one day is equivalent to **three times** the weight of the Statue of Liberty.
- ★ If you lined up the number of Nutella jars sold annually, it would wrap around the moon **four times**.
- ★ About **70 million** hazelnuts are used worldwide each day in the production of Nutella.



"I started liking Nutella around the beginning of the school year because my friends always had it around. It's so good because it's not too rich and who doesn't like chocolate? I put it on bread or waffles and dip pretzels in it. Once Sasha Bingaman and I tried it on crab rangoon... not so good."

-Alex Carter, 10

"At first I saw Nutella in stores, but I didn't pay attention to it until all the girls brought it to school. I like Nutella because it's unique and tastes delicious. I usually eat it with pretzels, but it's good with fruit and on crepes at IHOP."

-Travis Dooley, 10



Clothing

Pet Peeves

Do you have one?

"It really irks me when I see a person running, and they have to pull up their pants so they don't trip on them. Sometimes I even see a belt and the pants are still baggy! If you want to wear baggy jeans, then please wear them at home. No one wants to see your boxer shorts at school when they're trying to learn."

-Beverly Moore, 12

"I don't like it when people wear socks with sandals. I just find it annoying. If you're going to put on socks, then why not put on tennis shoes? If you don't have tennis shoes, why wear socks?"

-Larissa Mitchell, 1

"It really gets under my skin when people wear calf-high basketball socks with Sperry's because they just don't go together. They are two completely different styles that should never be mixed."

-Sammy Weller, 11

"I don't like it when guys' shoes don't match their clothes. It also annoys me when guys' collars don't lay flat."

-Andre Cobbins, 12

"I hate it when girls wear really baggy sweatpants, and they tuck them into their boots. Another thing I don't like is when girls tuck in their tank tops."

-Madison Hurley, 10



-Stephanie Isley, 9

Why do you color your hair?

I like how it puts me out there. When people talk about me they can say, "That one chick with the rainbow mohawk."

What do you use to color your hair?

Funky Fruit Dye

Do you style your own hair?

Yes. I cut, shave, and dye my hair.

What are people's reactions?

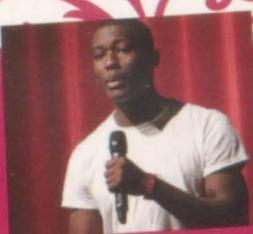
I only get good reactions. No one ever comes up to me and says, "Hey, I hate your hair."

How often do you change your hair?

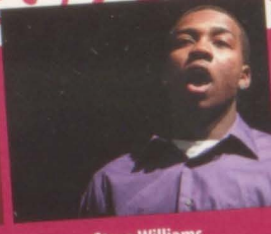
I touch up my hair every two weeks, but I recolor it.

How long have you been dying your hair?

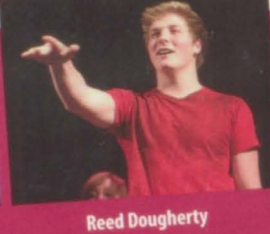
I've been dying my hair since I was nine, and I am pretty sure that my natural hair color is light brown.



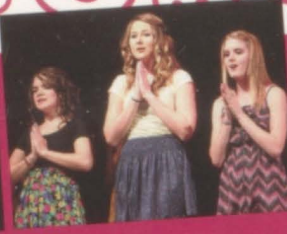
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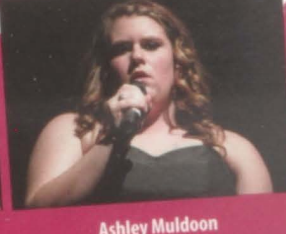
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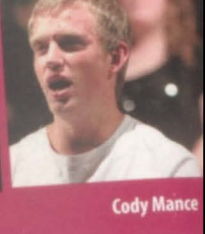
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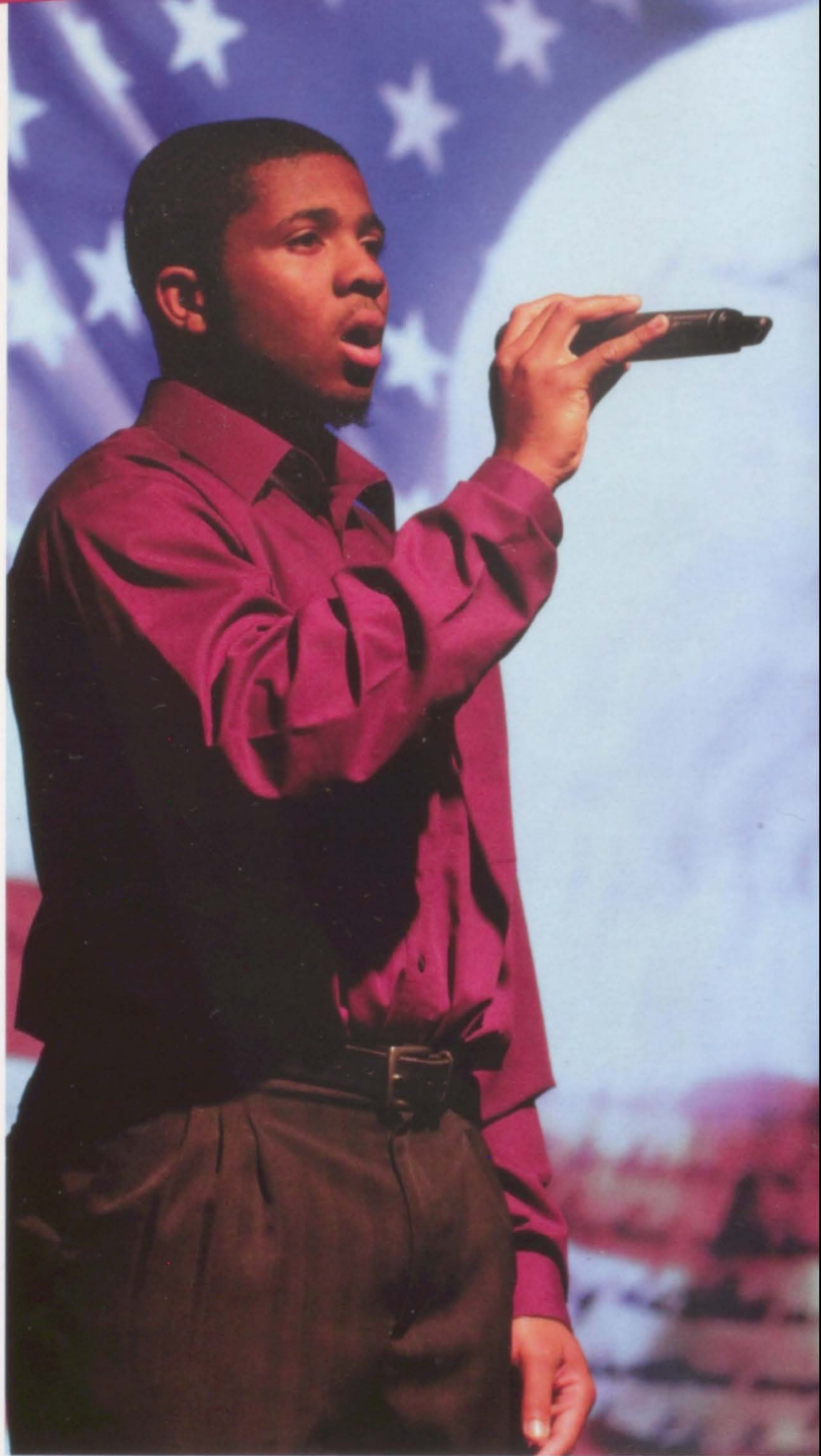
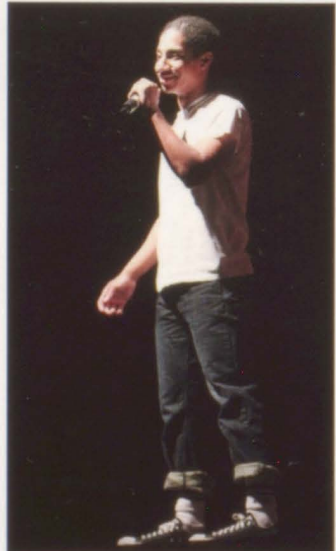
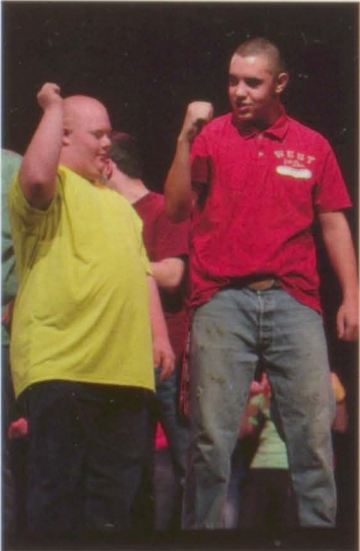
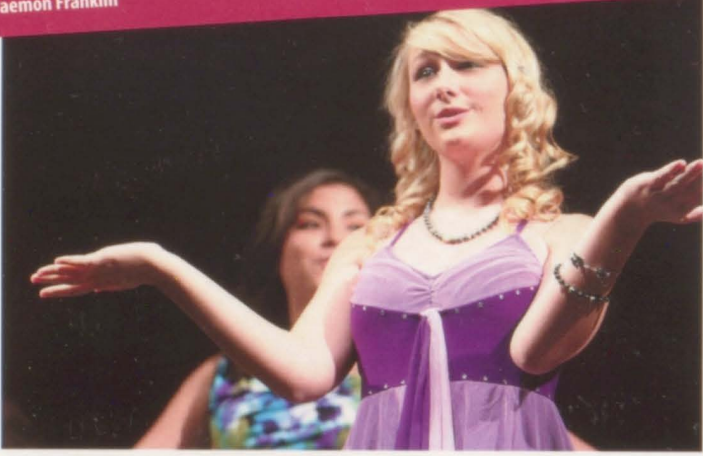
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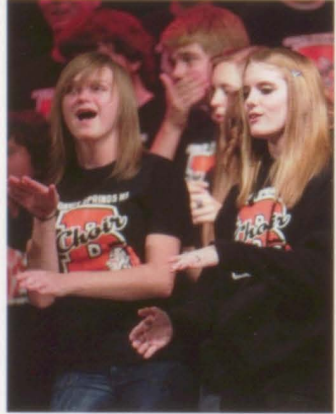


✦ **Staying in harmony with the Women's Ensemble**, junior Krista Owens (top) sings "I Say A Little Prayer For You" by Dionne Warwick.

✦ **Dancing in the middle of the stage**, sophomore Auston Twombly fist pumps to the song "Hey Ya!" by OutKast with junior Jacob Sopher.

✦ **Soaking up his time in the spotlight**, senior B.J. Watson sings "My Girl" by The Temptations in front of a captivated audience. "I loved the quality of this song, and I loved it more that I could sing it with my friends," Watson said.

✦ **Enjoying the final musical number**, juniors Sarah Catron and Stephanie Arnold dance to the song "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell.





Allie Crane



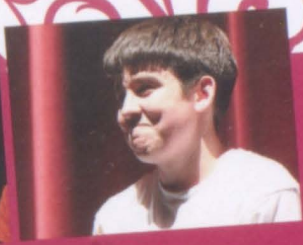
Austin Cobb



Micaela Reed



Brealyn Asbury



Blake Dilley

BRAVO

By Taylor Coleman

Veterans Day tribute highlights pop show

With images of fathers and grandfathers, brothers and sons flashing on the screen behind him, junior Kevin London softly paid tribute to area veterans while singing "Tell My Father" from the musical *Civil War*. London's performance was one of five solo acts featured in Bravo, the vocal music department's November pop show.

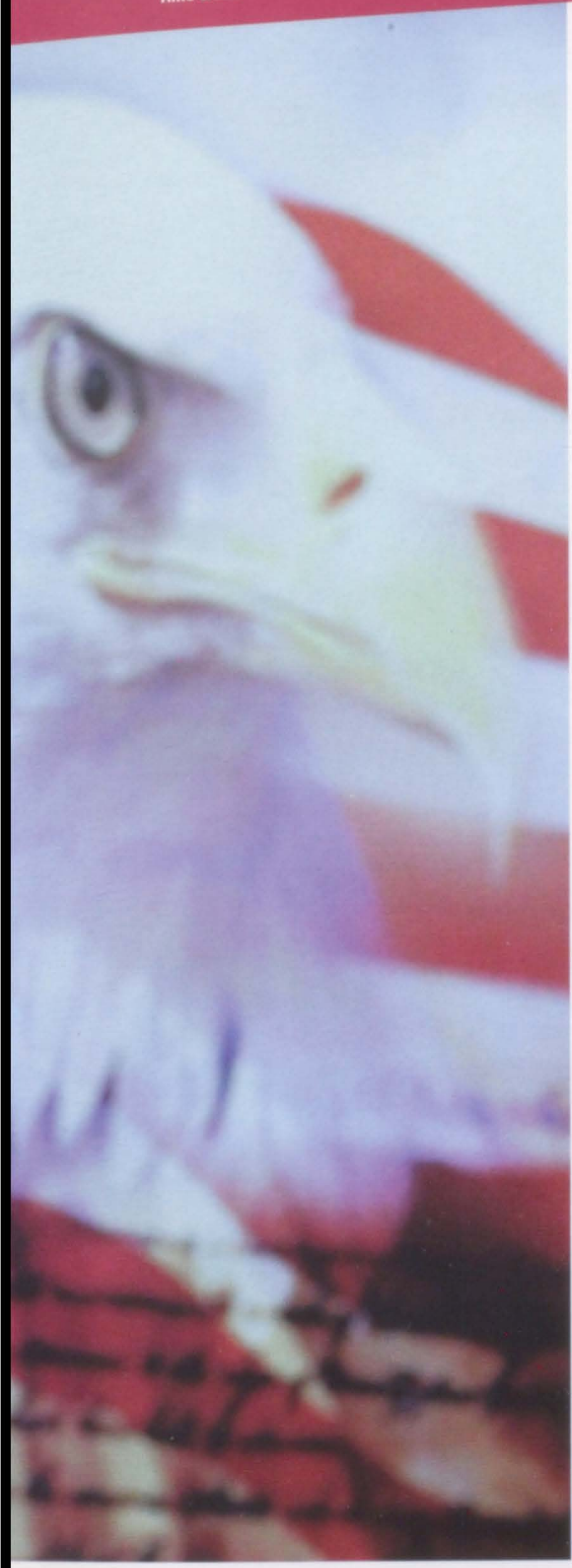
According to director Brian J. White, the tribute to veterans came about by accident, but made sense when the Friday performance fell on Veterans Day.

"Once Kevin chose his song, it just seemed to fit," White said. "The pictures for the slide show were submitted by USD 204 staff and choir members."

Other show-stopping moments came when senior Deidra Elijah brought down the house with "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" from the musical *Dreamgirls*.

White said the vocal music department presents Bravo every other year as a way to showcase talents.

"It takes a couple of months to prepare, and it's more difficult because performers must learn the dance and the song," White said. "The kids look forward to it because it's different, like a musical, and it's always a high point. There's nothing quite like performing. It's like an emotional release, like a mountain-top feeling."



My Solo

Who has the spotlight?

"Singing by myself is one of my favorite things to do, so I always enjoy it. I was so nervous, but I felt happy at the same time."

-Caitlyn Khatchadourian, 11

"This was my first time ever doing a solo, and I have never been so nervous. The first show was the worst, but I felt that the second show was a little easier for me."

-Kayla McPherson, 10

"My favorite part of the solo was overcoming my fear of singing in front of people. I was so scared and shaky but towards the end of the song I felt proud of myself."

-Ciera Sweeney, 11

"My solo went better than I expected. It was fun to prepare for. Once it came time to perform, I didn't know what to do. I went out and did the best that I could."

-Cheyanne Scott, 12



The COST of Expression *by Chad Vhl*

We all find ways to express ourselves, whether it be inside or outside of school. Through a myriad of mediums, we express our ideas and feelings.

These expressions, however, can come at a price.

"I got involved in choir at a very young age. I was two when I joined my first choir. I love choir because it's a way for me to express how I'm feeling to others," junior Deidra Elijah said.

Elijah had to give up sports to make time for music. It was a worthy sacrifice, though, leading Elijah to develop her love for the vocal arts.

"When I sing, I feel that I express the value of life. Every breath that's taken is a gift; people can enjoy life through music. I feel powerful just knowing that my voice can comfort others."

Expression surrounds us everywhere we go. We see it in everything from dancers to gymnasts to vocalists and more. All of these forms and styles express who we are both individually and as a whole.

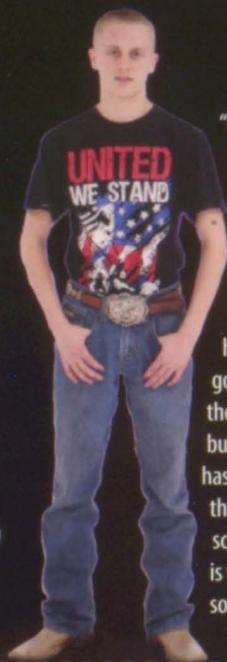
66 When I was really young, I liked to dance and it was something I thought I would love. When we dance, we portray a story. We get to show our emotions, and it lets me portray life in a completely different way through movement. Dancing teaches you to be your own person and express yourself. Through dance, I get to view life in a completely different way. It opens up your eyes to a whole different section of life. I spend six hours during the week and about eight to 10 hours during the weekends practicing nearly everything there is, but mostly contemporary. It takes up a lot of my time for other things throughout the week, but I don't see it as an inconvenience because it's just a part of me. It is a dedication, a dedication to improve myself. 99



—Brenna McAniffy 11

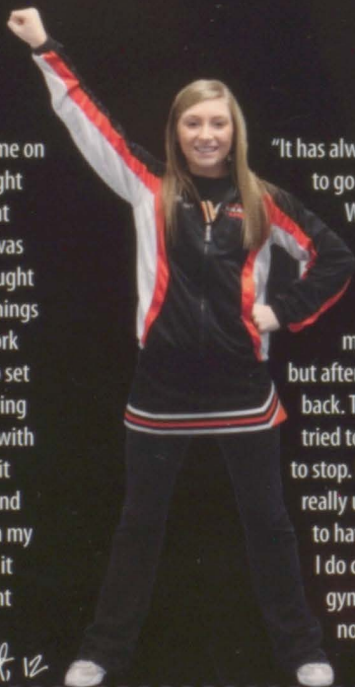


My Devotion...



"I saw bull riding for the first time on TV when I was five. It just caught my eye as something different and at the time I thought it was really cool. Bull riding has taught me to never give up; when things are looking down, you just work harder. It has also taught me to set goals and to work hard at achieving them. I have had a lot of success with bull riding, but at the same time it has consumed much of my time and that of my parents. I have to plan my schedule around bull riding, but it is what you have to do if you want something as your career path."

—Nick Franchett 12



"It has always been my dream since I was young to go to the Olympics for gymnastics. When I was little, I met Sean Johnson, a famous young gymnast at the time, and got to train with her and watch her practice. She was my role model. I trained for the 2012 Olympics, but after six years of training, I fractured my back. The following year, when I was 14, I tried to get back into gymnastics but I had to stop. My injury forced me to quit. I was really upset, but I couldn't control it. I had to have surgery. So, instead of gymnastics, I do competitive cheerleading. I still enjoy gymnastics, but I just have lower limits now; I can't do it like I used to."

—Brittany Frentrup 12

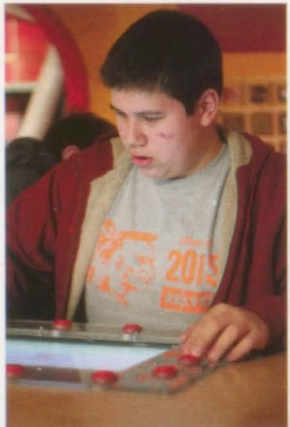


✦ *Singing a solo*, junior Deidra Elijah performs at the fall choir concert on Oct. 6.



✦ **Busting a move**, sophomore Erin Walters and junior Anna Deegan participate in a Zumba class at a local dance studio.

✦ **Sharing a s'more**, sophomore Keith Shields and junior Joseph Arnett sit by the campfire during a trip to the Cider Hill Family orchard on Oct. 28. "I joined Friendship Group because I enjoy helping out and interacting with the kids. They need peer influence, not just adults," Arnett said.



✦ **Exploring an educational program**, sophomore Steven Shonkwiler learns about health and fitness during an interactive demonstration at Arrowhead Stadium. The Friendship Group was able to explore all parts of the stadium during their tour on Feb. 2.



✦ **Enjoying a day at the orchard**, sophomore McKenna Spiess receives help collecting apples from seniors Kylee Timberlake and Bre Tendick.

Forging Friendships

Students discover the power of new relationships

By Chad Vhl

Friendship Group is a new organization that gives student volunteers an opportunity to broaden their horizons by working with students who have struggles socially and/or behaviorally

Sponsor Denise Chowning said student volunteers are selected to participate in the Friendship Group if they are "good friends to others" and possess strong social skills themselves.

As part of the relationship-building process, the Friendship Group went on a variety of excursions to give the new friends an opportunity to connect and have fun, such as learning Zumba at a local dance studio, visiting an apple orchard, and venturing to Arrowhead Stadium.

Through these trips and other activities, the students were able make personal connections that allowed them to identify with each other.

"The goal would be for these peers to educate the rest of the student population so that throughout the school and community, all students will be accepted and included," Chowning said. "I believe the friendship group has helped people to become more educated and to not only understand that everyone is different but to embrace it."



cello

New Friends!

I first became interested in the cello when I heard Zoe Keating play. She has a sound of her own and that's where I started. I appreciated her love for the instrument and that inspired me to do my best. While I was in Mr. Romanishin's art class, I was given a free-draw assignment. I drew a cello and Mr. Romanishin asked me what had given me the inspiration, so I told him about my passion for playing the cello. He learned later that I had to stop my lessons because I could no longer afford to rent a cello.

Completely unknown to me, Mr. Romanishin organized an effort as part of the Braves Build Character program where students and staff donated money that was used to surprise me with a nice, used cello. It was awesome to know that there were people who cared.

-Salina Duarte, 12

Friends Forever

Addi Tolliver, 11 & Jessica Monlin, 11



How long have you been friends?

Addi: Jessie and I have been friends for 17 years.

What is the craziest thing you guys have done together?

Addi: We've done some crazy things together like one time when I beat her up with my Barbie because we were fighting for each other's toys.

Jessie: Okay, she keeps telling people that, but it was a fair fight! I had a Barbie too.

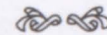
What do you admire most about each other?

Addi: I admire Jessica in that she is always a hard worker and is always willing to help out. When she does something, she is determined to finish it and finish strong.

Jessie: She is always willing to help out other people; she is very kind and is there for everyone. She actually wants to help and listen.

Why are you living together right now?

Addi: We currently live with each other because both of my parents are still in Las Vegas, and we haven't found a house here yet. It is like having a sleepover every night. Honestly, it feels like we are married because we spend so much time around one another.



Jordan Jackson, 10 & Travis Dooley, 10

How long have you been friends?

Travis: I have known him since I was born. Our parents have been friends for about 17 years.

What is the craziest thing you guys have done together?

Travis: You got anything?

Jordan: Nope, well, we go to Youth Group together every Wednesday night.

How has your friendship changed over the years?

Travis: We've grown taller, if that counts.

Jordan: That's our answer.

What do your families do together?

Travis: We go on vacations all the time. We've been to Florida and Colorado, and we've been canoeing. I can ski and canoe but I never tried surfing.

Jordan: I went snowboarding. I didn't ski.



can't Live With Them, By Toni Stock ♥ Can't Live Without Them



High school is a place of building relationships, whether it be with your boyfriend or girlfriend, new friends, old friends or your parents. Our friends support us through the good times and bad, and our parents... well, they try to make us the best we can be. Yet, there is only one high school relationship that seems to overpower all others: the one with that special someone.

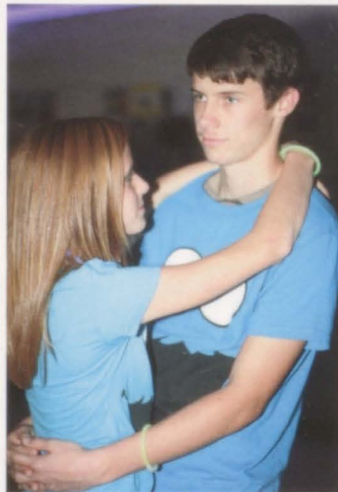
Dating is very common throughout high school. We date to see what we like, what we're looking for and what we want in a person. We go on dates and create the dream date. We create the perfect person for us, and we count the cute things done for us—whether that be how they ask us to the Women-Pay-All (WPA) dance or what they get us for Valentine's Day. Some of us fall in love, some think we do and some just want to be. And after all, that's what we're all looking for, aren't we? Because we all know you can't live with them and you can't live without them.



✦ **Laughing together**, juniors Andrea Wiglesworth and Grant Lewis (top left) enjoy the techno-themed WPA dance on Nov. 19.

✦ **Dancing to a slow song**, sophomores Cheyenne Hale and Jared Knernschield (top right) embrace a moment with each other.

✦ **Having fun**, juniors Tristan Abts and Mandy Ballou (far left) and Cord Cannon and sophomore Nicole Norris (left) enjoy the WPA dance.



✦ **Slowing it down**, freshmen Hannah Fehlhafer and Jordan Castro (above) enjoy their first WPA dance along with Faith Seaton and Alex Povlitzki (left). "I had a lot of fun," Fehlhafer said. "We wore Toy Story shirts."

» T-shirt Time «



“ I went to WPA with Guilherme. We bought white v-necks and dyed them green and blue, the main colors of the American and Brazilian flags. The back of his shirt said America and mine said Brazil.”
 —Bethany Bailey 11



“ I went to WPA with my boyfriend Ethan Hook. We picked out matching shirts that said 'Free Bear Hugs.' We actually enjoy dancing, so we stayed together the whole time.”
 —Hailey Kendrick 11



“ I went with my friend, Cassie Stock. We got T-shirts together and had a great time. I always have fun with friends.”
 —Madison Stambaugh 11

Fast Facts

51.3% Have been or are in a relationship for *over a year...*

62.2% At one time or now are in love with their *best friend...*

How did it End?

Text: **66%**

Phone: **25.5%**

Facebook: **22.3%**

In-Person: **48.9%**

My Perfect BF/GF is...

Athletic: **68.8%**

Musical: **37.5%**

Artistic: **21.9%**

Techy: **14.6%**

What I Notice First is...

Eyes: **72.7%**

Hair: **24.2%**

Physique: **29.3%**

Clothing: **19.2%**

»»» The Ideal Girl



The perfect girl for me would be someone who is nice, smart and good-looking.

-Justin Carroll, 10



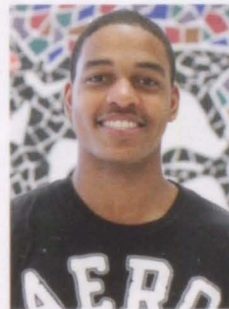
She'd be someone like a friend—faithful, beautiful, sweet and funny, just an all-around good person.

-Weston Voff, 10



She's got to be someone who can accept me for who I am and who can deal with my sometimes mean sense of humor.

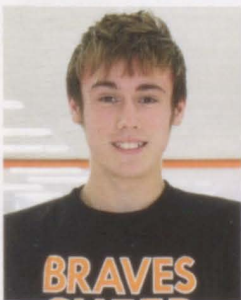
-Alex Martinez, 11



The perfect girl would have a nice personality; she'd be smart, stylish and have long hair.

-DeAndre White, 12

Oh So Sweet



I made a storybook for Skyler that told the story of us. It started off with 'Once upon a time...' and ended with 'Will you be my boyfriend?'

-Coleman Isaacs, 11



One of the many sweet moments in my relationship with Reed came on Valentine's Day when he carved me a wooden heart box that said 'My beloved.' It was so sweet.

-Madison Morris, 12

Create

The Perfect Date

"My perfect date would be to go out to the middle of a field with a blanket and have a picnic and then watch the stars. It's cheesy, but it's true."

-Katrina Houston, 12

"My idea of a perfect date would go like this: He picks me up, looking sexy but casual. We go to a restaurant where we are seated by a host. He makes good conversation, is relaxed but still has manners. Then we would go somewhere for live entertainment like a poetry session or dancing. I'd like it if he'd offer to pay for everything, but I'd chip in too. And then he'd take me home safely."

-Tyrka Johnson, 12

"It would be during the summer, where there is an open field. We'd have a picnic and then lay back and look at the perfect clouds. We'd also joke around and have fun being ourselves, like throwing grapes at each other. And of course, it would be with Zac Efron."

-Linelle Wilson, 11

"Going to McDonald's and then dancing till the break of dawn, the good stuff. But we don't go on 'dates.'"

-Steve Williams & BJ Watson, 12

"To me the perfect date would be lying under the stars and stargazing with whomever it would be."

-Micaela Reed, 11

"Going to dinner and the movies would be the perfect date. For dinner, we'd get Mexican food and then we'd go see a funny movie."

-Baileigh Sheaver, 11



Feel the rush By Mariah Seifert

WELCOME TO THE CRUSH

It was a great year to be a member of Orange Crush because our athletes gave us a lot to cheer about.

The football team got things going with an impressive win over Topeka Seaman and ultimately qualified for the state quarterfinals.

Not to be outdone, the boys' and girls' basketball teams also had stellar seasons. However, the ultimate highlight came when the girls' team gave the Orange Crush crowd a chance for a road trip to Salina for the three-day state tournament. The Crush responded with a terrific turnout to support the Lady Braves.

✦ **During the game**, sophomore Sasha Bingaman and Elizabeth Barger cheer the football team on to a victory against Tonganoxie at the Homecoming game.



FRONT ROW Fanatics

Sitting on the front row of the Orange Crush is a much coveted senior privilege. It's understood that you must wait your turn to get a spot there. Here's a look at some of the most loyal front-row fans.



Toby Sullivan

Favorite cheer: D-d-d-defense!
Most memorable game: Home against Mill Valley
Necessity item: My #24 jersey
Team you love to hate: Basehor and Mill Valley
What you'll miss most: The rivalries

Why you are a front-row fanatic: Because I like supporting my Bonner Braves to the fullest.



Drek Hern

Favorite cheer: I believe that we will win!
Most memorable game: Home against Mill Valley
Necessity item: My headband
Team you love to hate: Basehor
What you'll miss most: Hilton telling us to stop chanting
Why you are a front-row fanatic: Because I bleed orange and black.



Sharon Jones

Favorite cheer: We are the Bonner Braves!
Most memorable game: Home against Mill Valley
Necessity item: Mullet and the 'stache
Team you love to hate: Basehor
What you'll miss: Friday night basketball

Why you are a front-row fanatic: Because I'm a Bonner Brave for life.





Seniors Emily Wilson, Rachel Taylor and Paige Andrade



RESERVED FOR *Rachel Taylor*

When Bonner Springs resident Don Wilson saw senior Rachel Taylor watching the first football game in her motorized chair on the track, he wondered what it would take to make it possible for Rachel to sit in the bleachers with the other students.

After discussing some ideas with the USD 204 maintenance staff and then gaining their approval, Wilson built a platform that would allow Rachel to watch games in the Orange Crush section. His daughter Erica, also a senior, made a plaque for the platform that said, "Reserved for Rachel Taylor."

Rachel is confined to a motorized chair due to a condition known as arthrogryposis, which means she has trouble moving her joints on her own. Although she had been a member of Orange Crush for four years, Rachel had never even attended a football game until this year. But thanks to Wilson's handiwork, she was able to watch the Homecoming game with her peers on her new platform.

"It was a little scary at first because I wasn't used to being up that high," Taylor said. "But it was fun to be with the rest of Orange Crush and my friends. I'm very appreciative of what Mr. Wilson did for me."



✦ **Before the game**, junior Sydney Turner shows her respect during the national anthem at Mill Valley. "I like being a part of the Orange Crush because you can show your school spirit and cheer on your team," Turner said.

✦ **Boosting the Braves**, senior Garrett Pearce (top right) encourages the boys' basketball team at a home game.

✦ **At the home opener**, seniors Erin Marx, Meagan Stice and Spencer Bush (left) hold their shoes up to support senior kicker Nate Mitchell. The shoe tradition started as a way for soccer players to celebrate when one of their players was kicking for the football team.



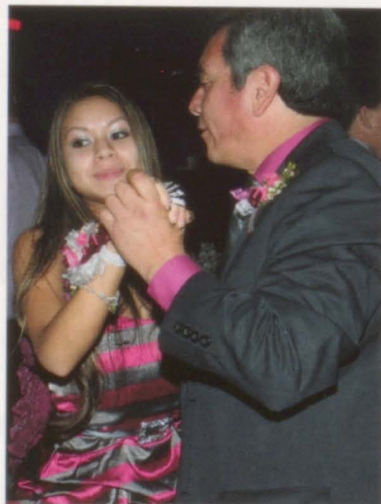
✦ **Sporting a new look**, seniors Luis Sanchez and Nate Mitchell wear their preppy gear at a basketball game at Mill Valley. "The main reason we chose to wear those outfits was because of a joke they played on us last year. It was to get back at them since we have such an intense rivalry," Sanchez said.



✦ **Laughing with her father,** Brad Newberry, junior Tessa Newberry teases him about his era of music.



✦ **Getting jiggy with it,** senior Maryssa Peterson and her dad, Bart Peterson, dance to a different version of the "Cupid Shuffle."



✦ **Enjoying the night,** senior Rebecca Peña and her father, Miguel, sway to the rhythm. "We didn't plan on staying the whole night, but we did because it was so fun," Peña said.



✦ **Engaging a conversation,** junior Jason Van Maren shares a nice moment with his mom, Diane. "I had a blast. I really connected with my mom that night," Van Maren said. "She really enjoyed the dance too."

✦ **Dancing the night away,** senior Emily Hunt and her father, Dennis Hunt, enjoy the evening. "It was the first time in a long time that my dad and I got to do something together without all of my other siblings and my mom," Hunt said.

Get your *z* *z* Groove on

By Taylor Coleman

Parent Dance offers a change of pace

While the thought of spending a Saturday night with dear ol' dad or mom might sound pretty painful to some students, some juniors and seniors welcomed the opportunity provided by the Jan. 14 parent dance.

The dance offers a stress-free change of pace with no hair or nail appointments and no weighty decisions on where your group might want to do dinner.

"The dance was a good chance to be able to dress in something that was comfortable to dance in, and the pre-dance prepping wasn't as expensive," junior Skyler Taylor said.

The relaxed atmosphere is one of the dance's strongest appeals.

"We had about 20 people in our group, and we all went to Twisters before the dance. It was nice because it wasn't expensive, and it was still good food. It was a casual night, which is always fun," senior Spencer Bush said.

Music was provided by special education teacher Jim Mitchell's Johnny Dollar band. Even though their music is targeted more towards the parents, the students also enjoyed it.

"We did the Cupid Shuffle to a different song that wasn't as modern. The parents enjoyed it because it gave them a taste of what we do at other dances," junior Haley Hoffine said.

With a different atmosphere, the parent dance was a good time for bonding with your parent.



✦ **Swaying to the song,** Nate Mitchell and his mom, Kim Mitchell, enjoy some quality time together. "I had a fun time with my mom. If I had to choose anyone to take to a dance, it would definitely be her," Mitchell said.

✦ **Getting down,** senior Brittany Frentrop and her dad, Michael Frentrop, dance the night away.



“

I had a lot of fun at the dance. I don't really get to see my dad a lot, so it was good quality time for us. I loved getting to see my dad dance because he really doesn't like to dance, so it was cool and funny to see him get out there and have fun.

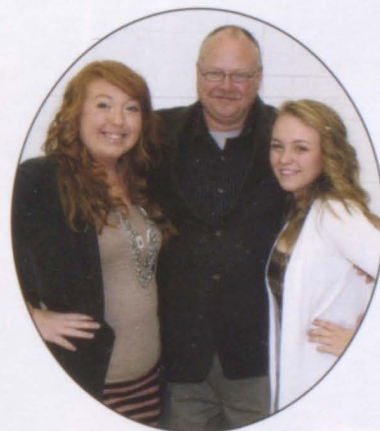
-Lauren Culter, 11



“

It meant a lot to me that Sam's dad, Glenn Weller, took me to the dance. Ever since my dad died, I haven't really had a father figure. Before the dance, we all went to Stix to eat. It was a great experience since I never thought I would actually go to a 'Father-Daughter Dance'. I'm thankful for Sam and her dad for taking me.

-Kayla Horns, 11



creating bonds

No one enjoys a school dance quite like Jacob Sopher. In addition to hitting the dance floor with his mom, Shannon McKelvin, Sopher played the harmonica with the Johnny Dollar band.

"Jacob's harmonica performance went very well. We asked him in advance if he wanted to perform with us at the dance since he was unable to do so last year because he was sick. Jacob had a good time, and the crowd really enjoyed him," said Jim Mitchell, special education teacher and lead singer.



“My favorite part of the dance was getting to play the harmonica for everyone and when everyone clapped for me.

-Jacob Sopher, 11

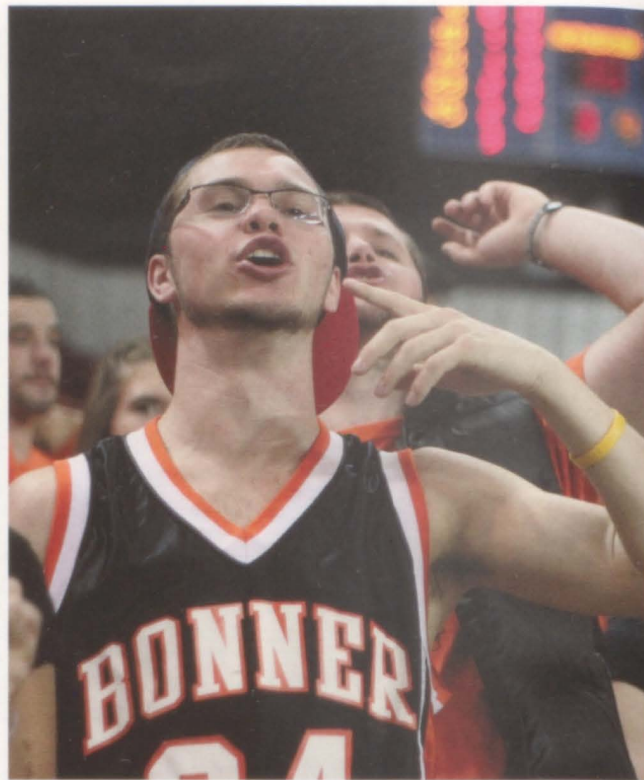


✦ **Entertaining the crowd,** junior Jacob Sopher plays along with the Johnny Dollar band. "Jacob has always loved music," Shannon McKelvin said.





» Soaring into the air, senior Yessenia Hernandez puts up a shot against Pratt in the first game of the state tournament.

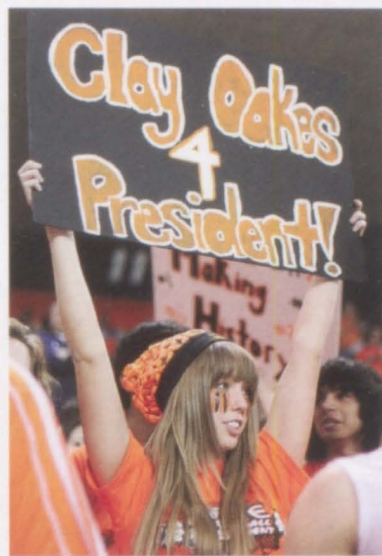
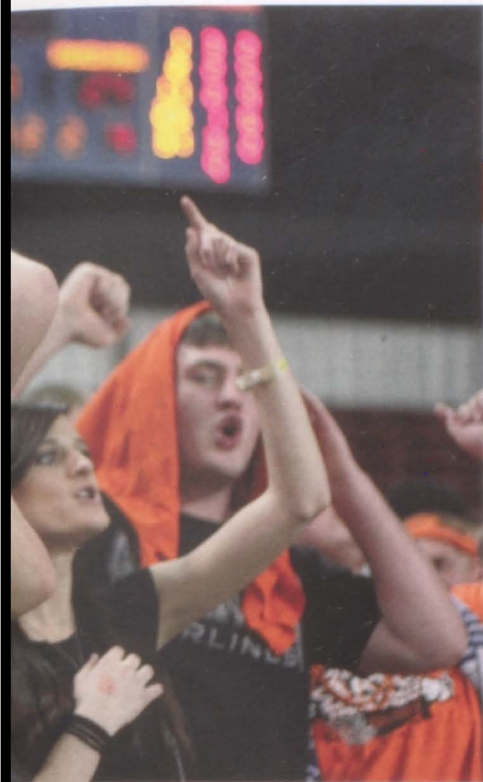


» After the game against Pratt, the girls' basketball team celebrates their advancement to round two of the state tournament. "We were all really excited about winning the first round; it was a big accomplishment," Deegan said.

» Finding an open teammate, senior Erica Wilson makes a pass in the game against McPherson. "I thought that we tried really hard in this game, and we left it all out on the floor. The season went really well. We had tons of fun, and we all got along," Wilson said.

Making History

By Cynthia Ebertz

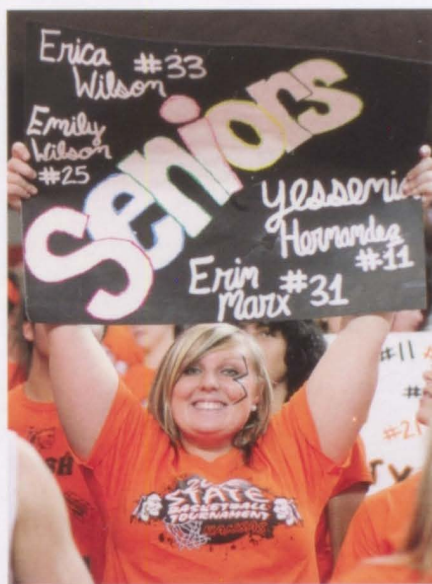


✦ **Cheering on the girls team**, senior Toby Sullivan leads the Orange Crush at the second round of the state tournament on March 9. "State in general was a fun time. Being there to support the girls during their first trip to state was an honor," Sullivan said.

✦ **Supporting the Lady Braves**, senior Toni Stock holds up a sign at the game against Pratt in Salina on March 7. "It was fun to support the coach who had taken us the furthest we had ever been," Stock said.

For the first time in school history, the girls basketball team earned a trip to Salina to the state tournament, and there were many students and staff members who made the journey to support them.

Students were allowed to ride the Crush Bus for the Wednesday and Friday games, and there were 322 who left school early Friday to watch the second-round action. To encourage students to go, teachers Nancy Baker, Lisa Lugar, Donna Sharpnack and Chris Wood each donated \$60 to cover the costs for 40 students.



✦ **Showing her pride**, senior Ashton Istas (top middle) holds up a sign to support her fellow senior classmates on the Lady Braves' team. "It was a great experience because it has never happened before. It was a very special moment for the senior players," Istas said.

✦ **Watching intently**, senior Kaleb Kivett (above) stands expectantly during the game against Ottawa on March 10. "I rode the Orange Crush bus all three days. Those were the longest 12 hours of my life, but I had fun. I definitely would have gone back had we played another game," Kivett said.

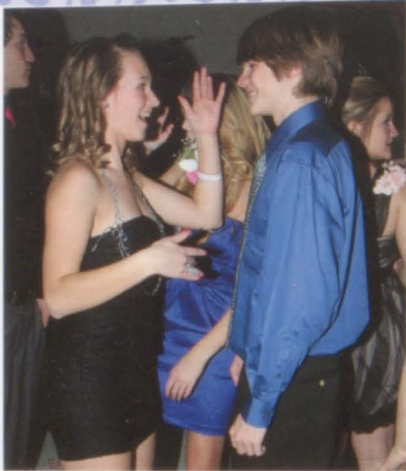
✦ **Encouraging the girls**, head coach Clay Oakes repeats his motto for the season: "One moment, one possession, one team, one championship."

✦ **Showing spirit**, junior Sammy Ricci-Weller (top) cheers during the first round of the state tournament against Pratt.

✦ **Playing to the beat**, sophomore Justin Carroll and freshman Joe Casteel support the girls team during the second game against McPherson.

Courtwarming: An Enchanted *amazon*

By Madison Epp



✦ **Sharing a moment**, sophomores Kennedy Bizzell and Robby Glenn slow dance at Courtwarming.



✦ **Enjoying the night**, sophomore Elizabeth Barger demonstrates her robot dance move to fellow sophomore Thomas Hook.

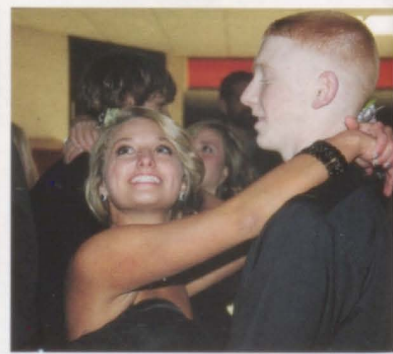


✦ **Busting a move**, sophomore Erin Walters gets her groove on. "The dance was awesome. I went with Cody Crider. We made a commitment to go to all the dances together," Walters said.



✦ **In the middle of the dance floor**, junior Anna Deegan (left) and senior Meagan Stice move to the beat. "After the dance, my group went bowling and let's just say it wasn't my cup of tea," Deegan said.

✦ **With sisterly love**, senior Toni Stock tries to teach her sister, freshman Cassie Stock, how to do the "stanky leg."



✦ **Slowing it down** juniors Taylor Coleman and Logan Terrell share a dance together. "Before the dance we had catered dinner from Olive Garden and then we got our boogie on. I had a good time with Taylor and she looked very beautiful that night," Terrell said.

King & Queen

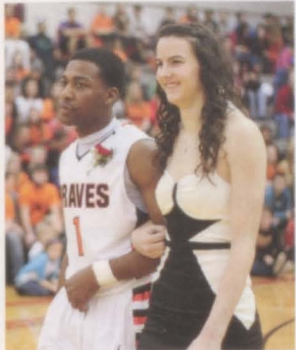
Meagan Stice and Austin Clouse



"I loved the sign. It inspired me to win and made me realize how much I love my friends."

-Meagan Stice, 12

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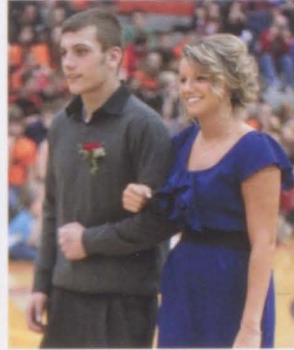
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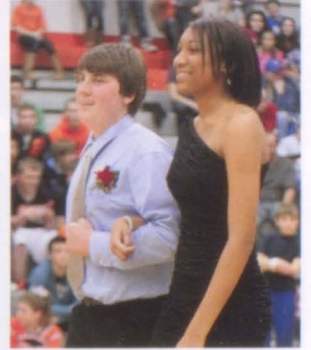
Joseph Dooley and Lindsey Mauk



Daemon Franklin and Eliza Scott



Mark Hobson and Meagan Stice



Austin Clouse and Dyan Mackey

Spirit Week New & Improved

Animal Print Day



"I've had these clothes for a long time. I just threw on anything in my closet that was animal print."

-Skyler Taylor, 11

crazy hair Day



Paige Andrade



E.J. Kimbrough-French



Savannah Lochert



"It took me 15 to 20 minutes to do my hair. I got my idea from Cindy Lou Who from 'The Grinch.' I used a cup to make the poof on the top of my head, and I put a wire through the braids so they would stay."

-Emily Hunt, 12

Western Day



Gui Pazos



Loren Bergstrom



Andrew Rock, A.J. McKinney, and Robby Jones

"I felt more like a redneck that day. Western Wednesday brought out the country in me."

-A.J. McKinney, 12

More than

Magic

By Jake Carter

» **Contemplating his next move,** sophomore Blake Dilley faces off against his opponent during a Thursday afternoon Magic game.



» **Using precise strategy,** sponsor Chris Klager carefully plays his next card as senior Shane Crosby watches. "It was cool being able to play against [Mr.] Klager," Crosby said. "He was able to help make me become a better player."



A Magic touch

Fans of card game create new club

In a world filled with online games where your opponent can be miles and miles away, some students are going back to the first multi-player games, those played around a tabletop where adversaries can clash eye-to-eye.

This was the case for senior Bradean Zamora, who discovered the card game, "Magic the Gathering," last summer when his cousins got him "hooked on it."

"I found out that I had a knack for it, and I've been playing ever since," Zamora said.

Zamora then introduced the game to fellow senior Brad Shonkwiler, who thought

it would be fun to start an after-school club. Shonkwiler took it a step further and contacted the administration to gain permission to play after school in science teacher Chris Klager's classroom.

Klager was the obvious choice because he himself began playing as a middle-schooler 13 or 14 years ago when the game was brand new and his friends and older siblings were all really into it.

As the club's sponsor, Klager helped students build card decks and offered advice on strategies and tactics. He also provided cards to



» **Looking at his hand,** senior Brad Shonkwiler decides on a strategy before making his move in a match against Chris Klager. "I found out about Magic on the Internet," Shonkwiler said. "I've been playing for about six months and I really enjoy it."

» **Prepping his deck,** senior Bradean Zamora intricately shuffles his cards before starting a match. Zamora has more than 1,000 cards in his collection and has spent about \$150. "I try to get as many free cards as I can," Zamora said.

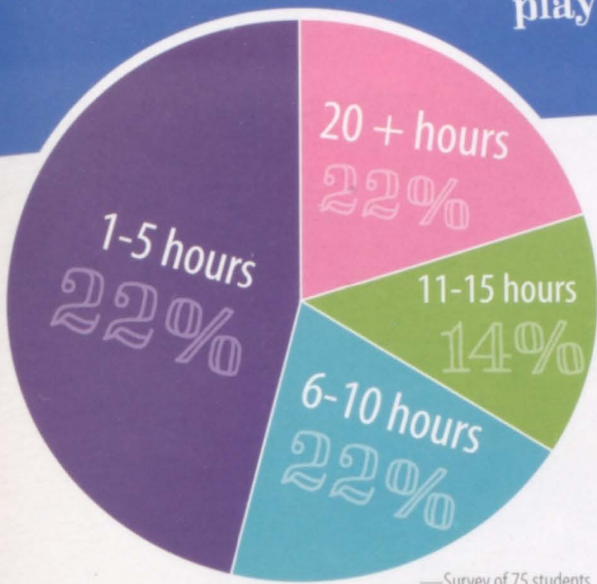
beginners from his personal collection.

"You have to learn patience," Klager said. "Many beginners want to attack their opponents with their first card, but it's more than that. You have to read your opponent and then carefully consider a strategy. It's just for fun, but at the same time students learn from each other and become better players."

But for Zamora, Magic is more than just a game.

"Since I've started playing Magic, it has been a way for me to get out and not only meet people, but to help relieve stress and even spend time with my family," Zamora said. "I definitely see Magic in my future, and there will always be a future for Magic."

How many hours do you play a week?



—Survey of 75 students

Video games have become an essential part of high school culture. Many students play video games to escape the stress and weight of life.

Gaming Gurus

Are you one?

"Every time I get a new game, I always try to play it until I beat it. I don't really go for any of the achievements, but I still try to do everything that's possible in the game.

—Monica Stimac, 1



"I've grown up with playing video games and I just really enjoy them. I tend to play more shooters and action RPGs. When I start experiencing a game, I try to get a feel for the surroundings and controls, then go all in."

—Nick Trischler, 12



"I play video games a lot; it's just fun and lets me interact with my friends. After I get home from school, I go straight to playing. I'm a game nerd."

—Meranda Hull, 11



PS3 vs. Xbox 360



J.T. Johnson, 9
PSN ID: MMownage
How many times do you play in a week? Three or four times a day.
Favorite game? Skyrim
Single player or multiplayer? Multiplayer,

especially coop. I like having a strategy with other players.

Why do you like the PS3 more? I've always had the PS3. I like the Blu-ray features and the awesome graphics.



Bryan Williams, 12
Gamertag: Cherokee wrestler
Favorite genre of games? Fighting games like UFC
 Undisputed.
Do you use your Xbox for more than just games?

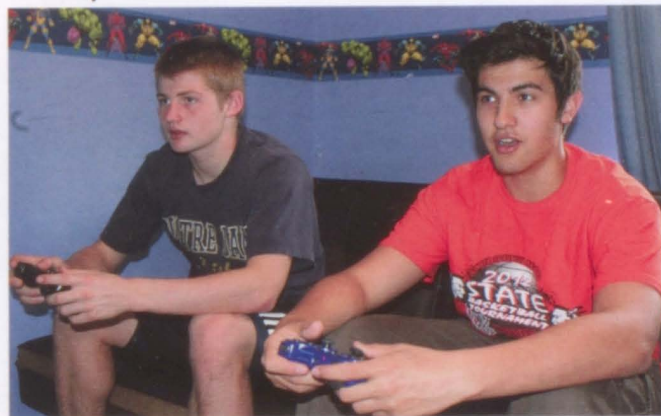
I use my Xbox to watch Netflix

because it's really easy to use and when I'm bored of games I just watch a movie or TV shows.

Why do you like the Xbox more?

It's more fun, and you can talk to your friends easier with Xbox Live Parties.

GAME ON...



✦ **Competing against each other**, sophomores Austin Schuler and Luciano Fasani face off in FIFA 12 on the Playstation 3. "I typically play games for the fun of it, but it's also a great stress reliever," Fasani said. Fasani and Schuler are part of a bigger group of gamers who get together with fellow sophomores Grant Lewis, Daniel Mejia and Tre Scott. "We have gaming parties where we all stay up late and play until we fall asleep," Fasani added. "It's a lot of fun and great bonding."

Game Dictionary

Feel out of the loop? Here are some terms that you may have heard said by a screaming 12-year-old.

- ✦ **Camping:** Staying in the same place for long periods of time, waiting to attack your enemy. A cheap tactic.
- ✦ **n00b:** A rookie or newbie.
- ✦ **Pwn:** Dominating your opponent in a cruel manner.
- ✦ **Lag:** When your internet connection isn't good and causes stalling or other problems in your game.
- ✦ **Red Ring of Death:** An omen of doom... It shows that your Xbox360 just bit the dust.
- ✦ **1337:** leet, as in elite; alternative alphabet used primarily in gaming and on the internet.

To your ART's content

By Rachel Barber

Taking an art class is about expressing who you are and learning to create something from nothing. In the process, you learn skills that you can use for the rest of your life.

My Creations

“

I thought it would be cool to put some of my favorite musicians, Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain and Bob Marley, on a pair of jeans. These pants will be a continual project.

—Shelby Tucker, 10



“

I wanted something to remember the school year by and skateboarding means a lot to me. I gave everyone who wanted to draw on it a chance to do so.

—Nathan Allenbrands, 10

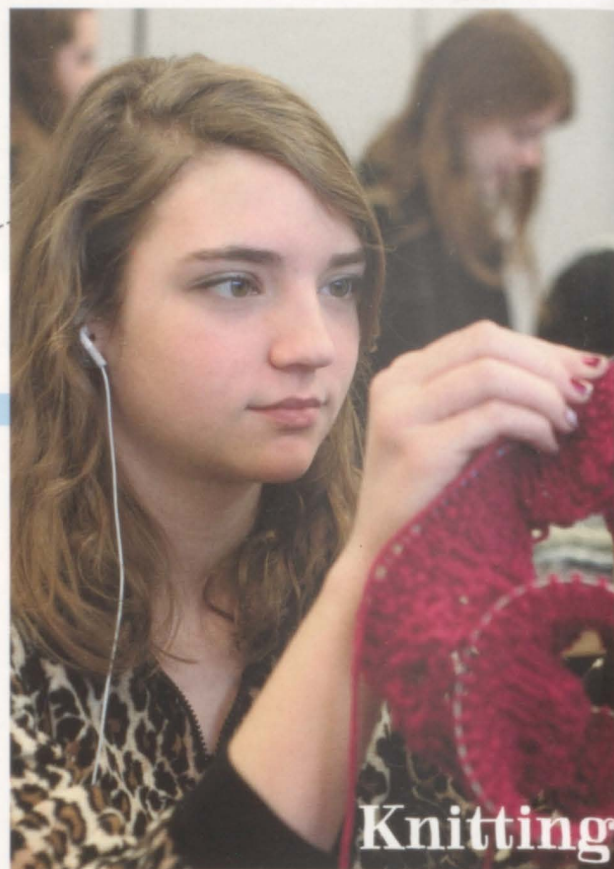
Ceramics



✦ In Linda Horvath's ceramics class, senior Mikayla Burgoon and freshman Kelsie Wohler work on smoothing their clay for their mobile project. "I gave mine away as a present," Burgoon said.



✦ Using his previous experience, sophomore Demetri Hart shapes his clay bowl. "I decorated it with geometric patterns and a Star Trek symbol," Hart said.



Knitting

The silence was deafening in Linda Horvath's Textiles class as students concentrated intently to perfect their knitting and crocheting skills while creating hats of all colors and sizes. Horvath added the knitting project as "something new" and received a strong response from her students.

"At first it was really hard to knit, but once I got the hang of it, I couldn't stop," sophomore Caroline Clark, shown above, said. "I enjoyed the project because knitting is a skill I can use my whole life."



✦ Working on her crochet hat, sophomore Lauren Marquez adds the final touches. "My next project will be a matching scarf," Marquez said.



✦ While listening to music, sophomore Stephanie Gear knits the beginning part of her hat. "It was super fun and so relaxing," Gear said.



✦ With her new knitting skills, sophomore Lonisha Henderson works on her hat in her second-hour Textiles class. "At first it was hard, but once I got the hang of it, it became easy," Henderson said.

✦ **Contemplating his design,** senior James Waldo works on his pumpkin during his seventh hour art class. "I used a dragon theme with an intricate flame pattern."



✦ **With careful concentration,** junior Kayla Fratzel pays close attention to the details on her pumpkin, which depicted a scary park scene featuring an eerie tree and an empty swing set.



✦ **With keen eyes,** sophomore Sasha Bingaman paints octopus tentacles on her pumpkin. "I liked the project because it was a new surface to experiment on," Bingaman said.



✦ **Painting his pumpkin,** senior James Everhart levels himself with his pumpkin to get a better view. "It was nice to know that my artwork was for a good cause," Everhart said.



Pumpkin Project

The Creative Art Comprehension class taught by Jason Romanishin painted pumpkins as part of a contest for Mosaic, a local, nonprofit organization that benefits the disabled. The pumpkins were then auctioned off as part of a fundraiser to help Mosaic. "Doing work for others is something rewarding. It shows citizenship and self-sacrifice," Romanishin said. The prize-winning pumpkin was painted by freshman Shelby Taylor. "I just enjoyed getting to pick what to draw. I never thought I was going to take first place," Taylor said.

I can't sleep without...

He said:



"I can't sleep without my stuffed Simba from the movie *The Lion King*. It was a gift from my girlfriend."
-Joseph Lentz, 11



"I can't sleep without my *Spiderman* blanket. It is the warmest blanket in the world."
-Cesar Diaz, 11

She said:



"I can't sleep without my baby blanket, especially if it's storming outside. I guess it's just because I've had it ever since I was born."
-Courtney Bronhardt, 12



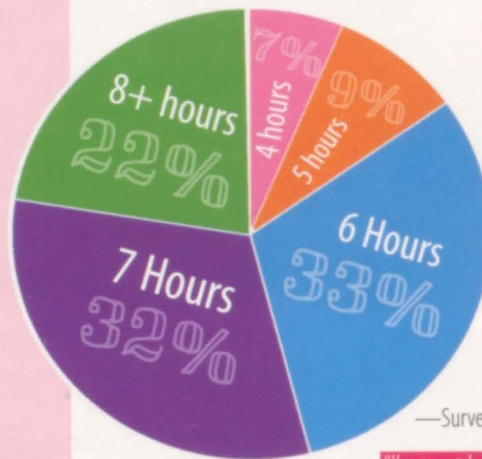
"I can't sleep without my stereo playing Drake's new album *Take Care*. I am his biggest fan ever, so I fall asleep listening to his beautiful voice."
-Elizabeth Barger, 10



My morning ritual

I am a lifeguard at the YMCA, and I work at least three days a week before school starts. I wake up at 3:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to get ready for work. Once I have all of my stuff together, I head out at around 4:20 a.m. After clocking in at 4:30 a.m., I spend the next 30 minutes going through various checklists. Once I have gone through everything necessary to open the pool, I grab a cup of coffee. At 5 a.m., the YMCA doors open, and surprisingly, people actually want to plunge into a freezing pool that early. When I get off at 7 a.m., I get ready for school in the YMCA locker room and then head off for first hour.

-Kaybi Bias, 11



High school students need an average of 9.5 hours of sleep per night.

How many hours of sleep do you get?

—Survey of 82 students

Sleep

Do you get enough?

"Most of the time I don't get enough sleep because I usually get off work at 11, come home and do chores and then finally get to sleep by at least 1 a.m. I get up between 5 and 6 a.m. to get ready for school and to do morning chores."

-Ariel Mellies, 12

"I don't feel like I get enough sleep because I have late night workouts, and I usually stay up too late sketching."

-T.J. Kimbrough-French, 11

"I don't think there has been a day that I've gotten a sufficient amount of sleep this year; my conscious always reminds me of homework right before I get into bed."

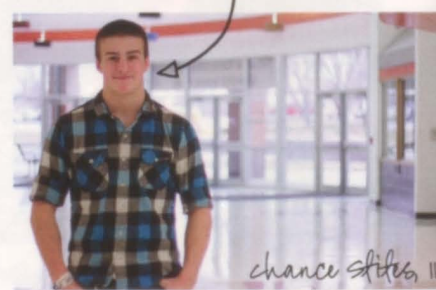
-Tony Sanchez, 12

"Sometimes, I don't get off work until 9:15 p.m., so I get home at almost ten. Then I still need to shower, do homework, and eat."

-Shelbie Thornton, 12

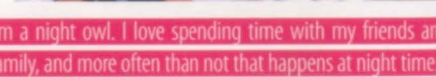


Early Bird
or
Night Owl?



chance Stokes, 11

"I'm an early bird. I live on a farm and have to wake up early because my cows depend on me not being a bum."



Emily Haynes, 11

"I'm a night owl. I love spending time with my friends and family, and more often than not that happens at night time."



✦ Easing into her morning, junior Haley Close enjoys coffee in the commons before school with her boyfriend, junior Keith Lambie. "I go to Quick Trip almost every morning," Close said. "I am addicted to getting Mighty Mocha cappuccinos."

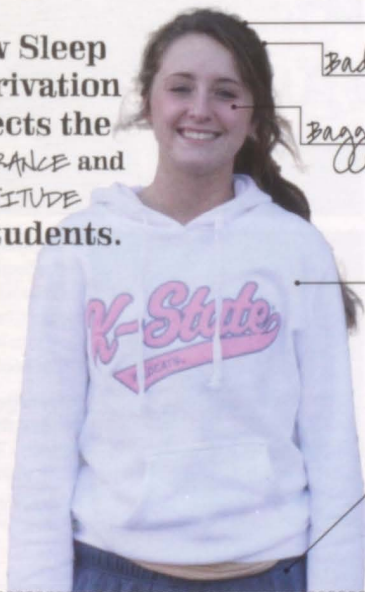
By Andrea Niglesworth



Slapping the Snooze

✦ Listening to music, senior Katrina Houston gets ready to eat a breakfast of Chex Muddy Buddys. "I go to the Brave Cave every morning around 7:10 or 7:15 to either finish homework, eat breakfast, or hang out with my friends," Houston said.

How Sleep Deprivation Effects the APPEARANCE and ATTITUDE of Students.



Bad mood

Messy hair

Baggy Eyes

Sweat shirt

Sweat pants

This is not a representation of this student. It represents the effects of sleep deprivation on students in general.



"Sometimes my mom makes me stay up all night with her playing Zombies or Call of Duty, so I'm usually sleepy the next day."
-Michelle Briggs II



“I got this clapper as a Christmas gag gift and figured that I might as well put it to good use. If a student sleeps in my class, I shake it over their ear. It works quite well,” social studies teacher Jennifer Schlicht said.

Things you **Never** Knew

by Tessa Neshberry



They make how many **PIZZAS?**

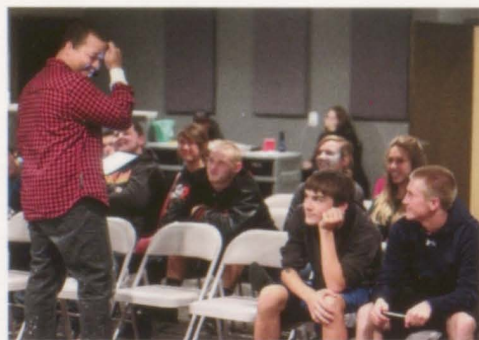
Papa Murphy's became the newest player in Bonner Springs' changing pizza landscape when a shop opened just off Highway K-7 near Walmart. Junior Shawn Bryant (above) joined Papa Murphy's when it opened on Nov. 14 and makes approximately 125 pizzas per week. Bryant has several peers as coworkers, including senior Mackenzie Lofton (top right) and junior Stephen Lewis (bottom right). "It's a great place to work," Bryant said. "The time really flies when you're making so many pizzas."



WASN'T THAT DONE in the **SEVENTIES?**

Footbag, more commonly known as hacky sack, was created in 1972 and was a popular hobby back in those days. But that hasn't stopped some students from picking up the sport.

"I started playing with random people who already knew how to play. We used to do it almost every day," senior Renado Durley said. "I like playing because of the amount of concentration it takes."



THEY GO WHERE ON **Wednesday NIGHTS?**

Wednesday is the forgotten day of the week, not close enough to the weekend but far enough from the horrors of Monday. For some students, however, it's a day of worship and fellowship. Approximately 10 to 20 BSHS students attend youth group activities at North Point Church in Lenexa on Wednesday evenings. "My favorite activity is when we break into small groups and all of us guys just get to talk and know more about each other's lives," sophomore Weston Vitt (right) said. "Travis Anderson (above) is our youth pastor. He's a Christian rapper and a really awesome guy."



Engaging in some self reflection, sophomores Jacob Dobbs (right) and Travis Doolley spend some one-on-one time with God.

Spending some personal time with God, senior Blake Pyles finishes youth group with a silent prayer.

Wait... they're Related?

They play the What?



"I've been playing the ukulele for about a year. My friend played and I was like 'Teach me, please!' I've never played in front of an audience. To be honest, I kind of have stage fright."

-Bethany Bailey, 11



"I bought a ukulele on my birthday from the music department at Best Buy. It was something I had thought about doing for a long time, it sounded really fun."

-Keith Lambie, 11



"I've been playing the ukulele for about a year and a half. I was really into the band Never Shout Never and the lead singer plays the ukulele in a couple of his songs, so I decided I wanted to play it too."

-Sierra Seacat, 11



"I started playing two years ago. I saw a ukulele in a pawn shop in Seattle, so I bought it and learned how to play. I played at a wedding once and played in a few shows as well."

-Jared Clements, 11



Senior Jacob Palmer's grandpa's nephew is English teacher Bill Downing



Senior Amber Richmond's grandmother is English teacher Chris Wood



Junior Cassady Holloway's cousin's half-brother is senior Nicholas Franchett



Junior Ciera Sweeney's cousins are freshman Kyle Lackner and junior Jordan Lackner



Senior Meagan Stice's cousin is social studies teacher Ryan Hull



Sophomore Mikayla Ussery's cousin is senior Jake Nairn



Counselor Lisa Terrell's sister is social studies teacher Jennifer Myers



When did that Change?

Every year there are always lots of adjustments for students, but they aren't the only ones making changes. From Kelly Hammond becoming Kelly Hoopes to Olivia Morgan's introduction to the world, the BSHS staff family grew by leaps and bounds.

♥ Marriages:

Adrienne DeLeon, Tara George, Kelly Hoopes, Brandon Jobe, Jennifer Laughlin, and Crystal Richardson

♥ Engagements:

Andrew Addington, Bill Downing, and Trisha Manthei

♥ Babies:

Heather Campbell, Sarabeth Morgan, and Jennifer Myers



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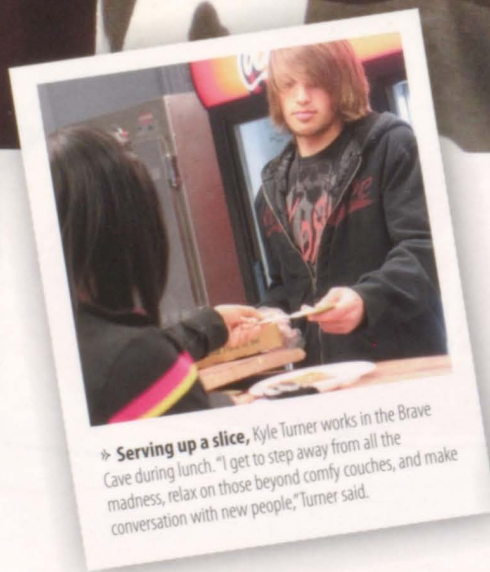


SENIORS

✦ **Singing his best**, Jourdaime Smallwood performs a solo in the winter pop show, Bravo.



✦ **Dialing it up**, Alesha Tomasevic delivers one of the many infamous phone dialogues in Chris Wood's World Literature class. "I was fine with doing them, but I would get occasionally nervous because I'm shy," Tomasevic said.



✦ **Serving up a slice**, Kyle Turner works in the Brave Cave during lunch. "I get to step away from all the madness, relax on those comfy couches, and make conversation with new people," Turner said.



✦ **Checking her screenshot**, Tyreka Johnson uses the camera on a new Mac in her economics class. "I like the overall feel and look of the new Macs. They're simple to use, but can do so much," Johnson said. Every PC in the building was replaced in August, and the business lab got a renovation with 30 new Macs.



Jesse Anderson



Shiloh Anderson



Paige Andrade



Christopher Appel



Brealyn Asbury



Miriah Bailey



Anna Baker



Camden Barker



Stephen Baty



Donna Billington



Austin Blankenship



Austin Brooky-Marion



Courtney Brouhard



Mikayla Burgoon



Spencer Bush



Alyssa Buttaccio



Lauren Callahan



Scintila Capalla



Jessica Carroll



Jacob Carter



Jordan Carter



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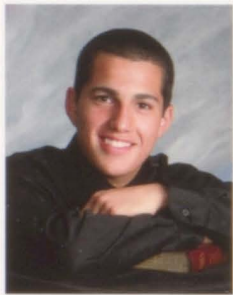
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Jacob Crawford



Shane Crosby



Jairo Diaz



George Docking



Joseph Dooley



Kayla Doolittle



Reed Dougherty



Salina Duarte



Jessica Duckworth



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Austin Edwards



Ivory Elijah



James Everhart



DeVanti Finch



Thomas Fisher



Hector Flores Jr.



Krystina Floyd



Nicholas Franchett



Daemon Franklin



Brittany Frentrop



Angelica Galvan



Chase Galvan



Christina Gee



Dustin Gilbert



Miranda Hackney



Devyn Hayes



Victoria Haynes



Andrew Hern



Yessenia Hernandez



Maria Herrera



Justin Hobson



Philip Holcomb



Ethan Hook



Katrina Houston



Emily Hunt



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Tyreka Johnson



J.R. Jones



Shawn Jones



Samantha Kiely



Kaleb Kivett



James Klingele



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Hannah Mauk



Trey May



Blake McMahon



Haley Meier



Ariel Mellies



Cody Miller



Joseph Mills



Nate Mitchell



Noah Monroy



Daniel Montgomery



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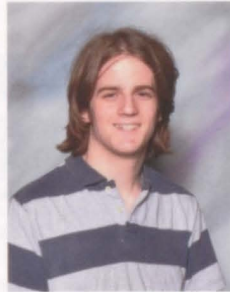
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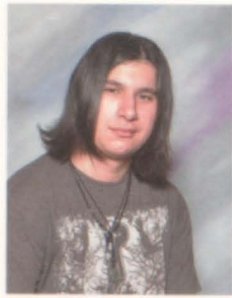
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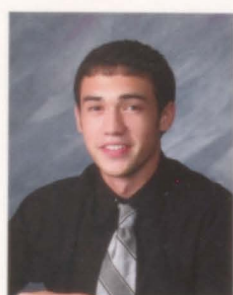
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Nicholas Whalen



Brandon White



DeAndre White



Bryan Williams



Steve Williams



Emily Wilson



Erica Wilson



Kelin Woolridge



Arlando Young



JaVante Young



Michael Yuncker



Bradean Zamora



Maria Aguilar, Aaron Avila, Ivett Briones, Ivonne Briones, Mathew Chilson, Matthew Clair, Renado Durlay, Alicia Garcia, Skyler Hill, Danielle Matthews, Beverly Moore, Kimber Patterson, Andrew Rock, Adriana Rodriguez, Katlynn Russell, Tyrone Turner, Brandon Wachter, James Waldo

Anatomy of the seniors



» **Shrugging their shoulders,** Jake Naim and Frank Walters demonstrate the joint movement of elevation. The joint dance was one of many hands-on projects that Anatomy students participated in. "Anything hands-on helps students to remember better," instructor Cindy Hayes said. "It breaks the monotony of classwork." Other projects included students learning and then teaching an entire chapter to the class, a trip to the UMKC dental school and dissecting cats.



» **Moving to the groove,** Amber Stephens takes part in a dance showcasing the joints in the body. "Getting up and moving helped me remember better and made it easier to learn," Stephens said. "I feel like I learn more when I do hands-on activities."



» **With jazz hands,** Hannah Mauk and Morgan Simpson shake it up during their fourth hour Anatomy class.



"My favorite year of high school was probably freshman year because it was just fun. I had classes with people who later became my friends. The best part of my senior year was getting a jump on my Senior Project, but the worst part was seeing friends drift apart."

-Austin Edwards

"During senior year, I attended all of the home football games. I never really had the time to go in the past, but my friends dragged me along and I had a great time."

-Jessica Rogoza



"The best moment of senior year was playing soccer for the high school team for the first time. I'm a huge fan of soccer and by joining the team I was able to learn a lot about teamwork and myself."

-Ricky Uriola

JUNIORS



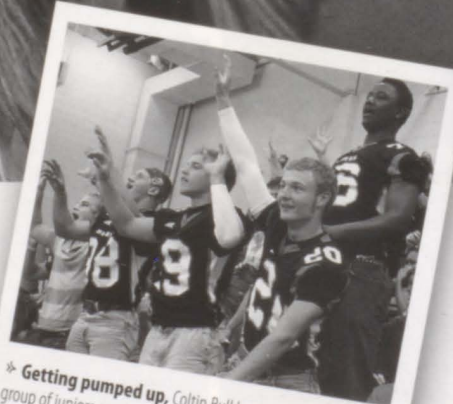
» **Cheering on towards victory**, Shawn Bryant, Kayla Fratzel and Rachel Jensen support the boys' basketball team at the "Coming Together For A Cure" game against Turner.



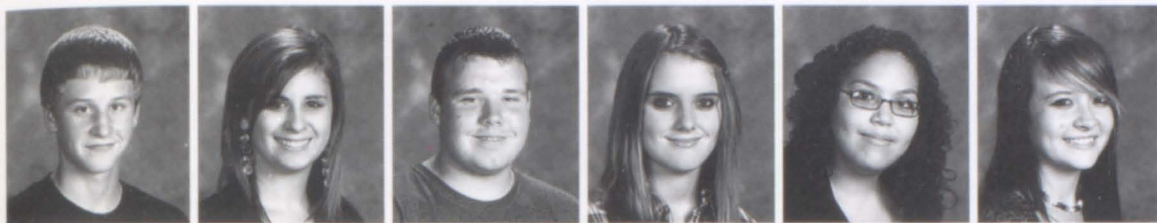
» **Quenching his thirst**, defensive lineman Dalen Reed takes a break during the black-and-orange scrimmage. "My favorite part of the season was getting the opportunity to step on the football field and compete with my friends," Reed said.



» **Passing the flame**, Taylor Coleman and Tanner Clark take part in the National Honor Society induction ceremony in November. "I like being able to give back to the community and help out during the community service projects," Clark said.



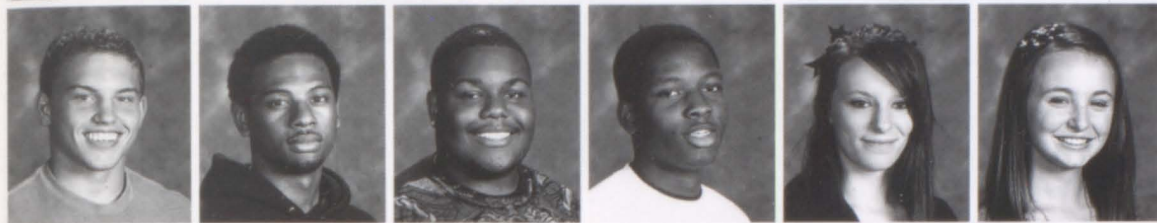
» **Getting pumped up**, Coltin Bulkley (No. 20) and a group of juniors participate in the fall sports pep assembly. "The connection between the players is good," Bulkley said. "We all get along because we're a team on and off the field."



Tristan Abts
Kelsey Addie
Joseph Arnett
Stephanie Arnold
Gabriela Arzabala
Allison Augustine



Bethany Bailey
Patrick Ballard
Mandy Ballou
Caleb Bennett
Loren Bergstrom
Kaysi Bias



Jonathan Blackwell
Joshua Bonwell
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Mark Brantley
Michelle Briggs
Amber Brillhart



Jordan Brown
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Coltin Bulkley
Buddy Burnett
Matthew Call
Cord Cannon



Nicholas Casteel
Sarah Catron
Drew Clark
Tanner Clark
Jared Clements
Haley Close



Taylor Coleman
Will Collins
Kathleen Cosgrove
Allie Crane
Jordan Crawford
Dante Crider



Lauren Culter
Anna Deegan
Paul Deeter
Cesar Diaz
Deidra Elijah
Tanise England



Madison Epp
Edwardo Flores
Shalyice Flynn
Tessa Franchett
Spencer Frank
Kayla Fratzel

My Junior year in #140 characters



Short, music-obsessed, Hunger Games!

-Miranda McCullough



My junior year was a lot of fun, from sports to classes with all my friends.

-Nick Castiel



Junior year was pretty eventful, but I'm glad I went through it. It was fun.

-Alli Augustine



My junior year was very fast and great. Everyone says it is the worst, but it wasn't so bad.

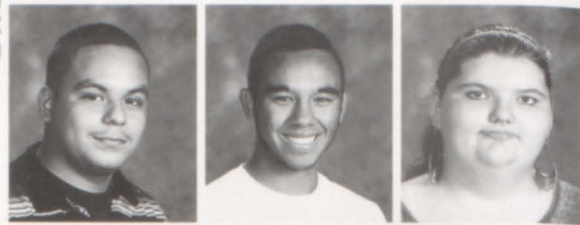
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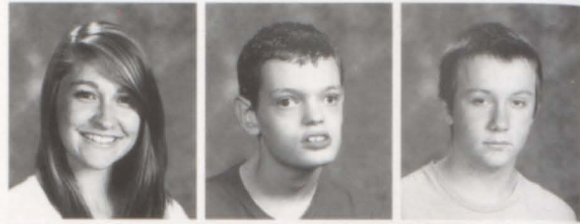
My junior year was both great and terrifying. It can be a struggle with getting prepared for college, the ACT, and senior year approaching.

-Marquette Smith

Leeroy Garcia
Luis Gardea
Kayla Gilbert



Tylynn Glenn
Robert Green
Chris Griffitts



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Geena Harris
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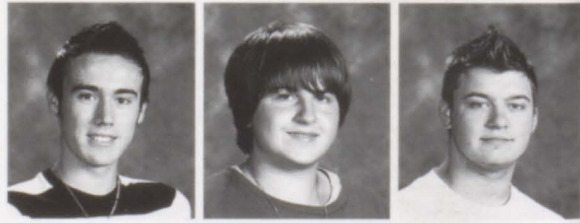
Cassady Holloway
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Tyler Howell



Brittney Huffman
Amanda Huggins
Troy Hull



Coleman Isaacs
Tyler Jenkins
Jordan Jennings



The Voice of the Braves Broadcast Line



When and how did you begin doing the morning announcements?

I began doing the morning announcements during the second semester of my freshman year after Mr. Streit, the current announcer, gave me the job. I was in his introductory journalism class and I asked him if I could give it a try, but I had to prove to him that I had the voice and skills to do it.

Do you have trouble saying anything?

I always have trouble pronouncing certain names and the phrase "warm roll" when giving the lunch menu. However, I feel like when I mess up it brings a smile to everyone's day.

Do you get any time to practice the day's announcements ahead of time?

It depends on how early I get to school. I try to read through the script first, but some days when I'm running late I'll be giving the announcements right as I walk through the door.

Is it hard trying to be peppy every morning?

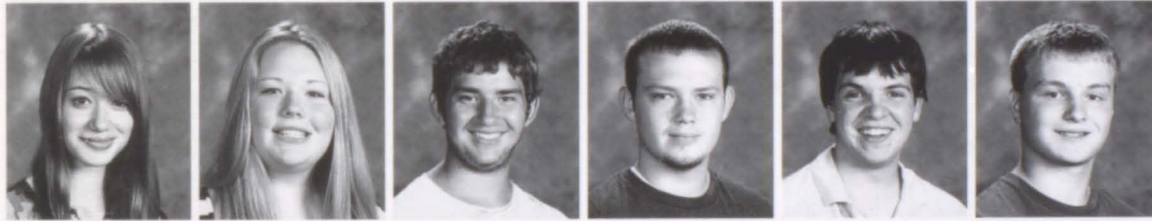
No, when I start doing the announcements, it's like a switch turns on inside me. I can be having a terrible morning but sound like nothing's wrong.



Rachael Jensen
Gabriel Jessie
Shelia Johnson
Christian Jones
Robert Jones
Aubrey Julio



Nyssa Kemper
Zachary Kennedy
T.J. Kimbrough-French
Zachery Kindred
Ashlee King
Nicholas Korosec



Jordan Lackner
Morgan LaFon
Keith Lambie
Danny Lankford
Joseph Lentz
Tyler Lentz



Aaron Lewis
Stephen Lewis
Savannah Lochert
Kevin London
Cheyenne Luth
Winter Luttrell



Breana Lynn
Alexes Martinez
Alex Martinez
Anna Martinez
Renaë Maxey
Cassandra McClain

What is the weirdest app you have?



"I have a yoga app. I guess that might be weird, but I use it because they have a lot of good poses and I like yoga.

-Kayci Bias



"I have a 3D sound illusions app and iFake. iFake is an app that makes someone's iPhone or iPod look broken.

-Sarah Catron



What is an app you wish you had?



"I want an app that can me get A's on everything, so I wouldn't have to do any work.

-Hannah Reed



"I wish I had an app that unlocks the answers to all the questions in the world.

-Tyler Jenkins



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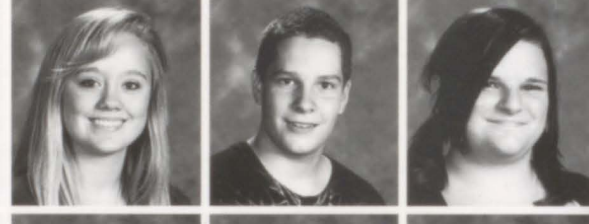
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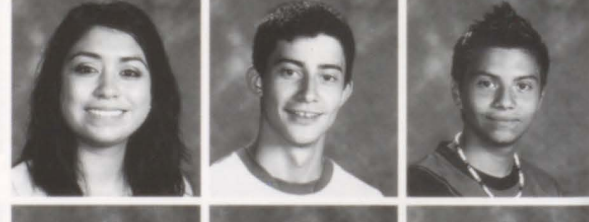
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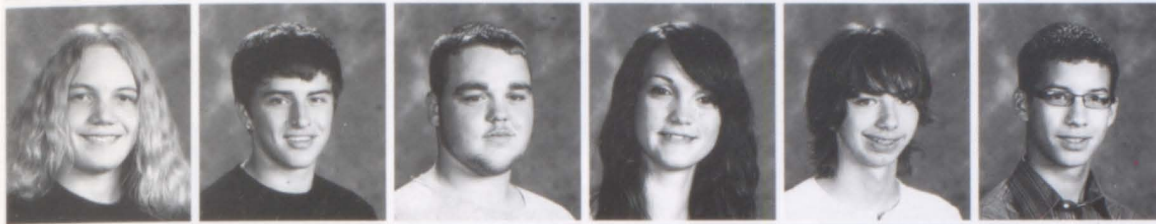


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 Benjamin Villegas



Leah Walker
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 Andrea Wiglesworth
 Brenna Williams
 Jene Williams
 LiNelle Wilson

SOPHOMORES

» Strolling down the hall, Madison Hurla and Brianna Robinette catch up between classes.



» As part of a meiosis project, Dakota Cunningham and Josiah Kelly look for information on chromosome splits in Trisha Manther's fourth hour Biology class.



» Dazzling the crowd, Valerie Torres performs during the fall pep assembly. "I love the energy we get from the crowd when we dance. It really gets me pumped up," Torres said.



» Hitting the high notes, Luke Bolejack plays a solo to kick off the band's Latin-themed halftime show. "Playing at games isn't really challenging, it's just tiring," Bolejack said.



Lizbeth Acosta
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 Jordyn Arnold



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 Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad
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Colton Harvey
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Tyler Hernandez
Bailey Hightower



Made with love

Why do you enjoy cooking?

I got into cooking when I started my health kick about two years ago. Learning to cook helped me to manage my eating lifestyle. I also discovered the joy that comes in cooking for others. When I make others happy with the food I make, it makes me happy. I tried a lot of dessert recipes on the yearbook staff. They liked my cookie-cake cupcakes the best.

What types of food do you often make?

I cook all kinds of food, but I make desserts more often than meals. I prefer to make desserts because they're more enjoyable to make and they taste good.

What is your favorite dish to make?

Banana bread is one of my favorites. It's easy to make, but it takes forever to bake.

Do you subscribe to any cooking magazines or watch any cooking TV shows?

I used to subscribe to Cooking Lite, and I found a lot of great ideas for healthier desserts there. As far as TV goes, I'm not into cooking shows. Sometimes I'll watch Rachael Ray and the Live Well Network.

How will cooking play into your future?

Eventually, I want to be able to have my own bakery. I am planning on taking some cooking classes at Johnson County Community College over the summer. In the future, though, I would like cooking to be more of my side job. I will mostly do it for fun, but it's something I'll always love.

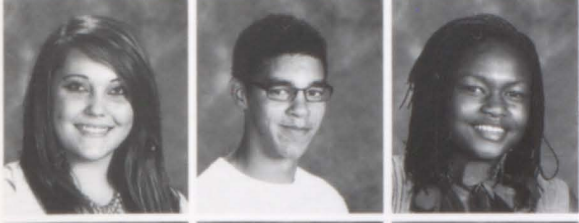
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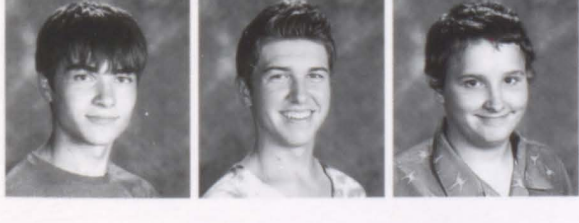
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Avoiding the Sophomore SLUMP



"I worked a lot harder in school this year, which made it better than last year. I didn't mess around in math class that much any more."

-Joseph Davis



"I've tried to be better at what I do. I haven't really done much different than freshman year. I just strive to be better academically among other things."

-Hayley Hinton



"I made sure to be a part of everything. I have so many more friends, and I'm a lot more social this year than I was freshman year."

-Lilly Eichhoff



"I haven't done much differently this year. I just took advanced classes like Chemistry and Calculus and challenged myself more."

-Rebekah Thompson



"This year I learned how to drive. That made my year better because I got to go where I wanted, when I wanted by myself. It was nice to have more freedom."

-Nathan Ruff

Thanks for the @memories



“My best times were in Mrs. Smith’s English class. She’s my favorite teacher. I enjoy her energy, her jokes and the crazy voices that she uses.

-Jackie Calderon

“The highlight of my year was going to all the parties, hanging out with my friends, and doing all the little things that I will one day look back upon and realize made a difference in my life.

-DaAngelo Bradley



“My best memory was in Mr. Downing’s class when the whole class passed the state assessment and we got a pizza party.

-Jimmy Contreras

“One of my favorite memories was when the JV Quiz Bowl team placed first at a meet. It was the first time I had my name attached to an award that the school could be proud of.

-Daniel Mejia



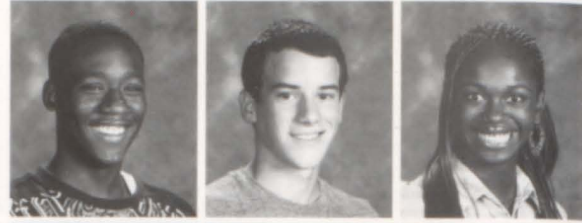
“I really liked not being at the bottom of the food chain this year. Having underclassmen was definitely enjoyable.

-Eleanor Lynch

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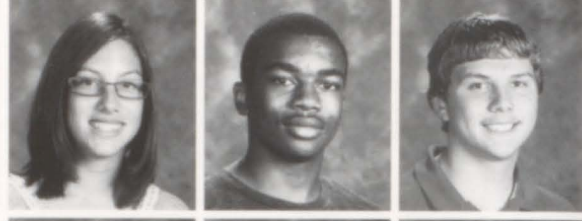
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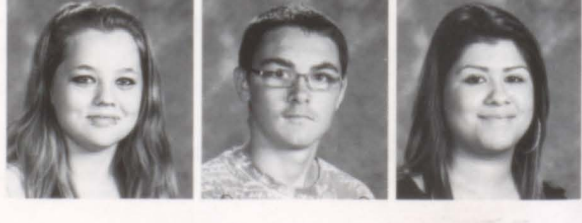
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Ashley Sutton
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 Ahmad Walls
 Erin Walters
 Abigail Ward
 Danan Weaver



Jake Wenzel
 Les Wessel
 Brittany White
 Corey Williams
 Shelby Yuncker

FRESHMEN

✦ **Cutting it close**, Loren Ford forms the acrylic piece needed for a necklace she made in her Jewelry class.



✦ **Hard at work**, Ross Hogan adjusts to the high school environment. "The best part of high school was that it felt like we got more freedom and had the opportunity to do stuff we liked," Hogan said.



✦ **Opening her locker for the first time**, Tori Dunn takes time to check out her new space. "I was nervous for my freshman year," Dunn said. "Coming to a new school district at the start of my high school career was overwhelming. I didn't know anyone until Freshman Orientation, where I met some of my new friends."



✦ **Finding out his fate**, Layne Warner opens a slip of paper to see if he will be continuing on to the next round at the January Renaissance Assembly. "I was surprised when they called my name," Warner said. "I enjoyed being a part of it, and I won a McDonald's gift card."



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 Frankie Banuelos
 Courtney Barger
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 Tori Dunn
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 Hannah Fehlhafer
 Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado
 Austen Ford

Freshmen

Firsts



“My freshman year was the first time I was on a dance team with my friends. I had danced before at a studio, but never for school.

-Allie Mulich



“I'd been waiting to play baseball for a school team for a long time, and it was a experience that I enjoyed. Getting to play at the T-Bones stadium was something I'll never forget.

-Jeremy McDonnell



“Going to my first high school dance was fun because I got to interact with people I'd never met before.

-Amber Cox



“I didn't think I would become friends with some of the seniors on the baseball team, but I did and that surprised me. Seniors usually don't hang out with freshmen.

-Jordan Castro



“My freshman year was the first time I had to work hard in school. My hardest class was Mr. Pickens' social studies class because I really don't like the subject.

-Cheyenne Cook

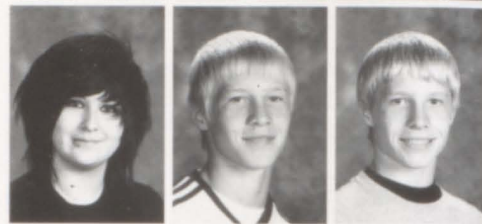
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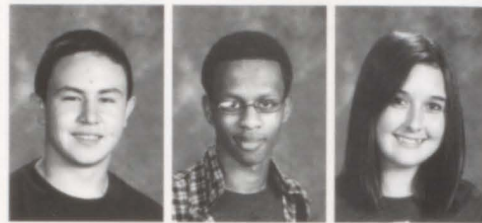
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Teach me Derby

HOW TO Derby

How does the game of Roller Derby work?

Basically, each team has four blockers and one jammer. The jammer is the person that scores by passing the people from the other team. If they pass a blocker they get one point, and if they pass the other jammer, they get a "grand slam" which is worth five points.

How did you get into Roller Derby?

My mom plays Roller Derby and she always talked about how fun it was, so I decided to find a junior league and try it out.

What position do you play?

I'm a blocker. Sometimes I play pivot, which is at the front of the pack, but occasionally I switch to bumper, which stays at the back of the pack.

Have you gotten any injuries while playing?

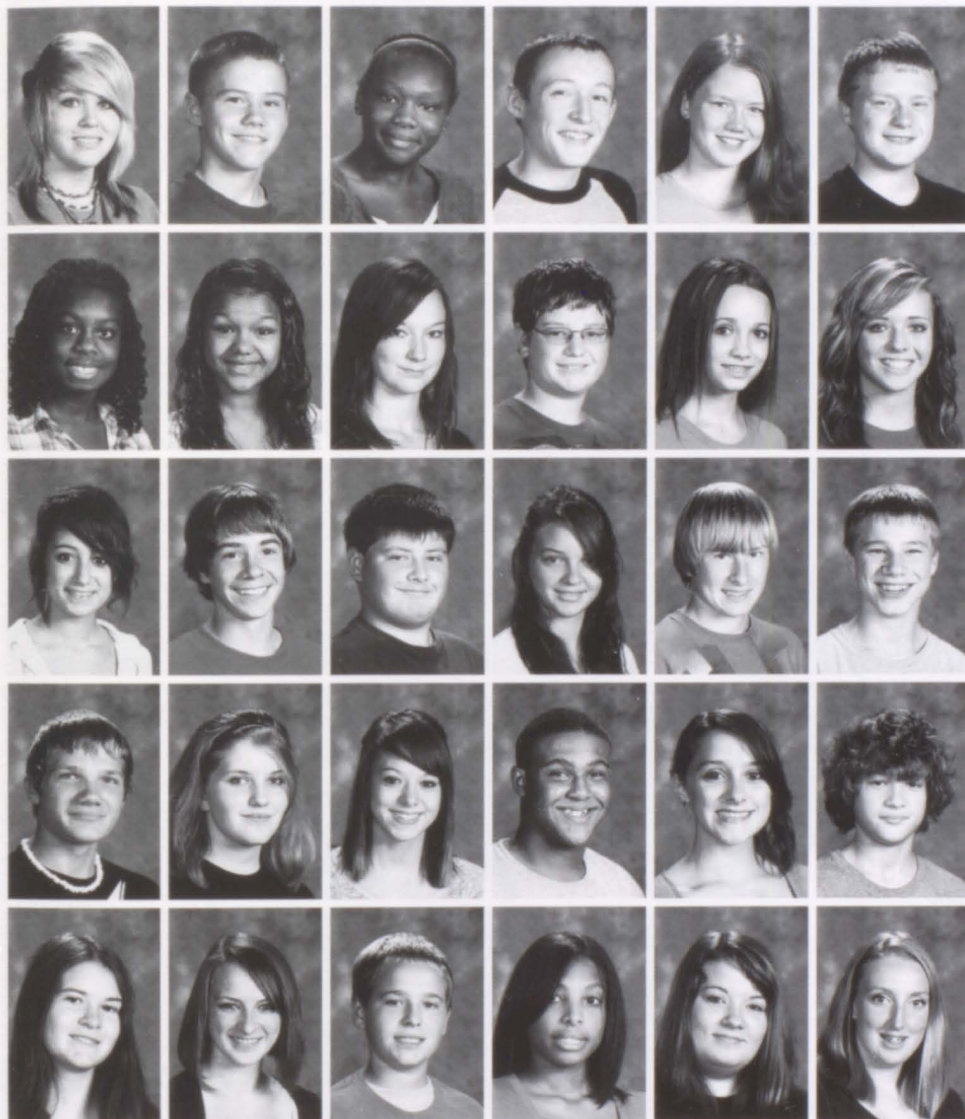
One time I fell on my tailbone and couldn't walk the next day, but that was the worst one. People get Velcro scratches and bruises often, but not anything serious.

What is your favorite part of playing?

I really enjoy being able to hit people without getting into trouble.



Lauren Murphy



Stephanie Isley
Sacharey Jackson
Jalisa James
J.T. Johnson
Rachel Johnson
Sam Johnson

Tiara Johnson
Mackenzie Jones
Samantha Joyce
Michael Kelley
Madelyn Kempf
Hailey Kendrick

Caitlyn Khatchadourian
Jeremy Kilmartin
James King
Hope Koch
Jacob Kraus
Kyle Lackner

Bryan Lanning
Megan Laughlin
Allie Ledbetter
Cameron Leslie
Amber Lies
Caleb Malone

Kelli Mauk
Kailey McCorkendale
Jeremy McDonnell
Tierra McGee
Larissa Mitchell
Michaela Mock

Freshmen Fears

What's yours?



"I was scared about not being able to find my classes and that I was going to be late to class."

-Raleigh Shearer



"My biggest fear was failing everything. I had heard good and bad things about the school and had no idea what to expect."

-Samuel Johnson



"I was worried going into all of my sports. I was most nervous about making the teams with all of the upperclassmen talent."

-Michaela Mock



"I was afraid of getting lost and looking stupid in the halls. Plus, I didn't think the upperclassmen would like me."

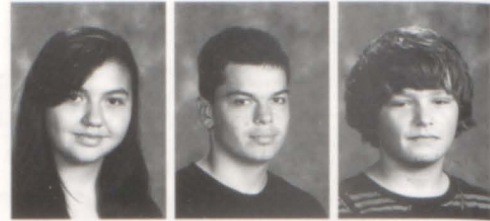
-Alley Washburn



"I was a little nervous about how I would get from class to class and how hard the work might be. It wasn't as difficult as I thought."

-Bill Anderson

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Lauren Murphy
Emma Murrugarra



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Samuel Nelson



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Colton Quigley
Tyler Rhodes



Haylee Richmond
Bridget Rittinghouse
Skyler Roach





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Courtney Roush
Gabrielle Rye
Tatum Salvino
Dustin Scott
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 Lucas Aslin, Physical Education
 Nancy Baker, Language Arts
 Monty Bechard, Physical Education
 Maria Betzen, Paraprofessional



Twila Bolton, Food Services
 Diane Bonner, Success Center
 Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
 Heather Campbell, Mathematics
 Carla Cline, Food Services
 Crystal Coleman-Richardson, Physical Education



Adrienne DeLeon, Business
 Bill Downing, Language Arts
 Andrea Eick, Mathematics
 Sally Finck, Music Accompanist
 Jeff Fouquet, Language Arts
 Linda Francis, Student Services



Martha Gamble, Food Services
 Tara George, Family and Consumer Science
 Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
 Jennie Hale, Food Services
 Kelly Hammond, Foreign Language
 Cynthia Hayes, Science



Jennifer Hicks, Guidance Counselor
 John Hilton, Vice Principal/Athletic Director
 Jill Holder, Journalism
 Joe Hornback, Principal
 Linda Horvath, Art
 Ryan Hull, Social Studies



Sarah Kolle, Mathematics
 Rosemary Kruger, Custodian
 Lisa Lugar, Language Arts
 Trisha Manthei, Science
 Tabitha Marriott, Special Education
 Judie McDonnell, Paraprofessional



Nicole McDowell, Mathematics
 Bryce McFarland, Business
 Stephen Miller, Special Education
 Jim Mitchell, Special Education
 Sarabeth Morgan, Special Education
 Connie Mosher, Food Services





Rick Moulin, Vice Principal
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Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Education
Karen Parsons, Paraprofessional



Justin Pickens, Social Studies
Rebecca Plaschka, Guidance Counselor
Iva Powers, Media Center Manager
Herman Randle, ISS/Study Hall
Cynthia Ready, Mathematics
Linda Reed, Food Services



Denise Risley, Food Services
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Barbara Scott, Secretary
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Ann Smith, Language Arts
Tom Smotherman, Custodian
Renee Stanley, Bookkeeper
Dan Streit, Journalism



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Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Jessica Thomas, Secretary
Bill Turley, Instrumental Music
Brian White, Vocal Music



Christine Wood, Language Arts
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Laura Potter, Instrumental Music
Carolynn Welliver, Special Education

They did What?

By Jake Carter

Staff cuts loose on in-service day

Bet you didn't know that while you were sleeping in on the first day of Christmas break, your teachers were building balloon towers in the commons and strutting their stuff in the auditorium during a Dec. 20 professional development day.

To mix things up a bit, principal Joe Hornback organized a series of team-building activities in which teachers were divided into teams and worked together all morning.

"Our goal for this day was to have some fun, build a sense of team and get to better know the people we work with every day to help create a unified staff," Hornback said.

Activities included a balloon tower contest, free-throw shooting contest and a "Faculty Feud Festival."

But the activity that brought the most laughter was "Bonner Idol," a hilarious event that had teachers dressing up in wigs and hats and lip syncing to popular songs by Lady Gaga, Journey and Garth Brooks on the auditorium stage.

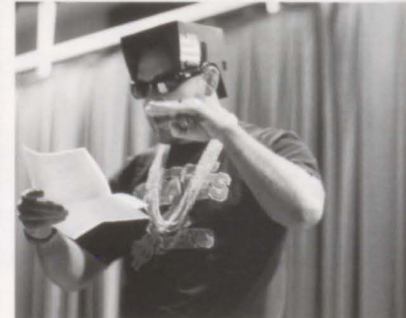
"Our belief is that if we have a positive and professional working environment it will benefit student achievement," Hornback said.

✦ **Jamming out**, new math teacher Jessica Laster strums her guitar during Bonner Idol.



✦ **Hitting the buzzer**, media center manager Iva Powers and art teacher Linda Horvath face off during the "Faculty Feud Festival."

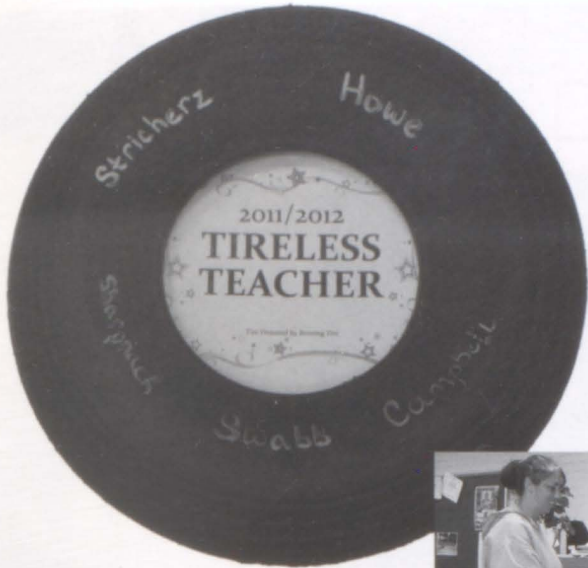
✦ **Towering above the competition**, vice principal Rick Moulin checks the height of a balloon tower constructed by Spanish teacher Kelly Hoopes (left), guidance counselor Jennifer Hicks and other staff members. Teams were given 15 minutes and some tape to construct a tower that had to stand on its own.



✦ **Busting a rhyme**, physical education instructor Brandon Jobe lip syncs to "Ice Ice Baby," by Vanilla Ice. "It definitely got me out of my comfort zone," Jobe said. "I'm not much of a showman, but it was a fun morning."

✦ **Making an impression**, journalism teacher Dan Streit tries to influence celebrity guest judge Bob Caldwell during the "Bonner Idol" competition. "It was hilarious and showed what talent we have here," Caldwell said. "But Mr. Streit's impersonation of a female was a true low point."

»» Tireless Teacher



» With a heartfelt thanks, special education teacher Tabitha Marriott presents English teacher Ann Smith with a red velvet cookie and a certificate recognizing her as a Tireless Teacher nominee.



Whether it's planning a variety of zany games for the Renaissance awards assemblies or coordinating efforts to recognize outstanding educators, the Student-Teacher Recognition committee does its best to honor excellence in a variety of ways. The Tireless Teacher award is one of the committee's newest contributions.

"It's an ongoing way for the staff to recognize each other for all the great things they do and to be proud of those efforts," special education teacher Tabitha Marriott said. "When we think of the great teachers at BSHS, sometimes the same names always come to mind. This award was designed to give teachers who might not be recognized a chance for recognition."

Marriott said teachers can nominate one another by sending her a quick email; however, staff members cannot be eligible to win the Tireless Teacher award unless they have nominated a fellow staff member.

Those selected receive a treat delivered by Marriott and her students and a certificate of appreciation. All winners are eligible for a drawing to win a \$10 gift card to a restaurant. The name of each winner is added to a traveling tire that was donated by Berning Tire.



» **Dethroning the champ**, the staff shows its approval when social studies teacher Ryan Hull is ousted from the musical chairs competition.

» **Poised to win**, social studies teacher Ryan Hull gets the crowd pumped for the first Renaissance Assembly, which rewards students for good attendance and academic excellence.

» **Fighting for a chair**, the teachers do their best to secure a seat before the music stops. This year's contest was won by physical education instructor Crystal Coleman-Richardson.



Teacher of the Quarter

"It's a good feeling knowing that your students and coworkers respect what you're doing on a day-to-day basis.

-Andrew Addington



"I had a lot of fun during my first year of teaching. It went really well, and I enjoyed the experience and my students. I'm glad to be a part of Bonner Springs High School.

-Justin Pickens



"My first year has been great. It was a blessing to learn from the faculty and students at BSHS. I know I still have room to grow, but teaching has been very rewarding.

-Andrea Eick



"It was a real honor. I try hard to improve year by year, but this year a great group of kids worked hard to meet me halfway.

-Jeff Fongnet



You want me to eat *What?*



"The food was terrible. We had tacos, but they were watery with no taste. The cookie for dessert was pretty good, though. It was definitely a good field trip, and I think it reinforced the idea that you shouldn't get in trouble."

-Kristopher Scott, 12



"It was scary to actually go into one of the older jail cells. I had no idea what we were going to see that day because you can't know what a jail is like until you've seen one. This was a great field trip because it showed us what can happen if you do get into trouble."

-Emily Wilson, 12



"The food was worse than the school food, and it made me never want to go to jail. We got to try the loaf, which is the meal they give to prisoners who are being punished for bad behavior. Basically, it's everything put together in one meal and they are allowed to feed it to the inmates for up to eight days."

-Kayla Doolittle, 12



» **Listening up**, senior Allen Maness gets strict instructions on lunch procedures from a Wyandotte County Sheriff's department officer. "It was a good field trip. The staff was very informative," Maness said. "I was surprised to learn that the inmates were a lot more isolated than I thought they would be."

» **In a bullet-proof vest**, junior Ben Villegas models equipment worn by officers who serve dangerous warrants and make high-risk arrests. "Wearing all of this gear was awesome," Villegas said. "It was uncomfortable, but I felt lucky to be able to try it on. This field trip was by far the best one yet."



Doin' some time *By Ashton Ista*

Criminal Justice students take field trip to the Wyandotte County jail

When social studies teacher Justin Howe told his Criminal Justice students that they would be headed to jail on Nov. 4, he received some puzzled looks.

"I was nervous because it sounded a little sketchy," senior Madison Scott said. "They told us we couldn't take our cell phones or a writing utensil and that we shouldn't make eye contact or point at the inmates."

Howe's Criminal Justice class was one of the four new social studies electives that were available to upperclassmen. The purpose of the class was to examine three specific areas—law enforcement, corrections, and the courts—as well as to look at possible career options and the relatively new world of law enforcement in the post 9/11 world.

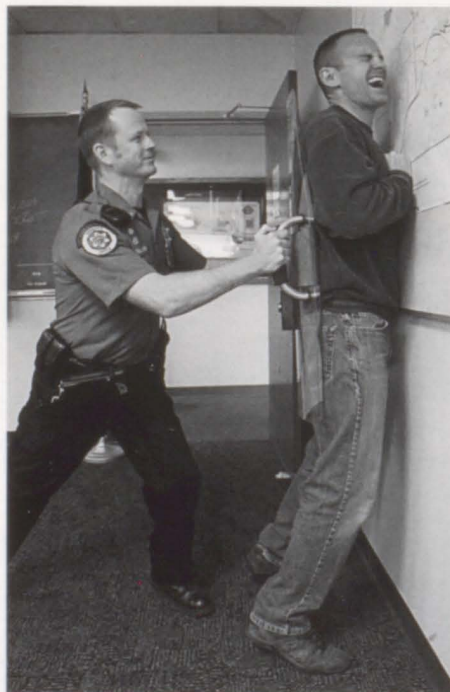
Howe scheduled the field trip to the Wyandotte County jail to provide his students

with a real-world experience where they could be exposed to each aspect of the criminal justice system.

While at the jail, the students had a Q&A session with the sheriff, under sheriff, district attorney and detectives, toured the facilities, and ate a typical lunch that would be served to inmates.

Howe had never taken a class to the jail and said he "couldn't say enough" about the way the sheriff department's staff opened their facility to his students.

"From the sheriff on down, they really rolled out the red carpet," Howe said. "Seeing and experiencing the things discussed in class is the best way to bring learning to life. It gives students a frame of reference for the content and exposes them to things they may have never experienced if it were not for this class."



» **In a teachable moment**, social studies teacher Justin Howe is subdued with a shock shield by a Wyandotte County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) officer as part of a Nov. 4 field trip.

Brainiacs

Psychology students study the brain inside and out.



Hector Flores, 12

What was your brain made out of?

I used all different kinds of Play-Doh to make my brain.

How does this tie into psychology?

It ties into psychology because we learned all about the parts of the brain and how they work.

What will you remember about this project?

I'll remember getting to play with Play-Doh for a class project. I really enjoyed learning about the brain.



Blaine Edmondson, 12

What was the point of the project?

To learn about the different parts of the brain and what they do.

What did you learn?

I went into this knowing nothing about the brain. Working on this project got me familiar with the parts of a brain and how it does everything for you.

What was hard and easy about this project?

The hardest part was figuring out what to make my brain out of. I ended up using gardening foam. The easiest thing about this project was presenting it. I'm good at presenting and don't get nervous.



❖ **Searching for a tennis ball**, junior Chad Uhl gains assistance from junior Winter Luttrell while participating in a demonstration on sensory adaptation in his seventh hour psychology class. Students had to try to throw a ball at a target while wearing goggles that distorted their vision. "The demo showed us how our brains interacted with the environment through the senses," Uhl said.

❖ **Presenting her model**, junior Sydney Turner explains the parts of the brain during Jennifer Schlicht's seventh hour psychology class. "I used Rice Krispies and food coloring to make the different parts. I also used toothpicks with slips of paper attached to them to label each part. I enjoyed the class because it was a challenge. You had to really work at it to do well," Turner said.

« Lights, Camera, » Deadline»

By Tessa Newberry

It's the middle of the day and most students are fighting off the post-lunch lull, but in one classroom, things sound a little bit different. "Can you hear me all right? Okay. Hey there. It's time for your weekly weather report from me, Steven Caswell."

During fourth hour, there are two groups of students who are working hard to deliver the news to their student body in two different ways. One of those news sources is the Pow Wow, the school newspaper that was published under the direction of junior co-editors Sydney Shepherd and Courtney Wheeler.

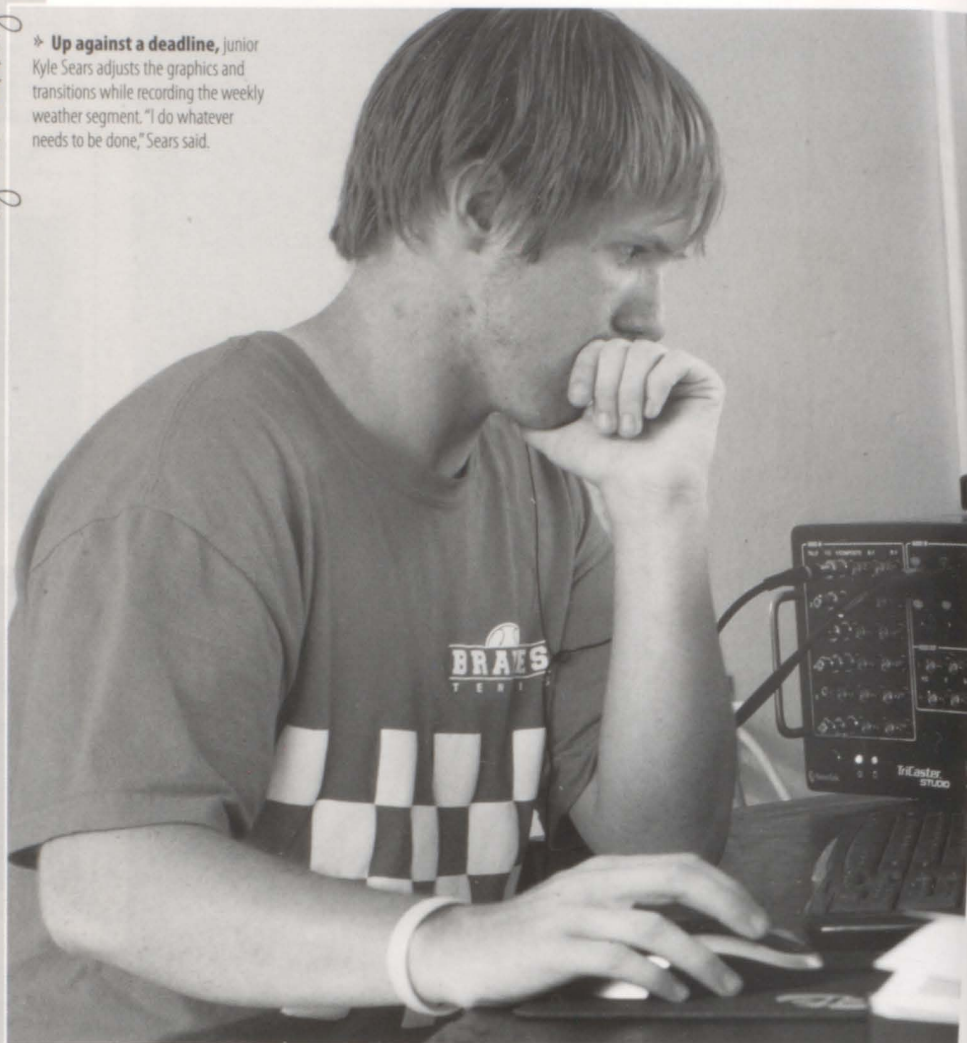
"This was a special year for the Pow Wow because it marked our 75th anniversary, and we were also one of four class 4A schools to receive the KSPA All-Kansas award, which is given to the top publications in the state," Wheeler said. "We work really hard to maintain the publication's high standards."

Tee Pee talk is the other option for student news, a weekly video production that centers around reporting events in the school and community. Senior Matt Coffman was this year's final editor.

Sophomore Weston Vitt was a member of the Tee Pee Talk staff and enjoyed his first year as a sports anchor.

"I really like seeing the final product. It's nice to see everything finished and to know that I was able to help," Vitt said.

Whatever the medium, there are multiple ways for BSHS students to keep up with their peers and community.



« Up against a deadline, junior Kyle Sears adjusts the graphics and transitions while recording the weekly weather segment. "I do whatever needs to be done," Sears said.



State Champions

Students on the newspaper and yearbook staffs combined to win a first-ever Class 4A Sweepstakes title at the KSPA state contest on May 5. The individual competition results are below.

- » **Sasha Bingaman:** Honorable mention, academics photography
- » **Taylor Coleman:** Third place, yearbook layout
- » **Cynthia Ebertz:** First place, cutline writing; second place, yearbook layout
- » **Devyn Hayes:** Third place, editorial cartoon
- » **Tessa Newberry:** Second place, student life photography; honorable mention, photo illustration
- » **Samantha Ricci-Weller:** Honorable mention, academics photography
- » **Mariah Seifert:** First place, student life photography; third place, sports photography
- » **Sydney Shepherd:** Second place, feature writing
- » **Peter Swanson:** Second place, headline writing
- » **Aaron Lewis and Andrea Wiglesworth:** Second place, graphics and theme development
- » **Chad Uhl and Tessa Newberry:** Honorable mention, graphics and theme development

How it's done

According to broadcast teacher Dan Streit



On-Screen

Not everyone wants to be on-screen, so the students get to say whether they want to do this or not and then we delegate the responsibility based on that. At the beginning of the week, we say, "Okay, we need two anchors. Who wants to do it?" and whoever volunteers gets the role. That way nobody is put in a pressure situation they aren't comfortable in.

Behind-the-Scenes

I choose the editor based on who has the most experience. This year it was Matt Coffman, who's been on the staff for three years. Each student edits his or her own footage and section and then they send it to Matt, who edits all the pieces, for the final production. Everyone does some form of editing; Matt is just the final editor.

Battle of the editors

Newspaper

The Pow Wow is a great source for student news because we are students ourselves, so we try to make sure that everything we report is student-based: about students and for students. We try to cover everything we think students need to know. This year we made a lot of small changes to make the Pow Wow more appealing. We had big plans for the web, but our staff was so small that we couldn't do much with it. I think we produced a lot of really good issues.

-Sydney Shepherd 11



Tee Pee Talk

Tee Pee Talk is a great source for student news because we cover everything going on in sports, the school, and the district. People want to know what's going on with their kids and their friends. All you have to do is turn Tee Pee Talk on and listen; it's an easy source of information. We made a big change this year by using the Tricaster. It replaced the green screen with a background, and our productions look a lot better.

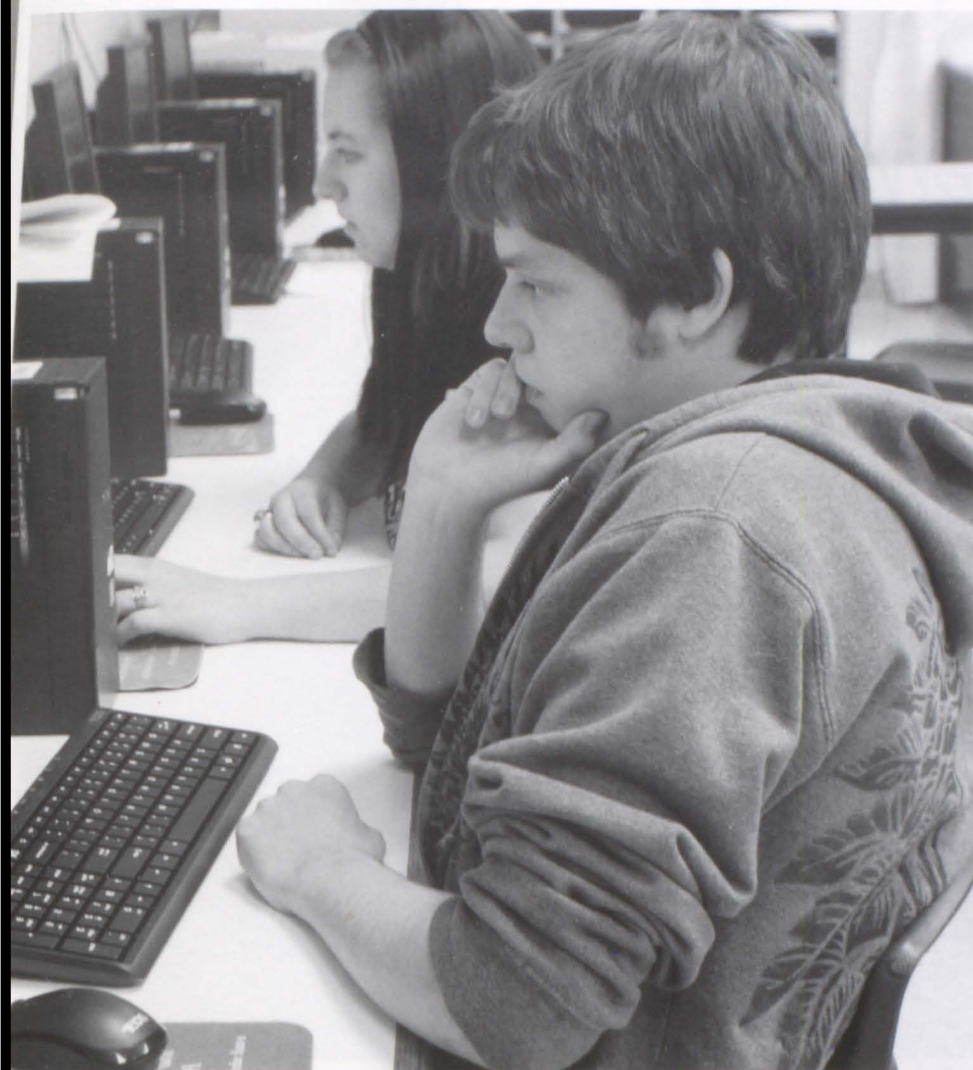
-Matt Coffman 12



Newspaper

Our publication is great news for anybody. We do our best to stay true to our talents while meeting the needs of our audience. It's really hard to do what we do, and people don't realize that. We work weekends and after school for hours at a time to make sure that what we do is quality. With just 14 staff members and one senior, I think we've done a really good job.

-Courtney Wheeler 11



✦ **Picking out the highlights**, junior Cassady Holloway edits a video on the girls basketball team. "I do different segments every time. Sometimes I anchor, which is my favorite thing to do," Holloway said.

✦ **Deep in thought**, junior Peter Swanson (top center) works alongside junior Miranda McCullough on a story. "Mrs. Holder kept asking me to join newspaper, so I did. I enjoy it because all the work we do goes towards producing something," he said.

✦ **Celebrating the holidays**, junior Miranda McCullough adjusts her Christmas gift for sophomore Daniel Mejia. To build camaraderie, the staff does a Secret Santa gift exchange at the end of the first semester. Each present must start with the same letters as the recipient's first and last name.



✦ **Searching for errors**, junior co-editors Sydney Shepherd and Courtney Wheeler stay after school to go over the final layouts for the April newspaper. The Pow Wow staff published seven issues this year.

✦ **Fitting the scenes together**, junior Cesar Diaz edits the movie review section of Tee Pee Talk. "It started last year when I was watching Fox 4, and I noticed that they did movie reviews. I decided to incorporate that into our broadcast," Diaz said.



Selfless Service

with a smile

By Tessa Newberry

As a teenager, your life revolves around you: grades, sports, friends and more. It's your social life and it's your academic life, but what about the rest of the world?

National Honor Society is a group focused on helping others through community service projects while also promoting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Students must have a minimum 3.2 grade point average in order to be considered. Once selected by a faculty council, students participate in an official induction ceremony.

As part of that special event, the new members were called up one by one to sign the registry, went onto the stage to repeat the pledge and exited to the commons for refreshments.

"I thought the ceremony was beautiful, especially with the candle light on people's faces," junior Jason Van Maren said.



Once they have joined, students are required to complete 10 service points during the course of the school year: seven individual, two large groups and one small group.

Many volunteer opportunities are offered to the students through NHS, but many plan and execute their own service activities.

Senior Blaine Edmondson found his own way to help by working with Mission Adelante, a Kansas City, Kansas organization that works with Bhutanese children.

"Most of the kids are young enough to have learned English, but their parents haven't, so while the adults are in English classes, I work with the kids and help to entertain them," Edmondson said.

The motto "To whom much is given, much is expected" along with the service requirements teach NHS members to help the less fortunate, shaping the leaders of tomorrow into generous and thankful men and women.



cleaning

K-7



✦ **Digging through the rocks**, junior Lauren Culter picks up trash on the side of a creek. "My favorite part of NHS was getting out to do some good for our neighborhood," Culter said.



On one of the first nice Wednesday afternoons in April, seniors Nate Mitchell and Trey May weren't in their seventh hour classes studying. Instead, they were tying trash bags and helping to beautify Kansas Highway 7. Every fall and spring, NHS members clean K-7 between Kansas Avenue and I-70 as part of their required large group project. Groups of four or five students were given blue trash bags and were assigned to various sections of the road. The group cleaned until all the trash bags were full. "Getting to help is nice. The first time we cleaned K-7 it was really bad and there was a lot of trash. But the second time it was a lot better. I feel like we really helped," senior Adriana Rodriguez said.



✦ **Filling up a bag**, seniors Spencer Bush and Joseph Dooley clean their section of the K-7 highway. "Through NHS I found that I actually liked helping people. I enjoyed hanging out with friends while doing good for the community," Bush said.

✦ **After giving blood,** junior Jordan Jennings holds up his contribution while senior Frank Walters prepares to make his donation.



✦ **Passing out snacks,** senior Erica Wilson helps at the NHS-sponsored blood drive on Feb. 22. A total of 6.6 gallons were donated that day.



✦ **Preparing to donate,** junior Stephanie Rose has her arm sterilized. Rose and 26 other students donated blood for the first time that day.

let the Ceremony Begin



✦ **With the stroke of a pen,** senior Amber Richmond signs her name in the NHS registry while her sponsor and grandmother, Chris Wood, looks on.

✦ **Under her mom's loving eye,** junior Kayla Fratzel signs her name to become an official NHS member. "My mom was my sponsor because she's my biggest role model," Fratzel said.



✦ **As part of the ceremony,** seniors Matthew Coffman and Courtney Brouhard pass the candle flame down the line. "It was a little scary because I was the first one to receive the flame, but other than that it was good," Brouhard said.

✦ **Signing the registry,** Allen Maness officially joins National Honor Society. Each inductee picked a sponsor who had helped them through their academic career to accompany them to the ceremony.

Spanish Honor Society

By Cynthia Ebertz

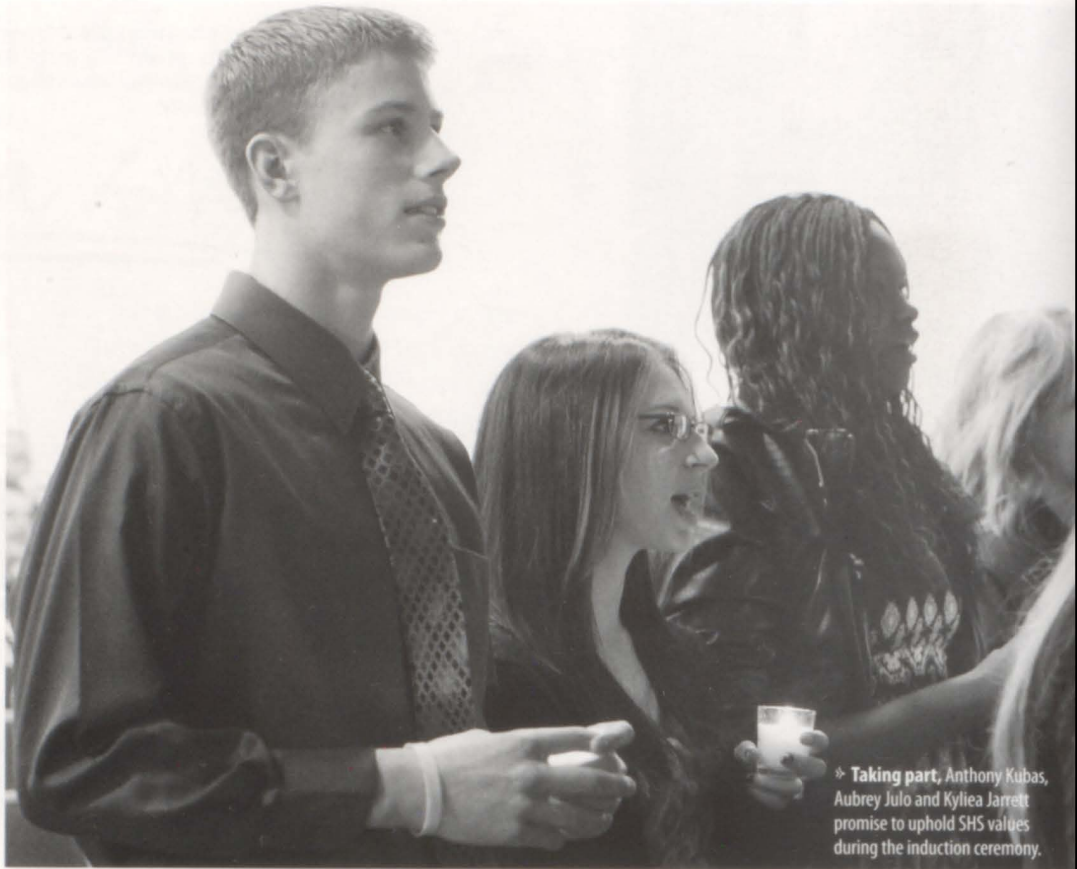
Whether it was learning to salsa dance or sampling new dishes at different restaurants, the Spanish Honor Society continued to expand and grow.

Now with 69 members, the organization sponsored several new activities.

"We created SHS because the students wanted more. They were asking to learn more, and we didn't have the time for it in class. So we did it for them," sponsor Susan Swabb said.

During the March 8 induction ceremony, new members swore to become lifelong ambassadors between cultures and lifelong students of Spanish.

Other highlights included making cake pops for a fundraiser, seeing a Flamenco demonstration, dining out at four area restaurants and taking a field trip to the Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery for the Dia de los Muertos holiday.

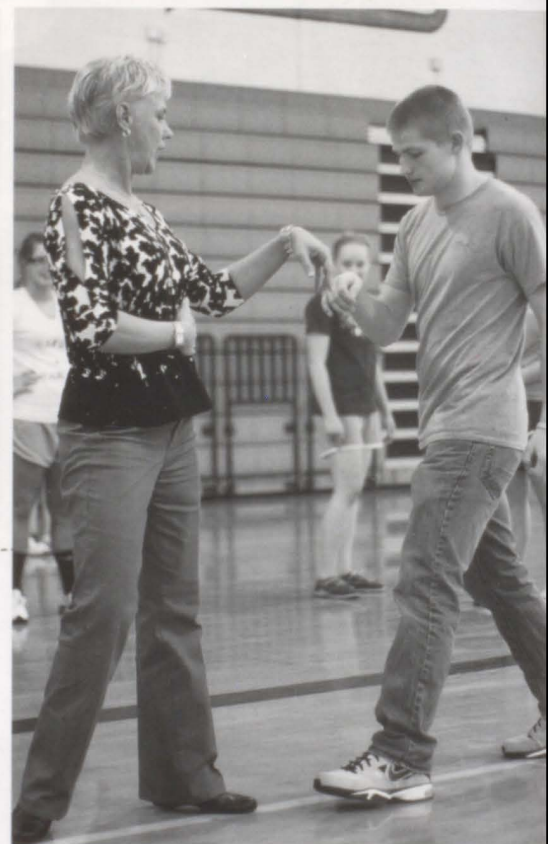


✦ **Taking part**, Anthony Kubas, Aubrey Julio and Kylie Jarrett promise to uphold SHS values during the induction ceremony.



✦ **Forming a skull shape**, junior Mandy Ballou prepares cake pops on Oct. 26 for a fundraiser. "It was one of the first few events of the year, and I thought it was a good way to introduce the Spanish Honor Society to the school," Ballou said.

✦ **After receiving her candle**, sophomore Kim Sanchez prepares to recite the pledge at the SHS initiation on March 8.



✦ **As the only guy in attendance**, sophomore Austin Schuler partners with Dawn Marriott, who taught SHS members to salsa dance on March 21. "It wasn't as uncomfortable as I thought it would be. I actually learned how to dance fairly well, and I had a good time," Schuler said.

Q&A for Brainiacs

Dyan Mackey, 12



What event or activity did you like the most?

Going out to dinner was my favorite because I like to eat and to experience different types of cuisine.

What more have you learned as a Spanish Honor Society member?

I enjoyed learning Spanish and about the Hispanic culture. I've taken four years of Spanish now and I would like to carry it on throughout life.

How do you feel knowing Spanish impacts your life?

It gives me the chance to expand my horizons and I use it at my job. I'm not fluent but sometimes I can help someone out if it's pretty basic.

Austin Wells, 12



What made you want to be part of the Spanish Honor Society?

It was hearing about all the events they did—like going out to eat, watching movies, and so on.

How has SHS broadened your horizons?

I'm able to understand what people are saying in Spanish, sometimes. It's an accomplishment for me because of all the hard work I've put in.

What event or activity did you like the most?

My favorite activity was going out to eat, even though I didn't get Spanish food. I got steak every time. It was still fun, though.

Parlez-vous français?

Students in the French program not only learn the language but also study the culture through games, movies and food labs. The food labs are the most popular of all the cultural activities. Students volunteer to prepare certain dishes and then share them with the class. An important annual highlight for the program is the Mardi Gras celebration. Students spend a day or two creating masks, jester hats and jester puppets in preparation for their celebrations.



✦ **Trying out some jambalaya**, freshman Frankie Banuelos assembles his plate during his French I class in celebration of Mardi Gras. "I had never tried French food before and the jambalaya was my first dish," Banuelos said. "The food tasted better than it looked."

✦ **Masking her identity**, sophomore Valerie Torres shows off her final product after spending a day creating a Mardi Gras mask.



✦ **Cutting an outline**, senior Adela Herrera (top left) prepares her mask for Mardi Gras. "This year has been fun because the seniors in French IV have been together since freshman year and we are like a family," Herrera said.



✦ **Proud of her creation**, sophomore Jackie Calderon holds up her Mardi Gras mask in a candid moment.



✦ **Setting up the table**, French teacher Mrs. Marsha Nelson arranges the homemade French meals students made to share in celebration of Mardi Gras.

Chinese, Please

Although most assume that Spanish and French are the only languages available for study at BSHS, Mandarin Chinese is an option during fifth hour. Moderated by gifted education teacher Sarabeth Morgan, the class is taught by Chinese teacher Kun Zhang through the CILC (Center for Learning Interaction and Collaboration) virtual program. The teacher is actually teaching another class at the same time in Clearwater, Kan., and toggles activities between Bonner Springs and Clearwater students.

In trying to learn one of the hardest languages, students have to focus on not only retaining basic phrases, but also memorizing how to write and read characters. Students also learn about Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and the everyday life of Chinese people. On Chinese holidays, students would spend the class period learning about the culture through making paper lanterns, 3D Chinese characters and practicing how to use chopsticks.



✦ **Holding up his project**, junior Keith Lambie shows his online teacher a 3D form of a Chinese character.

✦ **In her fifth-hour class**, junior Elizabeth Ruth cuts construction paper after folding it to make a Chinese lantern.



Kayettes

By Rachel Barber

Armed with carefully decorated foam turkeys, sophomore Katey Cochran entered the Bonner Springs Health Center on Morse Avenue ready to make a difference.

"I thought that going to the nursing home and decorating it was a great way to make the residents feel special. The best part was seeing how something so simple could make their day. I was really glad that I was able to go," Cochran said.

The Thanksgiving decorations were all in a day's work for the Kayettes, an all-female organization that seeks to make the world a better place through service opportunities.

"Kayettes is a great way for students to be involved in something positive that helps the area," co-sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

To raise money for their projects, the Kayettes hosted their annual Powder Puff football game on Sept. 20. The freshmen and senior members battled the sophomores and juniors in an evening that was highlighted by the antics of the senior male cheerleaders on the sidelines.

"I really enjoyed this year's game because so many girls participated. It was a really successful fundraiser," co-sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi said.



Co-Presidents: Kassy McKelvin and Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad.

Our creations: Flower pens for teachers, Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day decorations, healthy snack packs for kids in need, letters to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital.

► **Pitching in,** sophomore Katey Cochran decorates a resident's door at the Bonner Springs Health Center.

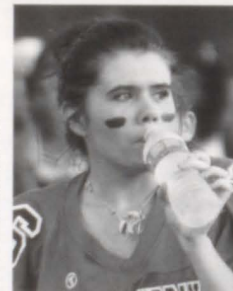


Entertaining the crowd, the senior Powder Puff cheerleaders kick up their heels. The boys each made up and adopted female names while participating in the game.



"It felt amazing to be a cheerleader. I felt like the most beautiful man in the world."

-Austin Cobb, 12



"This was my first year to play, and I had a lot of fun. The weather was perfect, and the cheerleaders put on a really good show."

-Ramey Hunt, 12



"Dressing up like a cheerleader was something I never thought I'd do, but I ended up having a lot of fun."

-Matt Coffman, 12

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Powder Puff Tough



❖ **Huddling up**, the freshman-senior team gets pumped up with Coach Justin Pickens.



❖ **Junior-Sophomore Team.** **Front Row:** Ashlee King, Tessa Franchett, Emily Prince, Novenna Fierro, Bailey Sears, Katey Cochran, Brittany White, Rachel Barber, Haely Burdick, Cheyanne Miller. **Row 2:** Hannah Hunt, Sasha Bingaman, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Taylor Coleman, Cheyanne Scott, Lanysha Mays, Anna Deegan, Shyla Mason. **Row 3:** Kim Sanchez, Lilly Eickhoff, Kayla Fratzel, Madison Epp.



❖ **Lunging towards the offense**, junior Madison Epp pulls freshman Gabby Bennett's flag during action in the first quarter.

❖ **Breaking away**, sophomore Kim Sanchez (top center) gains yards for her team. "It was my first year to participate, and it was a lot more fun than I thought it would be," Sanchez said. The junior-sophomore team won 8-6.



❖ **Turning the corner**, senior Tyreka Johnson does her best to avoid the pursuit of the opposing team. "It was a really good feeling scoring the first touchdown," Johnson said. "It was the first time I played, and I wish I could play again next year."



❖ **Making a break**, junior Taylor Coleman runs the ball down the field to score the game-winning extra point. "Scoring made me feel athletic, which isn't how I usually feel," Coleman said.
❖ **Helping her team**, sophomore Hannah Hunt attempts to recover a loose ball while senior Ariel Mellies looks on. "I love the intensity between the grades," Hunt said. "I put in all my effort so we could win."

✦ **Rehearsing for the state large group festival**, senior Ashley Muldoon practices with the rest of her Women's Ensemble classmates. "Singing is a great way to express yourself; it's like you're in your own little world," Muldoon said.



Q&A

Andrek Orser, 12



When did you start choir?

My junior year.

What inspired you to pursue music?

I enjoyed singing in the choir in middle school, and it's become one of my passions here.

What role will music play in your future?

It will always be one of my hobbies and something that I enjoy doing. I hope to sing at KCRCC in the fall.

What's your favorite song to perform?

"Tshotsholoz (Go Forward)"

Hannah Mank, 12



When did you start choir?

I started my sophomore year.

What inspired you to pursue music?

I grew up singing with my mom at church. My mom inspired me to sing, so I've loved singing since I was little.

What role will music play in your future?

I will sing in college if I can.

What's your favorite song to perform?

"If You're Out There" by John Legend.

Kelin Woolridge, 12



When did you start choir?

I started my freshman year.

What inspired you to pursue choir?

I've been singing in church choir ever since I was a little kid.

What role will music play in your future?

I'm going to continue to play the drums and sing with my church choir.

What's your favorite choir memory?

Performing "My Girl" by the Temptations with all of my friends at Bravo.



✦ **Harmonizing together**, juniors Emily Haynes, Breanna Lynn and Micaela Reed perform with the Women's Ensemble at the fall concert on Oct. 12.

✦ **In the spotlight**, senior B.J. Watson sings a solo at the fall concert. "Mr. White is a great teacher and makes the songs easy to learn," Watson said. "All of my friends were in A Cappella, so it was a really fun class."





» **Following director Brian White's lead,** the A Cappella choir sings its heart out while performing at the Black History Assembly.



» **Playing the drum,** senior Daemon Franklin provides the choir with a beat during the Black History month assembly. "It was my first year playing on the drums, and it took me about a month to get the hang of it," Franklin said.

» **Taking the lead,** director Brian White sings "Ishotsholozza," a South African freedom song, with the A Cappella choir. "The performance was unique because I had a solo in it," White said. "It was special to have the students in choir request that I do the solo for the 'call and response' theme of the piece. I had never performed with the choirs in a traditional choir setting outside of conducting."



» **Going over her sheet music,** junior Gabriela Arzabala studies up for a future performance. "It's not difficult to memorize lyrics; you just have to pay attention. Sometimes I practice outside of school to help memorize the songs better," Arzabala said.

» **Singing with Chorale,** senior Tori Haynes, sophomore Alexandria Jenkins and senior Renee Dumler harmonize at the fall concert.



Creating *we* Melodies

By Rachel Barber

If you tuned in to NBC 41 Action News on Christmas Day, you may have noticed some familiar faces and heard some festive music. For the second year, the A Cappella choir was asked to come to the TV station to perform three Christmas songs that were videotaped and aired several times on Dec. 25.

"I'm glad we had the opportunity to go back," director Brian White said. "I thought the students looked and sounded great."

During February, A Cappella showcased its talents during the Black History month assembly where they performed "Ishotsholozza," a South African song meaning "go forward." White said it took three weeks of hard work to make the song performance ready.

Another highlight came when the Women's Ensemble earned a "1" rating at the State Large Group contest on April 18.

"These 14 ladies completed a Cinderella story," White said. "Our class size was decimated at the start of the spring semester, and we weren't sure we would be able to perform but these ladies proved they can overcome all odds and delivered an exemplary performance."

Other memorable moments included the performances of seniors Ashley Muldoon and Kelin Woolridge, junior Kevin London and Project X at the state solo and small ensemble festival at Andover High School on April 29. They all qualified for state by earning "1" ratings at regionals.

» **At the Alamodome,** junior Renae Maxey practices a number while standing at the end of her line. The band had two days to fully prepare with the other four schools for their halftime performance.

» **Soaking up the sun,** freshman Jessica Christensen and sophomores Cheyanne Scott and Kayla McPherson wait for the first day of field show practice.



» **In unison,** the brass section performs at the Marching Festival.



The Alamo Bowl trip

what do you remember?



"I will always remember the food! The hotel's fried potatoes and bacon were amazing. It was also nice to get out of Kansas for a while. Overall, it was a great high school experience."

-Aaron Ashford, 1



"I will always remember the dance banquet the day before the Alamo Bowl. Everyone had a good time dancing and requesting their favorite songs."

-Dakota Nason, 10



"I will always remember being out on the field with four other schools and two college bands, surrounded by people who enjoy making music like me."

-Keith Lambie, 11



"I will always remember having fun with my friends and taking in the history of San Antonio. Getting to see Robert Griffin III (RG III) directly in front of me when we were lining up to march on the field was awesome."

-Cody Mance, 12

FEEL THE BEAT



» **Dancing to a new cadence,** bass drummers junior Aaron Lewis, freshman Jacob Dobbs, and sophomore Justin Carroll swing to the beat at a home basketball game. "Right before we play I get nervous and hope that I'm paying attention so that I don't mess up," Carroll said.



» **Supporting the Lady Braves,** sophomore D.J. Simpson (above) plays at the state tournament along with juniors Joseph Arnett (left) and T.J. Kimbrough-French. The drum line performed at all three games to pump up the crowd.

»» Headed South

By Aaron Lewis

For the first time in 10 years, the Marching Braves were able to hit the road and travel to San Antonio to perform at the Valero Alamo Bowl.

The trip started off with a 4 a.m. meeting the day after Christmas where students checked in their luggage and confirmed trip details one last time.

"It was smooth sailing until the bus crossed the Texas state line and was promptly pulled over by the state troopers for a routine procedural check of the driver's time log.

"At first I thought that he [the bus driver] might get arrested, and then I worried about how late we were going to be in arriving at the hotel," sophomore Tyler Eickhoff said.

The first full morning was devoted to a quick one-lap marching

contest at SAISD Alamo Stadium where the Marching Braves placed first. After that, they headed to a local high school to perform their concert pieces in another competition where they placed first.

The second day was devoted to a four-hour field show practice with the four other participating bands.

Despite an extremely busy schedule, there was still time to shop and explore the River Walk area and other famous sites.

The highlight, of course, came the next day when the band marched into the Alamo Dome for the first time for a final practice.

"It was a pretty cool trip," junior Joseph Arnett said. "We got to see a lot of great stuff, and I'm pretty sure we all enjoyed it."



Marching Festival

» **With fists clenched**, senior Melissa Cisneros cuts off the band at the end of the show they performed at the Sept. 22 marching festival. Cisneros led the band for two consecutive years as a drum major.

» **Doing his best**, freshman Joseph Casteel works on perfecting his saxophone skills while a KSU director listens in.



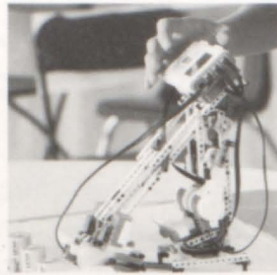
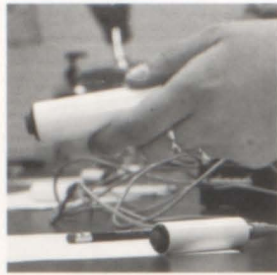
» **With pride and relief**, the band marches off the field after their competition at SAISD Alamo Stadium.

» **Offering a little constructive criticism**, a Kansas State University sectional leader works with senior Cullen Sager, sophomore Tre Scott and junior Courtney Wheeler as they seek to improve their techniques.



» **With deep focus**, junior Tyler Jenkins plays at the marching festival. "Band has been a great experience this year because we've all gotten better and it's just more fun."





COMPETING CLUBS

By Chad Vhl

It's after school and everyone is rushing home or to practice, but a few students stay behind. These students make up the competing clubs.

From Science Olympiad to Academic Decathlon, they practice speeches and craft towers. For a non-member, the motivation to stay after school for more education might be puzzling.

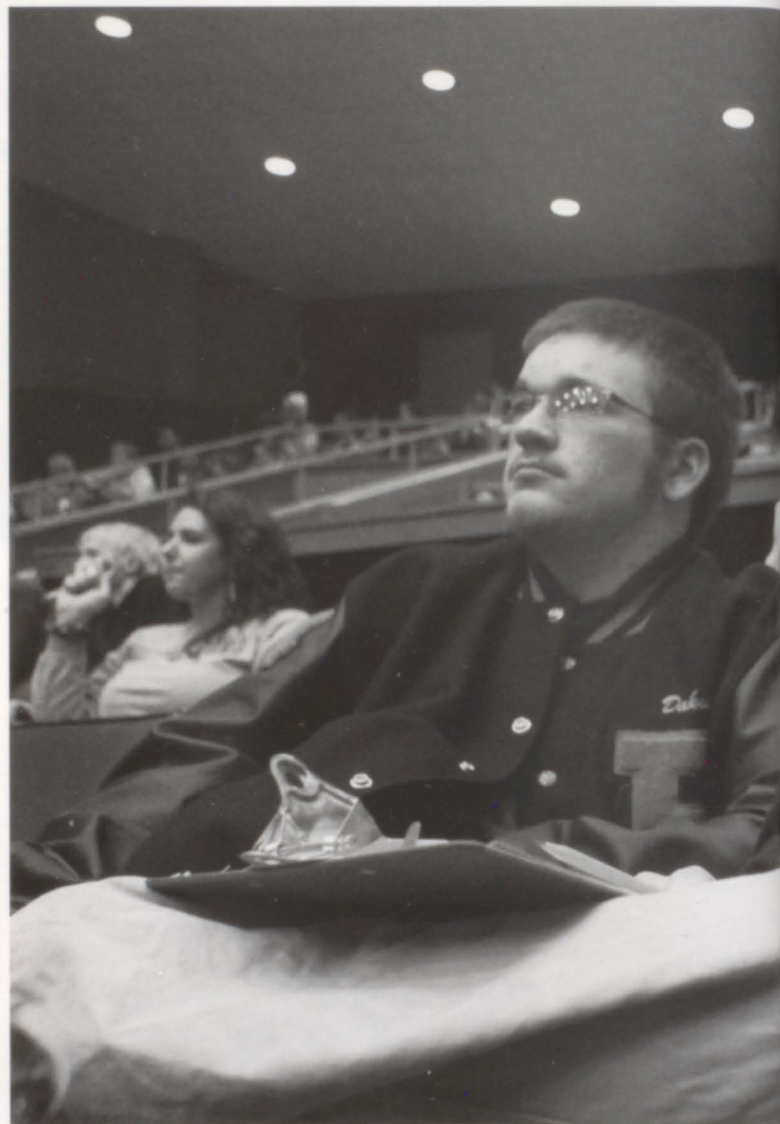
"We do it because we make it fun. The practices and all of the inside jokes make it so worth it," said junior Courtney Wheeler. Like many of her peers, Wheeler participates in multiple clubs, seven to be exact.

Also participating in several clubs, junior Sierra Seacat worked with Wheeler to achieve seventh place in the Thermodynamics category at the regional Science Olympiad meet at the end of February.

"I was pretty pleased because we did much better than last year. Even though it was only seventh, I think it opened the door for success next year," Seacat said.

The Academic Decathlon team was also successful at the January state meet on the K-State campus. They took third place in 3A/4A category and earned 26 medals overall.

"This year I saw a stronger, more cohesive team thanks to the dedication and maturity of our members and the newfound excitement of electing officers," sponsor Sarabeth Morgan said. "I believe it was these qualities which allowed us to make our mark at state."



✦ **Finishing her test**, freshman Rachel Johnson competes in a scrimmage against Bishop Ward. The Academic Decathlon team sets up two practice rounds with Bishop Ward in order to prepare for the regional competition.



✦ **With intense focus**, junior Courtney Wheeler waits for the next question in the Honors section of the Super Quiz at the regional Academic Decathlon competition at Shawnee Mission West.



What is the current name for the ancient country of Mesopotamia?

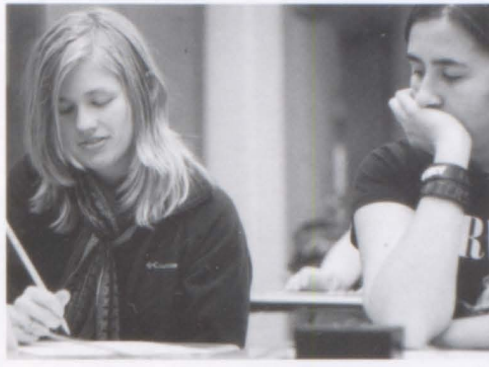


Rich Uncle Pennybags appears on what board game?

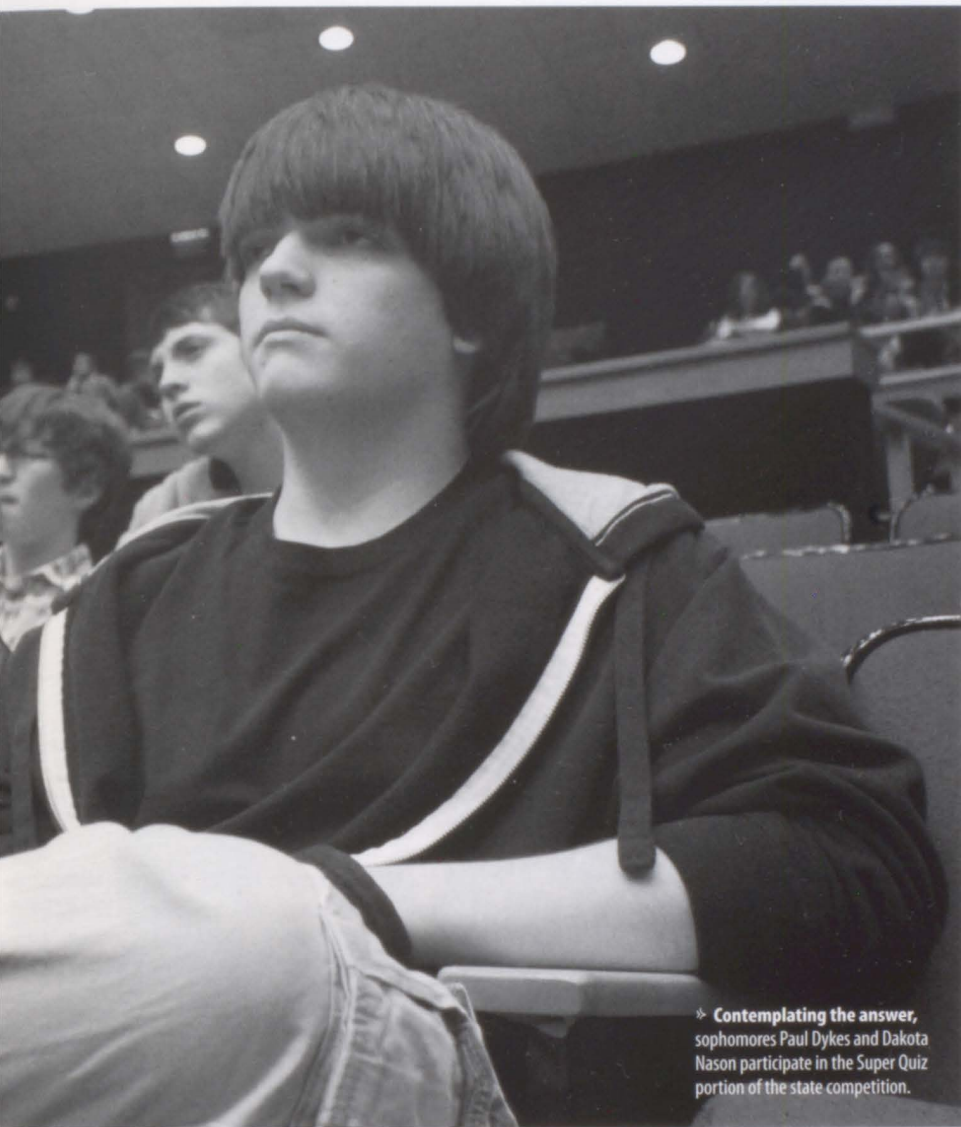
✦ **Reviewing the next round's questions**, juniors Aaron Lewis and Chad Uhl work the varsity home Scholar's Bowl meet. "It's interesting because you get to be on the other end of the question," Lewis said.



✦ **Battling through the math**, junior Sierra Seacat and senior Devyn Hayes figure a 60-second math question at the Perry-Lecompton Scholar's Bowl meet. The team took fifth overall in that meet.



✦ **In between rounds**, sophomore Kayla McPherson and senior Jessica Carroll share a laugh while waiting for the round to start. "All of our punny van rides to and from meets brought out my happiness," Carroll said.



✦ **Contemplating the answer**, sophomores Paul Dykes and Dakota Nason participate in the Super Quiz portion of the state competition.



✦ **Comparing their purchases**, senior Devyn Hayes and junior Aaron Lewis talk about the interesting items available at the Topeka Salvation Army store. The Scholar's Bowl team visits the store every year after QUEST, a competition sponsored by Washburn University.

LEFT, or right-brained?



Brian Cray, Jr.

Why do you consider yourself left-brained?

I feel like I think pretty rationally and have a few technical creative skills.

How does this benefit you in academics?

It makes it easier to find a logical and rational answer to problems. I can't think systematically about things.

How does this affect your identity?

I tend to have decent decision-making skills; I think rationally and always plan ahead.



Jordan Lackner, 11

Why do you consider yourself right-brained?

I think differently than people, and I'm always doing crafty things; I try to express myself through art.

How does this benefit you in academics?

I don't look for the usual answers.

How does this affect your identity?

I'm probably more open-minded than some people, and I see the beauty in everything—including intellect to utilizing it.



What vehicle does a CB-er call a "meat wagon"?



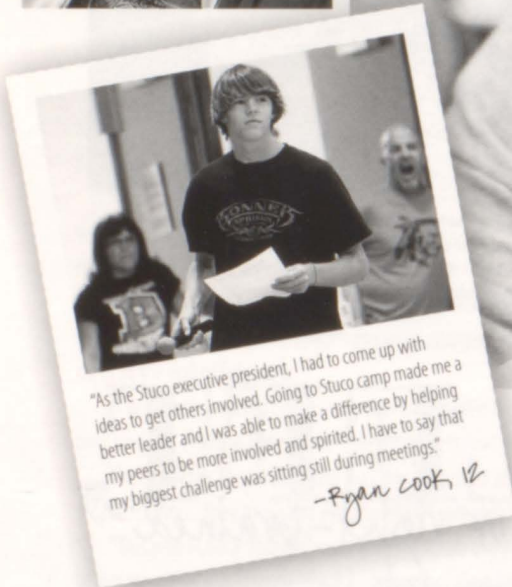
Name one of the two gems which are made of Corundum—the hardest known rock after the diamond.

Answers: (left to right) Iraq, Monopoly, Ambulance, Sapphire/Ruby.

» **Voting for Spirit Day themes**, senior Alyssa Buttaccio participates in a Stuco meeting for Courtwarming. "Being on Stuco was exciting yet busy. It was a new experience and I got to meet a lot of new people," Buttaccio said.



» **Cutting shamrocks**, freshman Mikaela Bennett helps to create a Teacher Appreciation thank you treat.



"As the Stuco executive president, I had to come up with ideas to get others involved. Going to Stuco camp made me a better leader and I was able to make a difference by helping my peers to be more involved and spirited. I have to say that my biggest challenge was sitting still during meetings."

-Ryan Cook, 12

Student Council

»» Presidents



"Stuco is completely different than most people think. It's a fun group that I get along great with and all we do is try to improve the school. Attending Stuco camp was an amazing and unique opportunity that I am so glad I had. I feel like I learned a lot about leadership and made a lot of lifelong friends.

-Tessa Nerdberry, 11



"People don't realize everything Stuco actually does. We organize and decorate for dances, announce at pep assemblies, pass out Pink Crush shirts, make thank you gifts for teachers, sell Crush cans on Valentine's Day and most importantly try to get as many students involved as possible. Being a part of Stuco is fun because of everything we do.

-Kim Sanchez, 10



"I really enjoyed being able to help with the dances. We're so much more involved at the high school level than we were at the middle school. I also had to help organize our homecoming float. Even though the man on our float wouldn't stand up, I do think we worked really well together. We learned a lot, mostly to never trust duct tape.

-Hannah Fehlhafer, 11



"This year was the first time that multiple Stuco officers were able to attend a summer leadership camp together. I was really nervous about going, but I soon discovered that many of the people were a lot like me and it was easy to make friends. We brought back so many excellent ideas and strategies to our school. The new Spirit Day themes, for example, came as a result of that experience.

-Breanna Tendick, 12

Making a difference

By Emily Hunt



» **Pitching in**, senior Angelica Galvan rinses plastic bottles in sponsor Jason Romanishin's room. "Being on Green Team has helped me realize how even collecting little things makes a big difference," Galvan said.



» **Helping out**, juniors Alli Augustine and Stephanie Arnold travel to classrooms collecting cardboard during Project Time on Thursdays.



» **Taking his turn**, senior Reed Dougherty empties recyclables into a cart during Project Time. "At first I started out doing Green Team because my girlfriend was in it, then I realized how fun it was and how much of a difference we were actually making."

Green Team

With about 16 devoted members, the Green Team makes a difference one plastic bottle at a time. The group stays busy year round processing recyclables that are collected from bins throughout the building.

"I couldn't even begin to estimate how much we recycle," sponsor Jason Romanishin said. "I think we recycled about seven tons of paper, but I wouldn't be surprised if that's a low number."

Romanishin said the process begins like this: Students report to his room during Project Time on Thursdays and sign up to collect paper, plastic or cans. Once they've made their choice, they hit the hallways.

Romanishin said his club members are passionate about the importance of what they are doing.

"They see all the possibilities of reusing recycled materials and having less going to landfills," Romanishin said. "They are responsible citizens who see this as a necessity. It's a dirty job, but somebody needs to do it."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes



» **Sharing his faith**, junior Tyler Jenkins leads the way at an FCA meeting. "Having Mr. Pickens as our sponsor has been awesome because we're meeting on a weekly basis for the first time in years," Jenkins said. "He does so much for us."



» **Meeting before school**, junior Hannah Novogradic and sophomore Lanysha Mays listen while sponsor Justin Pickens reads a Bible verse.

Behind the leadership of new sponsor Justin Pickens, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was reorganized with weekly meetings and outside-of-school events.

On Thursday mornings anywhere from five to 25 students would gather in the weight room at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast snacks and faith-based activities.

"The meetings gave us time to enjoy fellowship as the Christians of the school and to share our faith," said junior Tyler Jenkins, one of the team captains.

Outside of school, FCA hosted two movie nights and a presentation by former NFL player Anthony Davis.

FCA

What does it mean to you?

"I went through some tough times when my grandma passed away this year. FCA gave me the strength and courage to have faith, trust in God and to get back on my feet."

-Leah Walker, 11



"It made me realize there is more to life than just me. It was fun to hang out with people who aren't afraid to show their religion."

-Frank Walters, 12



"Attending meetings makes me thankful for what I have. I'm glad that I have people around me to support me and what I believe in."

-Cassady Holloway, 11



A Cappella



Front row: Krystina Floyd, Elizabeth Ruth, Allie Crane, Victorya Haynes, Ciara Turner, Rebekah Thompson, Haley Close, Sarah Catron. **Row 2:** Accompanist Sally Finck, Joshua Oden, Shane Crosby, Hannah Mauk, Adriana Rodriguez, Brealyn Asbury, Emily Haynes, Nathan Schaber. **Row 3:** Madison Sloan, B.J. Watson, Nate Mitchell, Kortni Sanborn, Lanysha Mays, Jourdain Smallwood, Skyler Taylor, Ciera Sweeney. **Row 4:** Breana Lynn, Shantia Randolph, Cheyanne Scott, Haley Hoffine, Kayla McPherson, Ariel Mellies, Geena Harris. **Row 5:** Nathan Allenbrand, Austin Cobb, Deidra Elijah, Micaela Reed, Anna Deegan, Andrew Orser. **Row 6:** Kelin Woolridge, JaVante Young, Steve Williams, Alexander Shearer, Chris Nobles, Elliott Nickell, director Brian J. White.

Concert Choir



Front row: Accompanist Sally Finck, Mackenzie Jones, DaNae' Banks, Aarionna Holliday, Austin Dennison. **Row 2:** Devon Wacker, Cassie Stock, Keith Shields, Erin Walters, director Brian J. White. **Row 3:** Joshua Cubbage, Austen Ford, Darien Stogner, Courtney Roush, Caitlyn Khatchadourian.

Women's Ensemble



Front row: Allie Crane, Adela Herrera, Ciara Turner, Victorya Haynes, Krista Owens. **Row 2:** Hayley Hinton, Stephanie Arnold, Shalyce Flynn, Krystina Floyd, Alejandra Aguilar, Kimber Patterson. **Row 3:** Gabriela Arzabala, Stephanie Gear, Adriana Rodriguez, Emily Prince, Kayla McPherson. **Row 4:** Breana Lynn, Hannah Mauk, Cheyanne Scott, Ashley Moldoon, director Brian J. White.

Chorale



Front Row: Kassandra McKelvin, Alexandria Lies, Victorya Haynes, Leah Walker, Cassidi Nobles, Alexandria Jenkins, Stephanie Rose.
Row 2: accompanist Sally Finck, Katrina Houston, Danielle Cornwell, Shantia Randolph, Savannah Lochert, Jacob Sopher, Dalazha Stokes, director Brian J. White. **Row 3:** Anna Martinez, Cody Mance, Renee Dumler, Denni Pressley, Philip Holcomb, Blake Dilley, Michael Kelley. **Row 4:** Auston Twombly, Reed Dougherty, Jonah Freese, Arlando Young, Garrett Pearce, Chris Hogeland.

Project X



Front Row: Hannah Mauk, Rebekah Thompson, Ciara Turner, Sarah Catron. **Row 2:** Kayla McPherson, Cheyanne Scott, Deidra Elijah. **Row 3:** Director Brian J. White, Ashley Muldoon, Micaela Reed.



Marching Band



Front Row: Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Melissa Cisneros, Dyan Mackey, Amber Lies, Brittany Spencer, Rachel Johnson, Haylee Richmond, Jessica Christensen, Dakota Cunningham, Sierra Seacat. **Row 2:** Justin Carroll, J.T. Johnson, Buddy Burnett, Grace Bennett, Caleb Bennett, Devon Hayes, Le'Onna Smith, Joe Casteel, Jack Klingele, Lucas Bolejack. **Row 3:** James Klingele, Peter Jenkins, Tre Scott, Renae Maxey, Courtney Wheeler, Ashtyn Wells, Koby Hobbs, Devyn Haywood, Andrew Conn, Sam Johnson. **Row 4:** Aaron Ashford, Kayla McPherson, Dakota Nason, Paul Dykes, Daniel Mejia, Cullen Sager, Cheyanne Scott, Caleb Ray, T.J. Kimbrough-French. **Row 5:** Joseph Arnett, Joshua Bonwell, Johnathan Carter, Allen Maness, Cody Mance, Vincent Roult, Tyler Jenkins, Aaron Lewis, Tyler Eickhoff, Darrell Simpson. **Row 6:** Director Bill Turley, student teacher Laura Potter.

Student Council



Front Row: Kimberly Sanchez, Lauren Murphy, Maressa Garcia, Alyssa Driskill, Shelby Mata, Lilly Eickhoff, Cassie Stock, Breanna Tendick. **Row 2:** Shelby Taylor, Hannah Fehlhafer, Sarah Catron, Cassady Holloway, Gabrielle Bennett, Skyler Taylor, Ashton Ista. **Row 3:** Elizabeth Barger, Nate Mitchell, Zach Gilbert, Emily Hunt, Toni Stock, Citally Fernandez-Alvarado, Lauren Callahan, Kylee Timberlake. **Row 4:** Hannah Hunt, Mikaela Bennett, Skyler Roach, Weston Vitt, Kennedy Bizzell, Jordan Jackson, Ryan Cook. **Row 5:** Joseph Dooley, Alex Carter, Alyssa Buttaccio, Taylor Coleman, Trey May, Maranda Ballou, Haley Hoffine, Chad Uhl.

Academic Decathlon



Front Row: Rachel Johnson, Rebekah Thompson, Courtney Wheeler, Sierra Seacat. **Row 2:** Dakota Nason, Brian Gray, Tre Scott, Daniel Mejia. **Row 3:** Chad Uhl, Allen Maness.

FCA



Front Row: Cassady Holloway, Courtney Barger, Akiko Capalla, Rachel Barber. **Row 2:** Sponsor Justin Pickens, Tyler Jenkins, sponsor Andy Price.

Scholar's Bowl

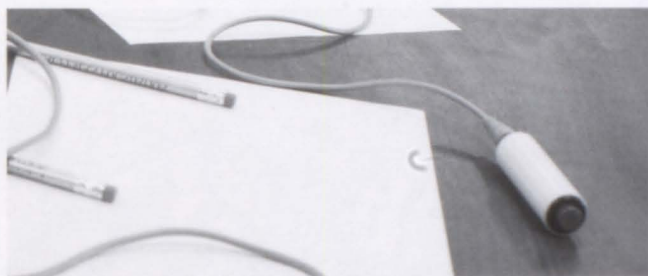
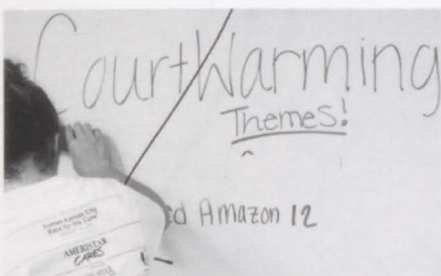


Front Row: Kelsey Wheeler, Rebekah Thompson, Alexandria Lies, Katrina Houston, Courtney Wheeler **Row 2:** Chad Uhl, Sierra Seacat, Beverly Moore, Tyler Jenkins, Kayla McPherson, sponsor Chris Wood. **Row 3:** Tre Scott, Devyn Hayes, Jordan Lackner, Jacob Palmer, Aaron Lewis. **Row 4:** Alex Shearer, Allen Maness, Paul Dykes, Jessica Carroll, Sydney Shepherd, Daniel Mejia.

Mock Trial



Front Row: Lei'Onna Smith, Courtney Wheeler, Sierra Seacat, sponsor Jennifer Stricherz. **Row 2:** Bailey Presler, Brian Gray, Savannah Lochert, Sydney Shepherd, Chad Uhl. **Row 3:** Aaron Lewis, Tre Scott, Daniel Mejia, LiNelle Wilson, Anthony Steinbacher, sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi.



Science Olympiad



Front Row: Citlally Fernandez-Alvarado, Brian Gray, Courtney Wheeler, Sierra Seacat, Frank Walters. **Row 2:** Allen Maness, Aaron Lewis, Tre Scott, Chad Uhl. **Row 3:** Daniel Mejia, sponsor Chris Klager, Demetri Hart.

Forensics



Front Row: Leah Walker, Savannah Lochert, Gera Sweeney. **Row 2:** Jermaine McGee, LiNelle Wilson, Stephanie Rose, Blake Dilley.

Writing Club



Front Row: Rayna Weibrecht, Rachel Johnson, Alexandria Lies, Jessica Christensen. **Row 2:** Eliza Scott, Bailey Presler, Brealyn Asbury, Lei'Onna Smith, Cheyenne Cook. **Row 3:** Kayla Gilbert, Micaela Reed, Brittany Spencer, Peter Swanson, Dakota Nason, sponsor Jeff Fouquet.

Green Team



Front Row: Emma Murrugarra, Alejandra Aguilar, Adela Herrera, Stephanie Arnold, Allii Augustine, Angelica Galvan. **Row 2:** Kaysi Bias, Haely Burdick, Madison Morris, Jon Nay, Citlally Fernandez, James Waldo, Austin Cobb. **Row 3:** Katelyn Cochran, Reed Dougherty, J.T. Johnson, Colton Quigley, Blake Dilley, George Docking, Aaron Rudolph, sponsor Jason Romanishin.

NHS

SENIORS. Front Row: Haley Meier, Meagan Stice, Rebecca Tilden, Alexandria Lies, Courtney Brouhard, Brittany Frentrop, Amber Wallace. **Row 2:** Melissa Cisneros, Ashton Iestas, Adriana Rodriguez, Breanna Tendick, Shelby Thornton, Toni Stock, Katelyn Smith, Emily Hunt. **Row 3:** Ashley Muldoon, Hannah Mauk, JaVante Young, Eliza Scott, Lauren Callahan, Kylee Timberlake, Tony Sanchez, Jessica Rogoza. **Row 4:** Jimmy Klingele, Gonzalo Pichardo, Maryssa Peterson, Nate Mitchell, Jairo Diaz, Spencer Bush, Allen Maness, Emily Wilson. **Row 5:** Mackenzie Lofton, Trey May, Joseph Dooley, Jake Carter, Ryan Cook, Erica Wilson, Sergio Valenzuela, Blaine Edmondson, Morgan Simpson.



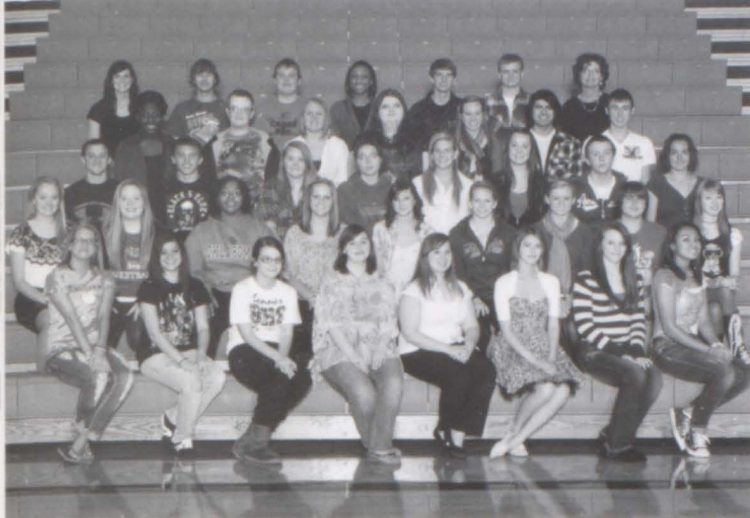
November Inductees



Front Row: Lauren Culter, Taylor Coleman, Meagan Stice, Amber Richmond, Loren Bergstrom, Cinthia Ebertz, Courtney Brouhard. **Row 2:** Allen Maness, Tanner Clark, Madison Epp, Anna Deegan, Deidra Elijah, Erica Wilson. **Row 3:** Jimmy Klingele, Gonzalo Pichardo, Nate Mitchell, Joseph Dooley, Matt Coffman, Trey May.



Front Row: Tessa Newberry, Maranda Ballou, Brenna McQuitty, Megan McCullough, Rachael Jensen, Cassady Holloway, Kayla Fratzel. **Row 2:** Sierra Seacat, Sammy Weller, Christian Jones, Micaela Reed, Hannah Reed, Hannah Novogradic. **Row 3:** Jene Williams, Andrea Wiglesworth, Jason VanMaren, Chad Uhl, Logan Terrell, Sydney Shepherd.



Front Row: Meagan Stice, Lauren Culter, Courtney Brouhard, Courtney Wheeler, Alexandria Lies, Kaysi Bias, Michelle Briggs, Jene Williams. **Row 2:** Tessa Newberry, Morgan LaFon, Brealyn Asbury, Cassidy Holloway, Maranda Ballou, Jessica Moulin, Madison Epp, Tyler Jenkins, Jordan Lackner. **Row 3:** Tanner Clark, Jonathan Blackwell, Cheyenne Luth, Melissa Cisneros, Emily Hunt, Kayla Fratzel, Chris Griffiths, Micaela Reed. **Row 4:** Tyreka Johnson, Kaleb Kivett, Renee Dumler, Kayla Gilbert, Brenna McQuitty, Bradean Zamora, Coleman Isaacs. **Row 5:** Sponsor Kelly Hoopes, Trey May, Joseph Arnett, Dyan Mackey, Austin Wells, George Docking, sponsor Susan Swabb.



Front Row: McKenna Spiess, Breanna Tendick, Cheyenne Luth, Dalazha Stokes, Jacob Sopher, Mariah Seifert, Jeremy McDonnell. **Row 2:** Kylee Timberlake, Kassy McKelvin, Cassidy Holloway, Cassie Stock, Erin Walters, Anna Deegan, Alexander Shearer. **Row 3:** Faith Seaton, Madison Epp, Hannah Hunt, Cody Crider, Shelbey Taylor, Tyler Jenkins. **Row 4:** Aaron Lewis, Skyler Taylor, Itzel Soto, Philip Holcomb, Jonathan Blackwell, Brenna McQuitty, sponsor Denise Chowning. **Row 5:** Keith Shields, Weston Vitt, Luke Bolejack, Jordan Jackson, Travis Dooley, Joseph Arnett, Daniel Mejia, Sam Nelson, Steven Shonkwiler, Allie Mulich, Jason VanMaren, Dylan Clark, Aarionna Holliday.



Kayettes

Front Row: Ariana Holiday, Savannah Lochert, Alexandria Lies, Alicia Tomasevic, Rebecca Peña, Kayla Doolittle, Krista Owens, Gabrielle Bennett, Cheyenne Miller. **Row 2:** Hailey Kendrick, Meagan Stice, Shelbey Taylor, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Racheal Johnson, Jennifer Hammond, Itzel Soto, Kimberly Sanchez, Cassie Stock, sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi. **Row 3:** Madison Epp, Toni Stock, AShton Istas, Hailey Meier, Cassandra McKelvin, Courtney Sanborn, Paige Andrade, Breanna Tendick, Emily Hunt, Rachel Jensen. **Row 4:** Ashlee King, Emily Prince, Ciera Sweeney, Caitlyn Smith, Lanysha Mayes, Eliza Scott, Morgan Simpson, Haley blank, Kayla Fratzel, Miranda Hackney. **Row 5:** Anna Deegan, Hannah Hunt, Rachel Barber, Kayla Gilbert, Shantia Randolph, Tyreka Johnson, Cheyenne Scott, Katelyn Cochran, Mikayla Ussery, Brenna McQuitty.

Newspaper



Front Row: Sydney Shepherd, Samantha Ricci-Weller, Courtney Wheeler, Caroline Clark, Bailey Hightower. **Row 2:** Daniel Mejia, Tony Sanchez, Devyn Hayes, Sierra Seacat, Shelbey Mata. **Row 3:** Peter Swanson, Logan Terrell, Mandy Ballou, Miranda McCullough.

Tee-Pee Talk



Front Row: Blaine Edmondson, Nathan Schaber, Ciera Sweeney, Weston Vitt. **Row 2:** Kyle Sears, Steven Caswell, Dustin Gilbert, Matthew Coffman, Cesar Diaz. **Row 3:** Ryan Cook, Jourdain Smallwood, Skyler Taylor, Cassidy Holloway, Nate Mitchell, sponsor Dan Streit.

Ten actors *in search of a* cell phone

By Taylor Coleman

What happens when you mix a lost cell phone with a group of melodramatic high-schoolers? That question was answered when 10 student actors took the stage to portray a play within a play on April 12-13.

The plot of *Ten Actors in Search of a Cell Phone* focuses on a group of actors who are preparing to do their own play. But just as the stage manager (Kayla Gilbert) gets ready to call "places," everything comes to a screeching halt when one of the lead actresses discovers that her cell phone is missing.

What follows is not only the quest to find a cell phone, but a trip through a tangled web of who said what to whom. From secret boyfriends, to pet nicknames, to the confusion

between Tony the boy (Nathan Schaber) and Toni the girl (Ciera Sweeney), the audience gets a comical look at how gossip gets started and what it leads to.

"Being a spectator to high school drama every day in the classroom, I thought it would be interesting to put it on the stage," director Dan Streit said.

Streit said the cast struggled with timing on opening night, but showed quick improvement.

"Their second night was far better, and the crowd was more responsive to them," Streit said. "You only have a small window to get it right, and if there had been a third show, it would have been even better. They worked hard and did a great job."



MEET THE CAST

- Stage Manager**
Kayla Gilbert
- Pizza Delivery Boy**
Dakota Nason
- Brandy**
Micaela Reed
- Tony**
Nathan Schaber
- Toni**
Ciera Sweeney
- Kevin**
Dustin Gilbert
- Katie**
Eleanor Lynch
- Trey**
T.J. Kimbrough-French
- Christine**
Hayley Hinton
- Nicky**
Linelle Wilson



✦ **With lots of attitude**, junior Ciera Sweeney (Toni) reveals that she didn't know her relationship was a secret. "I love acting because when the audience laughs I know I brightened their day just a little," Sweeney said.

✦ **Bowing to the crowd**, sophomore Nathan Schaber presents himself to the audience with his fellow cast members.

Cast and crew. Front row: Kayla Gilbert, Nathan Schaber, Dakota Nason, Ciera Sweeney, Dustin Gilbert. **Row 2:** Linelle Wilson, Eleanor Lynch, Micaela Reed, Hayley Hinton, Allie Lies. **Row 3:** T.J. Kimbrough-French.



Their Roles



Linelle Wilson, 11

How long have you been acting?
I've been acting since second grade, so that would be nine years.

Why did you decide to try out for the play?
I thought it would be a great experience for me to learn more and to branch out with my acting.

Who was your character and what was her role?
I was Nicky, who is Trey's secret girlfriend. Nicky is a very controlling person, and she has a big attitude. It was a good challenge to be her.



Eleanor Lynch, 10

How long have you been acting?
I did a couple of plays in middle school, but other than that I haven't been in anything else until this.

What is your favorite part about acting?
You get to be someone completely different than who you really are. It makes you feel empowered.

What was your character's role and what did you like most about your character?
Katie was the main character's best friend. She loves to gossip and she is a boyfriend stealer. I liked that she was sassy and had an attitude. It was a fun role to play.



Hayley Hinton, 10

How long have you been acting?
My first school play was in middle school, and I've done a few church plays too.

Why did you decide to start acting?
I enjoy not being in the real world. It's like Halloween every day when I'm acting.

What was your character's role and what did you like most about it?
I was Christine, the sassy snob of the play. She was evil and I really liked that about her.



✦ **Dressed up**, junior T.J. Kimbrough-French acts out his part as Trey. "I liked being Trey because Mr. Streit was so enthusiastic when working with me. He let me make Trey a pimp when he was supposed to be a truck driver," Kimbrough-French said.



✦ **In a heated discussion**, Brandy (Micaela Reed) tries to reason with her boyfriend Kevin (Dustin Gilbert). "He was telling me that I crushed his 'little chicken,' which was his heart in this situation," Reed said.

✦ **Full of happiness**, senior Dustin Gilbert hugs director Dan Streit at the end of the play. "I love acting because I love making others laugh. When the crowd laughs, I get really into it," Gilbert said.



✦ **Being confronted**, junior LiNelle Wilson (Nicky) is about to find out that the stage manager (Kayla Gilbert) has feelings for Nicky's boyfriend, Trey (T.J. Kimbrough-French).

✦ **Making a delivery**, sophomore Dakota Nason presents an eagerly anticipated pizza to Brandy (Micaela Reed). "I had a small role, but I still enjoyed being a part of the production," Nason said.



Senior Projects

By Lilly Eichhoff

Andre Cobbins

Project: Painted and designed art work for the Warrior Walk sidewalk

Hours: More than 60

Materials: High traffic paint and permanent cement paint

Cost: About \$600. The school donated approximately \$300 and my father added another \$200. I provided the brushes, tape and other supplies.

I started my project the first week of school after Mr. Hornback approved it, and finished at the end of April, ultimately painting orange-and-black borders on 34 8-by-8 concrete slabs for a total distance of 272 feet. The first step was to power wash the sidewalk and to thoroughly clean the surface with an acidic compound. My mentor, art teacher Linda Horvath, was a huge help and taught me how to do this and how to use new materials and methods. I couldn't have completed this project without her.

After that, I worked on the design which included four different sports silhouettes that represented the sports played on the football field. I wanted to do something that would make a lasting impression and that would allow me to use my passion for art. The most difficult obstacles were maintaining a schedule and managing my time. The greatest rewards came in accomplishing my goal of beautifying the campus by choosing a challenging project and sticking with it. It's also been satisfying to hear the positive comments from students and teachers who have told me that they can see the orange borders as far away as the bus barn.

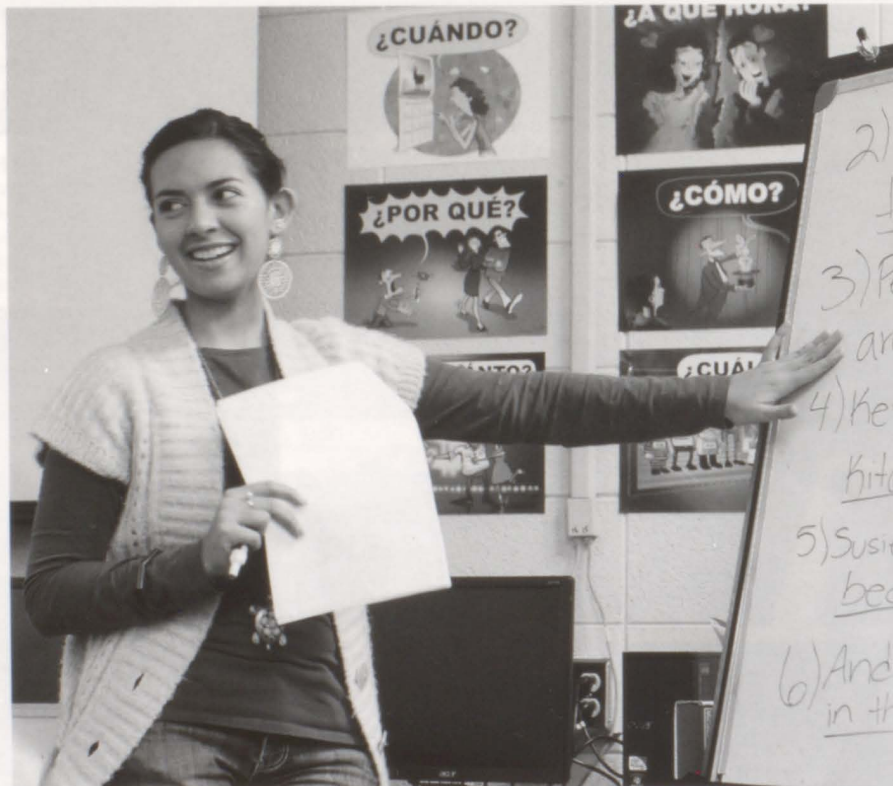
This was a very time-consuming project, but completely worth it.

✦ **Looking at his final product,** senior Andre Cobbins smiles with pride in knowing that his project is finished.

✦ **Stenciling some tomahawks,** Andre Cobbins continues painting the Warrior Walk.



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✦ **After teaching a new unit,** Cinthia Ebertz has students answer several questions with new material.

✦ **Helping on an individual level,** Cinthia Ebertz listens to the adults in her class practice their conversation activities.



Hall of Fame

Jacob Carter
Cinthia Ebertz

Nate Mitchell
Katelyn Smith

Gold

Jacob Carter
Melissa Cisneros
Andre Cobbins

Jairo Diaz
Cinthia Ebertz
Brittany Frentrop

Samantha Kiely
Alexandria Lies
Dyan Mackey

Nate Mitchell
Ashley Muldoon
Jake Nairn

Katelyn Smith
Alesha Tomasevic



Cynthia Ebertz

Project: Taught English as a Second Language classes to adults and parents within the district whose English language skills were limited.

Hours: More than 49

Materials: Notebooks, binders, textbooks, workbooks, the Oxford English Picture Dictionary textbook, flash cards, my personal laptop, flash drives, and a classroom.

Cost: Completely free

I taught a total of nine classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the start of October and finished on Nov. 3. My goal was to teach the parents valuable lessons that they would be able to use to help them communicate better with their kids' teachers, at their own workplace and in everyday life. This was also a test of my teaching and language skills since the careers I want to go into are multilingual translating and teaching different languages.

Because of this project, I realized that there's a lot more to teaching than it seems. You have to know your subject and be thoroughly prepared for just about anything. You never really know what a person could be going through; the parents let me into their personal life and issues, and it was definitely an eye-opener to their everyday lives.

Nothing like this program existed within the community. I found that there was a need for it, so I filled that need and I did it with whatever resources I had available. It wasn't easy, but I wanted to challenge myself with something that was completely out of my comfort zone. I feel that my time was well spent on this project; I feel like everything I did was needed, had a purpose and was very helpful to the parents.

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| Miriah Bailey | Mackenzie Lofton | Jourdain Smallwood | Breanna Tendick |
| Nick Franchett | Haley Meier | Amber Stephens | B.J. Watson |
| Daemon Franklin | Amber Richmond | Brett Steuart | Steve Williams |

Project Profiles



STEVEN
CASWELL

Project: Shadowed Tom Wachs, a meteorologist at KCTV5.

Hours: 27

What did you do? I observed Tom and other TV personalities at work and delivered data for two different evening news broadcasts.

Why this project? I love weather, and I want to pursue a career in meteorology.

Biggest challenge: Probably getting all the forms turned in on time.

Biggest reward: The benefit of gaining more knowledge on the study of meteorology and how meteorologists work.



BREALYN
ASBURY

Project: I wrote and published a book of poetry called "Express," which features poetry written by my friends and I. I plan on selling my book and giving the proceeds to a children's homeless shelter.

Hours: More than 25

Why this project? I've always loved poetry ever since I was 12.

Biggest challenge: Raising the money to get the book published was a problem.

Biggest reward: I got to see my poems mature along the way.



JOHN
RUSHING

Project: Created a web server, which is a computer designed to do a specific task like running a web site.

Hours: 18

What did you do? I learned to use Xcode, an application to host a web site so people can view it.

Why this project? I wanted to learn more about computer programming.

Biggest challenge: Remembering where I saved my files and doing lots of online research on how to write the coding needed to set up my web site.

Biggest reward: I did it for self-growth, and I was proud to learn a lot of stuff apart from this being a very complicated project.



SAMANTHA
KIELY

Project: Rehabilitated my horse, Gal, who had a serious spinal infection.

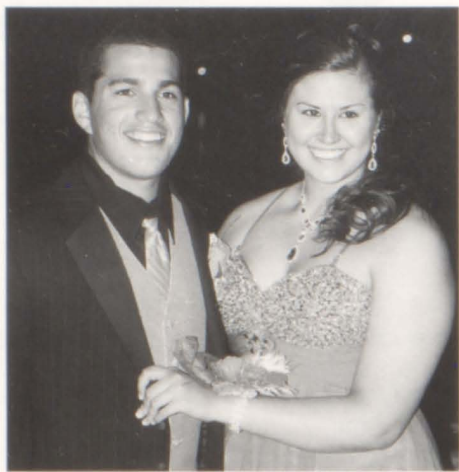
Hours: About 88.

What did you do? Gave her oral medication with a syringe twice a day.

Why this project? I was in the process of buying Gal when we learned that she had the infection. I'd worked with horses before, but this was a whole new realm.

Biggest reward: We saved her life. If she wouldn't have gotten the treatment, she would have been put down for sure.

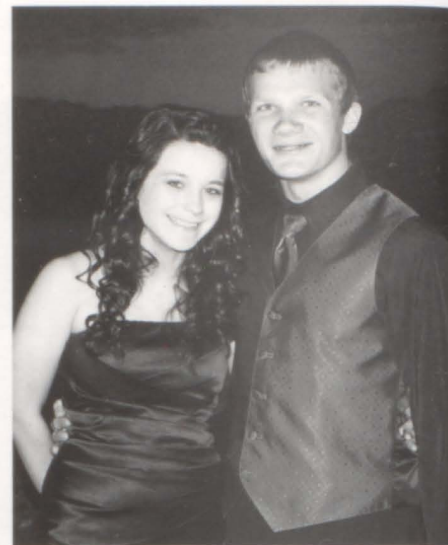
Biggest challenge: Finding the time for the horse. It took about three hours a day for almost two months.



Senior Jairo Diaz and his date Amelia Hernandez



Senior Cynthia Ebertz and her date Camron Callahan



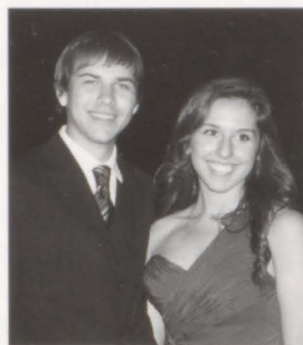
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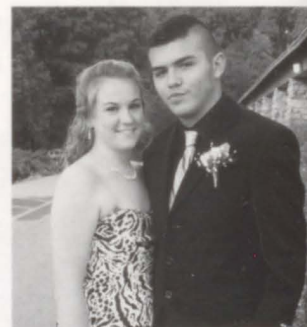
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Senior Jourdain Smallwood and Bridgette Bradley



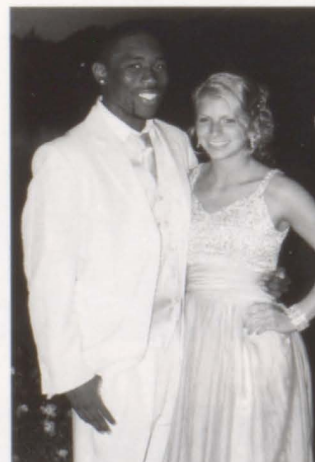
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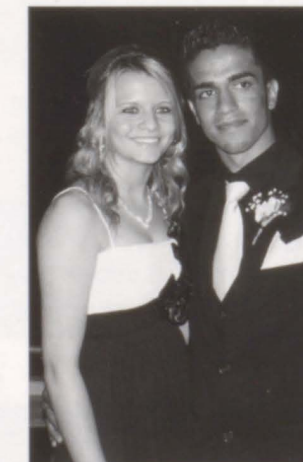
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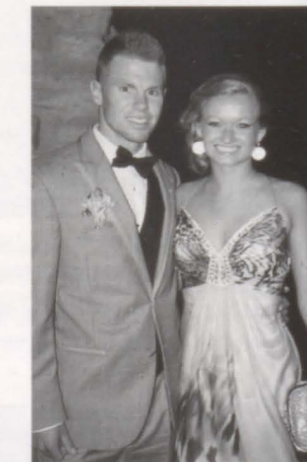
Junior Buddy Burnett and his date Justice Nicholson



Senior JaVante Young and junior Jessica Moulin



Sophomore Kelsey Ballou and junior Kalim RazaKhan



Junior Madison Epp and her date Tanner Gary

Fire & Ice

by Ashton Istas and Emily Hunt

Prom 2012



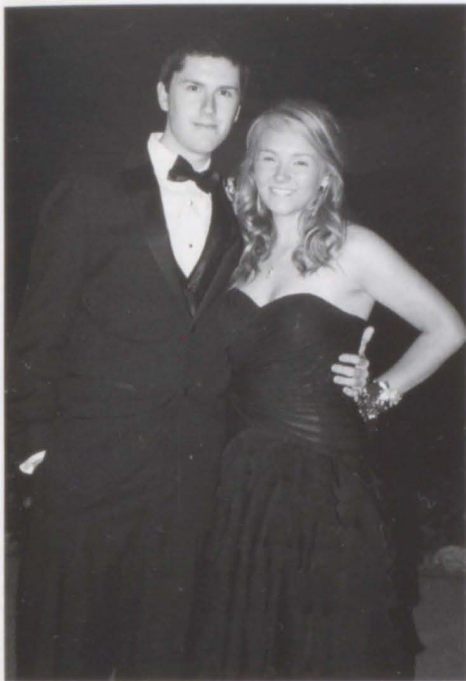
Senior Dyan Mackey and junior Joshua Bonwell



Senior Danielle Matthews and her date T.J. Richardson



Junior Loren Bergstrom and senior Austin Edwards



Senior Jake Carter and junior Sammy Ricci-Weller



Senior Ricardo Urriola and sophomore Citlaly Fernandez Alvarado



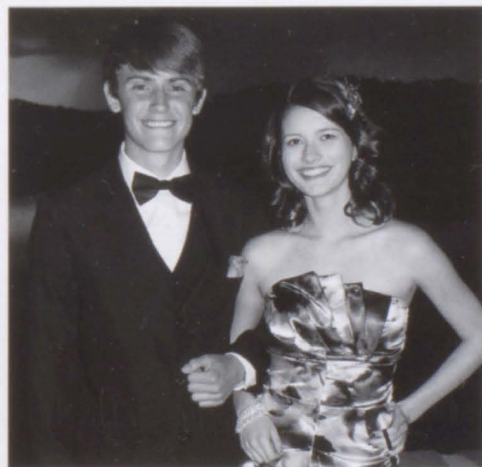
Senior Katelyn Smith and junior Jared Clements



Juniors Addison Tolliver and Chad Uhl



Senior Steve Williams and junior Haley Hoffine



Juniors Aaron Lewis and Kaysi Bias



Seniors Kylee Timberlake and Gonzalo Pichardo

Fire & Ice

by Taylor Coleman and Madison Epp

Prom 2012



✦ **Slowing it down,** junior Amber Brillhart and sophomore Jake Laing dance together at the Lake Forest Clubhouse. "The dance was just all-around fun," Brillhart said. "But I enjoyed the party bus most of all."

✦ **In a tender moment,** junior Jordan Lackner and senior Nick Trischler dance to a slow song. "I was thinking about wearing heels, but Nick suggested that we should wear our matching TOMS," Lackner said.



✦ **Dancing nose to nose,** juniors Drew Clark and Miranda McCullough enjoy their first Prom. "Instead of going to a restaurant, I made dinner at my house," McCullough said.



✦ **Stepping to the beat,** freshman Allie Mulich and senior Emily Hunt groove to the "Cupid Shuffle".



✦ **Getting down to the music,** juniors Josh Bonwell and T.J. Kimbrough-French show off their moves during the dance.

✦ **Dancing the night away,** juniors Bethany Bailey and Gui Pazos enjoy one last dance before his return to Brazil.



Unforgettable Moments



It was an unforgettable moment when a crowded, thriving dance floor came to a halt to witness a heartfelt occasion. As the crowd parted and the Prom candidates made their way down the dance floor, applause was given, cheers were screamed and friends were supported.

Then senior Philip Holcomb took his walk down the aisle with fellow nominee, Emily Hunt.



As he and Emily took their places near the stage, cheers erupted and the crowd became frenzied shouting "Phil-lip Hol-comb!" to support their soon-to-be king.

"It was honestly a special moment when Philip won Prom King because we all grew up with him, and he's like a brother to so many of us. Everyone who knows Philip knows how much this meant to him, and I really feel like he's a special part of the Class of 2012," senior Spencer Bush said.

Moments later, Scintila Capalla was greeted with the same excitement from the crowd.



"It felt like a dream come true. I felt like Philip really deserved to be prom king. I think that he's the sweetest person that I've met in the whole school and having the opportunity to be prom queen with him as king was a great honor," Capalla said.

Approximately 130 couples attended the April 21 Prom at the ever-familiar Lake Forest Clubhouse.



✦ **Working precisely**, junior Rachael Jensen carefully cuts a dance decoration. Juniors on the Prom Committee were allowed to miss Friday classes to decorate the Lake Forest Clubhouse. "We had a fun day with Mrs. Schlicht and Mrs. DeLeon," Jensen said. "It was stressful at times, but we got through it by making jokes out of everything."



✦ **Working side-by-side**, juniors Breana Lynn and Britney Huffman hold the arch frame while others add the finishing touches. "Decorating for Prom was fun, but putting the arch together was hard. It took about two hours to put it together," Huffman said.

The candidates



Prom Royalty. Front Row: Scintila Capalla, Emily Hunt, Ashton Istas, Madison Morris, Toni Stock **Row 2:** Reed Dougherty, Philip Holcomb, Johnathan Jackson, Blake Pyles, Brett Stuart.





Success

SPORTS

Swinging FOR Success

by Aaron Lewis

RECORD NUMBERS REPORT FOR SQUAD

The girls tennis season started with a bang when 32 girls showed up to the first day of practice.

"This was the biggest girls team I've had in all my years of coaching," head coach Bill Scott said.

Trying to get all of those 32 girls into matches was a challenge, but Scott kept his promise to the last eight girls and gave them the chance to play in two JV duals.

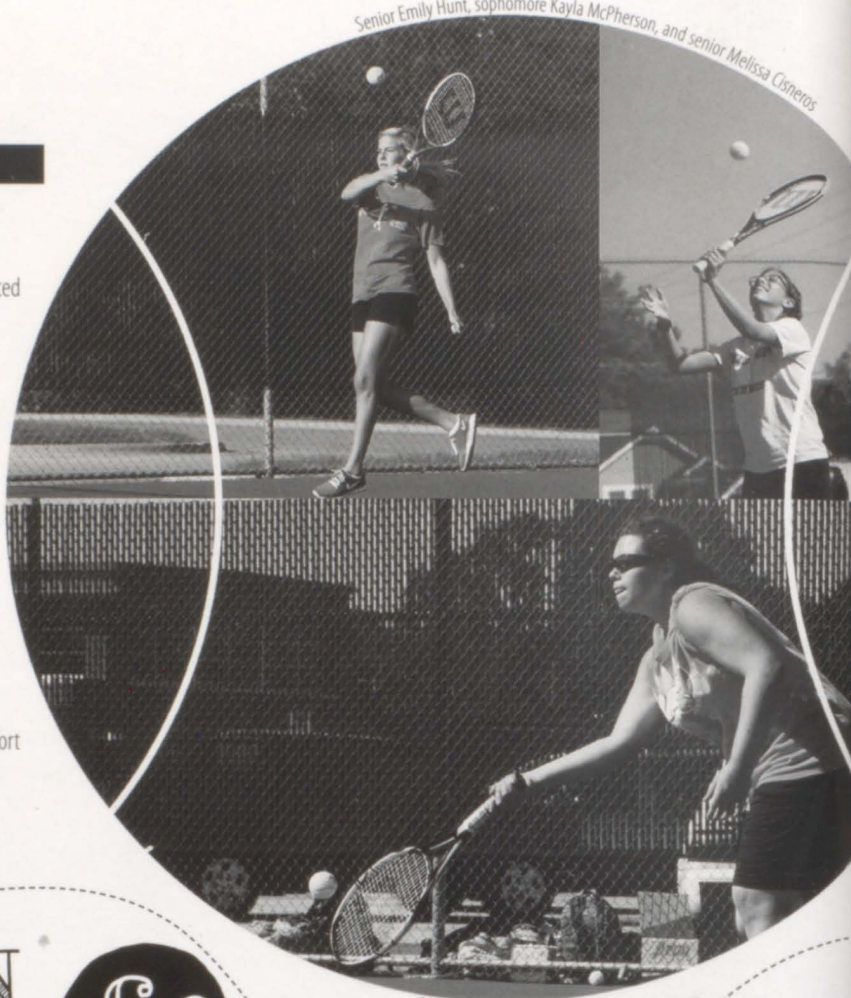
"Never did any of those eight girls quit," Scott said. "They paid the \$50 fee, bought a racket and team shirt and made it to every practice. It's always a successful season if we have a lot of kids that come out, stay out, and not quit, and it's also a bonus if we win a lot of medals."

Those medals came flowing in at the DeSoto Wildcat Invitational when junior Bethany Bailey and senior Bre Tendick placed third in No. 1 doubles and seniors Lauren Callahan and Toni Stock finished eighth out of 16 teams in No. 2 doubles. At the league meet at Mill Valley, Tendick and Bailey were second in No. 1 doubles while senior Melissa Cisneros and sophomore Hannah Hunt placed first in No. 2 doubles.

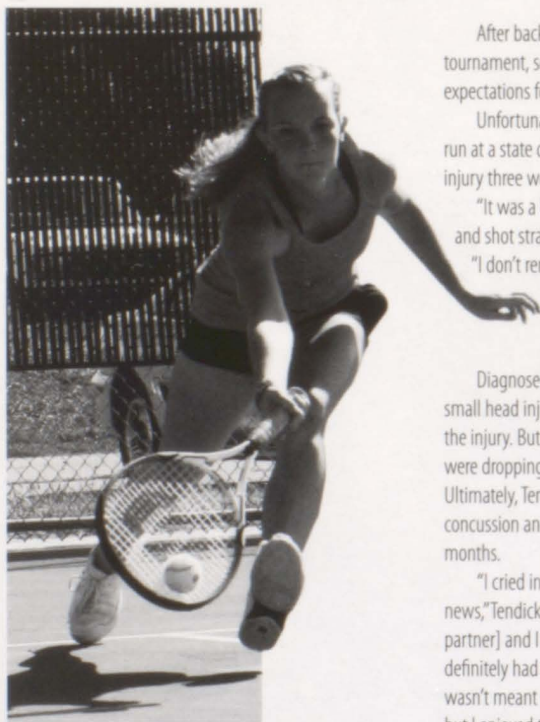
"The varsity did exactly what I thought they would do," Scott said. "They played hard and gave it their all."

Scott said the season was an overall success with the great enthusiasm and effort displayed by such a large squad.

Senior Emily Hunt, sophomore Kayla McPherson, and senior Melissa Cisneros



A short lived SEASON



After back-to-back trips to the state tournament, senior Bre Tendick had high expectations for completing her final season.

Unfortunately, she was unable to make a last run at a state championship due to a freak softball injury three weeks before regionals.

"It was a hard-hit ground ball that hit a rock and shot straight up into my face," Tendick said. "I don't remember much after that. The next thing I know they were shoving cotton balls up my nose to stop the bleeding."

Diagnosed initially with a broken nose and small head injury, Tendick tried to push through the injury. But the pain intensified and her grades were dropping along with her athletic performance. Ultimately, Tendick was diagnosed with a severe concussion and was ruled out of action for three months.

"I cried in the doctor's office when I heard the news," Tendick said. "I knew Bethany [her doubles partner] and I would have done well, and we definitely had a chance to place in the top ten, but it wasn't meant to be. I didn't want it to end this way, but I enjoyed the time I was able to play."



a picture perfect PERFORMANCE

"The only thought in my head was I can't believe I just did that."

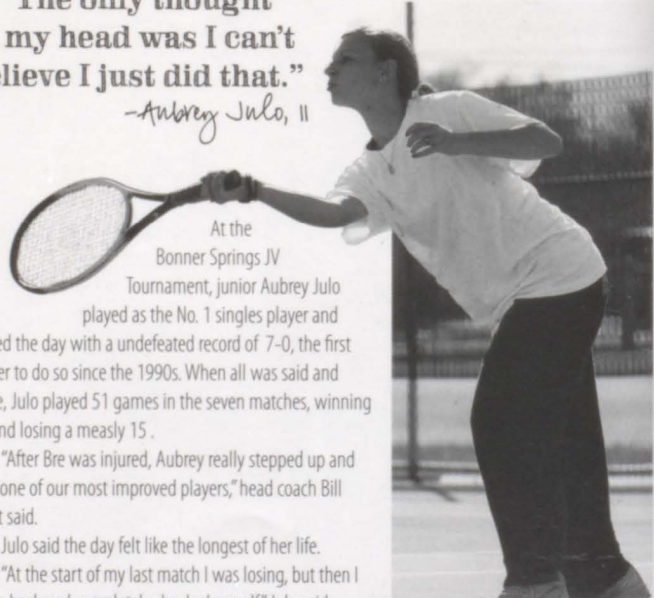
-Aubrey Julo, 11

At the Bonner Springs JV Tournament, junior Aubrey Julo played as the No. 1 singles player and ended the day with an undefeated record of 7-0, the first player to do so since the 1990s. When all was said and done, Julo played 51 games in the seven matches, winning 36 and losing a measly 15.

"After Bre was injured, Aubrey really stepped up and was one of our most improved players," head coach Bill Scott said.

Julo said the day felt like the longest of her life.

"At the start of my last match I was losing, but then I came back and completely shocked myself," Julo said.



Sister Act

“It was fun getting to spend time with **my sister** in a different place besides our house. We even got to play together in a match against Summer and that was fun because we were winning big, so we didn't have to take it so seriously.

-Toni Stock 12



“Having **my sister** on the tennis team was fun. We could just joke around and one time when we got to play together we just couldn't stop laughing.

-Cassie Stock 11



With a strong return, junior Bethany Bailey plays in a home singles match. Bailey finished with a winning doubles record and medaled in two meets.

Moustache Mania

For the girls and boys tennis teams, no trip to Lawrence is complete without a visit to Cici's Pizza. While there, the team would go into the arcade and pay a quarter to buy little fake moustaches for the return trip.

“We all wanted to be like Coach Scott and wore the moustaches all the way home and sang great songs,” senior Ashton Istas said.



The Bagel Award goes to...

The Bagel Award is given to the varsity and JV player who has been “bageled” the most during the season. A “bageled” in tennis is when a player doesn't win any games within the match.

The varsity Bagel Award went to junior Aubrey Julo while sophomore Sasha Bingaman took the honor for the JV squad.



With concentration, senior Lauren Callahan returns a serve during a home match against Olathe North. Callahan's best finish came at the Mill Valley tournament where she was second in No. 1 singles. “Learning to play tennis is a life skill,” Callahan said. “I'd encourage everyone to try it.”

Locked in, sophomore Hannah Hunt competes in the Bonner Springs Varsity Invitational. Hunt ended the season with a winning doubles record of 59-56. “Something that stands out for me is when I had to play against last year's state champion at the Wildcat Invitational at DeSoto,” Hunt said.



Runners make return to state meet

For the past two years, senior Matt Coffman and junior T.J. Kimbrough-French (shown right) have run side-by-side, encouraging each other to finish strong in pursuit of a return trip to the state meet at Wamego.

During the regular season, Coffman usually finished ahead of Kimbrough-French, but that wasn't the case at state.

Despite losing his shoe at the 800-meter mark, Kimbrough-French finished with a season-best time of 18:14.05 to place 51st while Coffman was 58th with a time of 18:30.31.

"I think I ran well, but if I could change one thing I would have started my race faster, that way I would have been in a higher place from the beginning," Kimbrough-French said. "I didn't even care that my shoe fell off; I think I ran faster without it on."



Focused on the finish line senior Matt Coffman runs his way to his third state race with a time of 17:23 at regionals.



First Team:
Matt Coffman

Second Team:
T.J. Kimbrough-French
Austin Schuler
Mandy Ballou

I'm Just a Newbie

"I had a lot of fun during this season, and I gained more confidence than I ever had before. I hated showing up for meets, but I still had fun. I would always feel so nervous and brain-wracked. That was a hard thing for me to overcome, but with the support and push from my teammates and coach Marriott, I made it through all of the challenges.

-Akiko Capalla, 7

"I enjoyed participating in a new sport, but running was nothing new to me. I have always enjoyed running, but I hadn't gotten into it much until now. We had to get a lot of miles in and most of them for me were in the morning. But after awhile I actually started to enjoy the morning workouts.

-Austin Schuler, 10





Scintila Capalla, Our Inspiration



I didn't realize how much of an impact I had on other people to the point where other teams, parents, and coaches wondered why I was missing the entire season. It was a humbling moment.

-Scintila Capalla, 12

Senior Scintila Capalla has been an active participant in cross country from her freshman year to her senior year and has always played a huge role on the team.

Scintila finished her junior year as a team captain along with Mandy Ballou. By always giving her best to her teammates and through her many acts of kindness, Scintila became the team's inspiration.

However, Scintila was diagnosed in mid-June with Osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. Although she was unable to compete, she attended practices and always had words of encouragement.

At the Bonner Springs Invitational, the Basehor cross country team gave their best to support Scintila. Runners from every team in attendance wore shirts with a heart design and the words, "We love you Scintila."

Basehor coach Jeff Venama completely surprised Scintila by organizing the masses of people wearing these supportive shirts.

"Seeing everyone wearing the shirts for Scintila is something you won't forget," boys coach Bill Downing said. "It was great to see the running community come together for someone you care for and admire."



» **Clustered together**, sophomores Eleanor Lynch, Sasha Bingaman, and Rachel Barber start the Basehor Invitational at the Wyandotte County Park in a pack. All of them finished as closely as when they began: Lynch was 22nd with a time of 23:01, Bingaman was 24th at 23:40, and Barber was 29th with a time of 25:03.



» **Rounding the corner**, junior Mandy Ballou races at Bishop Miege, where she finished with a time of 16:56, making her the second fastest runner in school history.

» **Running side by side**, junior Tessa Newberry and sophomore Citlally Fernandez Alvarado race to the finish line at the St. James Invitational. Although it rarely happens, both runners finished in 27th place with times of 21:55.



Two Teams, One Vision

by Kayci Bias

UNITY CREATES FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

Through morning practices, weekend runs, and team dinners, the cross country team became closer than ever.

They gave their best to all of their races as well as to each other. They stood together through bad weather, hard practices and all of the challenges that were presented to them.

"The team had a lot more runners this year and that helped us to bond together and become more like a family," junior Mandy Ballou said.

One of the more interesting challenges for the squad came when the location for their home invitational was moved from the Wyandotte County Park to the grounds of the Kansas Speedway due to a scheduling conflict.

"Creating a new course was a lot of work but an enormous amount of fun. We drove over

40 miles in the jeep to map out a course of 3.1 miles," girls coach Rob Marriotti said.

While junior Tessa Newberry found the new course to be "weird" because of the team's comfort zone with the Wyandotte County Park, she enjoyed running at the Speedway because it was "flat and fast."

Marriotti said almost every girl achieved a personal best at the Speedway course, inspired by a touching tribute to senior Scintila Capalla to start the day.

Highlights for the boys team came in sending two runners to the state meet and placing second at the Wyco Invitational.

Senior Matt Coffman was the team's top runner, medaling in every meet and winning the first high school race of his career at the Eudora Invitational.

Setting THEIR GOAL

By Bre Tendick

EIGHT SENIORS LEAD THE WAY

With eight seniors, the Lady Braves took advantage of their experience and finished the season with a 21-18 record.

"It's a great feeling to not just be over .500, but to hit 20 wins," head coach Heather Campbell said.

After spending their high school years playing together, the seniors had built the bonds necessary to reach their goal of a winning season.

"We had played with each other for a long time, and we all had a close

relationship. We knew how to play well together while having fun," senior Kylee Timberlake said.



Campbell said season highlights included beating Piper in five games at home, the selection of three players to the All-KVL squad, and a strong effort at the WYCO tournament.

"I was happy to end the season with a first-place finish at Wyco. It was our last time together and a great way to end our time together," senior Erin Marx said.



First Team:
Haley Hoffine
Madison Scott

Honorable Mention:
Cassady Holloway

final season

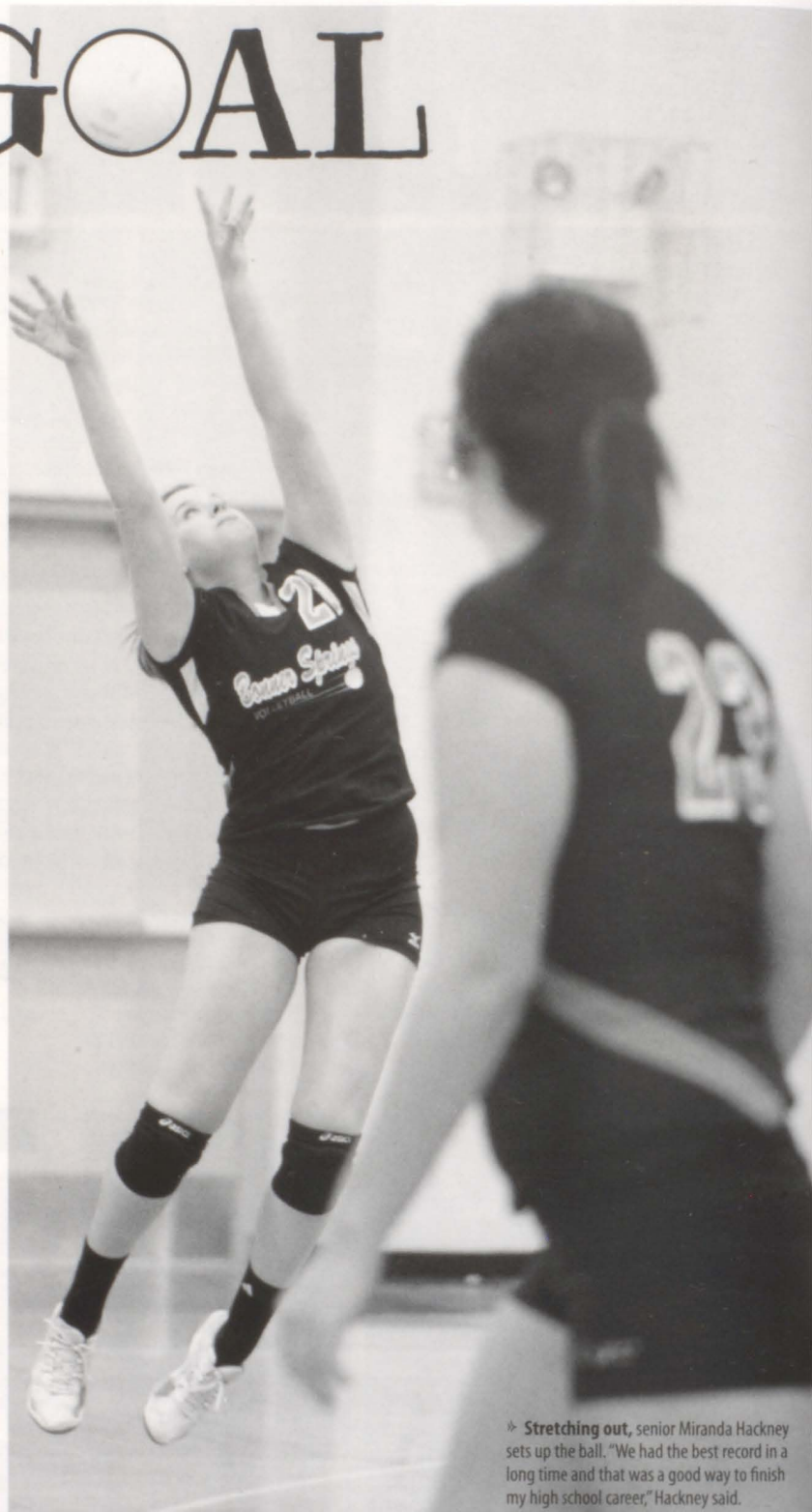


At the end of the season, Heather Campbell decided to step down as the head volleyball coach, a position she had held since 2009.

"I had coached some of these girls for four years, and it was a joy to watch them increase their volleyball skills and mature as young women, but I want to spend more time with my own three girls," Campbell said.

Under Campbell's directions, the squad improved steadily. With only seven wins in 2009, they improved to 17-19 in 2010 and then posted a 21-19 mark in 2011. Campbell received many compliments on how much better the girls had become.

"I will miss the competitive spirit and being a part of the team in practice and games, but I will be watching and cheering the underclassmen on as they continue to take Bonner volleyball to the next level," Campbell said.



» **Stretching out,** senior Miranda Hackney sets up the ball. "We had the best record in a long time and that was a good way to finish my high school career," Hackney said.



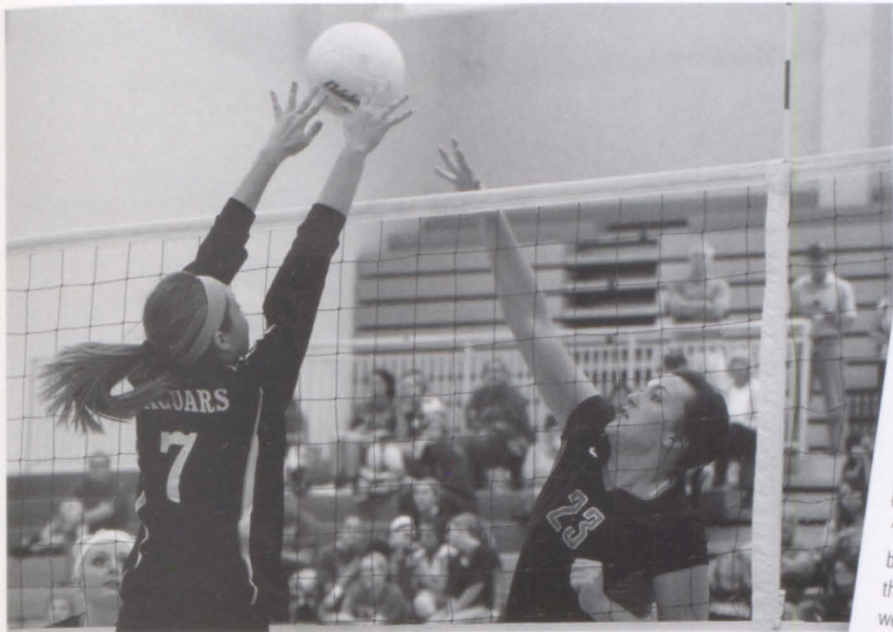
"I thought we really came together as a team, and we played our best at the Wyco Tournament. Making the All-KVL first team was a nice end-of-the-season surprise."

-Haley Hoffine 11



"I felt like I had a lot more blocks this year and that might have been what helped me to receive All-KVL recognition. I wasn't expecting it, but when I found out, I was very excited."

-Madison Scott 12



‣ **Concentrating on the hit**, senior Erin Marx reaches for a block in a home match against Mill Valley. Marx ended the season with 73 blocks and 106 kills.



"I'm not sure what Erin (center) and Miranda were laughing about, but the relationships we had on the team were exceptional, and there are so many memories I will never forget. It helped that we were always friends on and off the court."

-Kylie Timberlake, 12

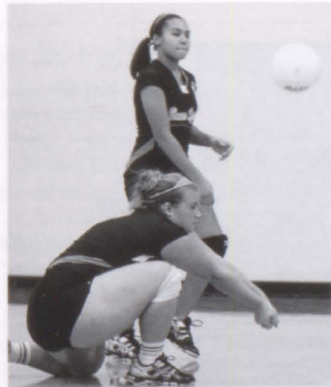


‣ **Focusing on the bump**, sophomore Shelby Mata gets in perfect position to make her pass in a junior varsity game at home. "I missed a lot of serves my freshman year, so my goal was to get better at serving, and I think I did an amazing job meeting that goal," Mata said.

‣ **Making the return**, senior Madison Scott prepares to tip the ball back to the Turner side of the net. Scott was the only senior to earn a varsity letter all four years of her high school career.

"Having been voted most inspirational on the team meant a lot to me. I enjoyed getting to cheer my girls on through a record of wins.

-Meagan Stices, 12



‣ **Getting low**, senior Kylie Timberlake digs the ball to a teammate while junior Jene Williams looks on. Timberlake finished her season with 250 digs.

‣ **Preparing for the block**, senior Erica Wilson reaches up to stop a Mill Valley opponent from scoring. "My favorite game was beating Piper to win the Wyco Championship," Wilson said.



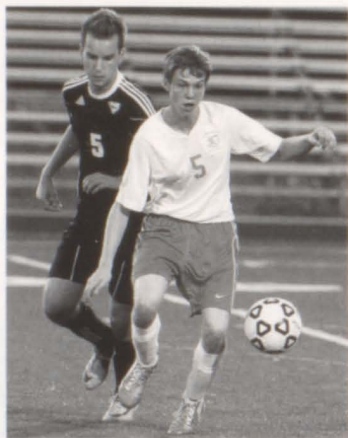
✦ **Hoping to score**, senior Spencer Bush (far right) positions himself to execute a shot in a home game against Ottawa.



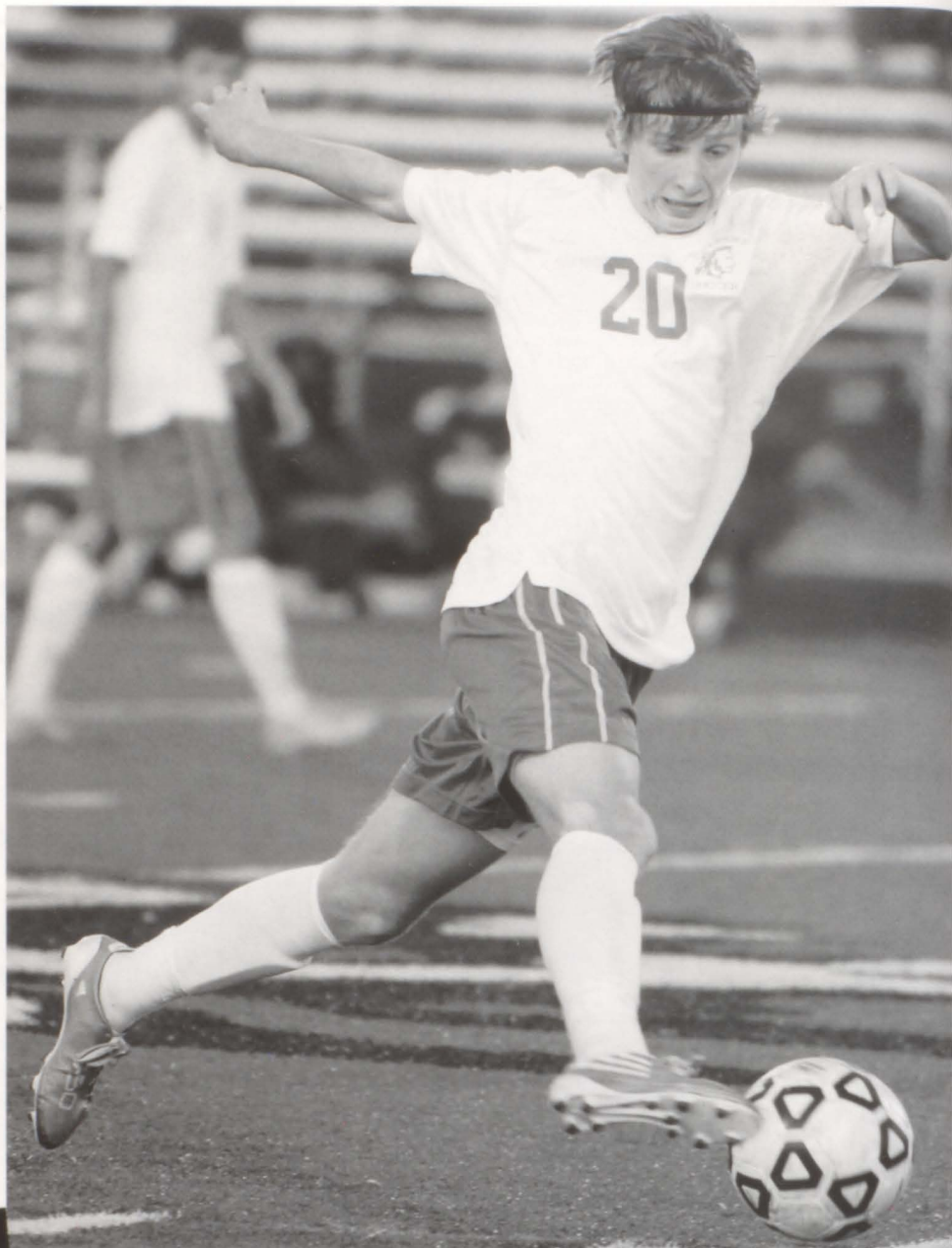
✦ **With concentration**, senior Blake McMahon tries to gain control of the ball at a home match. "I'll miss making jokes with the coaches. It was fun while it lasted," said McMahon, who played right wing on the varsity squad.



✦ **Breaking away**, senior Ryan Cook looks to carry the ball down the field in a 1-0 home loss to Mill Valley. "Regardless of the stats, it was one of our best seasons. There was always a great atmosphere surrounding our team," Cook said.



✦ **Taking possession**, junior Jason Van Maren seeks to settle the ball in a game against K.C. Christian. "It was an emotional season, and we went through a lot as a team," VanMaren said. "But we improved as we grew closer."



BRINGIN' THE DEFENSE



Brett Stewart

Q: What was your overall take on the season?

A: We did well, but we could have done a lot better. We needed a lot more chemistry than we had.

Q: Can you describe the pressure that is put on you as a goalie?

A: There's a ton of pressure on me. If someone scores, it's entirely my fault and I feel bad because I haven't done my job.

Q: Was there anything you did to get ready to play?

A: Before every game I put a little rubber band on my wrist just for good luck.



Noah Monroy

Q: How long have you been playing and what position did you play?

A: I've played all four years of high school, and I was the defensive stopper.

Q: Do you have any advice to offer future players?

A: Give it all you have every practice and game. Listen to the coach and remember that if you put your mind to it you can achieve anything.

Q: How was your high school soccer experience?

A: It was great. I love soccer, especially playing with these guys over the years and building up the chemistry that helped us to compete.



Nate Mitchell

Q: What's your favorite memory of playing in high school?

A: Going to state was definitely my favorite memory. I felt that it was really good for our community. It showed that we can make it just as far as any 5A or 6A team.

Q: Has anything unusual happened to you on the field?

A: In one of our first games, I received a red card but I was able to prove the referee he was wrong and got back in the game.

Q: How long have you been playing soccer?

A: Since I was 3, so about 15 years.



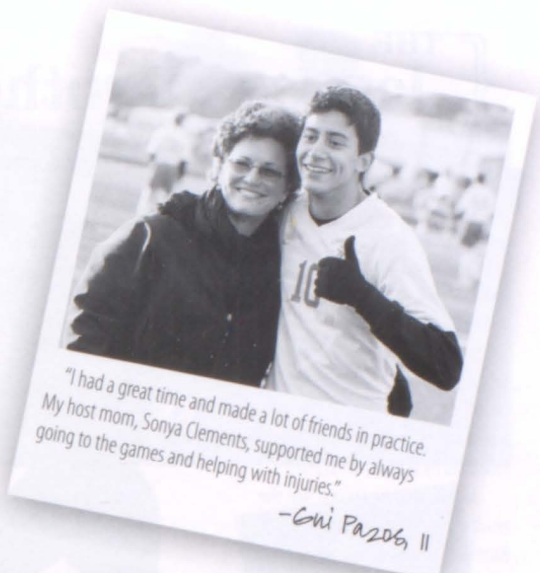
**ALL
KVL**

First Team:
Nate Mitchell

Second Team:
Spencer Bush
Spencer Frank

*Honorable
Mention:*
Brett Steuart

✦ **Looking to pass**, junior Spencer Frank dribbles the ball down the field in a home win against Ottawa. "My season highlight was scoring the game-winning goal in a double over-time win over Bashehor," Frank said.



"I had a great time and made a lot of friends in practice. My host mom, Sonya Clements, supported me by always going to the games and helping with injuries."

-Gwi Pazos, 11

Kicking it forward

By Sasha Pingaman

EXPECTATIONS: A BLESSING AND A CURSE

After a first-ever trip to the state tournament last year, the soccer team opened the season hungry for a return trip.

"The expectations were high," head coach Mike Moulin said. "And during those first couple of games those expectations weighed heavily on the team. But they soon relaxed and worked on playing hard."

The Braves faced a difficult schedule that included many 5A and 6A teams. But the guys didn't let this stop them from reaching their goals.

"Going to state was ultimately a goal for everyone. But my goal was to have a unit that worked hard in games and practice, which they did in the end," Moulin said.

With senior team captains Spencer Bush, Nate

Mitchell and Brett Steuart leading the way, many younger players also stepped up and the team saw great improvement as the season progressed.

"A really defining moment was when all of the players realized they needed to be leaders and not followers," Moulin said.

Bush pointed to a victory over Turner as another important achievement.

"Beating Turner 4-2 on our home field was our best game as a team. We hadn't beaten them during any of my four years," Bush said.

The season wound down with a tough 1-0 loss to K.C. Christian, the ultimate state champions.

"We had plenty of opportunity to finish but just didn't capitalize," Moulin said.



"My favorite memory happened at one of our home games when I made a goal in the last 10 minutes with assistance from Colin Barker. The kick soared right over the goalie's head, and we won 2-0."

-J.K. Krans, 1



"I played mostly on the JV squad, and I thought our strength was that we flowed the ball really well. My favorite moment came when I scored my first goal against Piper. It was really exciting."

-Quinton Schneck, 10



"For the past three years I played football, but for my senior year I wanted something that was more fun, and soccer definitely was. I got a chance to have some new teammates and to play a sport I'd always liked."

-Aaron Rudolph, 12



What do you look for in a cleat?



Brand: Adidas

Cost: \$320

Owner: Nate Mitchell, 12

"I'm a defender, so my cleats have to be light. These weigh 5.1 ounces and they're colorful. The teal, lime green, and white really stand out, and I like that as well. I knew these were really good because they are at the top of the market. The first pair I bought were faulty, and I broke through them in the third game of the season. When I called, the guy said I was the first person who has ever broken through these shoes. They offered to send me another pair for free."

"I prefer Adidas soccer cleats over the ones from Nike. I like the AdiZero F50's because they're very light and durable. My limit on spending is just a little over \$100, and I usually look for cleats with bright colors."

Luciano Fasani, 10

"The weight is important. You want light ones so you can run faster. The size is also important you want something that fits to your foot well. I would be willing to spend about \$300 on a good pair of cleats."

Dominic Salino, 10

"They've got to be flashy. The last pair I bought were \$250. They should be kind of pricey because that's how you can tell if they're good or not. Usually they last me a season or two and they have to be Nikes."

Toby Sullivan, 12

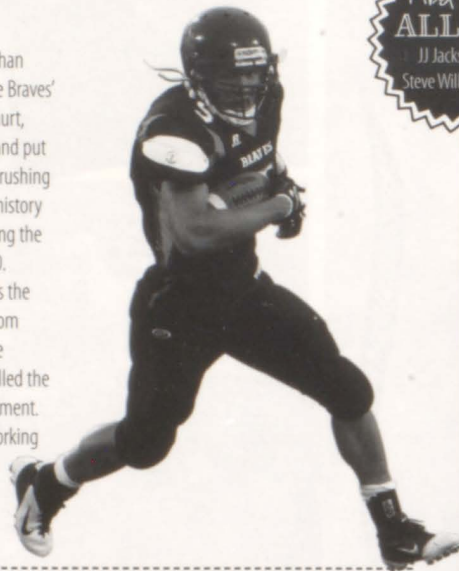
{ THE Jackson Brothers }

JJ JACKSON BREAKS RECORD

Senior running back Johnathan Jackson played a huge role in the Braves' success. Determined to not get hurt, Jackson scored 26 touchdowns and put together the best single-season rushing performance in Bonner Springs history with 1,549 rushing yards, breaking the record set by Max Barren, in 2010.

Jackson said his success was the result of the things he learned from Barren his freshman year and the support of his parents, who instilled the values of hard work and commitment.

"He is one of the hardest working guys I have seen in all my years of coaching," head coach Lucas Aslin said.



First Team
ALL KVL
JJ Jackson, RB
Steve Williams, WR



"I loved playing football with My Brother, it was something I have always wanted to do because I know how much football means to him."
-Jordan Jackson, 10

"It was awesome to get a chance to play with My Brother. We had always played catch in the backyard, so it was fun to be able to take that connection to an actual game. Jordan stepped up to be a great quarterback and leader as a sophomore."
-Johnathan Jackson, 12

JORDAN JACKSON STEPS IN



Sophomore Jordan Jackson made his debut as the starting quarterback after the team lost three straight games, and once he hit the field, the Braves couldn't be beat.

"I was nervous at first, but I had the confidence that my coaches had prepared me for the situation," Jackson said.

Jackson finished the season with 82 completions in 139 attempts for 1,393 yards. He had 17 touchdowns passes with just one interception.

"The biggest moment for me and the team was winning the district championship. It was a goal that we had since the beginning of the season, so it was a sense of accomplishment," Jackson said.



✦ **With a big hit**, junior Matt Call shuts down Tonganoxie's offense. A linebacker, Call received second-team All-Kaw Valley League honors and was the team's leading tackler with 86 stops.

✦ **Making the stop**, junior Tyler Howell (top right) pounces on top of his Lansing opponent with assistance from seniors Jose Contreras and Daemon Franklin. Howell finished the year with 36 tackles while Franklin, a second-team All-KVL selection, had 18 and Contreras had 23.

✦ **Running the ball**, sophomore Jared Knernschild rushes past Tonganoxie's defense. Knernschild finished the season with 203 rushing yards and 125 receiving yards as a running back.



ALL KVL

Second Team:
Matt Call, LB
Kyle Dumler, OL
Drew Hern, DL
Daemon Franklin, DB

Honorable Mention:
Jordan Jackson, QB

A championship no one Expected

By Kylee Timberlake

SENIORS ACCEPT DISTRICT TROPHY

Under the direction of new coach Lucas Aslin, the football team kicked off its season with an exceptional 21-17 home win over Topeka Seamen. It was a great way to introduce the new-and-improved program.

"The Seamen game was a huge, unexpected victory since nobody thought we were going to win. We proved we were better than we were last year and got off to a great start," senior Daemon Franklin said.

But the next three games were a disappointment, to say the least, with losses to Mill Valley, Turner, and Basehor.

To stop the losing streak, Aslin decided to make major changes, most notably the installation of sophomore Jordan Jackson as the starting quarterback.

"The three games we lost were to good teams, but we stayed together and worked harder in practice. We believed we could turn around the losing streak and change our season," senior Steve Williams said.

After a 48-13 blowout win over Tonganoxie, the Braves went on to win five in a row, outscoring their opponents 229-89.

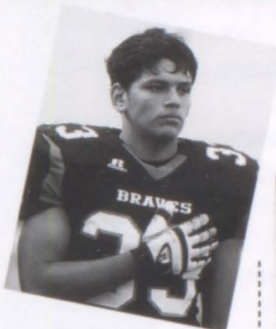
The play of senior running back JJ Jackson was huge during the winning streak, with five-touchdown performances against Tongie and Bishop Ward.

To get on top in the district playoffs, the Braves pulled together for a hard-fought 41-34 over an undefeated Schlagle squad, giving them confidence to go all the way.

They closed out the season with a 35-21 win over Lansing, allowing the seniors to raise the district championship trophy in front of their fans in a memorable post-game moment.

The Braves moved on to play Gardner-Edgerton in the state playoffs but fell short of their dreams in a lopsided loss.

"The key to our success was a result of the players and coaches beginning to get comfortable with each other and buying into our system's philosophies," Aslin said.



"The best thing for me was as simple as playing the game. It was exciting to know everyone was expecting you to make that big play. My favorite game was against Schlagle because it was intense all the way through, and everyone was really dependent on the defense to shut down their offense."

-Jose Contreras, 12



"The three years I played for Bonner were awesome, and I made some really great friendships. Being able to play was the greatest thing to happen to me, and I couldn't ask for better people to play with."

-Blake Pyles, 12



"I will never forget the lasting impression that Coach Aslin's energy and intensity brought to the team and the results we had this season. It was a dream come true to win the district championship, a goal we have had since we were freshmen."

-Monte Cox, 12



✦ **Savoring the moment**, senior Drew Hern lifts the district championship trophy with pride as part of a mid-field celebration. Coach Lucas Aslin had all the seniors accept the trophy together after the Lansing win.

✦ **Making the grab**, senior Joseph Dooley scores against Lansing. "Winning district was something I will never forget, but the biggest game for me personally was against Gardner. It was our chance to move on in the playoffs, and I went out and played my best," said Dooley, who finished his final season with 18 catches for 290 yards.

THE Lucas Aslin Era Begins



Coming from Garden City Community College, new head coach Lucas Aslin brought with him an energetic, ready-to-win attitude. Stressing fundamentals and teamwork, Aslin led the team to a 6-4 record and a district championship.

"Our practices were more intense, and he pushed us to work hard, get things done, and to never get down on ourselves," junior Logan Terrell said. "He told us what we did right and what we did wrong, but he always put more emphasis on the positives. He's just a great coach."

Although it was challenging at first, Aslin said his goals and dreams for the team remained the same from day one.

"The major goals at the beginning of the season were to teach the players to compete every day and to win a district championship. I feel like most of my goals were either met or at least we worked really hard to accomplish them."

Season of change

By Lilly Eichhoff

Cheerleading helps give athletes the extra encouragement they need to push for a win. But it's more than just yelling and throwing stunts up. It's a way to express yourself. Each cheerleader has a different story, a different life, a different type of creativity.

No matter what, they all have something in common. They have the passion for their school. It takes drive and dedication to be a part of the squad—going to early practices and getting home so late that you can barely do your homework.

It was a season of transformation for this year's squad with the addition of male cheerleaders during the winter sports season.

"The guys really made our stunts stronger and added more personality to our team," junior Madison Epp said.

Cheerleading may not be considered a sport to some, but it is to this squad. Being a cheerleader takes physical strength, skill, motivation, honesty, love, and ambition. The cheerleaders, all with their own individual skills, come together as one and always know how to make the Braves proud.

Stunting to PERFECTION



✦ It takes four people to construct a stunt, and each person in the stunt has an important job. "I know I've got to stay tight because if I don't, the entire stunt will fall," junior Mandy Ballou said. "It takes balance, and you can't be afraid because then the whole stunt team might become afraid and the stunt will collapse."



✦ Being a flyer, you've got to stay strong and whatever you do, don't fall. "I honestly don't really feel anything; I just focus on staying tight and hitting my pose," sophomore Caroline Clark said. "Then, once I'm there, I just have fun and share my spirit with the crowd."



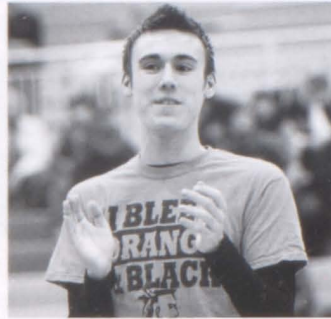
✦ During football season, freshman cheerleader Gabby Bennett was tossed into the air quite often to be caught by her fellow cheerleaders. "I'm not really scared while stunting. I trust them. I'm only scared when I try new things," Bennett said.



✦ **Enjoying the game,** junior Taylor Coleman cheers for the Braves at a Mill Valley basketball game. "There's actually a small rivalry between the two cheer squads, and every time we play them, we work harder," Coleman said.

✦ **With a smile,** senior Emily Hunt presents the Mayor's Trophy for the top entry in the Tiblow Days parade to Judy Cox, a member of Bonner Beautiful. Assisting with the awards is one way the squad gives back to the community.

New additions BOOST squad



coleman isaacs, 11

Why did you try out for cheerleading?

A lot of the girls from the team told me that I should do it, and it sounded like a lot of fun.

What do you like about cheerleading?

I like stunting the most. It's fun seeing what cool stunt combinations the team is capable of.

What's the most challenging part?

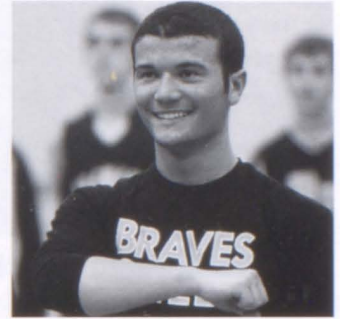
Balancing homework when I don't get home from a game until 10 p.m.

What's been the most fun?

I've really enjoyed building new relationships with the girls on the team.

How do you feel you've contributed to the cheer squad?

I've added a little male muscle to the squad, and the coaches have said having Cord and I on the team has been a positive change.



cord cannon, 11

Why did you try out for cheerleading?

I tried out because it's something I thought I would enjoy and something that I'm good at.

What do you like about cheerleading?

Stunting is the best part of cheerleading. I love trying new stunts.

What's the most challenging part?

The most challenging part about cheer would be trying new stunts.

What's been the most fun?

The most enjoyable part for me is performing at pep assemblies and stunting.

How do you feel you've contributed to the cheer squad?

I tried to bring the team together more. I feel like having guys on the team helps to make it much more dynamic and interesting. It brought up the "wow" factor.



Up front and center, seniors Eliza Scott and Lauren Callahan lead the cheerleaders down the Warrior Walk.



Front Row: Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Baleigh Shearer, Mandy Ballou, Eliza Scott, Taylor Coleman, Brittany Frentrop, Gabby Bennett.
Row 2: Caroline Clark, Ashton Istas, Lauren Callahan, Brenna McQuitty, Emily Hunt, Hannah Hunt, Madison Epp.



It isn't much different now that we don't have a JV team. On the positive side, little Baleigh got to be moved up to varsity, and it's really fun to put her up in stunts. We have lost a few girls on the team, but we all still work really well together, and I couldn't ask for a better team of girls.

-Madison Epp, 11



I think it's pretty different from last year, but I like it. I think it's easier without a JV because the coaches can now focus on one squad. You have more time to improve yourself and you have more time with the coaches.

-Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, 10



This year's cheer squad was really fun to be a part of. All of us girls are close, and we all get along great together. I look forward to being a part of the squad next year because I feel like we've all improved ourselves, and I'm positive we will gain more great cheerleaders.

-Tylynn Glenns, 11

» **At a home football game**, sophomore Skyler Lucas and junior Stephanie Rose perform at halftime in a Sept. 14 game against Turner.



Lucas becomes first male Dazzler

As a new member of the team, sophomore Skyler Lucas made history by becoming the first ever male dancer for the Orange Dazzlers. Although he was not originally selected for the team, he stepped up when an opening became available.

"Nicole Norris convinced me to try out," Lucas said. "People were really supportive about it, and it motivated me to do the best I could. I feel that camp was probably the best part because there was a lot of team bonding."

Highlights

What was yours?



"I think the team worked together really well, and the addition of Skyler helped our team a lot. My favorite memory was the dance banquet. We all came together and watched a video the team made of the whole season.

-Brittney Huffman, 11



"I saw a lot of change during my four years on the team, but I think it's good to keep it fresh and not do the same thing every year. It was hard to be the only senior because I didn't have anyone to share all of those last year memories with. Overall, I had a great time, and I'm glad I stuck with it.

-Ashley Muldoon, 12



"Adjusting to the new dancers was hard because we had to teach them everything we already knew. We had to have a lot of patience, but they were all very fun and outgoing. Camp was very stressful, too. We had to learn a lot of dances at once, but in the end we had a good time.

-Nicole Norris, 10



"Being captain was a different experience for me because I had to take on a leadership role. It was fun getting to choreograph with the other co-captain, Ashley Muldoon. My favorite dance was probably the senior dance because we could do anything we wanted to, and it was all our own.

-Lauren Culter, 11



» **Shaking her maracas**, junior Loren Bergstrom dances to salsa music played by the band during the Homecoming halftime show.



Front Row: Meranda Hull, Kelsey Wheeler, Airyana Fox, Allie Mulich, Caitlyn Khatchadourian, Hailey Kendrick, Faith Seaton
Row 2: Sponsor Tara George, Brittney Huffman, Miranda McCullough, Lauren Culter, Ashley Muldoon, Loren Bergstrom, Tatiana Torres, Stephanie Rose, sponsor Cindy Hayes. **Row 3:** Eleanor Lynch, Kayleigh Clark, Skyler Lucas, Valerie Torres, Madison Hurla, Nicole Norris.

Dazzling the Crowd

By Madison Epp

The Orange Dazzlers started their season by attending a summer camp at Emporia State and returned with several awards, including "Most Improved" and 13 nominations for "All American."

This was the strong start that the young squad needed in a year defined by change and new friendships.

"It was definitely a year of growth because we had a lot of freshmen and sophomores," senior captain Ashley Muldoon said. "But as the year went on everyone gained the experience they needed, and we all got used to each other."

It was also a year of special celebrations with the marriage of co-sponsor Tara George on Nov. 20. The whole

team attended her wedding to celebrate the memorable day with her.

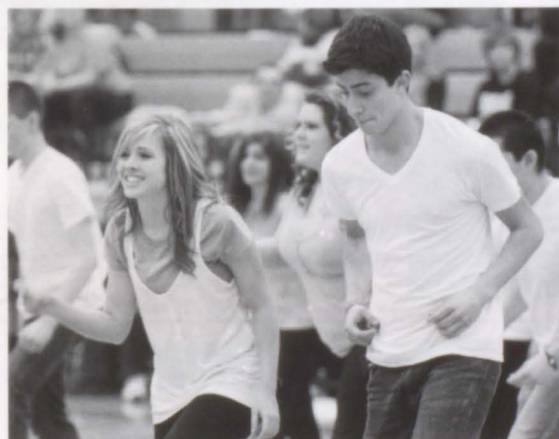
"I loved having my dance team come to my wedding. I was thrilled they were there to support me at such a huge moment of my life," George said.

The end of the year marked the retirement of co-sponsor Cindy Hayes. The team dedicated its "Walk Like an Egyptian" dance to her at their Feb. 14 performance.

"As a coach she was very technical, so all of our fundamentals were strengthened," junior Miranda McCullough said. "But she also cared about us as a people and not just dancers."



✦ **Striking a pose**, freshman Meranda Hull performs during an Egyptian-themed dance on Feb. 14.



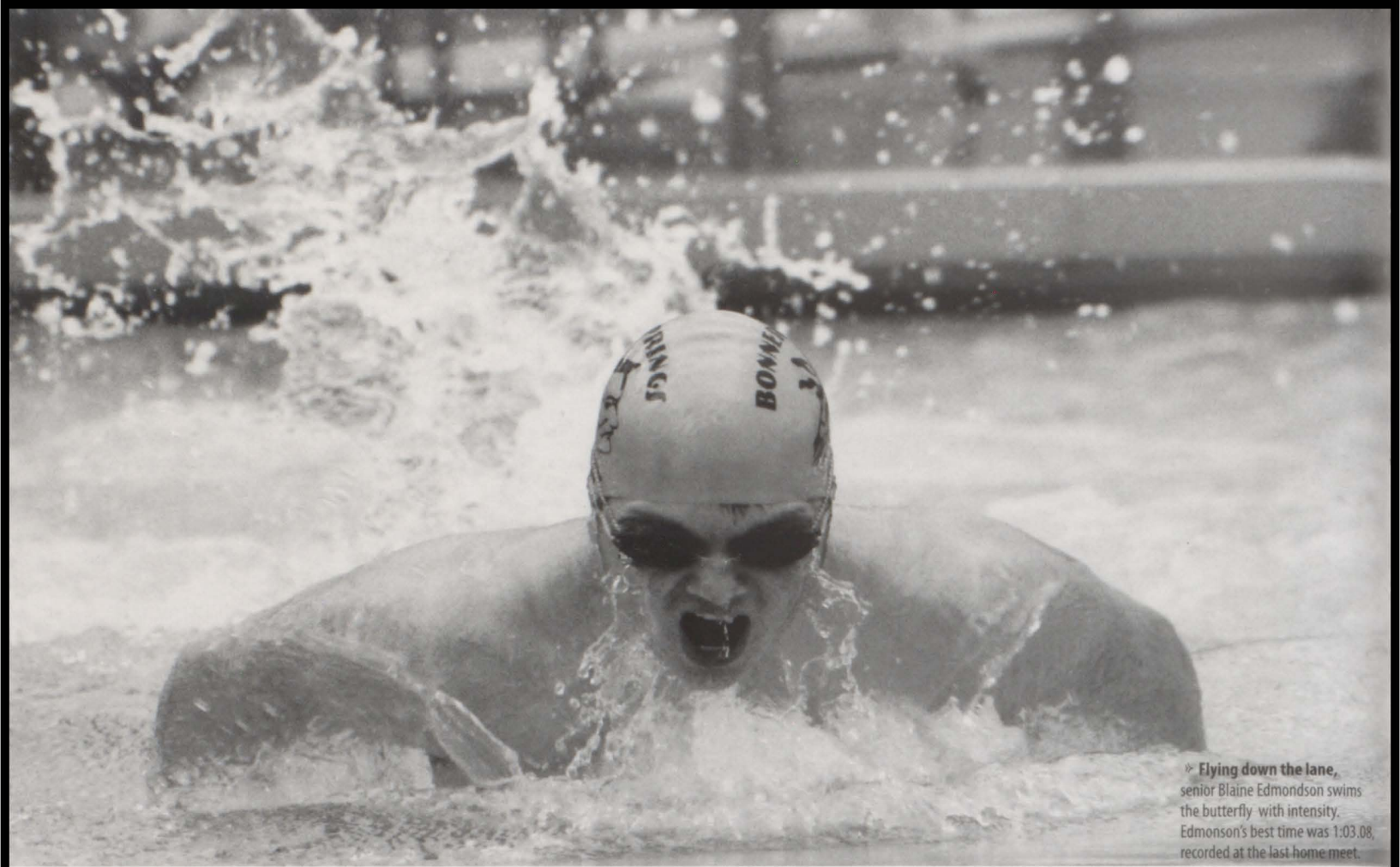
✦ **At the Guy-Girl dance**, freshman Hailey Kendrick and junior Gui Pazos perform together. "I didn't know Gui before the dance. It was a great way for me to get to know him," Kendrick said.

✦ **At the first football game**, freshman Allie Mulich entertains the crowd with a remix routine. "It was nerve-racking. I wasn't expecting so many people to be there," Mulich said.



✦ **Doing some floor work**, freshman Faith Seaton enjoys her first year with the Orange Dazzlers. "It was hard, but worth it to perform. It helped me to mature and to stay organized," Seaton said.

✦ **Dancing to Spanish music**, freshman Kelsey Wheeler performs during a halftime show with the marching band.



✦ **Flying down the lane,** senior Blaine Edmondson swims the butterfly with intensity. Edmondson's best time was 1:03.08, recorded at the last home meet.

State Bound

Racing in their home pool for the last time, seniors Ryan Cook, Blaine Edmondson, Ethan Hook, and Nate Mitchell capped off their careers by qualifying for state in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:40.71. For all but Mitchell, the qualification was an all-important repeat from last year.

"It was great to see those seniors have that experience," coach Lynn LaNoue said. "The unique thing was that they swam faster in the relay than they would have individually. The team was more important to them than their own personal accomplishments."

Edmondson also qualified in the 50-yard and the 500-yard freestyle. Accompanied by

alternates Thomas Hook and Jacob Kraus, the team headed to Topeka on Feb. 17 with high expectations.

In the preliminaries, the free relay team recorded a 1:39.15, good enough to advance to the finals the next day where they finished 14th with a time of 1:39.87.

Edmondson qualified for the finals in both of his events, finishing 14th in the 50 free and 16th in the 500 free, shattering a five-year-old school record with a time of 5:42.17.

"Making it to finals was the most memorable moment of my season because I didn't make it that far last year. I felt so relieved and successful," Edmondson said.



✦ **Studying the heat sheet,** seniors Nate Mitchell and Ryan Cook prepare to swim in the preliminaries at state by comparing their times with those of their competitors. The team practiced before and after school for two weeks to get ready for state.

✦ **After a three-hour drive,** senior Nate Mitchell stretches his legs at Inter-League Championships in Coffeyville by taking a few warm-up dives.



"Going to state for swimming felt really good. It was great to go to state in four different sports throughout my high school career.

-Nate Mitchell, 12



"I liked swimming preliminaries at state because everyone did really well, and it was an amazing accomplishment for us.

-Ethan Hook, 12



"Going to state for the second year in a row felt like a great accomplishment for me; it was everything that I had been working towards this season.

-Ryan Cook, 12

Hitting the Water By Katelyn Blas

TEAM FINISHES 23RD AT STATE MEET



✦ **With determination**, sophomore Dakota Nason swims at a home meet. "The best moment for me was when I swam the 200 individual medley; I got a really positive reaction from the seniors," Nason said.

✦ **Going the extra mile**, senior Madison Morris congratulates her boyfriend senior Reed Dougherty at a home meet. "I went to every swim meet this year to support Reed because he has always supported me, and I really wanted to go and watch him do something that he is good at," Morris said.

Led by a core of strong seniors, the swim team enjoyed one of the best seasons in team history, finishing 23rd at the state meet.

"I would rank it as one of my top two seasons, maybe even the best, in terms of team bonding and team commitment," coach Lynn LaNoue said. "It was a fun season, one I will cherish."

The team kicked off the season with a strong showing at the Shawnee Mission West Invitational with five first-place finishes against mostly 6A opponents.

LaNoue said the tone was set before the start of the season with the swimmers taking part in an upspoken competition.

"They all participated in preseason workouts, and they used that to goad each other," LaNoue said. "Ryan started the season with great turns he had worked on over the

summer, and it made the others want to turn better. They just continued to feed off each other, and it was really neat to watch the dynamics of their interaction."

The team dominated the Wyco Invitational where they finished second with multiple top finishes. Senior Blaine Edmondson had a big night, placing first in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events while sophomore Thomas Hook and senior Nate Mitchell swam their personal bests, achieving first- and second-place finishes in the 50 freestyle. Senior



Ethan Hook added a first-place in the 100 backstroke and established a meet record.

But the season's best storyline belonged to the 200 freestyle relay.

"Their last race as high-schoolers was their best swim," LaNoue said. "What more could you ask for?"



✦ **Circling up**, the team is surrounded by St. James swimmers at the ILC championships in Coffeyville. "We had a very small group of swimmers go to that meet and since many of us are friends with the St. James guys, I asked them to join our traditional pre-meet cheer," senior Ryan Cook said.

✦ **Caught up in the moment**, seniors Blaine Edmondson and Ethan Hook cheer on their teammates at the final home meet.

Q&A with Ryan Cook



✦ **Savoring his victory**, senior Ryan Cook is congratulated by a competitor after coming from behind to win the 200 IM at the Wyco Invitational.

How many Top 10 finishes did you have?

I made it into the Top 10 in almost every event, so roughly 40.

What was your favorite event?

My favorite event was the 200 individual medley because I feel like I'm pretty good at it. I like being able to do all four different strokes and not just the same thing for a long distance.

How many times have you been to state?

I have been to state twice and both times it has felt like a great accomplishment.

What was your most memorable moment?

It would have to be when the 200 freestyle relay team qualified for state. It was a little easier to do at a home meet because our crowd really helped to pump us up.



My favorite part of the season was when we went to Hibachi Grill after one of the meets. I liked that the best because that's when I began getting to know the team.

-Reed Dougherty 12



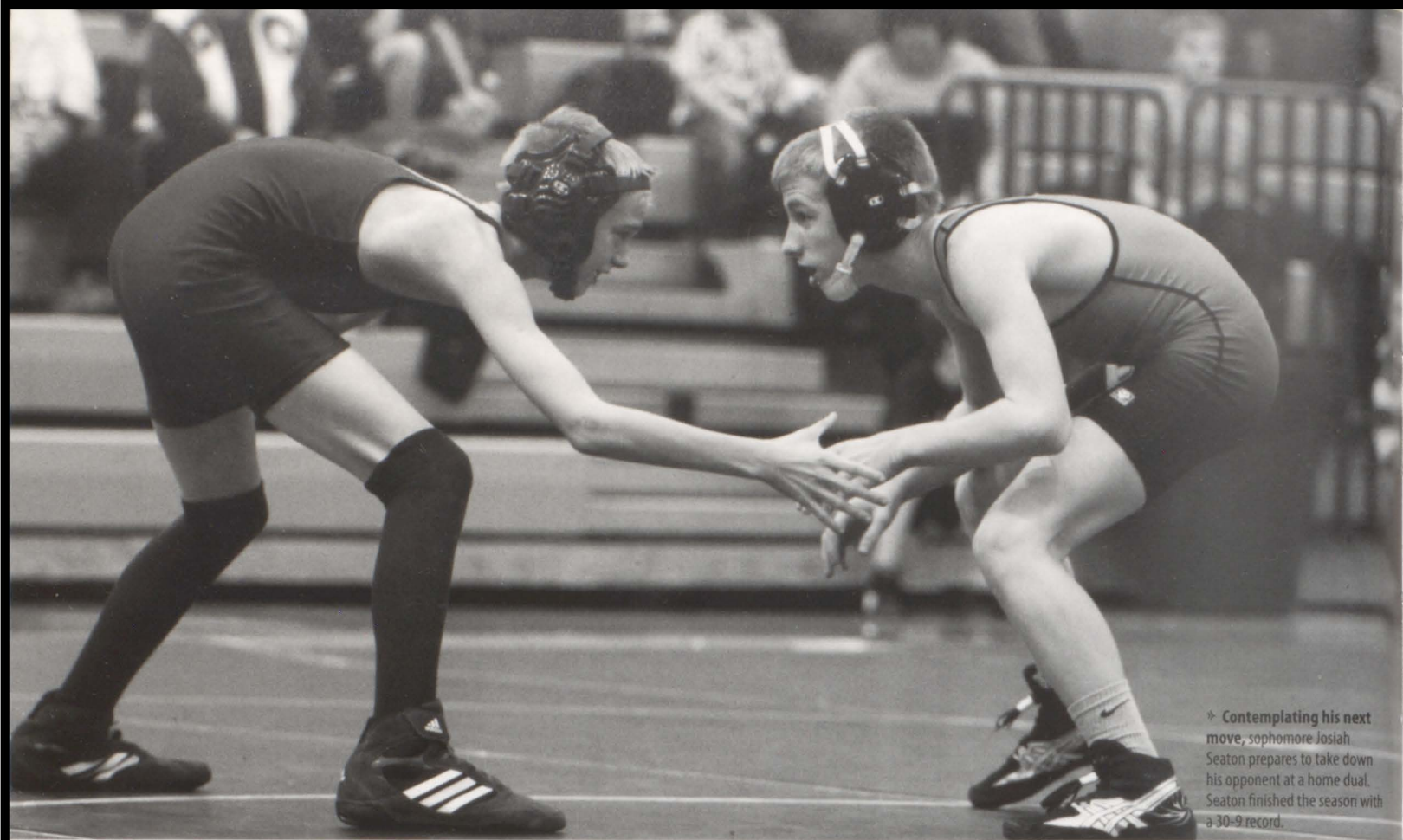
The best part of the year for me was becoming friends with the seniors. The season overall was great, but I think we could have done a bit better if we had more people on the team.

-Thomas Hook 10



Going to state was very amazing. I felt very enthusiastic, like I was a part of something bigger than myself.

-Jacob Krans, 1



✦ **Contemplating his next move**, sophomore Josiah Seaton prepares to take down his opponent at a home dual. Seaton finished the season with a 30-9 record.

A season TO REMEMBER

By Mariah Seifert

BRAVES PLACE THIRD AT STATE

Despite battling injuries and overcoming adversity, the wrestlers pulled together and had a season to remember.

"We had a lot of injuries, more than I can count," said head coach Brandon Jobe. "We rarely had a full lineup."

But the team hung tough, and by the end of the season there were plenty of highlights.

For example, the team had its highest finish ever in the tough Lee's Summit Holiday Invitational, placing fourth out of 22 teams.

At their own Dick Burns Mat Classic, the team finished sixth with five champions.

They also dominated at the Wyco Invitational, placing third with championships coming from Josiah Seaton (106), Bryan Lanning (138), Jonathan Blackwell (145), and Jared Clements (170).

Their great performances continued at the league meet where they added another

third-place finish to the team and at regionals where they placed second, qualifying seven for the state tournament at Wichita.

With five wrestlers finishing at least fourth or better, the Braves turned in a spectacular third-place finish at state, bringing home a trophy for the first time since 1972.

With such a strong showing, there were post-season accolades for Jobe, who was selected the Class 4A Coach of the Year, and for senior Mark Hobson, who was named the Wyco Wrestler of the Year.

"Mark was selected by all of the coaches and earned the right to compete at the 2012 Senior Classic where 5A and 6A wrestlers battled 3A and 4A wrestlers. It was a real honor for Mark," Jobe said.

The Braves were ranked 10th in the final Metro Sports wrestling poll and seventh in Class 4A in the Kansas Wrestling Coaches poll.

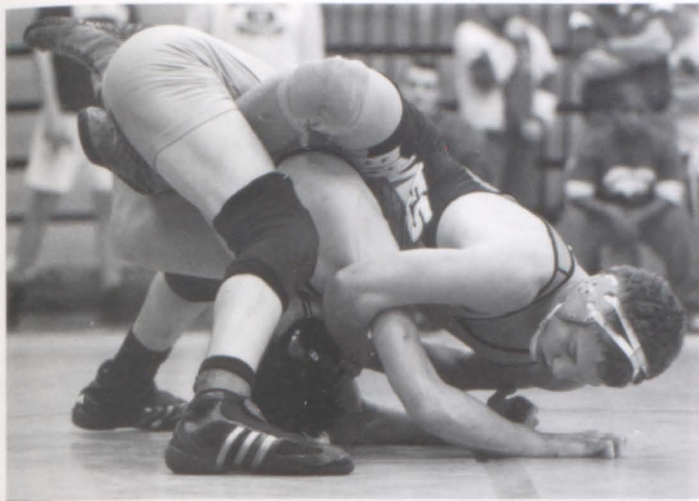


✦ **Keeping a tight grip on his opponent**, senior Arlando Young competes at home against Lansing. Young finished with a 5-9 record and a varsity letter.

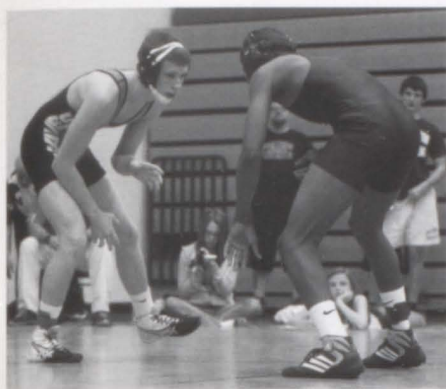


✦ **All tangled up**, junior Patrick Ballard attempts to keep his opponent from escaping. Ballard finished with a 19-16 record.

✦ **Keeping his cool**, senior Austin Cobb calmly resists his opponent. Cobb finished with a 22-11 record and an opportunity to compete at state.



✦ **With all his might**, junior Jonathan Blackwell tries to put his opponent on his back by running a power half at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Blackwell enjoyed another dominant season, finishing at 43-3 with 23 pins.



✦ **Keeping his distance**, junior Justus Seaton waits for an opening to make his next move. Seaton finished with a 22-9 record and advanced to the state tournament despite battling a broken hand.



✦ **Winning his match**, junior Aaron Puckett looks back at his coaches for approval at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. "Winning at our own invitational made me feel accomplished," Puckett said.

MURDERER'S ROW

Murderer's Row is actually a baseball nickname referring to the powerhouse lineup of the 1927 New York Yankees.

This year, wrestling coach Brandon Jobe had his own Murderer's Row, a dominating lineup of varsity wrestlers in consecutive weight classes: junior Jonathan Blackwell at 145 pounds, senior Mark Hobson at 152 pounds, junior Aaron Puckett at 160 pounds and junior Jared Clements at 170 pounds.

Jobe called this group Murderer's Row because they rarely lost, and if the team was losing or off to a slow start, they could turn it all around.

"These guys were the heart of the lineup," Jobe said. "The dedication they've shown and the time they've put in is what makes them special."

Jobe said his Murderer's Row had its most dominant impact at Gardner, where they got the rest of the team going after a slow start, at KVL and regionals. "Murderer's Row was a big part of our team's success and was feared by all," Puckett said.



Name: Jonathan Blackwell
Status: Junior
Record: 43-3
Bobcat Classic: 4th
KVL: 1st
Regionals: 1st
State: 2nd



Name: Mark Hobson
Status: Senior
Record: 34-6
Bobcat Classic: 5th
KVL: 2nd
Regionals: 1st
State: 2nd



Name: Aaron Puckett
Status: Junior
Record: 30-5
Bobcat Classic: 5th
KVL: 1st
Regionals: 1st
State: 4th



Name: Jared Clements
Status: Junior
Record: 31-9
Bobcat Classic: 7th
KVL: 1st
Regionals: 2nd
State: 3rd

CREATING A LEGACY:

THE STATE EXPERIENCE

In just his third year, head coach Brandon Jobe has quickly built one of the best programs in the state. The Braves placed 16th at state in Jobe's first season and improved to fifth last year. This year, the Braves had high hopes to come out on top and returned home with an impressive third-place finish and four medalists.

"I couldn't be happier with the effort these guys put in and the time and dedication they showed," Jobe said. "It was a very fun tournament. It was very exciting for the wrestlers, the coaches, and all of our fans."

The Braves were led by state runner-up junior Jonathan Blackwell and senior Mark Hobson, but it was bittersweet finish for Blackwell, last year's champion.

"It wasn't what either of us wanted," Jobe said of Blackwell's finish. "Mark had a good run and some of the toughest draws."

✦ **Hitting the road**, state qualifiers Austin Cobb, Justus Seaton, Josiah Seaton, Mark Hobson, Jonathan Blackwell, Aaron Puckett, and Jared Clements make their exit after a good luck send-off from the drum line and fellow classmates.





► **In stride**, coaches Clay Oakes and Nick Schuster (left) talk game strategy at the state tournament. "I was really excited for our players. To see them taste success in their first-ever trip to state and be able to compete in all three games was very rewarding as a coach," Oakes said.

High expectations

Getting his 200th win and a trip to the state tournament, head coach Clay Oakes was more than satisfied with the way his sixth season at BSHS turned out.

"It is one of those stats that is a reflection of many good teams and hard workers," said Oakes after achieving the 200-win mark with a 51-28 victory over Lansing. But in all of his years coaching, Oakes said this team was the best team he has ever worked with.

"This team dedicated themselves to doing what it took to become a championship-caliber team," Oakes said.

Oakes said winning at Mill Valley and Piper in close games was on his list of memorable victories while another highlight came when the Lady Braves roared back after being behind at halftime to beat Spring Hill in the Top Gun Tournament championship game. However, his top two victories were beating Tonganoxie for a trip to state and "getting our first win at state against Pratt."

Oakes said "to see all the hard work that pay off. It was great to see how much it influenced our school and community spirit."

► **Penetrating to the basket**, junior Cassidy Holloway tries to draw contact in the paint. "To me the beating Piper and Tongie in sub-state were very big games, it was an emotional week," said Holloway.



► **Off a fast break**, junior Haley Hoffine gets the Braves offense rolling with a two-point layup. Hoffine led the team in defensive rebounds, with 90 on the year.

► **In an emotional moment**, seniors Yessenia Hernandez, Emily Wilson, Erica Wilson, and Erin Marx accept the sub-state championship trophy they have been working four hard years for.



Dynamic Duo

YESSENIA HERNANDEZ

Awards: All-KVL, first team; All-State, honorable mention; KCK Preps, first team; Defensive Player of the Year; Inspirational Player of the Year; Top Gun Tournament, first team

Key Stat: Led the team with 92 assists

On teammate Anna Deegan: "Anna is a great ball player. We are a good team because she attacks the basket, and I get the ball to her. She gets the points and I get the assists."

ANNA DEEGAN

Awards: Top Gun Tournament, first team; All-KVL, first team; All-State, third team; KCK Player of the Year; Offensive Player of the Year; Team MVP

Key Stats: Led the team in scoring, averaging with 14.4 points a game

On teammate Yessenia Hernandez: "She works extremely hard. She one of the most selfish players I know, and I think that's why we worked well together."

My State Experience...



KEY STAT: Led the team with 27 blocks



KEY STAT: Led the team with 82 steals



KEY STAT: Led the team with 139 rebounds



KEY STAT: Led the team with a 70 percent free throw average

State was the perfect definition of what we seniors had been working for since our freshman year. We showed we had the potential to beat anyone in the McPherson game.

-Erin Marx, 12

The whole experience of State was amazing—the court, the crowd, I just loved it all. The game against Ottawa meant the most to me because I knew it would be my last while in high school.

-Yessenia Hernandez, 12

The trip to state was so meaningful because we did it as a team. I loved beating Pratt the first game because I felt it was one of my best games of the season, and I led my team to a victory.

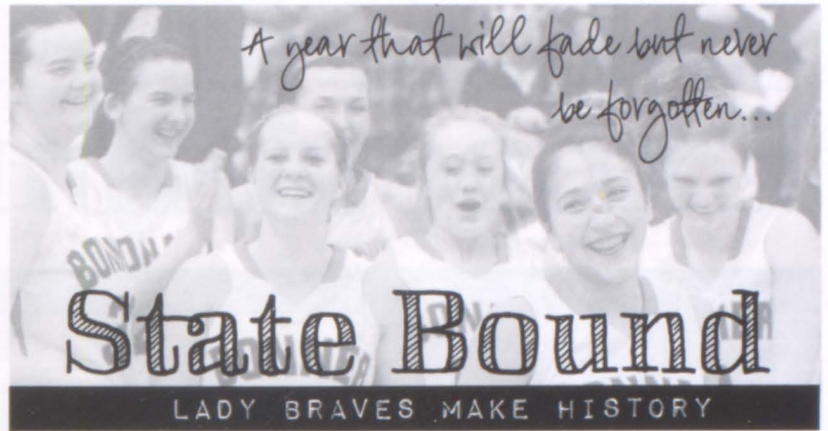
-Emily Wilson, 12

State was such an amazing experience. Going to state has been a goal since I started playing basketball and achieving that goal was indescribable.

-Erica Wilson, 12



✦ **Soaring to score**, junior Anna Deegan puts up a shot in the sub-state victory against Tonganoxie.



LADY BRAVES MAKE HISTORY

When the Lady Braves kicked off their season with a 34-32 win over Piper, they had no idea that they were about to embark on the most successful season in the program's 37-year history.

The Lady Braves had plenty of early wins, including one over Blue Valley Southwest in which senior Erica Wilson had a season-high 15 points, and the first victory over Mill Valley in 12 years.

The winning ways continued with six straight before the Lady Braves entered the Top Gun tournament at Wellsville on Jan. 24.

With an undefeated record and a target on their back, the Braves had their eye on the prize and brought home a first-place trophy for the first time in school history.

Junior Haley Hoffine put up 10 points against Spring Hill to seal the championship.

Rounding out the regular season at 19-1, not only did the Lady Braves post the best record in school history, but they also won a Kaw Valley League championship for the first time in 11 years.

The top-seeded Lady Braves opened the post-season with an 58-21 annihilation of Perry-Lecompton. Freshman Kaleigh Taylor even got her time to shine, putting seven points on the board.

The next round of sub-state brought a KVL matchup against Piper. Senior Erin Marx's eight points

and tough defense aided in the win.

In a sub-state championship game on their home court, the Lady Braves squared off against an old KVL foe, the Tonganoxie Chieftains.

Both teams put it all on the line for a trip to state, but junior Anna Deegan and senior Yessenia Hernandez stepped up to lead their team to the championship with 38 combined points.



Basking in the glory of a first-ever trip to the state tournament, the Lady Braves had to adjust to the pressure of playing at the next level—in a large arena where people have traveled hours to watch you. Not even picked to win their first game, the Lady Braves came out and proved that they belonged, with a 51-40 win over Pratt.

After this accomplishment, they then faced the reigning 5A state champions, McPherson, to whom they fell, 49-40.

The game for third place would be an intense and emotional end to the season. The Lady Braves started slowly against the Ottawa Bulldogs but came back to end regulation time in a tie and another chance in overtime. Tears filled the court and stands as they fell short by a single point, losing 49-48.

"The overtime loss was a heartbreaker, and I really felt the pain and disappointment along with all of our players," said head coach Clay Oakes. "But finishing fourth at state is nothing to hang your head about."



✦ **2012 Lady Braves.** Front Row: Erica Wilson, Yessenia Hernandez, Cassidy Holloway, Jene Williams, Tessa Newberry, Kaleigh Taylor. Row 2: Coach Monty Bechard, coach Nick Schuster, Emily Wilson, Erin Marx, Haley Hoffine, Anna Deegan, Kennedy Bizzell, Mikaela Bennett 3and head coach Clay Oakes.

Living up to their Expectations

By Bre Tendick

A SHINING SEASON LED BY EIGHT SENIORS

In a competitive and tough Kaw Valley League, the boys basketball team made it their goal to finish as one of the league's top three teams. With eight seniors leading the way, these high expectations were within close reach.

Beginning the season with a confidence-building win over Piper, the Braves' senior leadership made a shining debut. Showing a high-powered offense, senior B.J. Watson gave an outstanding performance, ending the night with a career-high 29 points.

Throughout the season, the Braves continued to gain respect from students, fans and adversaries with wins over tough opponents such as Mill Valley, Turner, Baldwin and Tonganoxie.

"They came in and played their roles," head coach Andy Price said.

The squad fought hard in games, such as the double overtime loss against Lansing, and on their way to a third straight title at the Baldwin Invitational.

Their championship run at Baldwin included wins over Anderson County with a score of 72-41, Bishop Ward with a score of 62-46 and Baldwin with a score of 47-32.

"It's the proudest I've ever been of a team," Price said.

Meeting their goal and finishing number three in the KVL, the Braves ended their season with a 16-6 record. Leaving on top, Price informed the USD 204 Board of Education that he would be resigning at the end of the season to accept a position in the Ottawa district.

After his seventh season as head coach, Price became the second-winningest boys basketball coach in Bonner Springs history with a 91-51 career record.

✦ **Posting up against Basehor,** senior Brett Steuart tries to get the offense going. Steuart averaged 9.2 points per game with 26 blocked shots.



✦ **Pressing the defense,** junior Logan Terrell looks to score against William Chrisman in a junior varsity game. "I was really proud of how the teams came together and worked hard to be successful," Terrell said.



Memorable Moments

What's yours?

"I would have to say the highlight to my season was beating the Basehor junior varsity team because we knew that Basehor had a good season going, and we knew it would be a tough team to beat.

-Weston Voff, 10

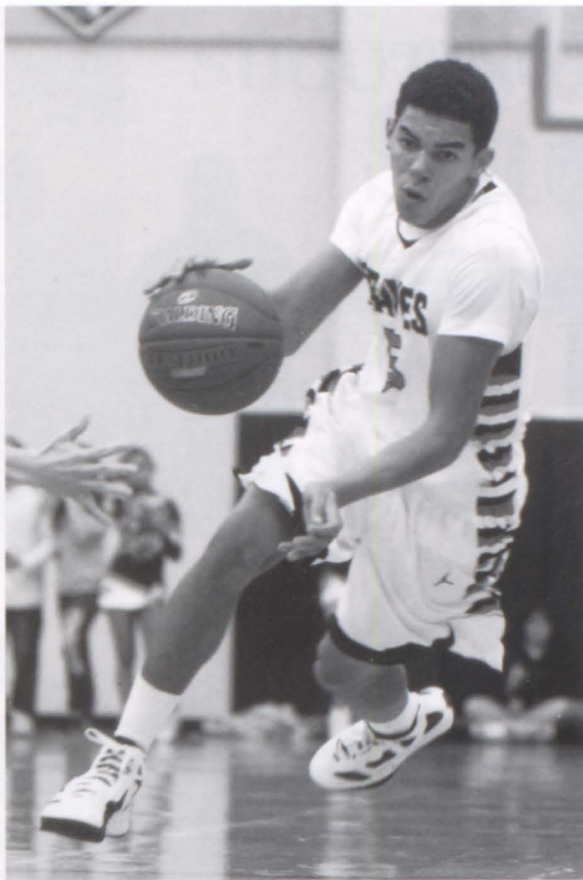


"Winning the Baldwin Invitational for the third straight year was huge. Back-to-back seasons with 15 plus wins was a big thrill for the players and the coaching staff.

-Dan Street, coach



✦ **Soaring through the air**, senior Steve Williams jumps past Mill Valley's defense. Williams totaled 219 points for the 22 games he played this season.



✦ **Racing down the court**, sophomore Jordan Jackson speeds past Piper's defense. "My best game was against Turner, where I had seven three-pointers," Jackson said.

✦ **Defending the ball**, senior Jourdain Smallwood plays keep away while scanning the court for an open teammate in a home game against Piper. "Our goal was to get further than we did last year, and I'm happy that we achieved that goal," Smallwood said.



✦ **Going for a layup**, senior J.J. Jackson reaches above his Mill Valley opponents in a road win. Jackson finished with seven steals and five points that night.

✦ **Dribbling up the court**, senior Ivory Elijah (center) looks to score. Elijah averaged 3.2 points per game.

✦ **Clearing his space**, senior Daemon Franklin (far left) grabs a defensive rebound against Mill Valley. Franklin led the team in free-throws, shooting with a 72 percent average.

Q&A with the Players



BJ Watson 12

What's your favorite memory of playing in high school?

All of the locker room talks with my team and coaches were important and very meaningful.

When did your basketball career officially begin?

I started playing when I was four years old.

What was the best thing about playing your senior year?

The Piper game was the best game for me. It was my highest-scoring game where I had a total of 29 points.



Joseph Dooley 12

Who has had biggest impact on your high school career?

Coach Price and Coach Streit impacted me a lot. They really pushed me to better myself.

What was the most difficult thing to overcome this season?

My shoulder would become dislocated after nearly every play. More than anything, it was very frustrating.

What will you miss most about playing high school basketball?

Practicing with the Tre Squad (JJ, Jordan and me) and dunking on people shorter than me.

My Season

Our team had a lot of individual talent that we knew could take us far. Unfortunately, a black cloud flew over and game by game we started losing players to injuries. But lots of players stepped up and gave it their all with nothing to lose. We couldn't have done it without the support and motivation from our coaches.

-Skyler Taylor, 11



✦ **Looking for an opening,** sophomore midfielder Bailey Hightower pushes through the defense in the regional game against DeSoto.



✦ **Reaching out,** senior Emily Hunt receives flowers from her sister, sophomore Hannah Hunt, during Senior Night festivities.



✦ **Breaking through,** junior Haley Hoffine tries to push her way through two Gardner defenders in a tough 3-1 home win. "I was really happy we won. We all really came together as a team and worked as a unit," Hoffine said.

I felt there were a lot of changes within the team over my four years. We worked together, and we didn't give up when the game got tough. I think we improved because every year we became more of a team. The same girls played each year, so by the time we were seniors, we were used to playing with each other.

-Mikayla Burgoon, 12



That's not my name

To build chemistry, the coaches gave nicknames to all the players on the bus ride to Ottawa. The names stuck and even made their way on to the end-of-year recognition certificates. The varsity nicknames included:

Mikayla "Mad Dog" Burgoon
Yessenia "The Ninja" Hernandez
Emily "The Enforcer" Hunt
Erin "Mack Truck" Marx
Madison "Mighty Mouse" Morris
Anna "Big Red" Deegan
"Ferocious" Kayla Fratzel
"Tough" Taylor Hogan-Gooch
"Hot Foot" Haley Hoffine

"Jammin" Jessica Moulin
Tessa "The Nightmare" Newberry
"Scorching" Skyler Taylor
Kennedy "The Bombshell" Bizzell
Jackie "Chan" Calderon
Bailey "The Brut" Hightower
Hannah "Hit Man" Hunt
Allie "Lightning" Ledbetter
Shelbey "the Terminator" Taylor

The pain of it all

Injuries and illnesses took a significant toll on the Lady Braves, forcing younger players to step up.

Junior Skyler Taylor tore her ACL at Basehor and two days later Anna Deegan, also a junior, tore her ACL.

Senior Madison Morris and sophomore Kennedy Bizzell battled illnesses that limited their action while senior Courtney Brouhard and junior Kayla Fratzel suffered concussions. And if that wasn't enough, junior Haley Hoffine also played through a stress fracture.



✦ **Looking to trail,** junior forward Kayla Fratzel is about to make a run in a 5-0 home loss to Bishop Miege. "The girls on our team were amazing," Fratzel said.

✦ **Taking possession,** junior midfielder Jessica Moulin runs down a pass towards the goal in the team's first-ever victory over Lansing.



SHOOTING *for* Success

By Sasha Dingaman

LADY BRAVES FINISH SECOND IN KVL

With incoming freshman talent and experienced upperclassmen, the Lady Braves were a team hungry for success.

That success could be seen in a 3-0 start and the squad's first victory over their long-time rivals, the Lansing Lions.

The Lady Braves trailed the Lions the entire first half and until the last 10 minutes of the second half when sophomore Bailey Hightower scored.

"Last year they beat us 7-0, so to come back to win was really exciting," Hightower said. "We surprised everyone, mostly ourselves."

The Lady Braves marched on to an unblemished KVL record until they played the undefeated Mill Valley Jaguars for the KVL title.

"Even though we lost 8-0," we were their toughest game," junior Tessa Newberry said. "We couldn't quite capitalize on our scoring opportunities, and a few mistakes cost us the game. Still, it was a huge accomplishment to finish second in league play."

Offensively, the team was led by Hightower and junior Haley Hoffine, who had seven goals each, good for all-KVL and all-region honors.

While they came up short of their ultimate goal of going to state, the Lady Braves took some impressive steps forward.

"I've seen a lot of growth in attitude and in skills," senior Yessenia Hernandez said. "My freshman year people didn't work that hard. Now, they work hard and listen to the coaches."



First Team:
Emily Hunt

Second Team:
Yessenia Hernandez
Bailey Hightower
Haley Hoffine

Going out in style



❖ **In her final game**, senior Madison Morris kicks the ball up the field against DeSoto. Morris had been out of action for three weeks with mononucleosis but returned determined to give her teammates her best effort possible. "Moving Madison and Yessenia to the front at the start of the second half thoroughly confused DeSoto's back four," head coach Mike Moulin said.



After receiving a first-round bye, the Lady Braves hosted the DeSoto Wildcats with a trip to state on the line.

Locked in a tight battle, the Lady Braves were down 2-0 at halftime. That's when head coach Mike Moulin surprised everyone by moving seniors Madison Morris and Yessenia Hernandez to the front in the hopes of generating some offense.

Morris reponded with two quick goals to keep the Braves' post-season dream alive. Hernandez responded with a couple of agonizing misses off the goal posts before the Wildcats knocked one in to win 3-2.



❖ **Making her move**, freshman midfielder Shelby Taylor looks to pass up the line.

❖ **Clearing the ball**, sophomore defender Hannah Hunt prevents a score in 7-0 road loss to Shawnee Heights.

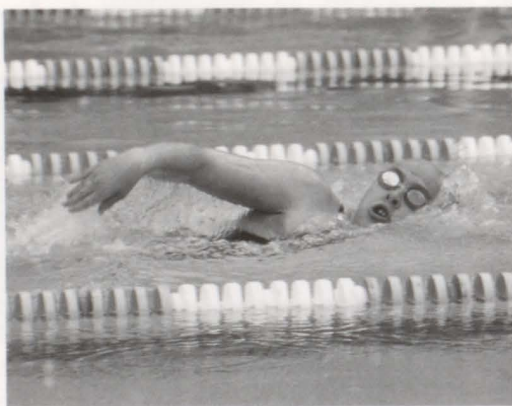


✦ In her first home meet, freshman Cassie Stock swims the 100-yard breaststroke where she placed first and qualified for state.



✦ **Swimming her first-ever 500 freestyle**, junior Stephanie Rose (above) pushes on to finish with a time of 7:01.27. "I thought everyone was passing me, but I was actually lapping everyone. I thought I had miscounted when I stopped because no one was waiting for me, but then my coach pointed to the scoreboard, and I've never felt so proud of myself," Rose said.

✦ **Gliding through the water**, freshman Madison Stumbough (top middle) swims the freestyle during an April 11 home meet. "Madison's strength is her heart," coach LaNoue said. "Her commitment to swimming is what will enable her to improve and to become faster."



✦ **Taking a breath**, freshman Akiko Capalla (left) swims at the Leavenworth Invite. "Akiko made tremendous progress," coach LaNoue said. "She is a natural kicker, so I'm confident if she continues to work on the basic drills she will become a stronger backstroke and freestyle swimmer."

✦ **Reaching back**, sophomore Elizabeth Barger (above) focuses on her form while swimming the backstroke in the 200-yard individual medley at the Wyco Championships where she placed third with a time of 3:03.60. "I wasn't crazy excited about placing third, but it was pretty sweet."

With a *splash*

by Sasha Dingaman

YOUNG TEAM SENDS FOUR TO STATE

Talk about a strong start. In just their first varsity season, freshmen Lei'Onna Smith, Cassie Stock and Madison Stumbough reached the ultimate goal for most high school athletes—a trip to state.

The trio joined senior Toni Stock in qualifying to swim the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay events.

Toni also qualified to swim the 100-yard butterfly, while her sister, Cassie, qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

Although they did not advance past the preliminary round, the girls finished 18th in the medley race and eclipsed their best time by three seconds at 2:07.67.

"The medley relay set the tone and showed how much better they have all become," coach Lynn LaNoue said. "I was really excited to see them drop time."

Although a faulty exchange resulted in

a disqualification in the 200 freestyle relay, LaNoue still found many positives.

"The girls raced with heart and passion, and as a coach I couldn't ask for anything

more. Cassie turned in a personal best time of 27.50 in her 50-yard split, and Toni closed the race out as a sprinter should."

In the individual events, Toni finished 18th in the butterfly at 1:10.31, while Cassie was 20th in the breaststroke at 1:18.43, a

second better than her previous best time.

"I was impressed with the way that Cassie swam with maturity. A lot of times freshmen will get really nervous, but I thought she responded well," LaNoue said.

The team's best regular-season performance came at the ILC meet at Turner, where they finished eighth, but everyone was relaxed and more cohesive and turned in personal-best times, according to LaNoue.



"My senior season definitely wasn't my fastest, but our trip to state was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my four-year career. I wasn't nervous because I had been there before. I thought the freshmen did a great job for their first year at state."

-Toni Stock 12

The Trip To State!

"The sheer size of the pool at Hummer Park was a little overwhelming, but we had a lot of fun overall. It was a good experience because I know what to work for next year."

-Cassie Stock 1



► **In her final home meet**, senior Toni Stock swims the 100 butterfly at the Wyco Championships. She finished in first place with a season-best time of 1:10.03.

► **Breaking the water**, freshman Lei'Onna Smith pushes forward while swimming the breaststroke on April 18 during a home meet. Smith finished in 10th place with a personal-best time. "When I get to the meets, I get excited, and I like to have a smile on my face the whole time I'm there," Smith said.

How do you get in the zone?



► **At the starting block**, freshman Madison Stumbough prepares to swim the backstroke. "Usually I talk to Liz, Cass, and Toni to take my mind off the race. I also like to listen to music to settle my nerves," Stumbough said.

► **To calm her nerves**, senior Scintila Capalla reads while waiting for her next event. "Mentally, I tell myself that it's not like everyone is going to tell me 'you stink.' And if they do, it shouldn't stop me from improving. Otherwise, I just visualize how I'm going to dive and what my form should be," Capalla said.

Simply Smashing

By Bre Tendick

DOUBLES TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE

When head coach Bill Scott paired senior Spencer Bush with sophomore Quinton Schneck for doubles play at the Mill Valley Invitational on March 28, he had no idea that the duo would march through most of the season undefeated on their way to the state tournament.

"They were a perfect doubles team," Scott said. "Quinton is an aggressive player while Spencer is a consistent player. They always got along and never got on each other's case when one of them was making errors."

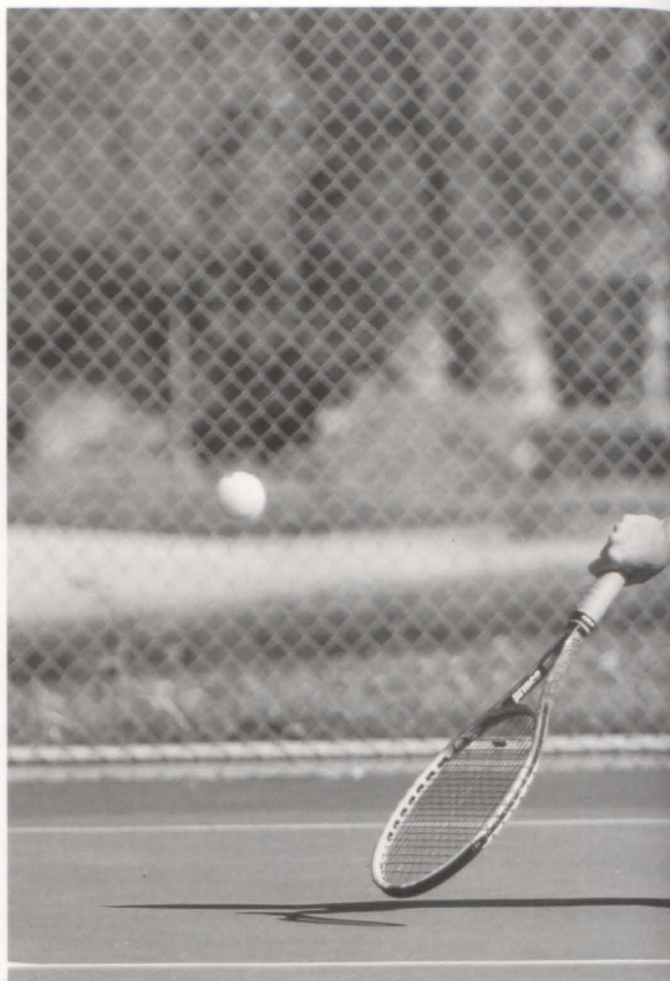
The duo's 16-0 start was the most dominant beginning since 2005 and their 18-2 regular-season record was the second-best in school history. They also won the tournament "Triple Crown," which consists of championships at Mill Valley, the Bonner Invitational and Leavenworth.

In their opening round at the state tournament, Bush and Schneck faced a team from Wichita Collegiate, losing in a close tiebreaker, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.

"We played really well in the first set, but kind of got out of rhythm late in the second set, which caused us to go to the tiebreaker," Schneck said.

Scott was not only proud of his doubles team but his entire squad. The team started the season with a fifth-place finish at Mill Valley and then placed second at their home invitational and Leavenworth. Another bright spot was the play of foreign exchange student Gui Pazos, who quickly moved up the ladder and won the singles title at the Bonner Invitational in four impressive matches.

"The strength of this team was its coachability," Scott said. "They just absorbed everything that we were trying to teach them."



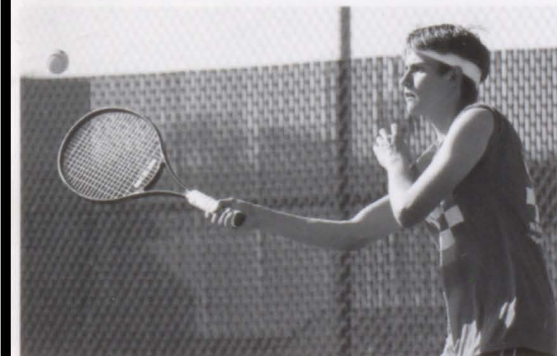
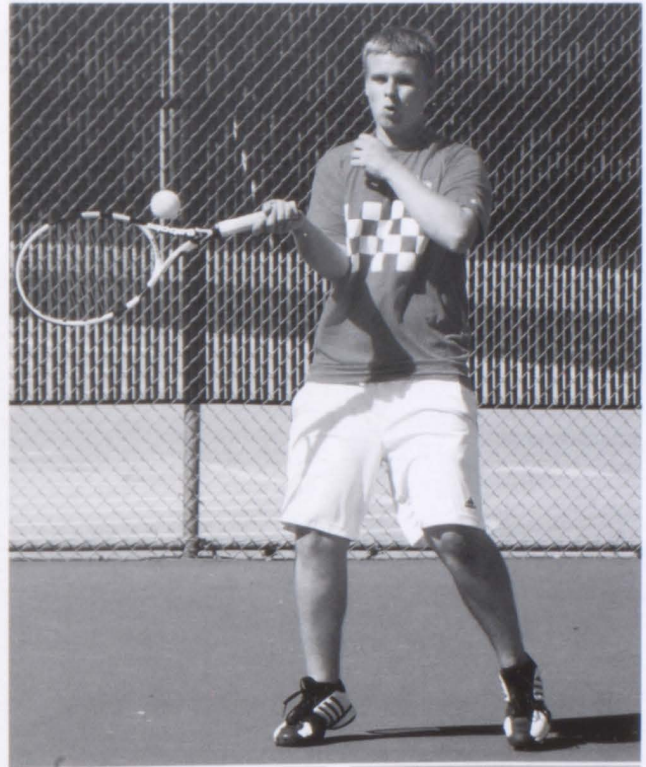
✦ **Celebrating a good shot**, senior Spencer Bush receives a high-five from sophomore Quinton Schneck during their state match against Wichita Collegiate. "We didn't know much about them," Schneck said. "But they were solid baseline players with very few flaws in their game. Even though it didn't go like we wanted it to, I learned a lot by our experience at state, and I'm really glad I got the opportunity to play with Spencer. He's a great player."

✦ **On his toes**, sophomore Quinton Schneck reaches to return a high lob at an April 2 home meet. Schneck had an overall record of 25-8 in singles and doubles play.



✦ **Stretching out**, senior Spencer Bush pushes the ball forward in the home opener against Maranatha. "When Quinton and I qualified for state, all I could say was, 'Finally.' I was surprised by our success, but we practiced a lot more seriously and rarely took any time off," Bush said.

✦ **Locked in**, senior George Docking returns a serve with a strong forehand in dual against Lincoln Prep. "The highlight of my season was placing second at the Leavenworth Invitational in doubles with Joe Arnett," said Docking, who finished with a 10-9 doubles record.



✦ **Charging the net**, junior Jordan Crawford chases down a low return while playing singles at the home JV invitational on April 10. Crawford finished the season with an 8-7 singles record.

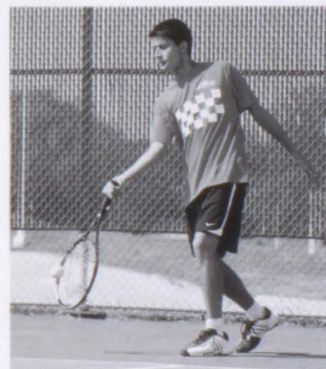
✦ **Pushing for an alley shot**, junior Aaron Lewis uses a strong forehand during a varsity dual against Maranatha Academy. Lewis played singles and doubles, and his best finish was fourth-place at the Bonner Springs Invitational.

For the Sport of it



"My best finish was at the Bonner Springs junior varsity invitational where I was third. I enjoyed the season and hanging out with my teammates.

-Jack Klingele, 10



"I had never even picked up a racquet when I decided to give tennis a try. I had to learn the game real fast in order to keep up with players who had developed their techniques through many seasons of competition. I loved the sport and will continue to play when I return to Brazil.

-Cui Pazos, 11

Success ON THE Fairway

by Aaron Lewis

TEAM CAPTURE TWO TOURNEY TITLES

With youth on their side, the golf team made steady progress that resulted in improving scores by the end of the season.

"This was one of my most enjoyable years in coaching. The kids were just great to be around. It makes all the difference," head coach Ryan Hull said.

The team kicked off its season with a fifth-place finish at the Sunflower Classic. New golfer Tristan Abts, a junior, got off to a great start, firing a 78 to place second. Starting the season off strong as well, sophomore Marc McClain finished seventh with an 84.

Abts and McClain would prove to be an effective 1-2 punch all season long.

"They really pushed each other competitively," Hull said. "They had lots of conversations about everything from how to handle each course to how to improve their swings. It was a very positive relationship."

The duo led the way at the nine-hole Bonner Invitational where McClain fired a 38

to capture first and Abts shot a 40 to place second. With strong performances from the rest of the team, the Braves captured the first-place title. Freshman Stevie Greer shot a 50 in his first high school tournament while sophomore Jake Laing shot a 53 to round out the team score of 182.

The team earned its second title at the Wyco Championships on April 17 with five of the 10 medals going to the Braves. McClain notched his second championship while Abts finished second.

The team also turned in a strong performance at the very tough Blazer Invitational at Gardner.

"My favorite moment of the season was the shock of placing third out of 13 teams at Gardner, which we didn't think was going to happen. That was a pleasant surprise. I know we won the Wyco championship, but that doesn't rank as high as what we did at Gardner," Hull said.



✦ Finishing his swing, sophomore Jake Laing watches where his ball will land at the Bonner Invitational.

Jason Van Maren



Best performance: At the Mill Valley Invitational at Prairie Highlands where I shot a 40 on the front 9.

Favorite course: Prairie Highlands

Rituals: I do three practice swings and then take a deep breath when I'm putting.

Putting, chipping, or driving? I'm best at putting. I just have a natural skill for it.

Favorite Mr. Hull story: Any story from his college days.

How do you get in the zone? I'm always in the zone.

Stevie Greer



Best performance: A 90 at the Jaguar Invitational at Prairie Highlands.

Favorite course: Prairie Highlands in Olathe

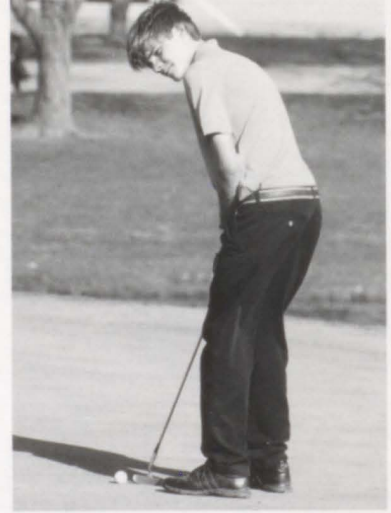
Rituals: Nothing really.

Putting, chipping, or driving? I like putting, I'm just better at it.

Favorite Mr. Hull story: I don't know, there are so many.

How do you get in the zone? I just focus on my shots.

Thomas Hook



Best performance: A 55 at the Sunflower Classic

Favorite course: Painted Hills in Kansas City, Kan.

Rituals: Before I hit, I swing and stop right in front of the ball twice.

Putting, chipping, or driving? I'm best at putting. While everyone was out practicing, I would practice putting for two hours or so just to get good at it.

How do you get in the zone? I just try to have fun and make friends with the people I'm playing with at each meet.

The secret to a Perfect Putt



Step One: I usually take about three practice swings to get the feel of how hard I need to hit. Then I think about how I'm going to hit and try to do the same thing over and over.

Step Two: I set up to the ball and focus on copying the same thing that I had just practiced a few seconds ago.

Step Three: I try to swing smoothly and make good contact with the ball while pulling through to hit.

Step Four: I watch my ball slowly roll towards the hole, hopefully waiting for it to drop.

Marc McClain, 10

Even though you are right-handed, why do you golf left-handed?

I started swinging my dad's left-handed clubs when I was three.

What goes through your head right before you putt?

I think about which way I'm going to putt, left or right, and then I clear my head of all thoughts.

What was your favorite part of the season?

Spending time with the team and knowing it will be a similar group next year.

What is the strongest aspect of your game? Driving, putting, or chipping?

My strongest aspect is chipping. It is the part of my golf game I work on the most.



The new kid on the block



✦ **Studying the ball,** junior Tristan Abts considers every possible shot at the Bonner Springs Invitational where he finished second with a 40.



✦ **Waiting for his turn,** junior Tristan Abts watches his other opponents try to make par. Abts' best performance came at the Blazer Invitational in Gardner where he finished fourth with a 75.

Tristan Abts, 11

Why did you transfer to Bonner?

I transferred to Bonner to give myself the chance to play high school golf. Bonner was the only option because of the open-district policy.

What was it like to have Mr. Hull as a coach?

Coach Hull just puts everyone in a great mood. He's a great coach and a great person in general to be around.

How long have you been playing golf and what made you want to play golf?

I started playing when I was around nine or ten years old. I got into it because that's when my dad started. It's always been our thing. We've always played together and still do. He's my favorite person to play with.

How was your season in general?

My season was great even though my scores didn't always show it. I learned a lot, and I think I really improved.

A Fresh, By Kylee Timberlake NEW Start

TEAM WORKS TO REBUILD PROGRAM

Under the direction of new coach, Scott Lero, the Braves looked to rebuild the program with the leadership of eight seniors.

The team started its season on a positive note with a 3-2 victory over Lansing.

"We played relaxed and comfortable for the first game of the year," junior Logan Terrell said. "Unfortunately, we tensed up after that."

After a rough patch of seven straight losses, the Braves finally bounced back with a 6-3 win against Eudora.

Another memorable moment came with the opportunity to play at Community America Ballpark in the Butch Foster Memorial Classic. The Braves opened the tournament with a hard-fought loss to Saint James, but came back strong the next day with an 11-1 victory over Holton to earn a sixth-place finish.

As the season drew to a close, the Braves began playing some of their best ball, splitting with Tonganoxie and Basehor to notch some wins before regionals.

As a sixth-seeded underdog, the Braves

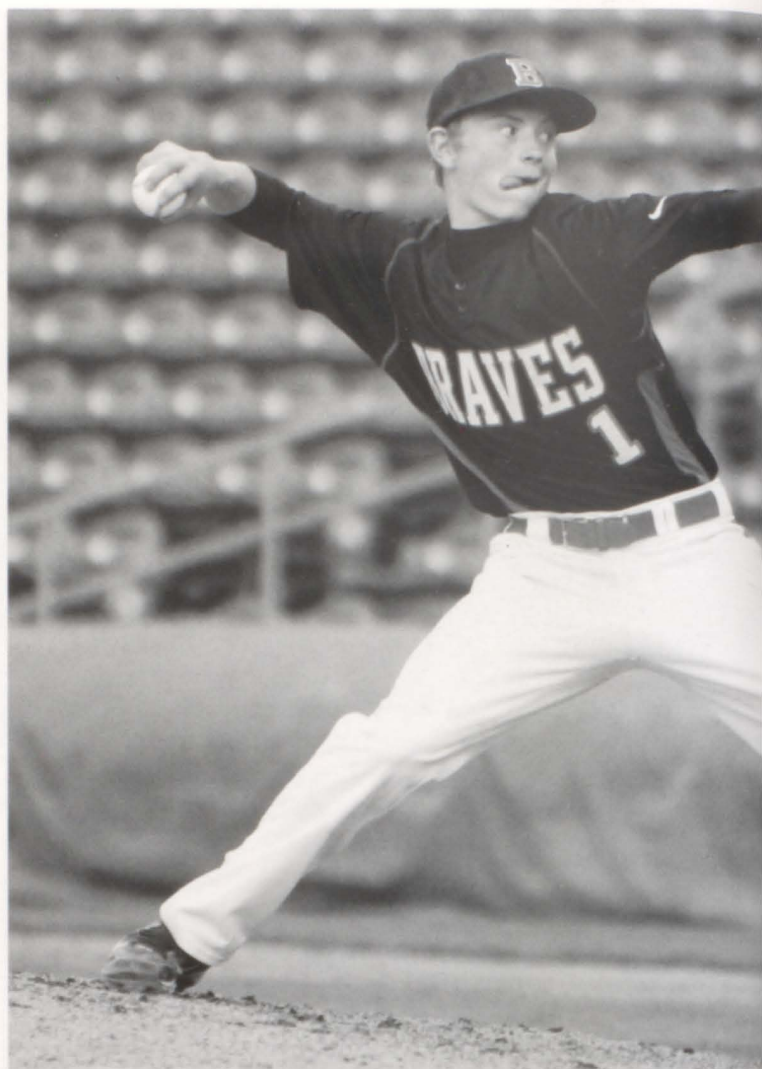
knew they would have their work cut out for them in a rematch with St. James, the defending state champs.

But Coach Lero, who once coached at St. James, and the players didn't see this as a reason to back down and give up. They saw it, instead, as an opportunity to leave everything on the field and to play their hearts out.

With a stellar pitching performance from senior Sergio Valenzuela and a strong defense behind him, the Braves put themselves in a position to shock the Thunder.

The Braves were down by one in the top of the seventh inning with the bases loaded and just one out. Their dream was within reach, but a hard shot to the pitcher allowed St. James to turn a double play to end the game.

"Coach Lero ran things a lot differently than we had seen in previous years," Valenzuela said. "He always pushed us to work hard, and we learned a lot from him in just one season. Our season wasn't bad considering all the changes and improvements we made."



"I don't remember my best game distinctly, but I do remember my clutch hit against St. James at regionals to load the bases when we were down by just one. I will miss my teammates. I've been playing with and against them before high school."

-Jairo Diaz, 12

"My memories of high school baseball come from playing with my brothers on the team for four years and growing together. It was an intense and emotional ending when we lost such a close game to St. James in regionals."

-Tony Sanchez, 12

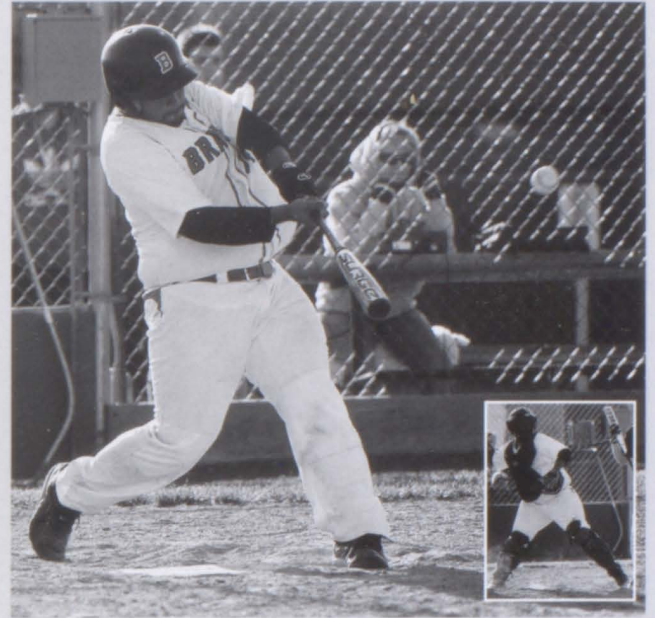
"The St. James game was the best game we played as a team all season, but my personal best game was the second one against Eudora. I pitched six innings and had nine strikeouts, and I will never forget my performance that game."

-Austin Clouser, 12

"I was really nervous pitching in my first varsity game. I thought the very first batter was either going to hit a home run or going to be hit by my pitch. But after the first couple of batters, it was a piece of cake."

-Austin Wells, 12

Gonzalo Pichardo



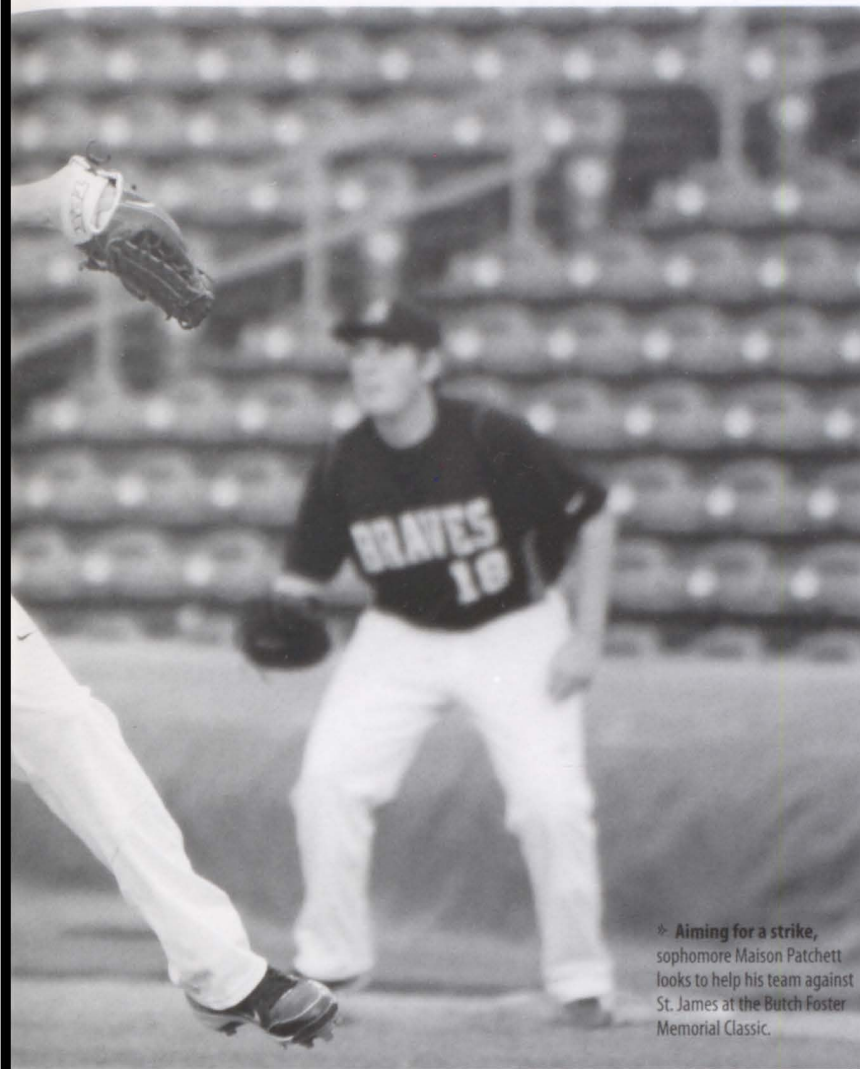
What were your goals at the beginning of the season? My top three goals were to hit over .400, go to State, and be a good leader on the field.

How did new coach Scott Lero add to your success? Coach Lero was always there for me when I needed help or needed to talk. We would hit in the cage after practice or on a day off, and he always told me to never give up and to always work hard.

What is one important memory from your senior season? I will never forget the St. James game because it was the last game I would play in a Bonner Springs jersey.

What was your biggest accomplishment? It would have to be earning All-State honors, which was the result of my hard work in losing weight and getting in shape so I could perform my best.

Key Stats: Led the team with .408 batting average, 18 RBIs, and two home runs



✦ **Aiming for a strike,** sophomore Maison Patchett looks to help his team against St. James at the Butch Foster Memorial Classic.



✦ **Looking for a strikeout,** senior Sergio Valenzuela leads his team. "My best game pitching was against St. James in the last game of my high school career because it was a close one that was at our fingertips," Valenzuela said.

✦ **Rounding third base,** freshman Thaddeus Glenn heads for home to score against St. James in the Butch Foster Memorial Classic. Glenn went 9-for-20 in his varsity at bats.

✦ **Making contact (far left),** senior Shawn Jones, gets a hit against Mill Valley. Jones led the team with a .439 batting average and a .468 slugging percentage, earning first-team All-State honors at the end of the season.

✦ **Pushing through the ball,** senior Bre Tendick (far right) attempts to hit past Turner's defense. Tendick had a .500 batting average, along with scoring 33 runs for the Braves.



✦ **Making contact,** junior Geena Harris gets a hit against Turner in a home game. Harris lead the team with a .619 batting average, three home runs, and 33 RBI's.



✦ **Attempting a pick off,** senior Kylee Timberlake receives a throw from catcher Shelby Thornton to tag out a runner at third. Timberlake was voted Most Valuable Player by her team.



✦ **Receiving the ball,** senior Shelby Thornton frames the pitch during the Lansing game. Thornton had a .508 batting average and 14 stolen bases.



WE WANT A PITCHER



Bre Hammer, 11

What do you think about when you're pitching? How do you get in the zone?

I actually try not to think too much because when I do I tend to overthink things and that causes me to do bad. I get in my zone by staying to myself; it's kind of my preparation.

What was the best part of your season?

Definitely my teammates. I love those girls; they're my other family and going to regionals with them was a bonus to the season.

What made this team so special?

How close all of the girls were with each other; this team was definitely special and the seniors will be missed greatly.

What did you do to improve your pitching?

Basically having no "off season." I tried to stay busy year around, getting critiques from my pitching coaches and building from it.



✦ **Sprinting to second**, junior Samantha Ricci-Weller runs the bases in a game against Mill Valley. Ricci-Weller finished the season with 13 stolen bases.

✦ **After bunting the ball**, senior Amber Stephens drops the bat and sprints to first in an attempt to beat out the throw. Stephens' teammates voted her the Most Improved Player.

ALL KVL

First Team:
Bre Tendick

Second Team:
Geena Harris

Honorable Mention:
Kylee Timberlake

stepping UP TO THE Plate

by Sasha Dingaman

TEAM POSTS BEST RECORD IN YEARS

With their third head coach in three years, the senior softball players were definitely looking for some continuity and fresh energy. They found just that in new head coach Denise Chowning.

With previous coaching stints at Turner and Shawnee Mission East, Chowning steadied the Lady Braves, leading them to their best finish in years at 11-9.

Highlights included a 6-0 run to start the season and another 7-0 run to finish the season before losing to Basehor in the regional championship game.

Although their fast start did give way to a mid-season losing skid, the Lady Braves rebounded to win the Turner Invitational in three impressive victories.

"To win the Turner tournament, the girls came together and played to their potential," Chowning said. "The Saint James game changed leads several times, and the girls were

able to stay up and come back to take the lead every time, eventually winning the game. The girls utilized each other's strengths to play their best. The ladies never gave up."

The team set high goals for the season and achieved many of those goals.

"The main goal was to become a family, to support each other and to have fun," Chowning said. "But they also wanted to have a winning season, which they did, and to go to state, which we fell one game short of. I'm very proud of the success that they had."

Coming onboard, Chowning enjoyed her first season with the Lady Braves.

"This team has been a true pleasure to coach, and I am going to miss the seniors tremendously," she said. "They brought leadership and high expectations for the underclassman. The team wanted to be successful, and I was just able to help them be a part of that."

Our Season

How did it go?



"I think the season went pretty well even with the adjustment to a new head coach. Coach Chowning taught us a lot of things, and there were some minor changes that made us better as a team."

-Mikayla Ussery 10



"I learned that you really have to step up at the varsity level and that there's not much room for error there. I thought everyone tried their hardest, and I enjoyed my first season at the high school level."

-Mikaela Bennett 11



"I really enjoyed the team bonding and the practices where always fun. My favorite memory from this season was when we beat Tonganoxie 11-5."

-Kelsie Wohler, 11

A Sweet Side

The softball team started a sweet new tradition this year. After every game, the coaches would recognize individuals who turned in strong performances and award them with a specific type of candy related to that effort.

Head coach Denise Chowning said she got the idea from a former coach who used to do something similar and thought it might be a fun tradition to start here.

"It gives each girl a chance to get some positive attention from their teammates and helps them to look for and acknowledge each other's skills," Chowning said.

A sampling of the sweet rewards includes:

- Twix** = good sticks (good hitting)
- Babe Ruth** = home run
- Skor Bar** = whoever scores the most runs
- Mounds** = strong pitching performances
- Nerds** = something silly that happened
- Crunch bar** = gets the team out of a crunch



"My favorite thing about Senior Night was being announced and knowing that I had come this far in my four years of playing varsity softball."

-Meagan Slices 12





► **Standing proud**, junior Bethany Bailey takes her place on the podium as the second place pole-vaulter at the 2012 Kansas 4A state tournament.

Soaring to Second

After placing first at regionals with a season-best vault of 11 feet, junior Bethany Bailey returned to the state meet to avenge her fifth-place finish from the previous year. Bailey entered the competition as the No. 1 seed.

"It's just another meet," said Bailey, who went in at 8-6 and who competed until there were just two vaulters left. Bailey and her Andale opponent both got out at 11-6, but because Bailey did not clear 11-0 on her first attempt and her opponent did, she took second place.

"I went out there and did my best. It's a bit disappointing that I got second, but it was nice that my competitor got first as a senior," Bailey said. "Gui and coach Mitchell helped a lot in the last two weeks, so I still had a lot of fun."

The end of the Jim Mitchell Era



► **At his last state meet**, head coach Jim Mitchell oversees the action inside Cessna Stadium.

How long have you been coaching?

I have been coaching for 28 years, the last 16 years at Bonner.

What's been the best part of coaching at Bonner?

Definitely the kids and the coaching staff.

Why do you like coaching track? There is something for everyone, and no one gets cut. Someone always improves and there's a lot of positives.

What will you miss the most? Working with the kids that will still be here, next year's juniors. They're going to do a lot of good in the future.

What is your secret to success? My secret is being positive and allowing the athletes to have fun while working hard for a goal.

What was the best part of this year? The best part was the effort the team put forth at regionals to qualify for state and watching Bethany placing second at state. Seeing how the team stepped up at the Bonner Invitational was also very special. They won the entire meet, and the boys 4x400 relay team won the last race that I would coach at our home track.

► **Vaulting at her finest**, junior Bethany Bailey puts herself in a position for a state title.



RELAYS, Relays and MORE Relays

By Mariah Seifert

TEAMS QUALIFY FOR STATE

Qualifying three relay teams for the state meet at Wichita was a huge accomplishment for the boys' track team.

The 4x100 relay consisted of seniors Blaine Edmondson and J.J. Jackson and sophomores Jordan Jackson and Austin Schuler. Their efforts resulted in a 14th-place time of 45.57.

The 4x400 team was comprised of Schuler, Edmondson, sophomore Tre Scott and junior Kalim Raza Khan. They finished their race in 12th place with a time of 3:33.68. Schuler's opening leg time of 51.9 was a career-best.

"It felt good to hand off to Blaine in first place," Schuler said. "I felt like I showed up and did my part in the relay."

The 4x800 relay team featured Schuler, Edmondson and sophomores T.J. Kimbrough-French and Robby Glenn. They clocked in at 8:36.00, good for 12th place. A career-best 2:12 from Glenn at regionals put the team in a position to go to state.

For five of the relay runners, the trip to state was a new experience.

"I was super nervous, but the minute I stepped on the track it was go time," Edmondson said.



► **Pushing forward,** sophomores Weston Vitt and Robby Glenn (top) compete in 4x800 relay at Baldwin; senior J.J. Jackson (above) passes the baton to sophomore Austin Schuler during the 4x400 also at Baldwin; junior Kalim Raza Khan (left) runs the anchor leg on the 4x400 at the state meet; sophomore Austin Schuler (far left) pushes himself during the opening leg of the 4x800 relay at Shawnee Mission West.



**KVL
champ**

Travis Dooley

Although he battled early-season injuries, sophomore Travis Dooley was the team's lone KVL champion, winning the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.3.

He finished ninth at regionals with a time of 43.10.

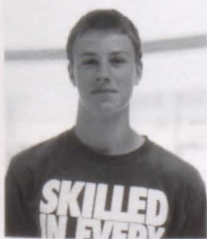
"I felt pretty good going into KVL even though I had been hurt the past couple of meets. Getting first at KVL really boosted my confidence and made me feel better about regionals," Dooley said.



Jordan Jackson

Status: Sophomore
State: 10th, 42-0
Regionals: 41-6,
KVL: 4th, 40-0
Bonner Inv: 3rd, 39-9.5

DYNAMIC DUO TAKES LEAP FORWARD



Anthony Kubas

Status: Sophomore
State: Sixth, 43-7
Regionals: 41-1
KVL: 3rd, 41-6
Bonner Inv: 2nd, 41-8

Sophomores Anthony Kubas and Jordan Jackson were a dominant force in the triple jump, with Top 10 performances at KVL, regionals and state.

Jackson enjoyed a breakout meet at Basehor with a first-place jump of 40 feet, 10 inches, his personal best until he broke the 41-foot mark at regionals with a leap of 41-6.

Kubas had his breakout meet at the Bonner Invitational where he broke 40-foot mark for the first time and ended with a second-place jump of 41-8.

Constant improvement led the two to meet the ultimate goal of qualifying for state where Kubas placed sixth and Jackson finished 10th.

"It was really unexpected," Kubas said.

"The hardest part about triple jump is learning the steps and keeping my balance on the second phase of jumping."

-Anthony Kubas, 10

FOOTBALL



Front Row: Austen Ford, Jonathan Blackwell, Logan Terrell, Tucker Wright, Tom Smalley, Devin Butler, Tommy Eads, Devon Lamberd, Bryan Lanning, Hector Flores. **Row 2:** JaVante Young, Lewis Henry, Weston Vitt, Jourdain Smallwood, Deion McQuarters, Nathan Golder, Nate Mitchell, Jordan Carter, Dalen Reed, Matt Call, Aaron Puckett. **Row 3:** Manager Mikayla Burgoon, coach Barry Richards, coach Erin Kinney, coach Clark McCratzkin, head coach Lucas Aslin, coach Monty Bechard, coach John Hilton, coach Kyle Aslin, manager Devon Wacker, manager Courtney Brouhard. **Row 4:** Dakota Nason, Jared Knernschild, Jairo Diaz, Tyler Lentz, Thaddeus Glenn, Adam Burdolski, Daniel Spurgeon, John Carter, Jeremy McDonnell, Tyler Bennett, Jose Contreras. **Row 5:** Ross Hogan, Steve Williams, Shawn Bryant, Monte Cox, Daemon Franklin, Trevon Mason, Gabe Jessie, Tyler Eickhoff, Jake Wylie, Alex Povlitzki, Coltin Bulkley, Caelan Burbank. **Row 6:** Joseph Dooley, Josh Brown, Jacob Dobbs, Anthony Kubas, Jordan Jackson, Blake Pyles, Arlando Young, Johnathan Jackson, Dustin Gilbert, Drew Hern, Mark Hobson, Mason Roberts. **Row 7:** Joseph Arnett, Travis Dooley, Austin Goodin, Kyle Dumler, Tyler Howell, Jack Klingele, Les Wessel, Patrick Ballard, Darian Neal.

VARSITY SOCCER



Front Row: Shawn Jones, Spencer Bush, Ryan Schuler, Toby Sullivan, Nate Mitchell, Colin Barker, Robby Glenn. **Row 2:** Jason Van Maren, Dominic Salvino, coach Jimmy Vogel, coach Ethan Isaacs, head coach Mike Moulin, manager Bailey Hightower, Quinton Schneck, Austin Schuler. **Row 3:** Aaron Rudolph, Ryan Cook, Austin Clouse, Noah Monroy, Spencer Frank, Brett Stewart, Dante Crider, Guilherme Pazos, Blake McMahon, Blaine Edmondson.

JV SOCCER



Front Row: D.J. Simpson, Nick Casteel, Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado, Taner Shipman, Jason Woodrome, Raphael Pena, Justus Seaton, Nick Korosec, Kalim RazaKhan. **Row 2:** Jacob Kraus, Cody Pierce, Sam Nelson, coach Ethan Isaacs, coach Jimmy Vogel, coach Mike Moulin, manager Bailey Hightower, Joe Casteel, Maison Patchett, Roman Glenn. **Row 3:** Billy Fratzel, Keith Lambie, Jeremy Vanden Hull, Luciano Fasani, Jacob Harris, Grant Lewis, Ricky Ulriola, Colton Harvey.

GIRLS TENNIS



Front Row: Kayla Fratzel, Andrea Wiglesworth, Cassie Stock, Kimberly Sanchez, Lilly Eickhoff, Aubrey Julo, Kayla Greer, Rachel Johnson, Micaela Reed. **Row 2:** Rachael Jensen, Ashton Iestas, Caroline Clark, Toni Stock, Bre Tendick, Lauren Callahan, Emily Hunt, Eliza Scott. **Row 3:** Coach Deb Loker, coach Leslie Bailey, Elizabeth Barger, Sasha Bingaman, Mikayla Usseery, Bethany Bailey, Hannah Hunt, head coach Bill Scott.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Miranda Hackney, Haley Hoffine, Cassidy Holloway, Jene Williams, Meagan Stice, Kylee Timberlake, Maryssa Peterson. **Row 2:** head coach Heather Campbell, Erica Wilson, Erin Marx, Madison Scott, Emily Wilson, manager Tyreka Johnson.

{varsity soccer}

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|------------------|-------|------|
| Tonganoxie | 5-0 | Win |
| Lawrence State | 1-2 | Loss |
| SM North | 1-0 | Win |
| Bishop Miege | 1-3 | Loss |
| Mill Valley | 0-1 | Loss |
| Bishop Ward | 3-1 | Win |
| Lansing | 1-1 | Tie |
| Perry-Lecompton | 4-0 | Win |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 0-0 | Tie |
| Topeka Seaman | 0-1 | Loss |
| Ottawa | 3-0 | Win |
| Piper | 0-0 | Tie |
| BVSW | 1-1 | Tie |
| Turner | 4-2 | Win |
| St. James | 1-3 | Loss |
| Basehor-Linwood | 1-0 | Win |
| K.C. Christian | 0-1 | Loss |
| Record: | 7-4-6 | |

{varsity Football}

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|-----------------|-------|------|------------------|-------|------|
| Topeka Seaman | 21-17 | Win | Bishop Ward | 56-7 | Win |
| Mill Valley | 26-48 | Loss | Schlagle | 41-34 | Win |
| Turner | 14-31 | Loss | Washington | 49-14 | Win |
| Basehor-Linwood | 26-29 | Loss | Lansing | 35-21 | Win |
| Tonagnoxie | 48-13 | Win | Gardner-Edgerton | 40-76 | Loss |
| Record: | 6-4 | | Record: | 6-4 | |

{varsity volleyball}

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|------------------|------|---------------------|-------|
| Baldwin | Loss | Lansing | Loss |
| Basehor | Loss | Gardner | Loss |
| Eudora | Loss | Bishop Ward | Win |
| Bishop Ward | Win | SM Northwest | Win |
| Louisburg | Loss | Tonganoxie | Loss |
| Christ Prep | Win | Great Bend | Win |
| Basehor | Loss | Turner | Win |
| Immaculata | Win | Atchison | Loss |
| Turner | Win | Schlagle | Win |
| Washington | Win | Bishop Ward | Win |
| Oskaloosa | Win | Piper | Win |
| BVSW | Loss | Schlagle | Win |
| Mill Valley | Loss | Sumner | Win |
| Perry-Lecompton | Win | Piper | Win |
| Osawatomie | Win | Mill Valley | Loss |
| Baldwin | Loss | Tonganoxie | Loss |
| Piper | Win | Sumner Regionals | Win |
| Gardner-Edgerton | Loss | St. James Regionals | Loss |
| BVSW | Loss | Record: | 21-19 |
| Spring Hill | Loss | | |

{cross country}

| | Boys | Girls |
|---------------------|------|-------|
| Basehor | 6th | 6th |
| Miege | 6th | 5th |
| Bonner Invitational | 12th | 5th |
| Ottawa | 5th | NA |
| Eudora | 3rd | 3rd |
| Wyco Invitational | 2nd | 2nd |
| St. James | 5th | 3rd |
| Regionals | 13th | 6th |

CROSS COUNTRY



Front Row: Rachel Barber, Citlally Fernandez Alvarado, Cheyenne Hale, Morgan Nichols, Amber Lies, Akiko Capalla, Tessa Newberry, Mandy Ballou.
Row 2: Boys coach Bill Downing, Alex Martinez, Josiah Seaton, Mariah Seifert, Tyreka Johnson, Sasha Bingaman, Eleanor Lynch, Itzel Soto, Matt Coffman, Joe Casteel, girls coach Rob Marriott. **Row 3:** Jake Wenzel, Austin Schuler, Brian Williams, Ethan Hook, Steven Caswell, T.J. Kimborough-French, Peter Jenkins, William Scott, Thomas Hook, Zach Quigley.



"It was really nice having support from the community, our parents and all of the students. It made the team feel very confident."
 -Jared Kneunschield, 10

JV VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Mariah Seifert, Itzel Soto, Lauren Murphy, Shelby Mata, Shelby Taylor. **Row 2:** Mikaela Bennett, Michaela Mock, coach Crystal Coleman-Richardson, Skyler Taylor, Allie Ledbetter.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Amber Lies, Monica Stimac, Hannah Fehlhafer. **Row 2:** Tiani Hammons, Bridget Rittinghouse, coach Trisha Manthei, Amber Cox, Alley Washburn.

WRESTLING



Front Row: Josh Coffman, Bryan Lanning, D.J. Ballard, Josiah Seaton, Tyler Lentz, Ryan Minton, Caleb Malone.
Row 2: Koby Hobbs, Bill Anderson, Bryan Williams, Justus Seaton, Aaron Puckett, Jonathan Blackwell, John Heck, Maison Patchett. **Row 3:** Dominic Salvino, Jose Contreras, Quinton Schneck, coach Bobby Vaughn, head coach Brandon Jobe, coach Jerry Seaton, Matt Call, Zachary Quigley, Daniel Spurgeon. **Row 4:** Jordan Mauk, Patrick Ballard, Mark Hobson, Jared Clements, Austin Cobb, Mason Roberts, Johnathan Carter.

BOYS SWIMMING



Front Row: Thomas Hook, Ethan Hook, Nate Mitchell, J.K. Kraus **Row 2:** Jacob Sopher, Dakota Nason, Cody Crider, coach Lynn LaNoue, Ryan Cook, Anthony Smith, Blaine Edmondson.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Kennedy Bizzell, Tessa Newberry, Jene Williams, Yessenia Hernandez, Cassidy Holloway, Haley Hoffine.
Row 2: Coach Nick Schuster, manager Brianna Robinette, Emily Wilson, Erica Wilson, Erin Marx, Anna Deegan, head coach Clay Oakes.

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Mikaela Bennett, Cheyenne Luth, Tessa Newberry, Jene Williams, Abrise Sims, Mikayla Ussery. **Row 2:** Coach Monty Bechard, manager Erin Walters, Kaleigh Taylor, LiNelle Wilson, Kennedy Bizzell, Kylie Jarrett-Collier, Brianna Robinette, coach Nick Schuster.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL



Front Row: Allie Ledbetter, Tatum Salvino, Michaela Mock, Abrise Sims. **Row 2:** Kaleigh Taylor, coach Monty Bechard, Amber Cox, Mikaela Bennett.

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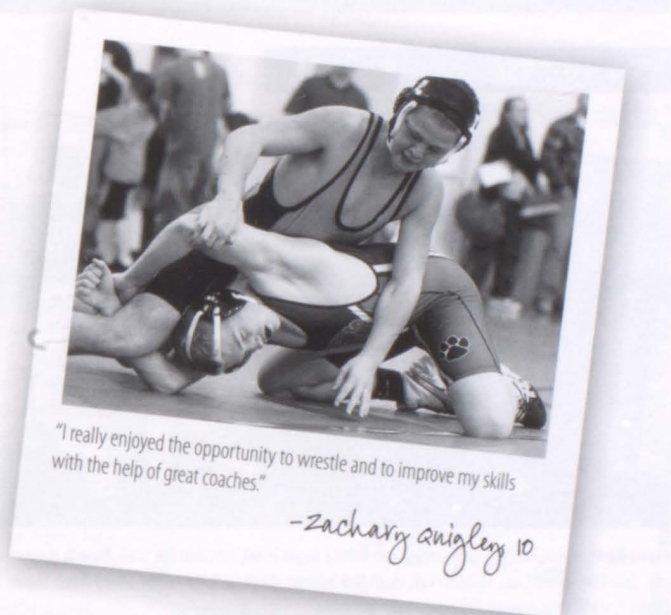
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| Wyco Championships | 3rd |
| KVL Meet | 3rd |
| Wamego Invitational | 4th |
| Lee's Summit Invitational | 4th |
| Dick Burns Mat Classic | 4th |
| Basehor Bobcat Classic | 12th |
| BV Northwest Tournament | 4th |
| Osawatomie Tournament | 8th |
| Regionals | 2nd |
| State | 3rd |

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|-----------------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|
| Piper | 61-51 | Win | Piper | 61-27 | Win |
| Blue Valley Southwest | 46-43 | Win | Bishop Ward | 74-44 | Win |
| Mill Valley | 55-52 | Loss | Lansing | 44-34 | Win |
| Lansing | 62-60 | Win | Mill Valley | 54-45 | Win |
| Tonganoxie | 59-28 | Win | Turner | 59-46 | Win |
| Atchison | 74-35 | Win | Tonganoxie | 76-53 | Win |
| Basehor-Linwood | 68-61 | Loss | Bishop Ward | 77-51 | Win |
| Turner | 58-47 | Win | Basehor-Linwood | 63-50 | Loss |
| Anderson County | 72-41 | Win | Bishop Ward | 44-33 | Win |
| Wellsville | 52-28 | Win | Basehor-Linwood | 46-34 | Loss |
| Bishop Ward | 62-46 | Win | Record: | 16-6 | |
| Baldwin | 47-32 | Win | | | |
| William Chrisman | 63-52 | Win | | | |

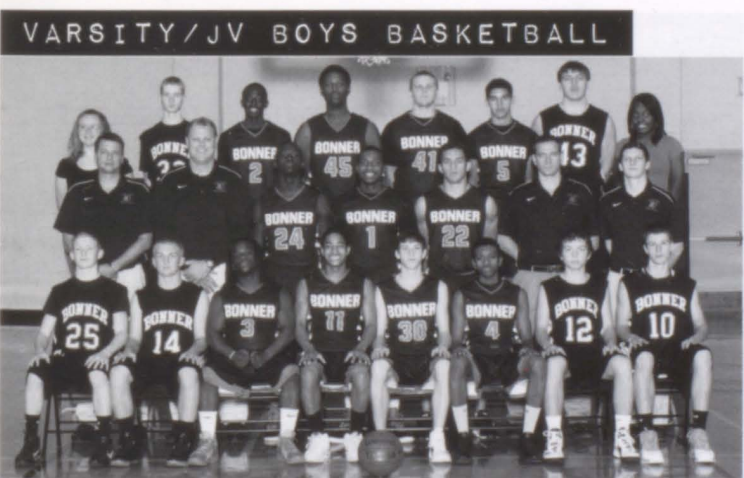
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| Piper | 36-26 | Win | Bishop Ward | 39-35 | Win |
| Blue Valley Southwest | 48-33 | Win | Lansing | 51-28 | Win |
| Mill Valley | 38-37 | Win | Mill Valley | 34-33 | Loss |
| Lansing | 53-32 | Win | Turner | 61-25 | Win |
| Tonganoxie | 48-32 | Win | Tonganoxie | 60-55 | Win |
| Atchison | 57-24 | Win | Bishop Ward | 61-41 | Win |
| Basehor-Linwood | 42-23 | Win | Basehor-Linwood | 44-24 | Win |
| Turner | 50-38 | Win | Perry (Sub-state) | 58-21 | Win |
| Sumner Academy | 58-28 | Win | Piper (Sub-state) | 38-21 | Win |
| Wellsville | 52-28 | Win | Tonganoxie (Sub-state) | 58-50 | Win |
| Baldwin | 51-25 | Win | Pratt/Stafford (State) | 51-40 | Win |
| Spring Hill | 48-40 | Win | McPherson (State) | 49-40 | Loss |
| Piper | 27-26 | Win | Ottawa (State) | 49-48 | Loss |
| Record: | | | 23-3 | | |



GIRLS SWIMMING
Front Row: Madison Stumbough, Toni Stock, Elizabeth Barger, Stephanie Rose. **Row 2:** Akiko Capalla, Cassie Stock, Haely Burdick, Lei'Onna Smith, Scintilla Capalla, head coach Lynn LaNoue.



"I really enjoyed the opportunity to wrestle and to improve my skills with the help of great coaches."
 -Zachary Anigley 10

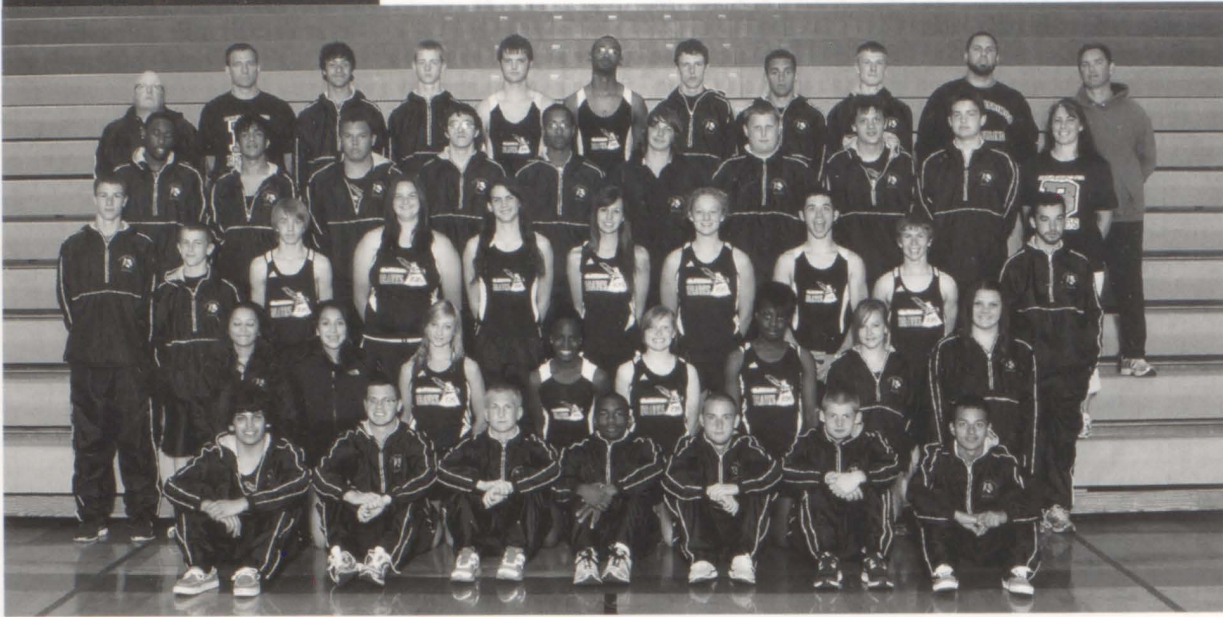


VARSITY/JV BOYS BASKETBALL
Front Row: Logan Terrell, Weston Vitt, Jourdain Smallwood, B.J. Watson, Jason Van Maren, Brandon Moore, Jake Laing, Anthony Kubas **Row 2:** Head coach Andy Price, coach Dan Streit, Daemon Franklin, Stevie Williams, J.J. Jackson, coach Bill Downing, coach Andrew Addington **Row 3:** Manager Kayla Greer, Travis Dooley, Ivory Elijah, Tyler Howell, Brett Stewart, Jordan Jackson, Kyle Dumler, manager Tyreka Johnson.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Front Row: Jordan Williams, Roman Glenn, Brenden Dotson, Dylan Stagner, Marquise Chapple-Stokes, Steven Greer, Thaddeus Glenn. **Row 2:** Coach Andrew Addington, Jake Wylie, Jonah Freese, Vince Roul, Alex Povlitzki, manager Kayla Greer.

TRACK AND FIELD



Front Row: Jose Contreras, Toby Sullivan, Weston Vitt, Deion McQuarter, Nate Mitchell, Austin Schuler, Hector Flores. **Row 2:** Mariah Seifert, Yessenia Hernandez, Maranda Ballou, Aarionna Holliday, Shelby Mata, Tiara Johnson, Cheyenne Hale, Victoria Dunn. **Row 3:** Anthony Kubas, Josiah Seaton, Joseph Casteel, Erica Wilson, Emily Wilson, Maryssa Peterson, Bethany Bailey, Austin Cobb, Matthew Coffman, Philip Holcomb. **Row 4:** JaVante Young, Kalim Raza Kahn, Jared Knernschild, Steven Caswell, Tre Scott, Nicholats Casteel, Nathan Campbell, Chris Hoggeland, Jacob Dobs, Coach Tabatha Marriott. **Row 5:** Head coach Jim Mitchell, coach Bill Downing, Jonah Freese, Travis Dooley, Blaine Edmondson, T.J. Kimbrough-French, Tristan Russell, J.J. Jackson, Robert Glenn, coach Kyle Razak, coach Rob Marriott.

VARSITY BASEBALL



Front Row: Maison Patchett, Luis Sanchez, Luis Gardea, Logan Terrell, Jonathan Blackwell. **Row 2:** Head coach Scott Lero, Jairo Diaz, Tanner Clark, Matthew Call, coach Nick Schuster, coach Clark McCracken. **Third Row:** Shawn Jones, Austin Clouse, Frank Walters, Gonzalo Pichardo, Sergio Valenzuela.

JV BASEBALL



Front Row: Jacob Neu, Roman Glenn, Karl Turner, Taner Shipman, Richard Skaggs, Jeremy McDonnell. **Row 2:** Jordan Castro, Thaddeus Glenn, Aaron Jones, coach Clark McCracken, Adam Burdolski, Logan Shearer, Joshua Brown.

JV SOFTBALL



Front Row: Brianna Robinette, Kianna Hickmon, Megan Laughlin, Alyssa Driskill, Monica Stimac, Hannah Fehlhafer. **Row 2:** Bailey Sears, Stephanie Gear, manager Erin Walters, Haylee Richmond, Michaela Mock, Kristina Schwab, Bridget Rittinghouse. **Row 3:** Coach Kelly Hoopes, Kelsie Wohler, Madison Hurla, Mikaela Bennett, Mikayla Ussery, Skyler Roach, coach Crystal Coleman-Richardson, head coach Denise Chowning.

VARSITY SOFTBALL



Front Row: Shelbie Thornton, Meagan Stice, Megan Laughlin, Sammy Weller, Breanna Tendick, Cassidy Holloway. **Second Row:** Geena Harris, manager Erin Walters, Amber Stephens, Kylee Timberlake, Bre Hammer. **Third Row:** Coach Kelly Hoopes, Coach Crystal Coleman-Richardson, Head Coach Denise Chowning, Michaela Mock, Mikaela Bennett, Mikayla Ussery.

{ varsity track } { varsity softball } { varsity baseball } { varsity soccer }

| | Boys | Girls |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| Baldwin Invitational | 13th | 14th |
| Basehor-Linwood Relays | 5th | 8th |
| Bonner Springs Invitational | 1st | 3rd |
| KVL League Meet | 7th | 8th |
| Regionals | 13th | 6th |
| State | 42nd | 26th |

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|---|----------------------|
| Piper | 6-5 Win, 4-2 Win |
| Turner | 15-0 Win, 15-0 Win |
| Bishop Ward | 19-1 Win, 15-5 Win |
| DeSoto | 3-0 Loss, 9-3 Loss |
| Lansing | 16-1 Loss, 10-0 Loss |
| Mill Valley | 10-0 Loss, 12-5 Loss |
| Basehor-Linwood | 11-0 Loss, 5-2 Loss |
| Tonganoxie | 8-5 Win, 11-5 Win |
| Turner (Turner Invitational) | 10-8 Win |
| Blue Valley North (Turner Invitational) | 6-1 Win |
| St James (Turner Invitational) | 12-7 Win |
| Bishop Ward (Regionals) | 19-3 Win |
| Tonganoxie (Regionals) | 8-5 Win |
| Basehor-Linwood (Regionals) | 7-0 Loss |
| Record: | 13-9 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lansing | 3-2 Win, 12-2 Loss |
| Piper | 22-4 Loss, 13-5 Loss |
| Turner | 7-5 Loss, 3-0 Loss |
| Bishop Ward | 12-2 Loss, 7-5 Loss |
| Eudora | 9-4 Loss, 6-3 Win |
| Mill Valley | 10-0 Loss, 11-4 Loss |
| St. James (Butch Foster Classic) | 8-3 Loss |
| Holton (Butch Foster Classic) | 11-2 Win |
| Paola (Butch Foster Classic) | 7-1 Loss |
| Basehor-Linwood | 9-6 Win, 14-1 Loss |
| Tonganoxie | 7-6 Loss, 6-1 Win |
| DeSoto | 10-0 Loss |
| St. James (Regionals) | 3-2 Loss |
| Record: | 5-16 |

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|---------------------|-------|------|
| Tonganoxie | 2-0 | Win |
| Ottawa | 6-0 | Win |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 3-1 | Win |
| Shawnee Heights | 7-0 | Loss |
| K.C. Christian | 1-0 | Loss |
| Topeka Seaman | 3-1 | Loss |
| Lansing | 2-1 | Win |
| Basehor-Linwood | 4-0 | Win |
| Bishop Miege | 5-0 | Loss |
| Piper | 4-1 | Win |
| Bishop Ward | 10-0 | Win |
| Blue Valley | 6-1 | Loss |
| Christ Prep Academy | 2-2 | Tie |
| Spring Hill | 3-1 | Loss |
| DeSoto | 1-0 | Loss |
| Mill Valley | 8-0 | Loss |
| DeSoto (Regionals) | 3-2 | Loss |
| Record: | 7-9-1 | |

{ varsity golf }

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Sunflower Classic | 5th |
| Bonner Springs Invitational | 1st |
| Blazer Invitational Tournament | 3rd |
| Mill Valley Invitational | 5th |
| Lansing Invitational | 9th |
| Atchison Invitational | 12th |
| KVL Tournament | 4th |
| Regionals | 6th |

GIRLS SOCCER



Front Row: Savannah Lochert, Taylor Hogan-Gooch, Jessica Moulin, Courtney Brouhard, Bailey Hightower, Krista Owens, Faith Seaton. **Row 2:** Rachel Jensen, Lanysha Mays, Felicia Monroy, Shelby Taylor, Hailey Kendrick, Kimberly Sanchez, Gabby Bennett, Lilly Eickhoff. **Row 3:** Andrea Wiglesworth, Mikayla Burgoon, Yessenia Hernandez, coach Ethan Isaacs, head coach Mike Moulin, coach Jimmy Vogel, Kennedy Bizzell, Kayleigh Clark, Madison Morris. **Row 4:** Tessa Newberry, Haley Hoffine, Rachel Barber, Morgan Simpson, Kayla Fratzel, Skyler Taylor, Emily Hunt, Eliza Scott. **Row 5:** Allie Ledbetter, Erin Marx, Anna Deegan, Hannah Hunt, Sasha Bingaman, Hannah Mauk.



"I have played stopper for three years now, and I love it because you're always involved in the action."
 -Taylor Hogan-Gooch, II

GOLF



Front Row: Jake Laing, Stevie Greer, Devin Haywood, Jason Van Maren, Ethan Hook. **Row 2:** Marc McClain, Sam Nelson, Colton Harvey, head coach Ryan Hull, Tristan Abts, Thomas Hook, Kaleb Kivett.

BOYS TENNIS



Front Row: Jacob Crawford, Spencer Bush, Kyle Sears, Andrew Conn, Tyler Jenkins, Quinton Schneck, Aaron Lewis, Jordan Crawford. **Row 2:** Keith Lambie, Cody Crider, Sarah Catron, coach Bill Scott, coach B.J. Congelton, Peter Jenkins, Luciano Fasani. **Row 3:** George Docking, Jimmy Klingele, Trey May, Jack Klingele, Alex Shearer, Justin Carroll, Joseph Arnett, Guilherme Pazos.

THE Yearbook Nerds

By Cynthia Ebertz & Jake Carter



Front Row: Emily Hunt, Madison Epp, Taylor Coleman, Lily Eickhoff, Kylee Timberlake, Bre Tendick, Sasha Bingaman, Andrea Wiglesworth. **Row 2:** Kaysi Bias, Rachel Barber, Tessa Newberry, Toni Stock, Cynthia Ebertz, Ashton Istas, Mariah Seifert, Jake Carter, Aaron Lewis, Chad Uhl, sponsor Jill Holder.

Co-Editors-In-Chief >> Cynthia Ebertz and Jake Carter.

As Yerds, we have practically spent most of our high school lives working (and eating) in the yearbook room, giving up our social life as we knew it, dedicating weekends and days off to meet strenuous deadlines.

This has been a tough baby to crack out, but it was worth it. From finding the perfect font to stalking people for quotes and pictures, we have pushed ourselves to the limit trying to **CREATE** a better yearbook.

But to put together the best yearbook possible, it takes a team effort, which in turn made us into a family. Growing and learning together, we created our own inside jokes and shared many laughs, tears and countless hours of stress. Room 101 has become our second home, and Mrs. Holder became our Mama Holder.

After three years, we take with us so many memories and leave behind our best wishes. Yearbook has been a huge part of our high school years, and although we are moving on, know that we are still with you in true Yerd spirit.

May your next nine months of labor bring you as much joy as it brought us.

- Jake Carter & Cynthia Ebertz



To our Creative family

Aaron & Kaysi -

You two were great additions to the staff. You both brought reliability and a strong creative energy to the table. Thank you so much for all your hard work with the sports pages! They look awesome! Also, thanks for everything you both contributed toward the end. We couldn't have been able to get everything done without your help.

Andrea -

First off, we'd like to thank you for dealing with panels. We know it's been a humongous pain in the butt and not the most exciting part of the yearbook, but it's the most important. Your diligence in getting a job done was our reason for giving you such a daunting task. So thank you for that. You also saved us a ton by helping others with your creative input and your eye for design. You're also an amazing photographer; we can always depend on you to take the best of pictures. Thank you for the Lauren picture!!!

Toni -

Man, oh man. Your beat-someone-up attitude sure got us through a lot of painful situations with local businesses. You did an awesome job with the senior and business ads, we don't think we've ever had them done so quickly. We're going to miss your harassment and sassiness, and we're positive Mama Holder will as well. Thanks for all the great memories and for your hard work!

Ashton & Emily -

You two were the spirit of the staff. The addition of the Follow The Leader dance during stress breaks and parties was a great idea. Thanks for taking on the spreads that were hard to recreate and make them awesome. Also, we know it's been a tough year but we're glad you stuck it through to the end. The best of luck to both of you in the future!

Bre & Kylee -

We are completely amazed at your ability to finish a spread so fast, Kylee. Thank you so much for allowing us to manipulate your pages during tough times and just going with the flow. We are so proud of both of your accomplishments. You stuck through the hard and stressful times and kept it together very well, even as Bre went through so many injuries. We're going to miss the weird stories and Bre's uncontrollable giggles. You both have a bright future ahead and we wish you the very best. Thanks for everything!



Sports ♦ Kylee Timberlake, Sasha Bingaman, Kaysi Bias, Aaron Lewis, Bre Tendick.



Student Life ♦ Mariah Seifert, Madison Epp, Emily Hunt, Toni Stock, Taylor Coleman, Ashton Iostas.

Lily & Rachel -

Your ability to organize yourselves so well and to do what you were asked to do with a smile on your face was a blessing this year. Thanks for all the name-checking and for pulling pictures whenever it was needed, especially towards the end. We're very proud of your growth and we hope you continue to thrive. We LOVED all of Rachel's recipes, you definitely deserve to be called the Queen of Baking Goods. You helped satisfy our ravenous appetite during block days, so thank you for that! And Lily, your bright and cheery personality lifted us up on stressful and long days. Both of you had motivation to do what is right and you always took part of your own time to come in and do the extra work needed. Thanks a ton!

Maddie & Taylor -

First, we'd like to mention how impressed and blown away we were by both of your spreads! Your ability to learn so quickly and to create such high quality pages has really been a huge asset to our staff and to the yearbook itself. Without you two, we would have gone crazy trying to figure out how to change things up a bit. The pair of you has shown such great improvement in your designing and you both have a natural talent. Thanks for tackling so many spreads throughout your first year on the staff! It also helped to have Taylor, the Lady Gaga of the staff, to provide us with her dancing and singing every now and then, you were our walking and singing stress reliever.

Mariah & Sasha -

You two are total picture junkies and we love that! We think it's needless to say you are both unbelievably amazing photographers. All the KSPA contest results prove it. Every snapshot you take turns to gold. It's crazy how much talent you both have, we know you'll go far. The yearbook staff is blessed to have the two of you with us. We're pretty sure about half of the pictures in the book have been taken by you. And not only that, you also gave Chad and Tessa a little breathing room when you took on some of their responsibilities. Thank you so, so much for everything you have done and for everything else you will do. You are true journalists at heart.

Chad & Tessa -

Well, where to start. . . You two are the heart of the staff, the driving force. The both of you are so dedicated, focused, and have great work ethic. With such amazing leadership within your sections, it's no wonder you were chosen to be next year's editors. You have been lifesavers, the tech-savvy geniuses of the class. The stress-magnets. The Tumblr addicts. We honestly don't know where we would be without all of your organization and thank you for all the cutouts. Both of you are a complete joy to work with. We couldn't think of a more perfect duo to take over the reins and inherit the coveted and stressful positions of Co-Editors-In-Chief. Make us proud, like you have all year long, and good luck!



Academics & Organizations ♦

Lily Eickhoff, Andrea Wiglesworth, Tessa Newberry, Rachel Barber, Aaron Lewis, Chad Uhl.

THE [★]Music[★]

- ✦ **During her last performance**, Melissa Cisneros plays "Call to Victory" on the clarinet.
- ✦ **Hitting a final note**, Adriana Rodriguez, Hannah Mauk and Ashley Muldoon sing "If You're Out There," with the A Cappella choir for their last time.



✦ **Walking in for the last time**, Cody Miller, Blake McMahon and Brett Stewart head towards their designated room to put on their robes.

✦ **Getting ready for the ceremony**, DeVanti Finch dons his cap in anticipation for the walk across stage.

✦ **Smiling at the crowd**, Dion Washington and Symone Warren walk into the graduation ceremony on May 10.



Jason Roden



Rebecca Peña



Josh Oden



- ✦ **With watery eyes**, Donna Billington claps in appreciation for teacher Chris Wood's speech.
- ✦ **Savoring the moment**, Aaron Rudolph walks across stage receiving a pat of approval from teacher Ryan Hull.





Class of 2012

« « THE Hug



✦ **In a proud moment**, math teacher Donna Sharpnack embraces J.J. Jackson. The senior class chose Sharpnack and social studies teacher Ryan Hull to present their diplomas.

✦ **Taking in the moment**, Jacob Carter and Jessica Carroll applaud after the valedictory address. The 13 honor graduates gave a multi-part speech.



Camden Barker and Anna Baker



Jairo Diaz and George Docking



Asha Musau

THE Featured Speakers



The Advice

"They've given me an assignment!" teacher Chris Wood said when she heard that the graduating class had chosen her to speak at their ceremony.

After receiving a standing ovation when she was introduced, Wood advised students to keep their "mental high beams" on during their travel on "life's road."

"You're in charge of so much about your future! Let all the forces be with you."

The Gift

The Class of 2012 decided to help improve the Brave Cave by donating three restaurant booths, one L-shaped booth, and three high-top tables with chairs.

The gift was presented by class president Bre Tendick and Stuco executive president Ryan Cook.



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Valedictorians

Melissa Cisneros
Matthew Coffman
Cinthia Ebertz
Brittany Frentrup
Mackenzie Lofton
Allen Maness
Sergio Valenzuela

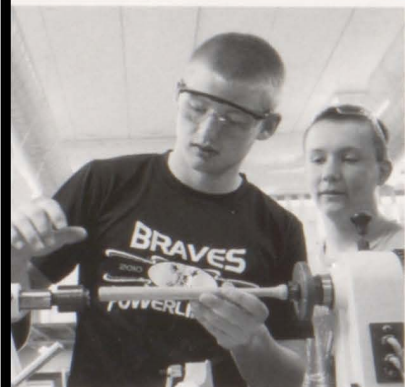
Salutatorians

Reed Dougherty
J.J. Jackson
Bre Tendick
Kylee Timberlake



Row 1: Matthew Coffman, Cinthia Ebertz, Brittany Frentrup, Bre Tendick, Melissa Cisneros. Row 2: Allen Maness, Reed Dougherty, Mackenzie Lofton, J.J. Jackson, Sergio Valenzuela, Kylee Timberlake.

✦ **Adding final touches**, sophomore Kennedy Bizzell paints a section of her class float during Homecoming.



✦ **Crafting a small project**, sophomore Austin Schuler and junior Chris Griffiths create a miniature baseball bat as part of a wood-turning project in their Wood Tech class. "It took only one block day to construct," Schuler said. "It was neat being able to create whatever we wanted to."

✦ **Picking up a slip of paper**, sophomore Lisa Laub learns to use chopsticks during one of the Friday culture days in her long-distance Chinese class. "I had never used chopsticks until that day. It was kind of hard at first, but after a bit of practice it got easier," Laub said.





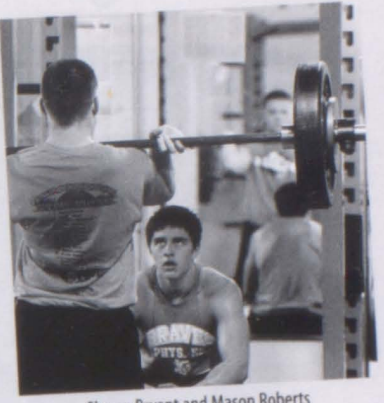
Bethany Bailey



Varsity baseball team



Lanysha Mays



Shawn Bryant and Mason Roberts

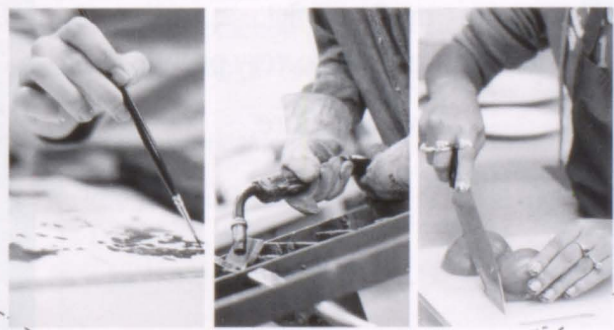
Just nine short months ago you received a blank canvas and the opportunity to **CREATE** something special. So how did it go? What did you do? How did you add color and vibrance to the things you were a part of?

Did you earn straight A's like you planned? Did you work up the courage to ask that certain someone out? Did you take any risks or did you play it safe?

Maybe you discovered that your best **CREATIONS** were a complete surprise, something totally unexpected. Maybe the thing you'll remember most is the thing that you didn't see coming.

Some of those memories will fade, and some of them will remain permanently etched into who you are. So whether you're a soon-to-be sophomore or a graduating senior, there will always be opportunities to grow. The year may be over,

but you never stop creating...



☞ Kylee Timberlake ☞



Kylee Shaw Timberlake,
I will always be your #1 fan. There
will never be a parent as proud as
me. You've become such a smart and
beautiful (inside and out) woman.

I love you,
Mommy



☞ Brittany Frentrop ☞



Brittany Michelle Frentrop
Congratulations!

You have accomplished so many things over
the years and this is just the beginning.
May you continue to grow and have faith in
what you can accomplish.

Way to go, Britt!

We love you and are very proud of you!
Dad, Mom, and Jamie Jo



☞ Rachel Taylor ☞



Never let your wings touch the ground
my Butterfly!

I love you and am so very proud!

Love you more,
Mom

☞ Kristy Chastain ☞



Kristy,
We know it hasn't
always been easy, but
you did it!
Keep trying and you
will succeed in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, James,
Kelly, Becky, Tim,
Judge, Amanda, Ed,
Jack, Chip, and Alix

Nate Mitchell



Nate:

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Your sense of humor, caring heart, and open mind will take you far!

The world is yours!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Whit, Ben,
Cass, and Ross

Spencer Bush



Spencer,

You have become the kind of person that brightens the room just by entering it, and we are so proud of you.

Remember to live your life as an "exclamation," not an "explanation"!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Ryan



Anna Baker



You have grown up so fast. The years have flown by. Continue to smile and hold your head high. You will be successful in the rest of your life.

Love,
Mom and William



Jake Carter



We are so proud of you, Jake!

...“have the courage to follow your heart and intuition... they somehow already know what you truly want to become.”

—Steve Jobs’

Stanford Commencement Address.

We love you! Rock Chalk!
Dad, Mom, Alex,
Aunt MiMi and Grandpa

Emily & Erica Wilson



You have been bright lights in our lives.

The world awaits you both, continue to follow your dreams, and let your lights shine on.

Love, Mom and Dad

Ashton Istas



Ashton,

You are an amazing girl with such a beautiful soul. Believe in yourself and know that God has a great plan for you.

We love you and are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad,
and Colton



Bryan Williams



Bryan,

May you face the world's challenges head on and have success in all you do.

Love,
Mom and Steve, Dad and Celeste

"It is clear the future holds great opportunities. It also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to avoid the pitfalls, seize the opportunities, and get home by six o'clock."

—Woody Allen



Gary Knight



Gary,

We knew at birth your accomplishments in life would make us proud and your successes prouder. This senior milestone only proves our predictions haven't changed. Know that Dad and Grandpa are smiling from heaven and we all hope that your dreams and wishes come true.

Love,
Mom and Grandma



Austin Clouse



Follow your dreams.
Keep your feet grounded and your head up high!
We are so proud of you.
Make sure you
Live Laugh and Love!

Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Logan

☞ Katelyn Smith ☞



Katie,

We love you so much and thank God every day for blessing us with such an independent, talented, beautiful daughter and granddaughter. Follow your dreams, Kate and know that we are here for you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris,
Grandma and Grandpa Adkins



☞ Cinthia Ebertz ☞



Cinthia,

We are so very proud of you. You have accomplished so much in all these years! We know that you are going to be a wonderful woman.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Luciano

☞ Miriah Bailey ☞



Notabo,

Congratulations! We are so proud to share in your success. Watching you grow into a strong, beautiful young woman has been such a blessing. We embrace your dreams and are excited about the future of many more successes.

Love,
Chris, Mom,
Josh, and Jake



☞ Breanna Tendick ☞



Bre,

Our blue-eyed baby girl is all grown up—beautiful, smart, athletic, and amazing. You can and will do great things because that's who you are.

We are so proud of you and love you!
Dad, Mom,
and Lexi

☞ Toni Stock ☞



Toni,
It doesn't matter where you've been, it matters where you're going. May Jesus light your path along the way.

Love,
Mom & Dad



☞ Haley Meier ☞



We are so proud of you—from preschool to high school graduation. I am sure your dad is looking down on you and is so proud of you too.
Love, Mom, Courtney, and Lindsey

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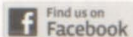


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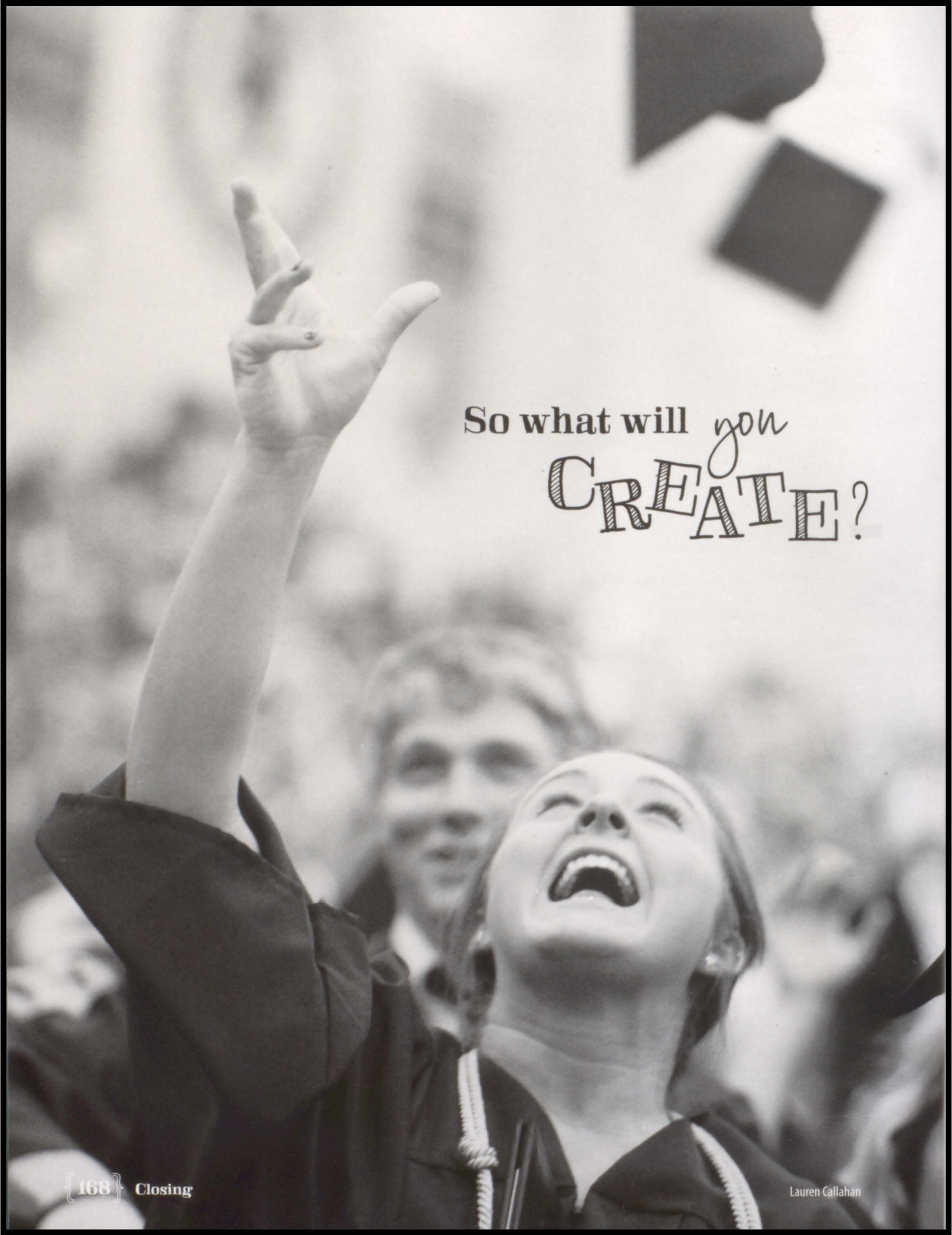
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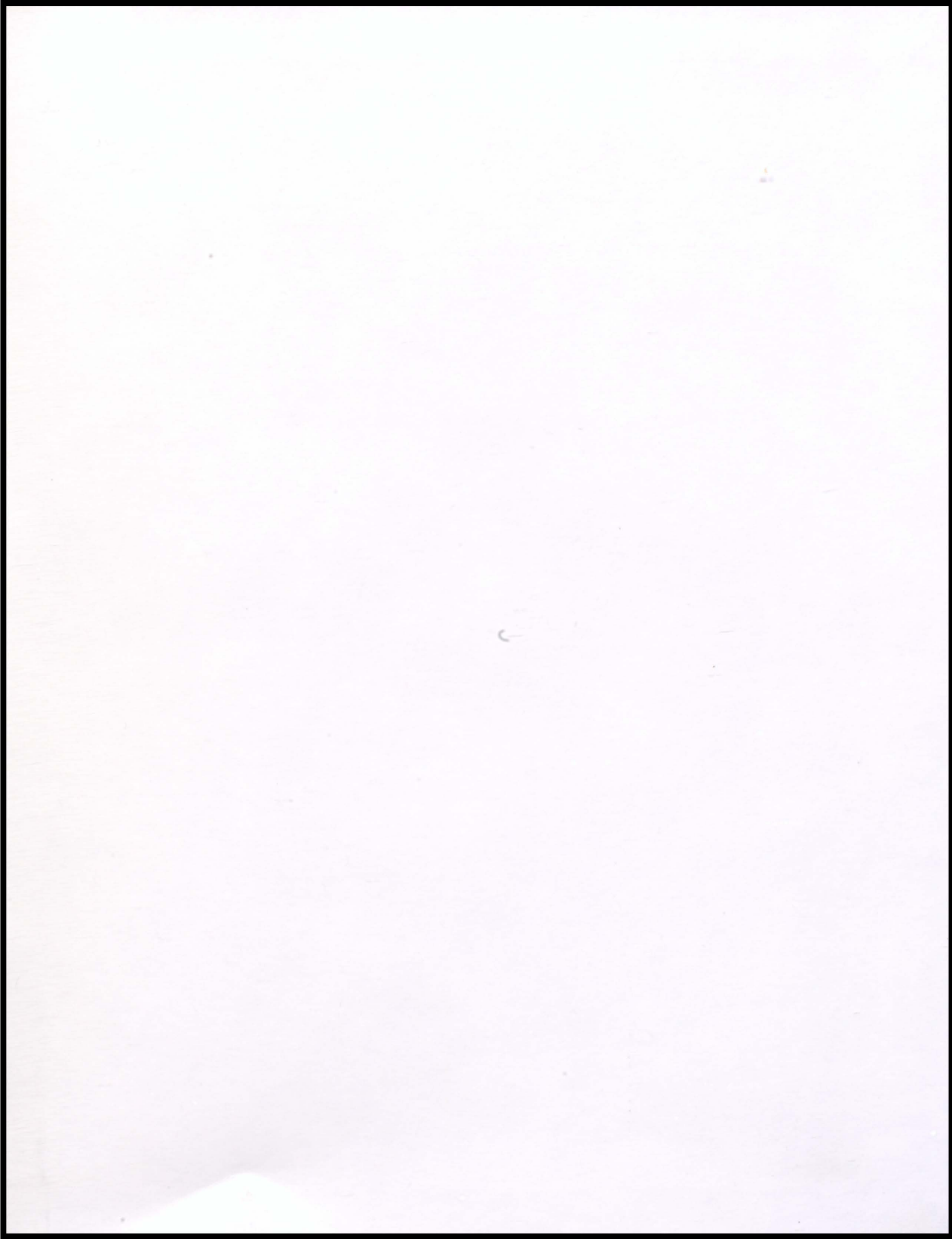
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