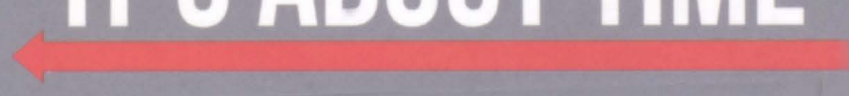


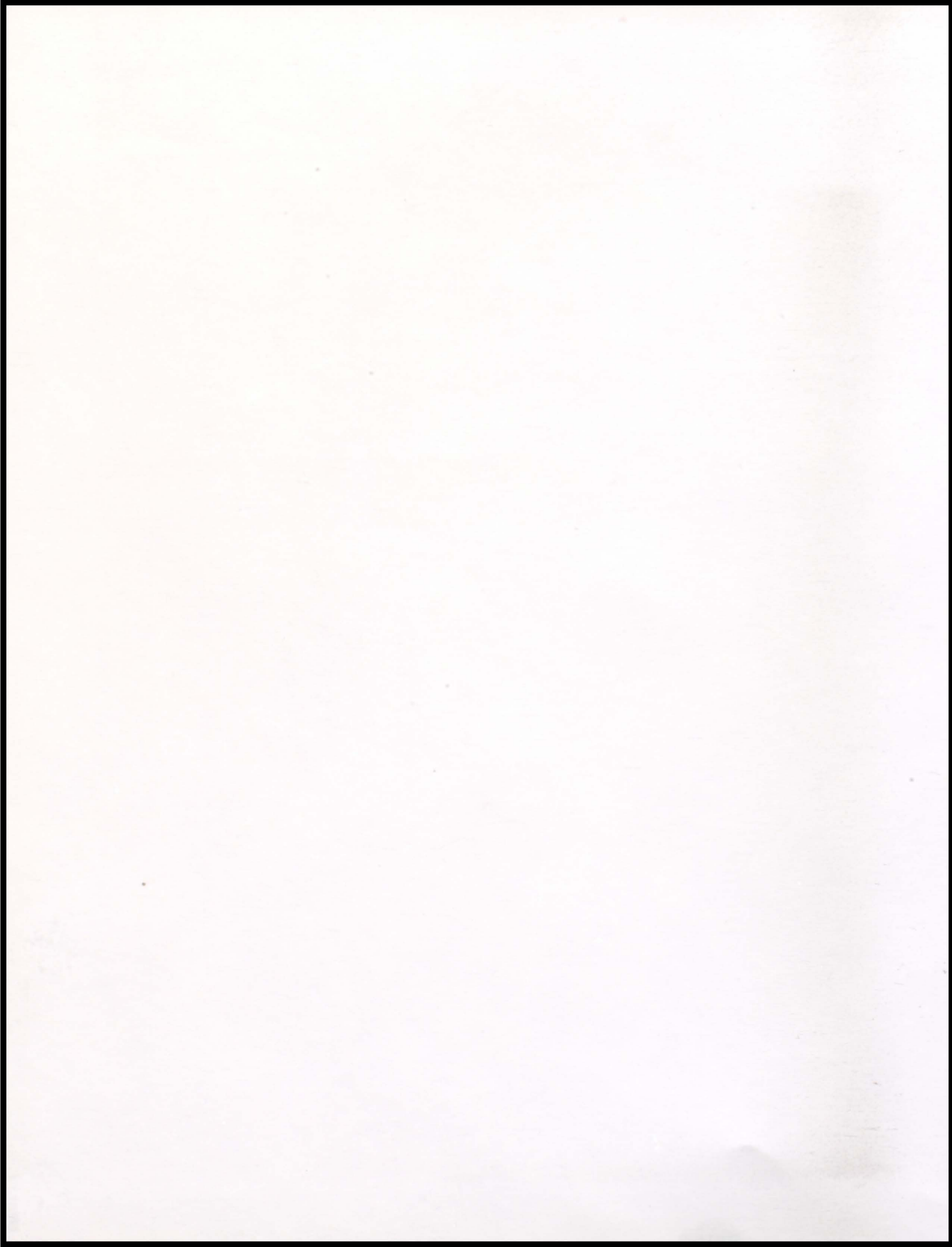
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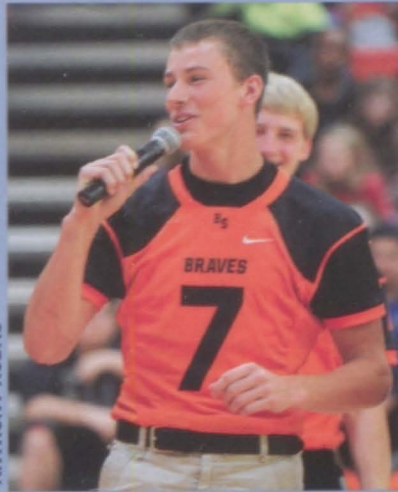


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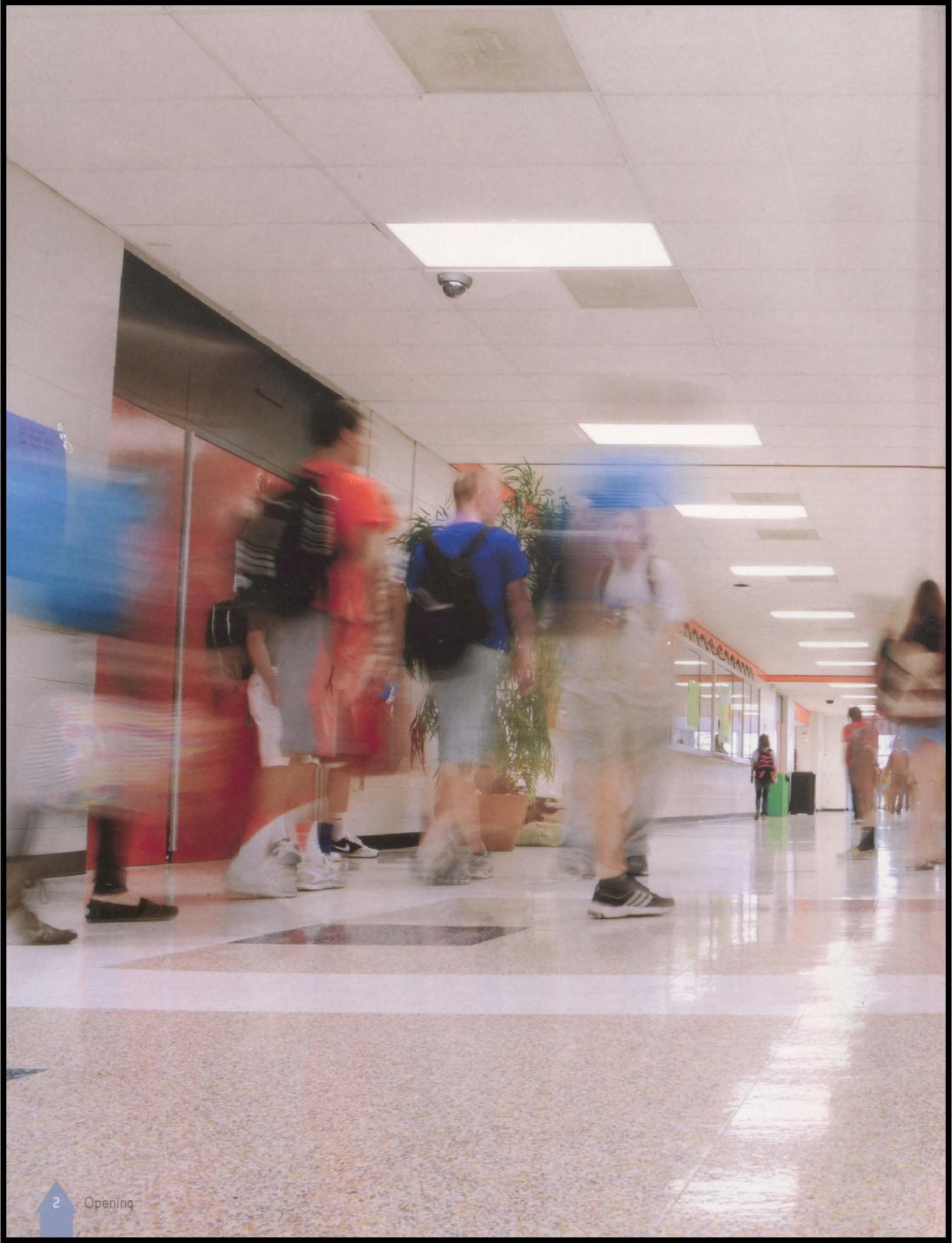
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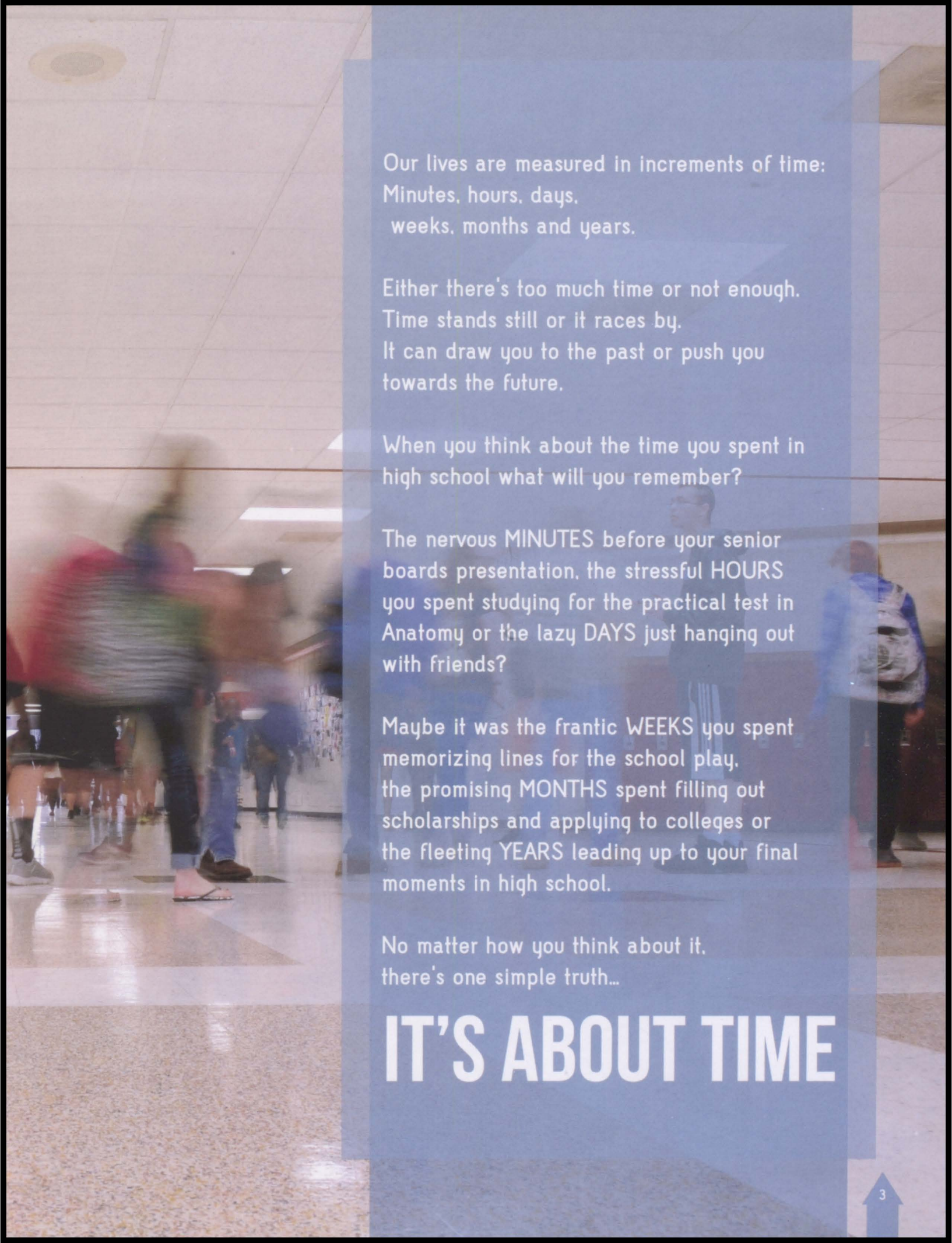


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Our lives are measured in increments of time:
Minutes, hours, days,
weeks, months and years.

Either there's too much time or not enough.
Time stands still or it races by.
It can draw you to the past or push you
towards the future.

When you think about the time you spent in
high school what will you remember?

The nervous MINUTES before your senior
boards presentation, the stressful HOURS
you spent studying for the practical test in
Anatomy or the lazy DAYS just hanging out
with friends?

Maybe it was the frantic WEEKS you spent
memorizing lines for the school play,
the promising MONTHS spent filling out
scholarships and applying to colleges or
the fleeting YEARS leading up to your final
moments in high school.

No matter how you think about it,
there's one simple truth...

IT'S ABOUT TIME

AUTUMN

8:11 AM ▶ Freshmen Alex White and Harrison Ricci-Weller await the start of Freshman Orientation on Aug. 12 where new students get to experience a day of high school before they are joined by upperclassmen three days later. "Freshman Orientation helped me learn my way around the school and learn the names of the teachers," White said.

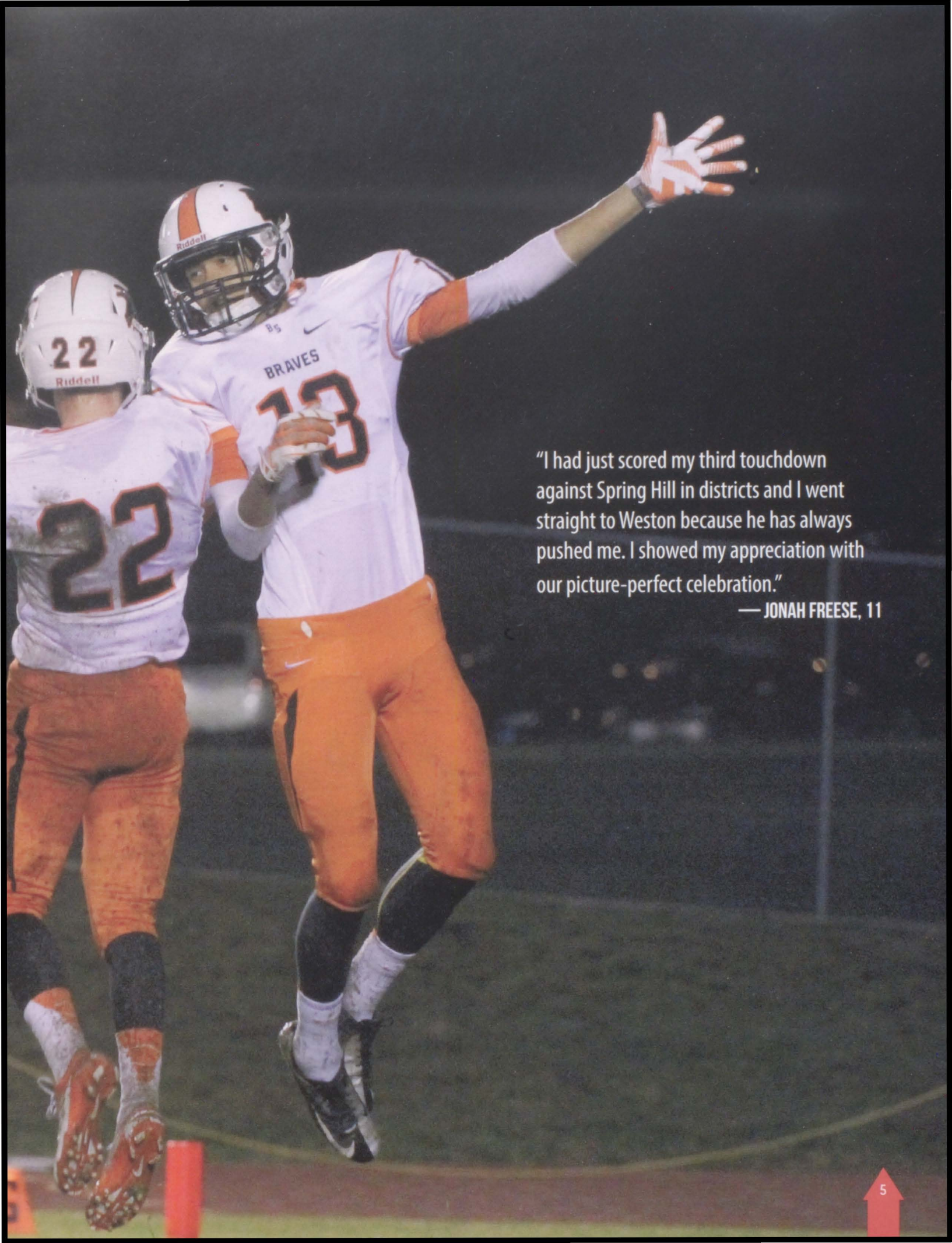


1:03 PM ▶ Senior Kemberly Sanchez and junior Tiara Johnson participate in the balloon run at the Sept. 11 Renaissance Assembly where students who earn orange and black cards are recognized for good grades and attendance. "Holding the balloon between us was fun, but it was a lot harder than I thought it would be," Sanchez said. "Even though we lost, we still got Braves Bucks, so it was worth it."

11:18 AM ▶ Senior William Scott builds part of his bridge for a physics project on Nov. 8. "I wanted to design my bridge to look good as well as to support a heavier weight," Scott said. "I plan on going into the engineering field, so it was a great project."



9:03 AM ▶ Junior Allie Mulich listens to class procedures in geometry on the first day of school on Aug. 15. "I was thinking that geometry class was going to be hard because of the hype," Mulich said. "But it's really not that bad."



"I had just scored my third touchdown against Spring Hill in districts and I went straight to Weston because he has always pushed me. I showed my appreciation with our picture-perfect celebration."

— JONAH FREESE, 11

6:14 PM ► English teacher Chris Wood holds up two of her many decorations hanging in her classroom. "Cleaning out my room is a symbol for the closing of this chapter of my life that has meant very much to me," Wood said.

NOW
would be
a good
time to
keep
thinking...

Don't worry
about the world
coming to an
end today. It's
already
tomorrow in
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SUCCESS
The only
thing missing
is
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We've got
two lives—
one we're
given and
the other one
we make.

THE FIRST
RULE OF RULES
If you're
in one
stop
digging.

MY TIME

THE FACE OF BONNER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

English teacher retires after 47 years

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

Forty-seven years ago, a very young Chris Tweddle and her fiancée, Lewis Wood, set a compass on top of a map of Kansas and drew a circle 25 miles around Lawrence, where Lewis was in graduate school at KU. Tweddle applied to every school within that radius, and Bonner Springs High School, thankfully, was the first to hire her.

Born and raised on the east coast, she had no idea that when she walked into BSHS in the fall of 1967 that she would spend her entire professional career in Room 228 or that she and Lewis would settle down and raise a family in Bonner Springs.

In fact, Wood recalls that she had secretly dreamed of a career in journalism but after a few years in the classroom she soon found herself “hooked on working with students” and never looked back.

There are many things that make Mrs. Wood such a beloved and memorable teacher, and it starts in her colorful classroom with its brightly colored words of wisdom dotting every nook and cranny, words that you are compelled to read every day.

“My room and my methods are like Life 101,” she said. “Things get thrown at us; things are not perfectly organized. My room is like life.”

And we can’t forget the other things that define her as a special educator: the life lessons pinned to her shirts, the rapid-paced, bell-to-bell instruction, the constant extra credit that encourages students to think quickly and the BSVs, MSTs and flex challenges.

Most will agree, though, that Wood’s greatest gift is her extraordinary ability to challenge students to think for themselves and for allowing them to see how to think.

As proof of that passion, Wood gives each graduating senior a “Coupon for Quick Thinking,” which allows the bearer “to take time to ask questions before believing” and to “never go with the flow unless you know where the flow will take you.”

Wood says some of her best moments in the classroom came when throwing out Quick Thinking things that forced students to connect things that appeared initially not to be connected. She has enjoyed her students’ creativity and their willingness to be creative.

Wood has also inspired more than one student, like current English teacher Bill Downing, to pursue a career in education. She says she is warmed, humbled and grateful to have had the opportunity to touch lives for 47 years.

“I think teaching is one of the most important jobs we have,” Wood said. “It’s like being a doctor of the mind.”

THE WORD ON MRS. WOOD

“Mrs. Wood makes you think. Actually, she allows you to think. She makes everything relatable. She connects the dots from literature to life. She’s passionate about what she does. I loved her class, and I’m pretty sure that’s part of the reason I became an English teacher.”

—BILL DOWNING, CLASS OF 1989

“One of the wonderful gifts Mrs. Wood gave her students was the gift of respect. She respected the student’s ability and expected him or her to perform to that ability.”

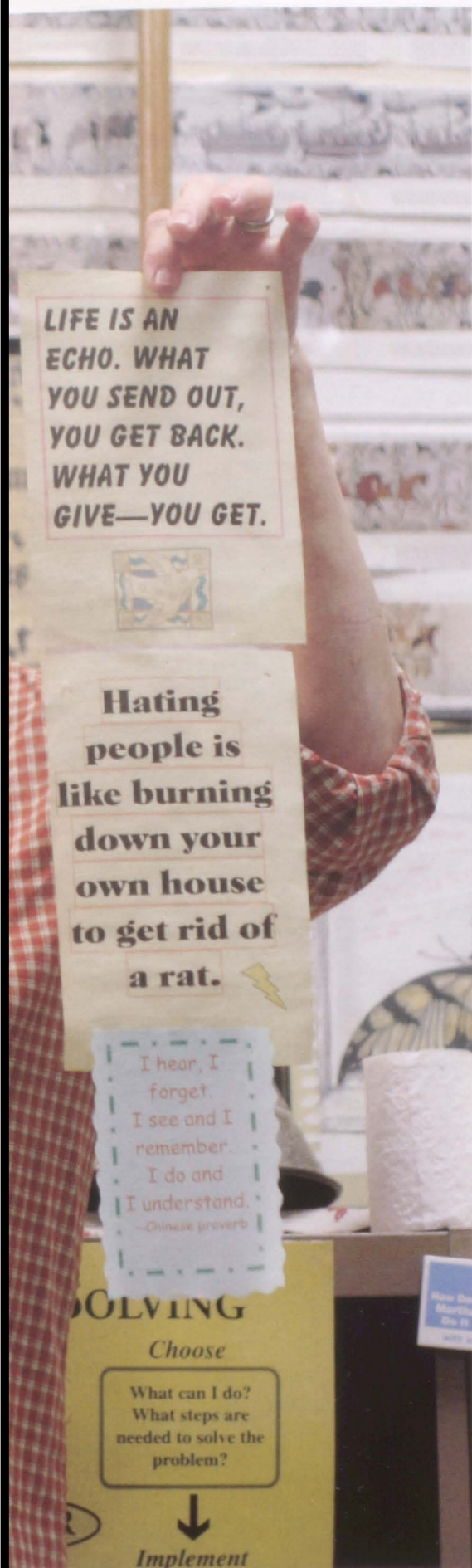
—JEFF HARRINGTON, CLASS OF 1979

“Mrs. Wood is an inspiration to me even five years after graduation. She is by far the best teacher I have ever had, and I will never forget or take for granted the things she taught.”

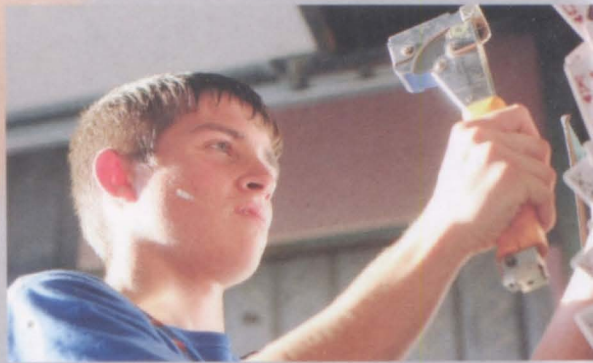
—LINDSAY JOHNSON, CLASS OF 2009

“She was one of the best teachers I’ve ever had. She was one of those teachers who not only made you want to do the work but who made you want to do it well.”

—CAROLINE CLARK, CLASS OF 2014







6:23 PM ► Freshman Logan Kirkman staples playing cards onto the freshman float. "I thought it was fun," Kirkman said. "I had nothing else to do, so I figured I would help to see how well we might do in the competition."



5:26 PM ► Forming a key component, junior Jacob Kraus adds chicken wire for the float's Eiffel Tower piece. "I had a great experience helping to make our float," Kraus said. "It's an awesome event to create something cool with my fellow juniors. I feel like I did my part and helped to contribute."

6:15 PM ► Adding a finishing touch, junior Faith Seaton finger-paints a board for one of the float's side pieces. "I have worked on the float every year. It's fun to get together with the whole class and make something for everyone to see," Seaton said.

HITTING THE JACKPOT

Students collaborate to make Homecoming a success

BY LAUREN MURPHY

For Student Council members, the weeks before Homecoming are stressful as they prepare for float construction and the dance. Add in the maternity leave absence of their sponsor, Adrienne DeLeon, and the stress level was sky high.

"Not having Mrs. DeLeon there was the worst thing ever. Even though we were always communicating, it didn't feel as organized as it was in the past," senior Hannah Hunt said. "However, it turned out to be one of the best homecomings we've ever had and one of the best outcomes."

DeLeon was equally pleased with the effort and dedication. "Communication was a huge issue, but in my absence the Stuco

members did an awesome job," DeLeon said. "Homecoming is our biggest event of the year and they handled it so well."

When the big day rolled around, Stuco hit the jackpot with picture-perfect weather for the parade and pep rally and a huge turnout at the casino-themed dance.

In the class competitions, the seniors showed their dominance by creating the winning float, while the freshmen produced a winning banner. And the Braves did their part by avenging last year's painful loss to Piper with a 42-6 victory.

"There was a lot of pressure on Stuco, and it was pretty stressful overall," senior class president Kemberly Sanchez said. "But in the end it all came together."



II PAUSE & REFLECT



SARAH CZIRR

"The tailgate was fun because it put you in the mood for the Homecoming dance and the game."



MIKAYLA YOUNG

"It was really fun when everyone was out in front of the school with root beer floats."



JUSTIN CARROLL

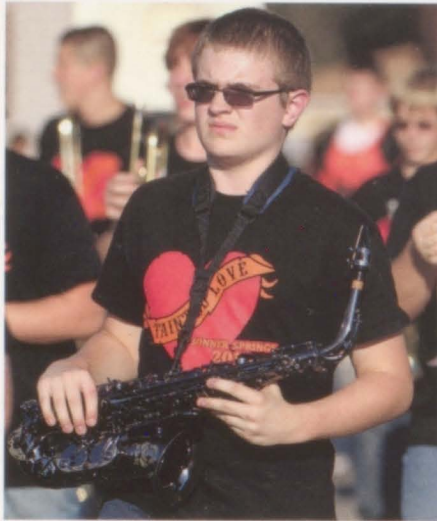
"I liked dancing at the tailgate, but the parade was my favorite part of the day."



MORGAN NICHOLS

"The parade was pretty cool; I got a lot of candy and the tailgate was entertaining."

5:15 PM ► Junior Kelsey Wheeler keeps a smile on her face while marching with the dance team. "All of the little girls really look up to you because you're a Dazzler," Wheeler said. "That's what really makes the parade fun."



5:15 PM ► Sophomore Griffin Mareske marches down Oak Street. "Band is always fun and not boring. I enjoyed the parade more than last year," Mareske said. "I'm older now, so I can pick on the younger kids."



6:26 PM ► Junior Abrise Sims enjoys her time at the tailgate with friends before the game. "I danced a lot and I got my face painted," Sims said. "Homecoming has been the best event for me so far this year."

**"THE SIGN WAS MISLEADING
SO INSTEAD OF DRESSING THRIFTY,
I DRESSED THIRSTY."**

— Austin Schuler, 12



Danan Weaver and Tae'lor Groves



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SPIRIT WEEK

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A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

Coronation brings highs and lows

BY LAUREN MURPHY

Long-time senior sweethearts Bailey Hightower and Travis Dooley enjoyed a special moment together when they were crowned Homecoming king and queen.

The couple have been dating since their freshman year.

"I'm glad it was with her," Dooley said sweetly. "She's the perfect queen."

Hightower was equally as thrilled.

"If I would have won without Travis, it wouldn't have been as special," Hightower said. "It would have been

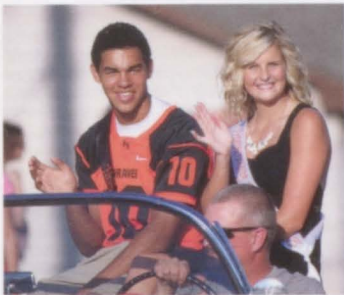
awkward dancing with someone else during the coronation dance. We've been to every school dance together."

Bailey and Travis were previously nominated for royalty in 2011 as sophomore prince and princess.

Sweet as the moment was for the senior couple, it was completely forgettable for sophomore prince Hayden Hoffine, who couldn't attend the festivities because of a torn MCL in the second quarter. Principal Joe Hornback escorted sophomore princess Alexis Tendick in Hoffine's place.



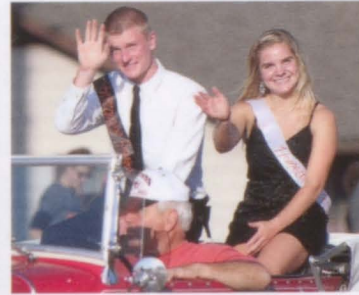
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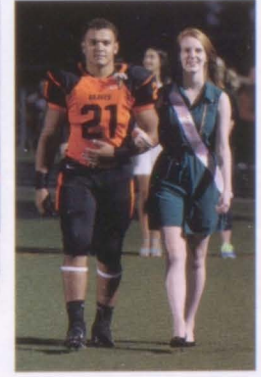
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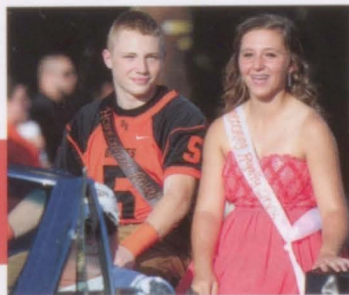
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Jared Knernschild & Eleanor Lynch



Christopher Broome & Aubrie Fredrickson



Hayden Hoffine & Alexis Tendick



Samuel Johnson & Allie Mulich



BY TRINA HILL

HARDCORE POWDER PUFF

Girls of all grades battle it out on the field

BY LOREN FORD

Senior Kristina Schwab felt a rush of excitement as she stepped onto David Jaynes field for the Oct. 8 Powder Puff game. She didn't have the chance to play the previous year, so she was determined not to let the opportunity pass her by this time.

"I enjoyed being on the field for a little touch football like I did when I was younger," Schwab said. "I would play again if I had the chance."

Schwab was part of the senior-sophomore team along with Sumer Sprenkle.

"It was definitely intense," said Sprenkle, a sophomore. "Having played last year, I understood the game more this year, and I wanted to win for the seniors."

The freshman-junior team scored first with a touchdown run from freshman Shaunie Lanning.

"My favorite moment was my interception against Mikayla Ussery," Lanning said.

Ussery played her second year of Powder Puff and said "being the quarterback" was definitely her favorite memory.

Ussery connected with fellow senior Kylie Jarrett-Collier for the game's second touchdown.

"Of course I would do it again. It was awesome. I like beating up little kids," Collier-Jarrett joked.

The Powder Puff event is the major fundraiser for the Kayettes, an all-female service organization that strives to help others through volunteering and community service project.

"We raised enough money to do our community service projects for the year," sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

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REVERSING THE ROLES



THOMAS EADS

TAMMY

Hardest cheer to learn?

A lot of them were super hard. Cheer is a lifestyle, every day and every hour. Cheer is life.

How did people respond to your new cheerleader look?

People were staring at us because of how hot we were.

Who did you base your look on?

It was a Miley Cyrus/Joe Dirt mixture.

Were you embarrassed at all?

Not even close. My confidence was through the roof.



KALIN RAZA KHAN

KATRINA

Hardest cheer to learn?

They were all tough and a lot more difficult than they looked.

How did people respond to your new cheerleader look?

I got a lot of weird looks in the halls and in the parking lot before the game.

Who did you base your look on?

I just tried to look like a typical cheerleader. People said my make-up made me look like a Kardashians.

Were you embarrassed at all?

I was a little bit until I saw my fellow cheerleaders.



THOMAS HOOK

TINA

Hardest cheer to learn?

All of them. Now that we've learned the cheers we can do them at every single game.

How did people respond to your new cheerleader look?

People couldn't stop staring at us when we walked down the hallways. Not going to lie.

Who did you base your look on?

I was just a made-up person.

Were you embarrassed at all?

Not at all.



3:53 PM ► Battling it out, freshman Carletta Hill tries to stop senior Kylie Jarrett-Collier. "I felt like a professional," said Jarrett.



8:52 PM ► The senior-sophomore team's quarterback, senior Mikayla Ussery, scrambles for yardage late in the game. "Powder Puff is a fun way to get involved and make memories," said Ussery, who scored one of her team's three touchdowns.



7:05 PM ► As the Powder Puff game begins, freshman Shaunie Lanning runs for a touchdown. "The best thing about Powder Puff was having fun with my friends," Lanning said.



“IT WAS GREAT TO BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STANDS FOR ONCE.”

—PAIGE PAIKOWSKI



6:46 PM ► **Front row:** Elizabeth Briggs, Sumner Sprenkle, Marissa Akins, Michaela Augustine, Paige Paikowski. **Row 2:** Magen Clark, Kylie Jarrett-Collier, Tate Stites, Mikayla Ussery, Heidi Rodgers, Brittney Clark, Cameron Buck, Kristina Schwab.



6:48 PM ► **Front row:** Aarionna Holliday, Jalisa James, Alyssa Driskill, Jenna Hammond, Kennedee Meier, Peyton Capehart, Amber Lies. **Row 2:** Abi Cottrell, Jovana Montoya, Rosa Varela Ramirez, Kailey McCorkendale, Megan Laughlin, Bridget Rittinghouse, Allie Mulich, Kaleigh Taylor, Abrise Sims, Shaunie Lanning, Carletta Hill, Alysa Carpenter.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Numbers rise with many new inductees

BY LAUREN MURPHY & SKYLER ROACH

National Honor Society is a group that focuses on helping others through community service projects done alone, with a small group of people or with the society as a whole.

Students must have a minimum 3.2 GPA in order to be considered. The group is selected by the faculty and after being chosen they participate in a special induction ceremony.

Accompanied by their chosen mentors, new members are called up to sign the membership book, light their candle and recite the traditional NHS pledge. This year, 24 juniors and 17 seniors joined the group.

"It was good to have a large group because so many people in our community depend on us to lend a helping hand," said Campbell.

Once inducted, students are then required to complete 10 community service projects: seven

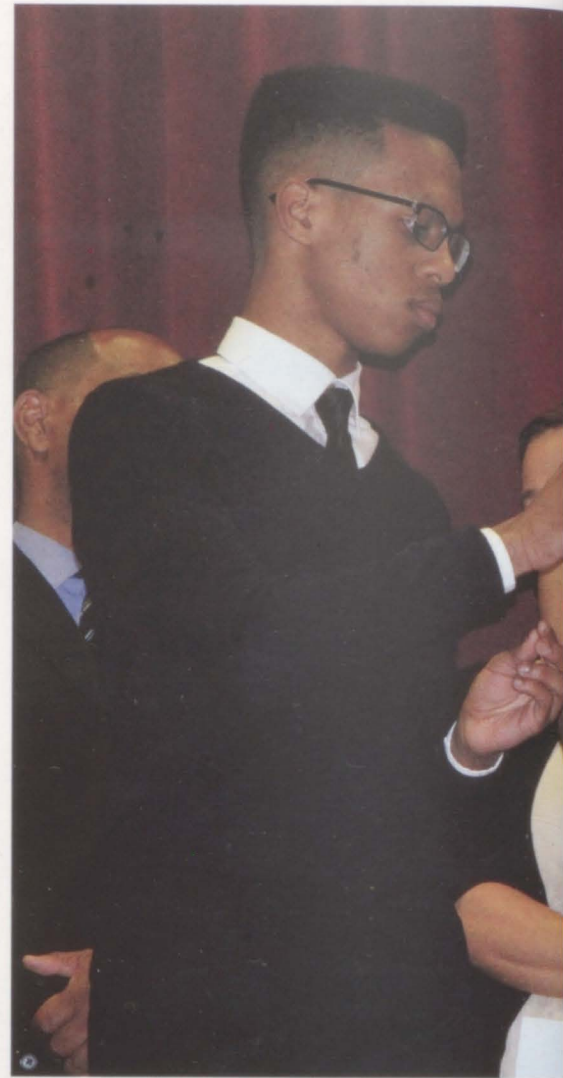
individual, two large groups and one small group.

Although there are given volunteer opportunities for the students, many plan their own service activities.

Senior Mariah Seifert volunteered at Clark Middle School to teach students about photography along with seniors Bailey Hightower and Shelby Mata and juniors Sam Nelson and Jacob Kraus. The group showed the students how cameras worked and how to use a variety of photographic techniques.

"I really enjoyed volunteering at the middle school because I like being able to pass along my knowledge of photography to younger people," Seifert said. "They seemed genuinely interested in what we were teaching them and I hope that they continue to develop their skills."

With the service requirements teaching students to help others, the group helps shape the character of each person involved.



WHO WAS YOUR MENTOR?



SKYLER LUCAS

"Mrs. Powers has always been there for me to talk to. She has helped me with school and personal things. She always has good advice."



ELEANOR LYNCH

"My dad's always encouraged me in everything I've done, especially school. I look up to him because he's worked really hard to give his family a good life."



ARLEN ACOSTA

"My mom was my mentor. I chose her because she's a strong, independent woman. She pushes me to succeed in life and I want to be just like her."

HAILEY KENDRICK

Who was your mentor?

Dan Streit

Why did you choose him?

I picked Mr. Streit to be my mentor because he's a very supportive teacher. I can always count on him for good advice when it comes to college or Tee Pee Talk.

What impact has your mentor had on your life?

He has taught me skills I need for my future career as well as social aspects.

How long have you known your mentor?

I've known Mr. Streit since my freshman year.

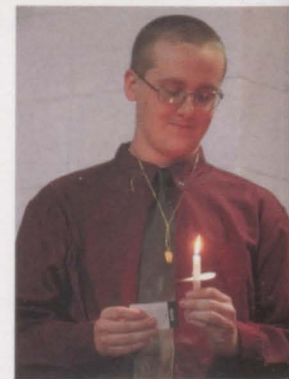
What have you enjoyed about NHS?

I love participating in community service. It gives me an opportunity to help in the community with my friends.



7:17 PM ► Senior Lizbeth Acosta signs her name into the membership book while her father, Miguel, watches. "My dad was my mentor because he's a really good guy. I've seen how he is and I want to be like him some day," Acosta said.

7:37 PM ► Junior Steven Steinbacher smiles as the induction ceremony nears its end. "I really enjoyed the ceremony. The candle burning held a lot of significance for me," Steinbacher said.





7:34 PM ► Juniors Brian Gray, Maressa Garcia and Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado hold their candles steady during the ceremony.

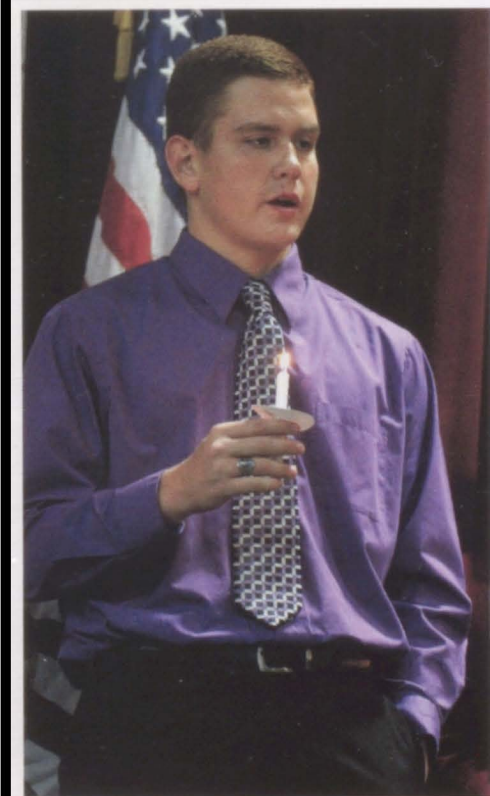
STARTING SMALL



1:59 PM ► Junior Mikaela Bennett assists a resident of the Bonner Springs Care Center make a valentine as part of her small group project with Shelby Taylor and Lauren Murphy on Feb. 14.



1:33 PM ► Junior Shelby Taylor visits with a resident before making valentines. "It was a lot of fun making crafts with the residents," Taylor said. "They even invited us to stay for their party and dance."



7:36 PM ► Junior Logan Shearer patiently awaits the recites the NHS pledge as part of his induction on Oct. 23.



7:35 PM ► Seniors Katelyn Cochran and Alex Carter graciously pass the candles to one another while Carter's mother, Ruth, looks on.

II PAUSE & REFLECT



"I joined NHS because it looks good on your college resume. Making time to do the service projects was pretty difficult because of my work schedule. But it was all worth it."

—ABIGAIL WARD



"I became a better person by doing community service. Cleaning up the highway was a great experience for me. I would do it all over again if I could."

—BRIDGET RITTINGHOUSE



"I do community service all the time. It's really cool to be able to incorporate it with the school. My favorite project was reading to the fourth graders at BSE."

—MADISON STUMBOUGH



7:19 PM ▶ Carrying on the tradition of holding up a shoe during kick-off, seniors Sasha Bingaman, Caroline Clark and Christopher Hogeland cheer on the Braves at the first home football game.



LOUD & PROUD

Braves show spirit all year long

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

Through the fall and winter, Orange Crush is present at football and basketball games cheering on the athletes.

Membership to Orange Crush is open to all students willing to make some noise, and the group was led by two active captains: seniors Caroline Clark and Robby Glenn.

"My goal as an Orange Crush captain was to pump up the crowd," Clark said. "If the crowd had a lot of energy, we had more fun. I like to think that our

energy helped the teams get fired up too."

Some interesting moments in Orange Crush happened during football games when the group showed up to a football game in costume on Halloween and the other when they threw powder into the air during a cheer.

"I think that Orange Crush is most exciting in the fall because the Friday night weather is perfect and everyone wants to get out and enjoy it," senior Sasha Bingaman said.

DRESS IT UP



Juniors Jacob Kraus (left), Mikaela Bennett, Lauren Murphy, and Shelby Taylor showed up at the Oct. 31 district football game against Spring Hill decked out in their finest Halloween costumes. The group got together after school to tease their hair and to apply gruesome-looking makeup to their faces.

"I enjoyed giving the Orange Crush section a zombie twist," Murphy said. "It was funny seeing the reactions to our new look."



6:55PM ▶ Sophomores Kennedy Bacon and Miyah Hightower dressed as blind mice. "Even though it was Halloween, we still showed up to support our Braves in costume," Bacon said.

7:55 PM ▶ Showing her support, senior Alex Carter sports a tribal outfit which she created with fellow senior Hannah Hunt.

STEPPING OUT IN STYLE

GQ comes to Bonner Springs

After disappearing last year, Mr. Bonner Springs came back with a little twist—there was also a Ms. Bonner Springs competition added to showcase our spirited seniors.

Instead of guys dressing as girls, contestants had to dress professionally and had to answer a variety of questions.

The candidates for Mr. Bonner Springs included Jessie Crider, Travis Dooley, Robby

Glenn, Skyler Lucas, Jordan Jackson, Josiah Seaton and Weston Vitt. The female candidates included Kennedy Bizzell, Kayla Greer, Kylie Jarrett-Collier and Brianna Sawyer.

Dooley and Greer went on to win the titles of Mr. and Ms. Bonner Springs.

"It was nerve-racking talking in front of people," Greer said. "I was surprised, but happy that I won."



2:27 PM ▶ Senior Travis Dooley glides in on his Heely's to enhance his entrance. "I knew that if I wanted to win I was going to have to do something to grab the judge's attention," said Dooley.



2:19 PM ▶ Senior Kayla Greer (left) answers questions from emcee Alex Carter. Kylie Jarrett-Collier (above) tries to woo the judges as Elizabeth Barger looks on. "It was a new thing for me because I wouldn't imagine myself walking down the aisle in front of the whole school. It was a liberating experience," said Jarrett-Collier. Finally, Jessie Crider (right) makes his way to center stage to the beat of "Suit and Tie."



FIERCE RIVALRIES



HAYDEN HOFFINE: PIPER

"They used to beat us all the time and they think really highly of themselves. I just go crazy and if I know the players I yell at them."



PRESTON PYLES: MILL VALLEY

"I used to go there. I talk a lot of trash and I know I'm in people's heads when I start sweating. I like to talk to the refs; we have a love-hate relationship."



JACOB WYLIE: PIPER

"I think they get too much publicity. I scream and say things to get in their heads. I just put my headband on and get in the zone."

WHAT MAKES YOU LOUD?



KU BASKETBALL

"I just sit there and if something isn't going right I yell at the TV and tell the players what they're doing wrong. During the Stanford vs. Kansas game, I had to turn off the TV."

— MCKINDREA HUDSON



NASCAR

"I like Nascar because all the drivers are down-to-earth. The last 50 laps are the most interesting to watch because that's when they take all the risks. If Dale Jr. is in front, I get loud."

— NATHAN SPROWL



SPORTING KC

"I'm always cheering, jumping up and down, and I get excited when we score. I like Sporting KC because they're local and it's my home team in my home town."

— TANER SHIPMAN



HELPING HANDS

Students find opportunities to help out

BY ANNA DUTTON

Whether it's donating blood or composting food scraps, students had many opportunities to help the environment and the community.

The 28 members of the Green Team faithfully met during Projects Time on Thursdays to collect recycling, such as bottles or paper, from classrooms. The number of students helping out started off high, but unfortunately dwindled as the year progressed.

Another volunteer group, the Ecology Task Force (ETF), teamed up with Sarabeth Morgan's Advanced Studies class to support and extend what the Green Team does.

Ecology Task Force built a compost bin in September and is now in charge of the school's composting efforts. All materials composted were donated to a local organic garden.

The task of the day-to-day collection of waste for the compost bin was managed by freshman Isaaah Jeffries, who volunteered for the job.

"I am doing the Ecology Task Force to create a healthy, clean and safe environment for us to live in," Jeffries said. "The smell never really bothered me. It took about 30 seconds to empty the waste."

ETF members also proposed an idea to get rid of the Styrofoam trays and plastic silverware in the cafeteria and to replace them with reusable trays and stainless steel silverware.

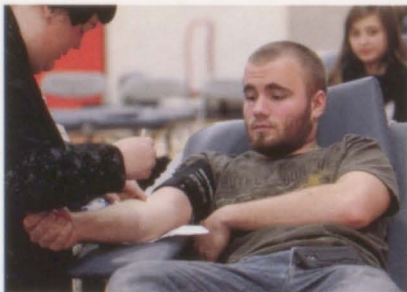
Students researched the cost and benefits and then presented their ideas to Dr. Joe Hornback, principal, with the hopes of getting everything ordered and ready for the next school year.

"Our mission is to educate the student body about the danger of Styrofoam and plastic and the benefits of reusable trays," Morgan said.



11:36 AM ► Freshman Isaaah Jeffries cuts down the chicken wire, so it will fit on the palettes of the compost bin.

11:20 AM ► Senior Tyler Eickhoff carefully watches the process while getting ready to give blood at the Dec. 10 drive.



12:10 PM ► Doing his part, sophomore Andrew Bryant squeezes a rubber ball to calm his nerves while donating for the first time. "I was nervous, but I would do it again," Bryant said.



12:48 PM ► Junior Amber Cox tries to stay relaxed as she donates blood at the December blood drive. "I've done it twice," Cox said. "I was more nervous than stressed that I was going to pass out."

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Students had the chance to help others through December and February blood drives coordinated by National Honor Society.

59

First-time donors

97

Total pints collected

141

Students tried to donate blood





11:10 AM ► During a fourth-hour work day, freshman Ryan Weibrecht attaches chicken wire to the compost bin which is located outside of the cafeteria.



11:20 AM ► Juniors Kaleigh Taylor and Rachel Johnson (front) and seniors Mariah Seifert and Chris Nobles adjust the railings. "Being a part of ETF opened my eyes to the importance of preserving the wellness of our environment," Seifert said. "I enjoyed doing projects to improve the quality of our school like composting and informing others about the dangers of Styrofoam."

11:18 AM ► Junior Rachel Johnson staples the wire to keep the compost bin secure. "I do Ecology Task Force to support the community garden and to help benefit our school and the environment," Johnson said.

Q+A

LACEY DEAN



What types of things do you recycle?

I recycle aluminum, glass, paper and plastic.

Why do you recycle?

I recycle because it helps the planet and it reduces the waste in our house.

What inspired you to start recycling?

My family noticed we were going through five trash bags per week; recycling brought it down to two.

How do you feel about people who don't recycle?

I feel like everybody should, but it's their choice. I understand why people don't because it's harder than people make it out to be.

II PAUSE & REFLECT

SKYLER ROACH

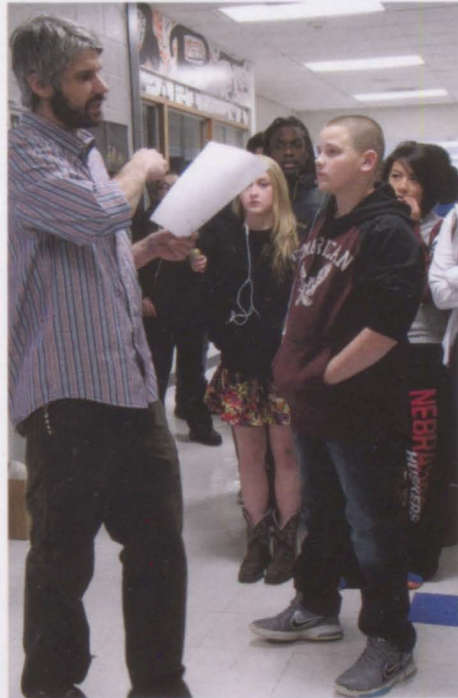


"I became interested in Ecology Task Force my sophomore year. I wanted to make the school a cleaner and healthier environment for my peers. I'm hoping that others pick up on the example I'm setting to make our school more environmentally friendly."

GREEN TEAM



12:55 PM ► Junior Hyojae Lee (top photo) and freshman Miles Sheldon collect and dispose of recycling during Projects Times to keep the building in shape.



12:47 PM ► Green Team sponsor Jason Romanishin gives instruction at the start of Projects Time while new freshmen club members Alyssa Bland and Joshua Ray look on.

During one Projects Time, we followed a group of students: Brian Gray, Jonathan Nay, and Dolan Kile. To the right is a timeline of what tasks they accomplished during their route.



"I enjoy Green Team because I want to help the environment and keep the Earth clean."

—Dolan Kile



"Green Team is an easy way to do something positive for the Earth and to hang out with friends."

—Brian Gray



"It is something to do with my friends, and it helps the environment at the same time."

—Jonathan Nay

12:40
Arrived in Romanishin's room

12:46
Started collecting in the basement

12:51
Made first trip to the parking lot recycling bin

12:54
Put containers back, collected new ones

12:59
Went back outside to the recycling bin

1:08
Put containers back, returned to Romanishin's room



GET A CLUE

Classic board game comes to life

BY CAROLINE CLARK

From the first moment, the mystery began to build when the classic board game *Clue: The Musical* took center stage on Nov. 14. Who would be the murderer? What was the weapon?

The suspense factor was stronger than most in this production, seeing as not even the cast knew how it was going to end.

At the beginning, audience members picked the cards from the three categories: Who, where, and with what. The chosen cards were then hidden until the end of the play, when the narrator, Mr. Boddy, revealed them and solved the mystery.

"Not knowing how it was going to end was my favorite thing about the play. The element of surprise and not knowing is what enables you to have fun with your character," said senior Kortni Sanborn, who played Mrs. White.

Even with the numerous possible endings, the

same murderer was picked all three nights: Professor Plum, played by Devyn Robben.

"I didn't expect the play to end the same way all three nights, and I felt bad that everyone else didn't get a chance to play the murderer. I only practiced my murder part once during rehearsals," Robben said.

Because of the variety, the cast still had to memorize a multitude of different endings.

"I had to memorize so many lines you couldn't count them. Literally we got a book about a half-inch thick, and I had to memorize over half that," said sophomore Tyler Dill, who played Mr. Boddy.

The cast was unusually small for this production, with just eight performers.

"I kind of wish we would have had a bigger cast, but I'm really glad we had the small cast we did," said junior Hayley Hinton, who played the detective. "We got to get closer to each other and even made lasting friendships. The bond with my musical cast mates is a special one."

7:38 PM ► Senior Nathan Allenbrand (Mr. Green) and junior Airyana Fox (Miss Scarlet) sing about the unfortunate murder of Mr. Boddy.



60 SECONDS WITH Emily Prince



Director Brian White had never had an assistant director before this production, and he chose senior Emily Prince to fill this new role. "It's always nice to have help and someone else to bounce ideas off of. For the student director, it gives them a glimpse of all of the work it takes to complete this project and a feel for what is required in life outside of the high school student setting," said White.

What was your role as assistant director?

I researched and ordered props and stage materials, developed the rehearsal schedule, filled in when someone was absent, took notes during rehearsals and figured out what needed to be done and anything else the situation called for.

How much time did you dedicate to the play?

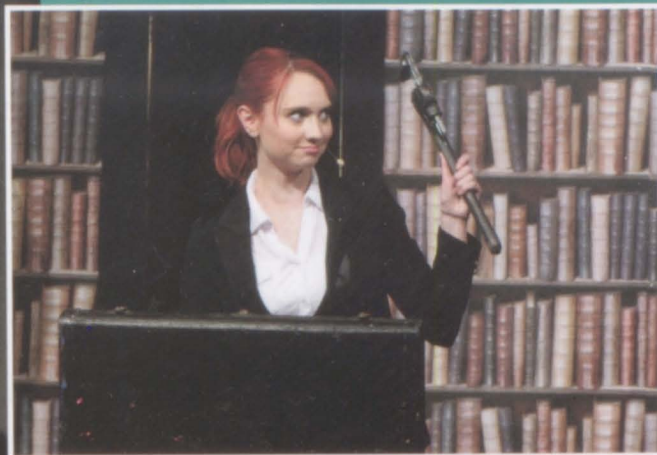
I stayed after school every day and also worked on it during fourth hour because I was Mr. White's aide.

Would you be assistant director again?

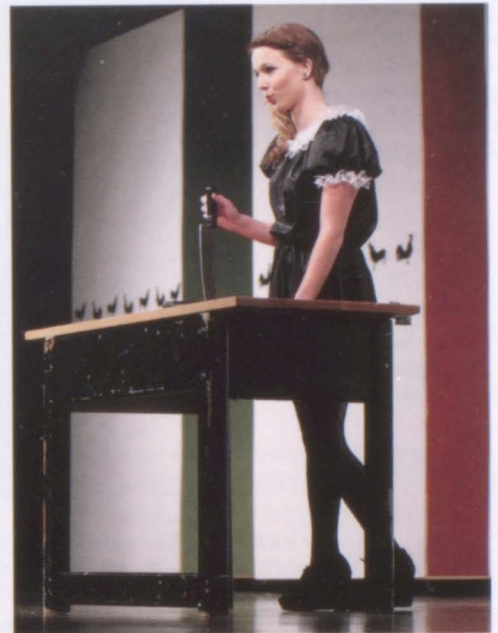
Most definitely. It was stressful and crazy at times, but nothing beats bonding with the people and seeing the performance on opening night, knowing you were a part of making it into what it is. It's that feeling that makes it all worth it.



8:36 PM ► Pacing through the library, sophomore Devyn Robben contemplates his role in the murder. "I enjoyed my interrogation scenes the most," said Robben.

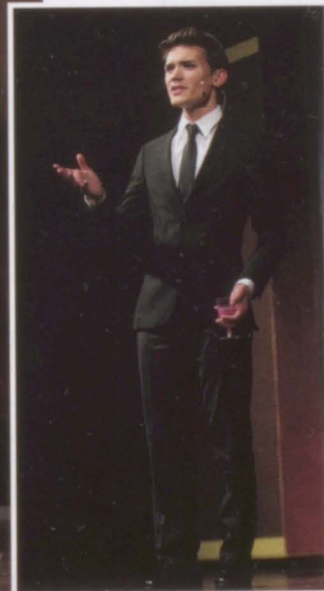


8:09 PM ▶ Senior Hayley Hinton (the detective) finds some interesting evidence while interrogating the suspects. "What I liked best about my character was the faux confidence. She'd say things that were obviously strange, but she just kept running with it," Hinton said.



7:30 PM ▶ Unaware that Colonel Mustard (Nathan Schaber) was creeping up behind her, Mrs. Peacock (Hannah Scheck) looks on. "Personally, I enjoyed how evil Mrs. Peacock was, almost like Cruella De Vil," Scheck said.

8:28 PM ▶ Wielding a large knife to make her point, senior Kortni Sanborn (Mrs. White) asks Mr. Boddy emphatically for a raise. "I liked playing Mrs. White because of her snarky, crude personality," Sanborn said.



9:03 PM ▶ Sophomore Tyler Dill (Mr. Boddy) addresses the audience during the First Act. "I liked the fact that I got to be the diva in control and order people around," Dill said.

3:14 PM ▶ CLUE cast: Tyler Dill, Kortni Sanborn, Hannah Scheck, Nathan Schaber, Airyana Fox, Nathan Allenbrand, Devyn Robben and Hayley Hinton.



WHAT'S COOKING?

"My favorite thing about our table is the range of different conversations we have on a daily basis. My favorite topic is the government's influence on our school's system."

—**FAITH SEATON**

"I enjoy stimulating conversations with my peers. We talk about a range of topics, from the corruption of our government to what TV show we watched last night."

—**MICHAELA AUGUSTINE**

"It's nice to sit at lunch with all of my friends. I like the interactive conversation at our table. Everyone always has something smart to say."

—**COLTON HARVEY**

"We talk about racial inequality and the effect it's having on our world. We get really heated over it."

—**BOBBY CROWLEY**

"I learn something new every day at this table. It's the best part of my day because we actually talk about things I care about."

—**ETHAN LEMON**



MY LUNCH BUNCH

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

TACO TUESDAY

"It's kind of gross eating the same thing every week. I don't think the meat in the tacos is real meat."

—**HALEY LAMPSON**

CHICKEN PATTY WEDNESDAY

"I actually look forward to the chicken patties. I think they're the only good food that they serve."

—**MERANDA HULL**

ITALIAN THURSDAY

"It's always predictable. I think it would be okay to change it up, though. The lasagna is my favorite."

—**BRENDAN ORAHOOD**

PIZZA FRIDAY

"I really enjoy the pizza. It's one of the many things that I'm going to miss when I graduate."

—**MARC MCCLAIN**



9:41 AM ▶ Senior Kalim Raza Khan pulls a muffin tin out of the oven in his Culinary Essentials class.

Students are taught a mixture of baking and cooking techniques in the semester-long course.

9:14 AM ▶ Sophomore Bailey Pierce flips a piece of bacon in her second hour Culinary Essentials class. "Culinary Essentials teaches you how to prep food, cook and eat healthy," Pierce said.



2:24 PM ▶ Sophomore Victoria Hoover counts cupcakes to make sure there will be enough for a faculty dinner later that evening. Students in Dawn Sommers' 7th hour Event Management and Planning class prepared goods and hosted the dinner as a class project.

5:29 PM ▶ Sophomore Alexis Oden prepares pasta for the faculty dinner. "The students planned and prepared the meal. I was just there to supervise. They did it all," instructor Dawn Sommers said.

Q+A



EMILY BARGER

How has diabetes affected your life?

Well, I can't have juice as much as I used to and I love juice. Really, it's just been the little things that have changed. Now, I have to put insulin in my body. I also have to test my glucose at least ten times a day.

When were you diagnosed?

I was diagnosed on November 5, 2009.

Any rumors about Type 1 diabetes that aren't true?

Type 1 Diabetes is caused by your pancreas making insulin cells that seem foreign to the body. The body then attacks the foreign cells which causes the pancreas to fail. Type 1 Diabetes does NOT mean that you're overweight. That's Type 2. You can't get Type 1 by eating too much sugar. Type 1 Diabetics can eat whatever they want.

How do you balance school and diabetes?

When I leave to check my blood sugar, I just have to make sure that I pick up the work I missed from my classes.

II PAUSE & REFLECT



CAIL ISABELL

"I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on February 13, 2012. It was hard to cope with it at first, but I'm used to it by now. I use a diabetic pump to manage it. It's much better than the alternative, which would be getting a shot every time

I eat. Instead, I only need to be poked with a needle every three days. Typically, for a Type 1 Diabetic, blood glucose levels should stay between 70 and 140. I dose after every meal. If my blood sugar gets high, I feel really bad and I get a headache. If it's low, I feel tired and shaky. I think a lot of people mistake Type 1 diabetes as a disease where you can eat completely cut out sugars. However, that's not true at all. You can eat whatever you want. You just have to dose appropriately for it."

A SPECIAL DIET



GABBY BENNETT

What's it like being gluten free?

It actually helped me eat healthier. I cut a lot of carbs out of my diet by getting rid of bread.

What did you have to cut out of your diet?

I can't eat regular bread and no wheat. I eat a lot of wraps using lettuce.

How long have you been gluten free?

I started sticking to it about three or four months ago. My mom decided it would be a healthier decision.

Would you suggest it to others?

Yes. If you cut out regular bread, you won't bloat. After you stop eating bread, you don't crave it anymore.



GWEN BARRETT

What's it like being pescatarian?

It doesn't feel like anything different. It's healthier and it makes me feel better.

What does it mean to be pescatarian?

It's when you don't eat meat except seafood. That's the only difference from being vegetarian.

How long have you been a pescatarian?

I've been doing it since eighth grade, although I was originally vegan. (I switched because I missed ice cream.)

Would you suggest it to others?

If you can eat right and avoid unhealthy habits, then I say yes.



LANYSHA MAYS PROFILE Culinary Classes

What made you want to attend classes at the KCKCC Technical Center?

I love to cook and I wanted to further my dream of becoming a pastry chef and owning my own shop.

How did you discover your interest in cooking and culinary arts?

When I was a little girl I had about five different Easy Bake Ovens, so I basically grew up cooking and just loved it ever since.

What was the best part of the TEC program?

My favorite thing was the different styles of cooking we were introduced to every day and the new foods we got to try.

What's your favorite thing to prepare?

Fruit pies. They're difficult to make, and I like the challenge.

What are your favorite cooking shows?

I love to watch *Cake Boss* and *Cupcake Wars*.

What will you do after graduation?

I am going to San Antonio to further my studies at the Culinary Institute of America.

WHAT'S YOUR GO-TO FOOD?



ALEXANDRIA JENKINS

"I know it sounds weird but my go-to food would have to be broccoli and cheese rice. I've been eating it since I was little. It's absolutely delicious."



KAYLAN ROBERTS

"I love eating cereal as my go-to snack, Cocoa Pebbles in particular is my favorite. I like cereal mainly because it's convenient and I can get to it whenever I want."

WHAT'S A FOOD THAT DISGUSTS YOU?



AARON ASHFORD

"I once ate a whole box of General Tso's Chicken at a Chinese restaurant because it tasted so good. Later that night I got sick on it, and it didn't taste so good coming back up. I'll never eat it again."



STEPHANIE BEST

"I absolutely hate spinach. It's completely gross. I'm also repulsed by sushi. I tried it once and I did not like it at all. It's raw fish. That's just disgusting."



YOU ATE WHAT?

ENGLISH TEACHER ANN SMITH

"I have been so many places, but everywhere I go I have to be immersed in the culture and that includes eating their delicacies. I have eaten chicken feet in Asia, alligator tail in Florida, and grubs and fried termites. Chicken feet have barely anything on them, and the fried termites are the weirdest thing I've ever eaten. They were really salty and crunchy. Grubs are pretty gross, too. They're just put on a stick and roasted. The alligator tail wasn't that bad, though. Once I retire, I plan on visiting more cultures. There is still more strange food to try."



FINDING CHEMISTRY

Team comes together to achieve a goal

BY SHELBEY TAYLOR

A lot can change in a year and that's exactly what the boys soccer team was striving for: change.

Despite last year's one-win season, all the boys were determined to make this season better. Everyone had the same goal and together the boys achieved that goal by ending the season with a winning record.

"The season exceeded my expectations as I felt the team had an excellent chance to advance in regions," head coach Mike Moulin said.

Experiencing the loss of six seniors, the boys started this season with only 20 people showing up for tryouts. This put the team in a tricky situation, requiring some boys to play both JV and varsity. Only nine athletes were designated to

play just varsity games. Some saw it as an advantage while others saw it as a disadvantage.

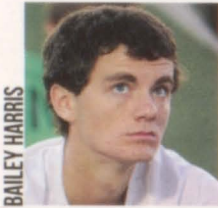
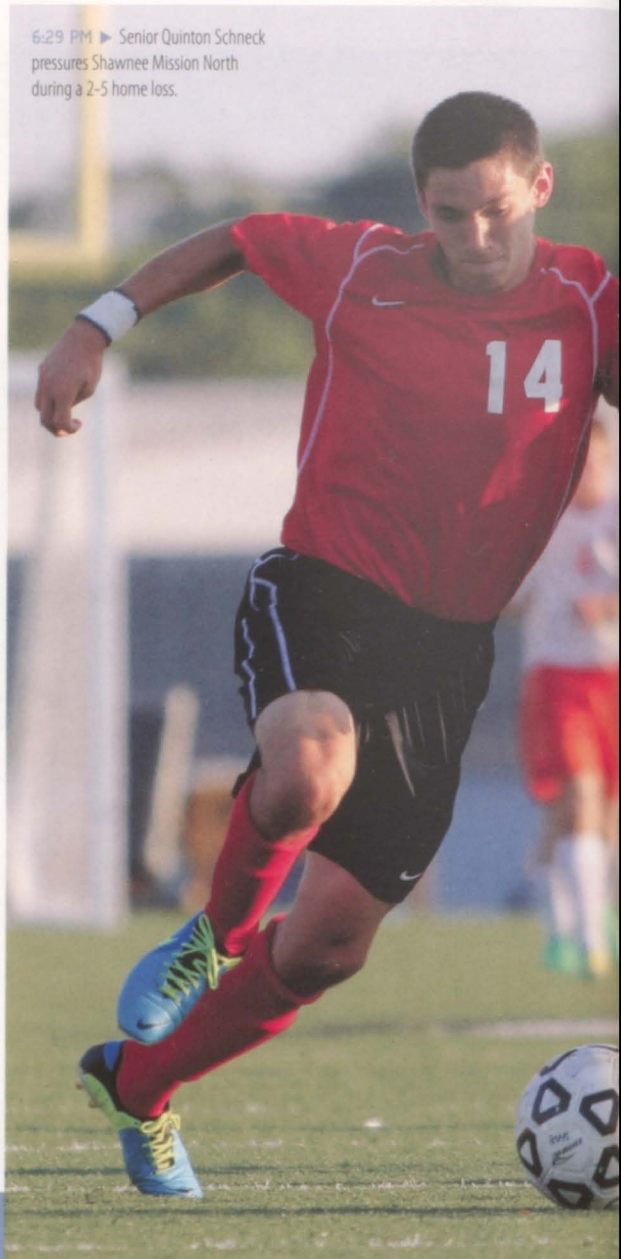
"The advantage was that we were able to get more individual attention," senior Austin Schuler said. "It allowed for some of the younger players to practice with varsity."

Despite low numbers, the boys worked hard and went 9-8 for the season while constantly improving their game.

"The Perry-Lecompton game was the one that stood out due to the fact that the varsity players moved the ball and switched the field of play throughout the entire match," Moulin said. "The ability to outwork opponents was the greatest strength of this year's team."

RECORD
9-8

6:29 PM ▶ Senior Quinton Schneck pressures Shawnee Mission North during a 2-5 home loss.



BAILEY HARRIS

“ GOING INTO THE SEASON I WAS HOPING WE WOULDN'T LOSE EVERY SINGLE GAME. I FELT WE DID A LOT BETTER THAN LAST YEAR. WE HAD A LOT BETTER TEAMWORK THIS YEAR.”

▶▶ Split Time

Devoting time to one sport is hard enough. But two? How do you do it?



TRAVIS DOOLEY

"It wasn't too hard playing both sports. I only practiced football and there weren't any soccer games I couldn't handle. I'm really glad I decided to play soccer. I enjoyed playing with all the people."



THADDEUS GLENN

"This was my first time playing soccer for the high school. I only played goalie for three weeks before being injured in football. It was pretty easy and fun playing both. It was a good experience."



ROMAN GLENN

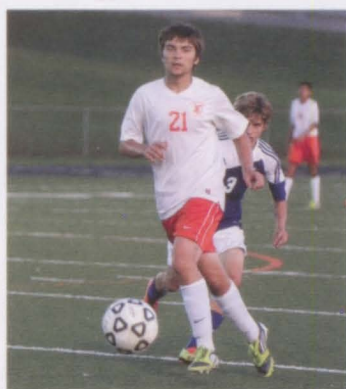
"It wasn't really hard playing both. I only had to practice football and it was pretty easy transitioning into soccer considering I've been playing for awhile."



7:02 PM ▶ Junior utility player Jacob Kraus pushes the ball upfield against Louisburg in a 2-0 home victory. "It was great to have a season with lots of wins and a team with great chemistry," Kraus said.



7:13 PM ▶ Lengthening his stride, senior Cody Pierce runs the ball towards the goal for a 3-0 win against Leavenworth. Reflecting on the season, Pierce said, "I didn't think I would get as many goals as I did. I got six overall, one goal in varsity and the rest in JV."



6:54 PM ▶ Carrying the ball out of pressure, senior defender Grant Lewis looks upfield to pass in a 1-0 win against Spring Hill. "We did a lot better than last year and that was the whole goal," Lewis said.

Q+A

AUSTEN SCHULMEISTER

How was your first year playing for the Braves?



It was fun. I played with everyone in leagues before playing with them in high school.

What position did you play?

I was expecting to play on the field, but I filled in as goalie when Thaddeus was injured. I like playing goalie more than the field; everyone counts on me and it's definitely rewarding.

What was your most memorable moment?

My first game playing as goalie. The reaction of the team seeing that I could actually play goalie was a moment I will remember.

|| PAUSE & REFLECT

QUINTON SCHNECK



My worst moment came in our game against Fort Scott.

I was running towards the goalie on a through ball when I collided with one of their players. We were both screaming when I heard him say "my leg." I looked over and his bone was sticking out the side of his leg. I still had not looked at my leg and wasn't going to now. Tanner Shipman was the first of my teammates over to the accident. The first thing I asked him was, "Does my leg look like his?" He replied that I "just had a gash," so I was relieved. After they helped me off the field to the sideline, I watched the rest of the game in pain."

ROBBY GLENN

PROFILE



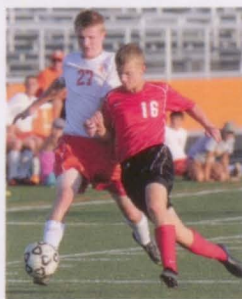
7:29 PM ▶ Junior Sam Nelson outruns a Kansas City East Christian player at a home game, where he contributed one goal and one assist. "We won some and lost some, but overall it was my favorite season," Nelson said.

6:14 PM ▶ Cutting between two Spring Hill defenders, senior Colin Barker carries the ball upfield in a close 1-0 victory. "I'm happy with my season because we never gave up; we were one," said Barker, who contributed seven goals for the year.



7:33 PM ▶ Senior Robby Glenn is met by teammates and coaches after scoring a goal to win the game in overtime against Turner. "Travis headed the ball to me and I was there to put it in," Glenn said.

6:39 PM ▶ One on one, senior Robby Glenn moves the ball up the field in a home loss against Shawnee Mission North.



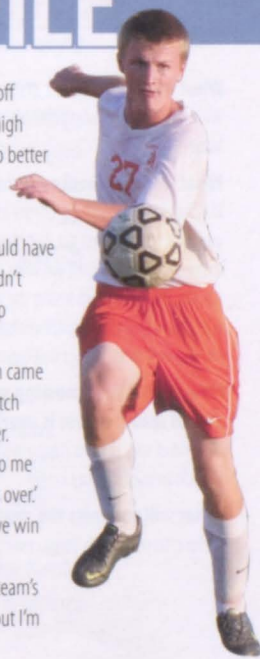
When the start of the season kicked off for senior leader Robby Glenn, he had high expectations. He didn't just expect to do better than last year, but to win state.

"I knew we were going to have a winning record," Glenn said, "but we could have done better. We lost to teams we shouldn't have lost to like Bishop Ward and Bishop Miege."

Glenn said the highlight of his season came in a moment of truth during a close match against Tonganoxie in the season opener.

"I'm back post and Quinton sends it to me and I'm thinking, 'If we get this goal, it's over.' The ball comes to me. I head it in and we win the game," Glenn said.

Overall, Glenn was pleased with the team's improvement, "I'm a little sad it's over, but I'm satisfied."





BAGEL BUDDIES

KYNNEDY SHEPHERD

Senior Sasha Bingaman and sophomore Kynnedy Shepherd (left) had the dubious distinction of winning the Bagel Award, given to the player who had the most "bagels" (losing a match without winning a game). "It's not the best award to get, but it's the most fun," Shepherd said. "I laughed it off because I learned so much by the opportunity to play there."



SASHA BINGAMAN

"It's kind of funny because at the beginning of the season Coach Scott makes us fill out these note cards with our goals, and since I got the Bagel Award my sophomore year (the only other year I've played), it was my goal to NOT get the Bagel Award this year. However, I did get it and I set a new bagel record for Bonner along the way. I have only played tennis to have fun and even with the many losses, that's exactly what I did."



10:26 AM ► Senior Hannah Hunt returns a serve while playing doubles at a dual against Lawrence High School.

60 SECONDS WITH Alexandra Carter

What were the team's strengths?

We had a lot of returning seniors, so that brought leadership.

What was your best career memory?

Playing doubles with Liz Barger at regionals this year. We lost the first set, but then came back in the second set when we were down three games. We wound up losing the third set, but I was proud of the focus, concentration and skill we showed to finish out our careers.

How does it feel knowing your high school sports career is over?

It's kind of sad, but I'm happy with the memories I made throughout my career.

What will you miss the most?

Getting to see Coach Congo every day.





10:51 AM ► Senior Kayla McPherson gets ready to return a volley with a strong forehand during a match at the Baldwin Tournament. "I played a lot better than I did in the past, and the conditioning helped to make me more athletic and prepared me for joining the Marines," McPherson said.

II PAUSE & REFLECT



ELIZABETH BARGER

"Senior year of tennis gave me a feeling of appreciation because I really noticed how I had progressed and gotten better. I have great memories with my tennis friends Hannah and Lexi and with Alex, my best friend and doubles partner, all because of tennis."



LILLY LACKNER

"This season was a lot different because we had no juniors and so many freshmen. Since it was my second year, I tried and practiced a lot harder. Last year, I just wanted to check it all out, but my improvement made this season a lot better for me."



KAITLYN ROSE

"This was my first year ever playing tennis. When I first got on the court, I had no idea what I was doing, but I finally got into the groove of it. I practiced and worked hard, and I even got to participate in tournaments. I had a great season and can't wait till next year."

DYNAMIC DUO

Broken racket brings journey to an end

BY QUINTON SCHNECK

For senior Hannah Hunt and her doubles partner Alexis Tendick, a sophomore, the opportunity to play at the state tournament in Topeka was the realization that a goal had been achieved.

"It felt good knowing we had worked hard and that our hours of practice paid off," Hunt said.

Unfortunately, the duo lost in the first round of the double elimination tournament to a team from Andover Central, 1-6, 0-6.

In their consolation match against Independence, they were holding their own until Hunt's racket broke right before it was her turn to serve. She didn't have a spare nor did the coaches from either team.

"It finally snapped after the constant hitting. I had used my racket all season and I couldn't believe that it decided to fail me on the last game of my last high school match ever," Hunt said. "Overall, I can't imagine not having Lexi by my side

to experience something that we may not ever forget."

Despite their bad luck, Hunt and Tendick enjoyed their first post-season trip.

"It was interesting, but tough. There was some really good competition," Tendick said. "It felt good to be there and having Hannah there with me was perfect."

Head coach Bill Scott said the duo's strength was their compatibility.

"They never got down on each other when one was making more of the mistakes," Scott said.

Scott said that their best performance came at regionals in a fifth-place victory over Ottawa. They also placed first in the doubles bracket of the DeSoto Wildcat Invitational with an overtime victory over Leavenworth.

Other team highlights included the large number of girls on the squad and a fourth-place team finish at their home invitational.



3:46 PM ► Junior Alexis Tendick focuses on the ball intensely while playing at home. Tendick and her doubles partner Hannah Hunt, a senior, posted a 22-11 record. "I really enjoyed playing with Hannah," Tendick said. "We had lots of fun but also worked very hard to get where we wanted to be."



“I TRIED MY BEST THIS SEASON AND REALIZED I NEED TO WORK HARDER FOR MY GOAL.”

—JOE CASTEEL

8:33 AM ► Junior Joe Casteel pushes forward in one of three home meets at Wyandotte County Park. Casteel finished the dual against Ottawa in 10th place at 11:54.

8:00 AM ► After the gunsmoke, Madison Hammons, Citlally Fernandez Alvarado, Rachel Barber, Aubrie Fredrickson, Bailey Hightower, Faith Seaton, Gwen Barrett and Lilly Eickhoff take off together in the season-opening dual against Ottawa. Hightower was the top finisher, placing third at 14:39.



TOUGH LUCK

Teams push through adversity

BY DJ SIMPSON

Through the many highs and the lows, the cross country teams were still able to find success on both the boys and girls squads.

The boys battled through much of their season. Many runners were sick throughout various times in the season, and those illnesses took a toll.

The team was led with leadership and drive by senior Austin Schuler and junior Joe Casteel. The two had the squad's fastest times with 17:04 and 18:24, respectively.

According to head coach Bill Downing, the boys team highlight came when both the junior varsity and varsity teams took first place at the WyCo Invitational. Both teams scored perfect 15's, and the varsity squad had six runners in the Top 10.

Even though they had great summer off-season workouts and high expectations, injuries and illnesses also derailed the girls season, according to coach Rob Marriott.

Due to knee injuries, respiratory problems and allergies, the Lady Braves ended up hitting a rough patch during their season but we were able to overcome these problems at the WyCo Championships on Sept. 21.

Like the boys, they won the title and had seven girls in the Top 14 runners. Senior Bailey Hightower and sophomore Gwen Barrett paced the squad by finishing fourth and fifth. Hightower had a time of 21:42 while Barrett locked in at 20:44.

Overall, both teams had successful seasons not only with growth as a whole, but also individually.

BEGINNER'S LUCK

The team's numbers were raised by newcomers senior Bailey Hightower and sophomore Gwen Barrett.

Hightower and Barrett contributed their best times at the Bonner Invitational where Hightower finished 78th at 18:18 and Barrett was 79th at 18:18.5. Despite their inexperience, the duo finished with the 9th and 10th overall best times for the girls' program.

"It was my senior year and I wanted to do more," said Hightower. "I'm a midfielder in soccer and I'm running up and down the field for the whole game, so I figured it would help to get me in shape for that. Even though as a team we didn't compete very well, I still had a lot of fun and became better friends with some of the girls I really didn't know very well."



BAILEY HIGHTOWER

"I thought it would be a lot more difficult than it was. I was dreading the first practice because I'd never run just to run. Once you figure out that it's all in your head, it becomes easier to push through the work."



GWEN BARRETT

"It was a good first year and it got me in shape. I went out because I love to run and the team encouraged me to join. Getting into shape at the start of the season was the hardest part. After that, it was fun."



4:21 PM ► Senior Citlally Fernandez Alvarado paces herself at the Kaw Valley League meet with teammate and fellow senior Kayla McPherson following closely behind. Fernandez Alvarado finished in 48th place with a time of 23:29.

9:32 AM ► Sophomore Kennedy Bacon stays focused while competing at Miego where she finished 21st with a team-best time of 18:33.

8:37 AM ► Senior William Scott and sophomore Riley Ballou-Lyngstad pace themselves while competing at WyCo. Scott finished the race in 15th place at 12:39.

AUSTIN SCHULER

For his Senior Project, Austin Schuler trained for and ran 105 miles in four days to raise money for the Cooper Connor Endowed Fund For Pulmonary Research at Children's Mercy Hospital. Cooper Connor was a child who suffered from an unspecified pulmonary disorder that took his life on May 30, 2007. A stranger to the Connor family, Schuler raised \$1,620 dollars for Connor's foundation.

Schuler's journey began at 7 a.m. on July 21 when he started the first day of his four-day challenge of running 27 miles each day on the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail in Ottawa.

"My Senior Project allowed me to run a lot more miles than what I normally would have," said Schuler. "It put me in better shape and got me ready for the season. On an emotional note, meeting Blish Connor, Cooper's mom, had an impact on me and really connected me on a personal level to the charity event. It made my project meaningful knowing that the money was going to a good cause and I would do it again in a heartbeat."

During his final cross country season, Schuler had a best time of 17:04 at the Bonner Invitational where he placed 9th. He was the team's lone competitor at state where he ended up placing due to some unusual circumstances.

"Two people switched timing chips, but only came in ahead of me so he got disqualified," said Schuler, who originally came in 21st, but because of the disqualification he placed 20th and received his first state cross country medal.



8:33 AM ► Senior Zach Quigley leads the pack at a home meet at Wyandotte County Park with his teammates in tow. Quigley's best time came at regionals where he finished at 19:52.



FORWARD PROGRESS

Braves flip record but fall short

BY MIKAELA BENNETT

Opening their season with a four-game winning streak, the Braves rolled over their opponents and outscored them 204-113. One key win came on Homecoming over cross-rival Piper.

"Beating Piper was definitely one of the highlights of the season," said third-year head coach Lucas Aslin. "They beat us last year and there was a lot of controversy."

Unfortunately, the streak only lasted until Oct. 5 with a Saturday loss at Mill Valley. The last nine minutes of the game were postponed due to inclement weather the night before.

The Braves went on to win their next two games against Basehor and DeSoto before

losing the final two games in districts.

"We had a lot of injuries late in the year," Aslin said. "We just didn't finish the way we hoped to."

The season officially came to a close in district play with a 31-21 loss to Spring Hill. This loss was particularly tough on the squad's 18 seniors, who had just played the last game of their high school careers.

"I'll miss their leadership and the types of kids they were," said Aslin of his graduating seniors. "They were one of my favorite groups I've coached collectively, a bunch of ballers."

The Braves ended their season with a record of 6-3, flipping their last year's record of 3-6.

RECORD
6-3

2 DE SOTO MINUTE DRILL

After being shut out all night, the Braves played their best football in the game's final six minutes, scoring on their final three drives to grasp their first playoff win against DeSoto.

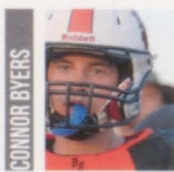
5:15 LEFT Jordan Jackson scores on a five-yard run to make the score 15-7, DeSoto

3:27 LEFT A strong defensive stop and a five-yard DeSoto punt gives the Braves great field position and a chance to come back and tie the game

2:50 LEFT Weston Vitt catches a 14-yard touchdown pass, making the score 15-13 in favor of DeSoto after a missed two-point conversion

2:48 LEFT Kicker Luciano Fasani hits a near-perfect squib kick that was recovered by Vitt

1:12 LEFT Fasani kicks a 29-yard field goal to give the Braves their first lead of the night and a 16-15 victory.



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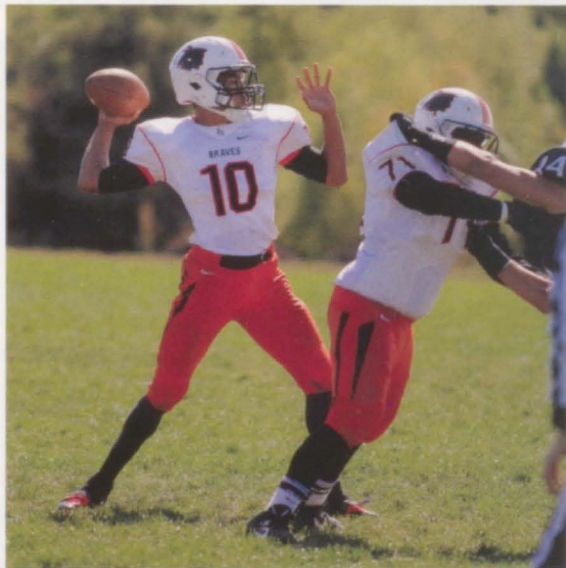
"It was probably the most nerve-wracking moment of the season. I had to catch it, put it down, and make sure the laces were up for Luciano. The game was exciting at the end, but frustrating at the start because we couldn't get anything going on offense."



DEVIN BURKE

"I was really excited and nervous at the same time, but I had confidence in our team and Luciano because he had made all of his field goals so far."

7:04 PM ▶ Senior running back Trevon Mason breaks through a Lansing defender at the second home game. "Lansing was the highlight of my year," Mason said. "I ran for 206 yards and scored six times."



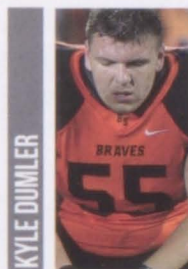
2:06 PM ▶ Senior quarterback Jordan Jackson makes the throw against Mill Valley, while fellow senior Johnathan Carter blocks. "It was an odd feeling knowing that I will never play another football game in a Bonner Springs jersey," said Jackson, who passed for 1,484 yards and rushed for another 755. "You put so much time and effort into it, then it's just over."



2:19 PM ▶ Junior Jonah Freese makes a diving tackle during a Saturday game at Mill Valley. Freese finished the season with 47 yards rushing and 528 yards receiving.



8:19 PM ▶ Moving through the mud, junior Preston Pyles crowds the runner during a playoff game at Spring Hill. Pyles finished the season with 27 tackles and 18 assists.



KYLE DUMLER

FAVORITE GAME:

"Basehor was my favorite game because it was a good chance to overcome hardship, and it's nice to beat a rival. I will never have that chance again."



AUSTIN GOODIN

FAVORITE GAME:

"My favorite football game was against Piper because we lost the previous year and it felt good to beat them this year."



7:13 PM ▶ Shaking the defense, senior Jared Knernschild avoids the tackle by a Spring Hill defender. Knernschild finished the season tied for the most team touchdowns with 11.

9:07 PM ▶ Senior Weston Vitt runs the ball down field during a district game against St. James. "I was very pleased with this season," Vitt said. "Everyone bought into the system and wanted to do well."

LUCIANO FASANI



43 YARDS
LONGEST FIELD GOAL

#2
RANK IN KANSAS

8 OF 8
FIELD GOALS

61
TOTAL POINTS
SCORED



When senior Luciano Fasani became the Braves go-to kicker, he had no idea he would finish as one of the state's best.

"I went in wanting to break school records," said Fasani, "I certainly didn't expect to be in the state's Top 5."

Fasani accomplished his goal by having a monster year and breaking several school records, including most field goals made and longest kick.

"I try not to think; I'm usually standing on the sidelines trying to clear my head," said Fasani of his normal routine. "When I overthink it, I tend to mess up, that's why I'm very quiet."

With just one extra point left on the field, Fasani finished his senior season as the No. 2 kicker in the state.



FINDING A GROOVE

With many changes, young team gets stronger

BY ROBYN LEWIS

Under the direction of second-year head coach Jan Madlock, the volleyball program continued to evolve.

One of many changes Madlock made came during the summer when she had a group of varsity players attend a camp at Pittsburg State.

"It was a tremendous benefit for our team," Madlock said. "The players had a chance to train and compete away from the distractions of everyday life. We were able to take a look at our offense and to figure out ways to make it better."

Sophomore Julianne Jackson also came away from camp with a positive view.

"I learned not to be so uptight about things and to be calm during passing and serve receive,"

said Jackson, who made the All-Star team.

The Lady Braves opened their season with a win over Eudora.

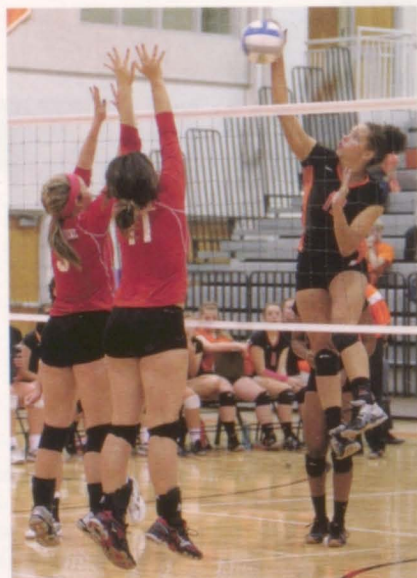
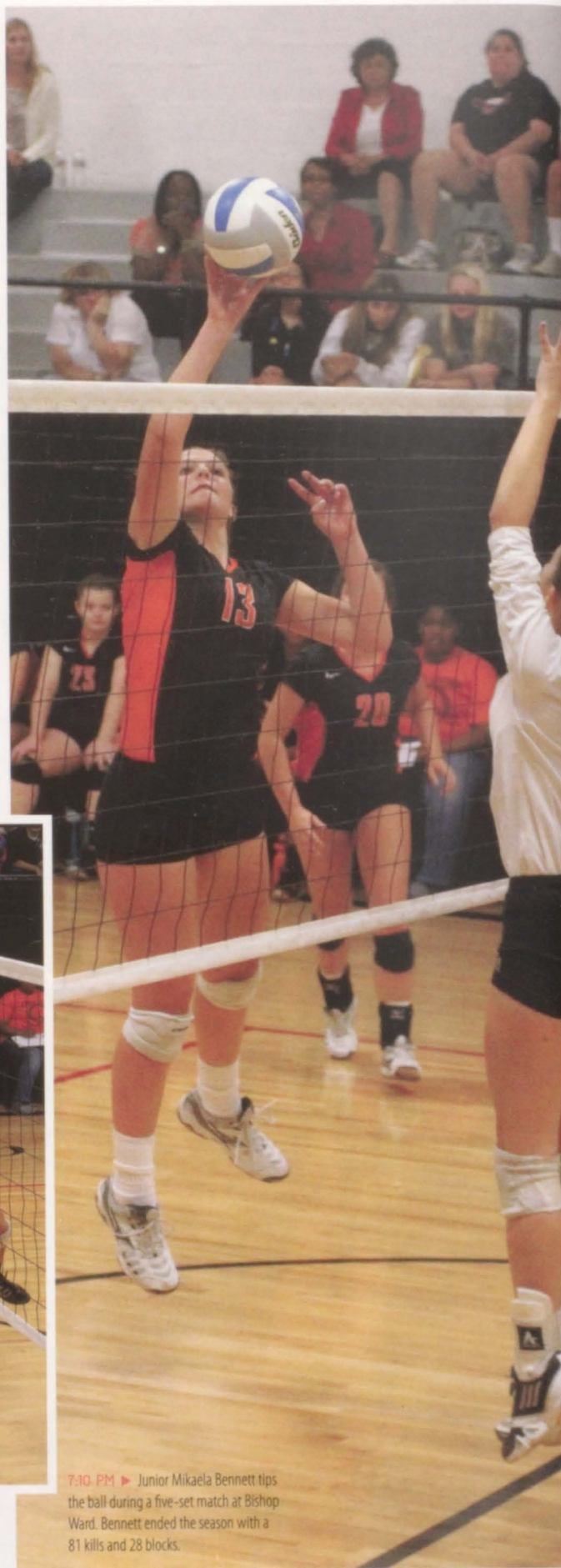
They also had a key win at Bishop Ward, taking the Lady Cyclones to five sets.

The most important victory came against Tonganoxie on Senior Night on Oct. 22. The Lady Braves were down 2-1 and rallied to win 3-2 with plenty of noise from both crowds.

The win was sweet because of a previous tournament loss and countless summer practices with the Tongie squad on Monday evenings.

"They were on match point of the third game, but we showed character by coming back and winning," Madlock said.

RECORD
15-22



7:18 PM ► Sophomore Julianne Jackson hits the ball to an open spot on the floor during a five-set home victory over Tonganoxie. Jackson led the team in kills with 209 and in blocks with 29.



6:31 PM ► Junior Shelby Taylor sets the ball during an away victory over Bishop Ward. "Our hitting improved a lot," Taylor said. "My favorite sets were the jump sets to Julianne in the middle. Every time I set that right set to her, I had the feeling that she would demolish it."

7:10 PM ► Junior Mikaela Bennett tips the ball during a five-set match at Bishop Ward. Bennett ended the season with a 81 kills and 28 blocks.



SHELBY MATA

What will you miss?

I will miss my amazing teammates and the coaches. They helped me grow tremendously this season.

What was your favorite event?

I loved being a part of the Dig Pink game. It was something the volleyball team had never done before.

What makes playing volleyball tough?

The worst time is when your skills are off during a game. It feels like you are letting the team down.

What was your best season memory?

When Coach Madlock told me she could always count on my passes when she needed them most. I had struggled with my confidence, so that was a huge boost. Beating Tongie on my senior night was pretty great too!



3:20 PM ► Sophomore Alazia Stanley (top left) serves the ball during a regional game at DeSoto. "We came together as a team and improved a lot throughout the season," Stanley said.

7:42 PM ► Finishing the season with 80 kills, senior Mariah Seifert (above) goes for a hit against Tonganoxie at home on Oct. 22. "I had a memorable senior season all thanks to my teammates and coach," Seifert said.

6:17 PM ► Splitting her time between JV and varsity, freshman Paige Krone joins the varsity huddle at a home game. "It was fun and exciting to play on varsity," said Krone. "It showed me the high school student-athlete experience."

WE DIG PINK



6:59 PM ► During the homecoming football game, junior Mikaela Bennett walks in front of the stands to advertise the Dig Pink event. "It was a fun way to help the Side Out Foundation and honor Coach Madlock's mom," Bennett said.

Team comes together for a cause

From bows to toes, the Lady Braves were all decked out in pink for the Oct. 15 home game against Mill Valley. Although they didn't come out with a win, the game was a great way to support the Side Out Foundation. The ladies put their heads together to come up with ideas to raise money the week before their game and ended with a grand total of \$380. This was made possible through selling donuts, root beer floats, yogurt and having a design your own T-shirt at the game.

"This was an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work that has been done in the field of cancer research," coach Jan Madlock said. "A Dig Pink event is a good way to raise funds, but more importantly to raise awareness."



WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SEASON?



CAITLIN REED

"Coming into the new program and playing with my cousin, Morgan Reed, was a lot of fun. Playing against my old school, Bishop Ward, for my first varsity game was the best highlight."



MORGAN REED

"The best part of my season was our home JV game against Mill Valley. The whole team did really well that game, and I'm glad I got to play with all of them."



KAYLA WILLIS

"I hit 17 serves in a row against DeSoto during a home match. The support of my teammates kept my momentum going."

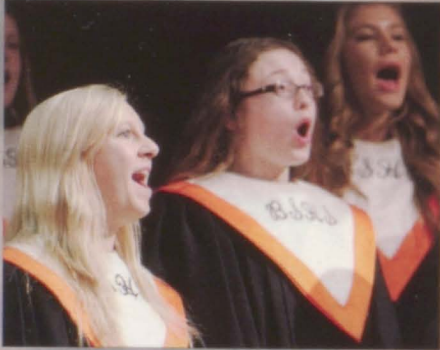


WINTER

"My favorite basketball game was at home vs. Mill Valley because that's the loudest we were all year. During halftime, we switched and went to other side so that we could get in their heads while they were on defense."

— JACOB LAING, 12

8:20 PM ▶ Senior Abigail Ward and sophomores Kendall Ellis and Heidi Rodgers sing at the winter choir concert on Dec. 12. "I prefer singing in a group because there's less pressure and we sound better together," Ward said.



12:45 PM ▶ Seniors Chandler Crouss (left) and Thomas Hook dissect cats in their fifth hour Anatomy class on Feb. 7. "The cat dissection made me more aware of where everything was located," Crouss said. "The best part was cutting out, cleaning and getting inside the heart."



9:30 AM ▶ Senior Demetri Hart participates in a selective focus activity in his second hour Photo Imaging class on Feb. 20. "I like toying around with Photoshop and having fun with it. Photo Imaging class allows me to polish my Photoshop skills," Hart said.

8:10 AM ▶ Studying how people react in social groups, junior Darryl Terrell and senior Trevon Mason play Monopoly in Sociology class on Dec. 19. "You learn a lot about how the mind reacts to different stuff. The funniest part was when everyone went bankrupt and people started throwing their money and houses," Mason said.



3:15 PM ▶ Instead of going straight home after school like many other students, senior Zach Quigley heads next door to the Bonner Springs YMCA pool where he works more than 25 hours a week as a lifeguard. Quigley has worked at the Y for almost two years and also spent a season lifeguarding at the Bonner Springs Aquatics Park. "I like lifeguarding because I like to be around water and I like the fact that if someone needed help I could be the one to do that," Quigley said.



7:10 AM ▶ While many students spend Saturday or Sunday morning in bed catching up on much-needed sleep, senior Jackie Calderon is already hard at work at Daylight Donuts in Bonner Springs. Calderon reports to work at 5 a.m. each weekend morning to beat the rush of customers who need something sweet to get them going. "I've been working at the shop since the second semester of my freshman year. I like it because it doesn't interfere with school, but sometimes it's a pain to get up so early," Calderon said.



MY TIME

Students find a variety of ways to earn money and stay busy

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

If they're lucky, most people wash their dogs once a month and do their best to take them on a brief, nightly walk. However, for freshman Summer Ney taking care of her two show dogs is anything but a casual walk in the park.

Ney has been showing dogs since the age of four and the interest definitely runs in the family. When her older sister, Shelby, got a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog from a breeder at age 15, the breeder suggested that Shelby show the dog. Shortly after, the Ney family competed in its first dog show at Council Grove and the hobby then blossomed into a full-time passion.

Ney spends a good part of her weekends and her week days working with and grooming her two Papillons, Player and Necessity, a father-daughter combination. On Monday evenings, Ney attends hour-long classes in Platte City to enhance skills and to interact with those who share her same interest.

Keeping up with her Papillons requires a lot of time and energy. Ney plays with them every day and also does their grooming, which includes shampooing, conditioning and whitening their coats.

"Grooming is a never-ending job, so when I see one of them looking a little dirty I have to go wash it and blow dry it. It's like it's snowing hair in my bathroom when I blow dry them," Ney said. "To get them ready for a full show, I spend over two hours on each dog. I trim nails, cut hair on their feet, tidy up their whiskers and brush their teeth."

Ney competes at 15 weekend shows each year and one huge week-long national show in the summer.

"I love making connections with the dogs in a show capacity because you get to open up a whole new brain path and get to see a different side of every dog. You get to really see their potential," Ney said.



Freshman Summer Ney and her Papillon, Player



5:05 PM ▶ Freshman Summer Ney plays with Gigantor, her family's Greater Swiss Mountain show dog. (Left) Ney works with Harper, also a Greater Swiss Mountain dog, who is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation. "Her bone structure, movement and attitude are exactly what the standard for our breed says they should be. She was the first ever girl to win the Top 20 at the National Specialty Show," Ney said.



CREATING JESSICA'S ARMY

Stuco teams up with KVL rival to help area teenager and family

BY SAM NELSON

In the true spirit of giving, the Braves teamed up with one of their top rivals to help raise \$6,300 to help a local teenager, Jessica Masoner, who suffers from Lafora disease.

Fundraising for Jessica and her family was piloted by Student Council with assistance from Basehor-Linwood students and social studies teacher Jennifer Schlicht, who is a friend of Jessica's aunt.

Stuco set a goal of raising \$6,000 to use towards the purchase of a handicap accessible van to assist the Masoner family.

Although Stuco raised money in a variety of ways, they collected the most during the fundraiser basketball game against Basehor on Dec. 17, where many of the

fans wore purple "Jessica's Army" T-shirts that sold for \$8.

Many tears of joy were shed when Jessica and her family walked across the court to receive the check during halftime.

"It was very emotional night," junior Jacob Kraus said. "I was honored to be able to help someone other than myself."

The efforts were noticed by Kansas City's own Secret Santa, an anonymous donor who matched the money raised by Stuco to make the van purchase a reality.

As the night came to a close, the Masoners were then surprised to find the van ready and waiting for them outside of the P.E. Center.

"It was amazing that we could change someone's life like that," sophomore Zoe Lofton said. "All our hard worked finally paid off."



9:32 PM ► The Kansas City Secret Santa presents a check to the Masoner family at halftime.

60 SECONDS WITH JORDAN JACKSON

What were your goals as Stuco executive president?

My goals were to improve student life and make every day at BSHS more enjoyable for all students.

What was the most important thing you felt Stuco accomplished?

Our Jessica's Army fundraiser was great, but we also were able to go to Bonner Springs Elementary to meet monthly with student leaders as part of the Building Braves program. I liked working with the kids because it's good to impact those younger than you and to lead them in the right direction.

How has Stuco impacted your life?

It introduced me to new people and has helped me become a better person and leader by helping my community and those within it.

What changes were made to Stuco compared to last year?

It changed for me, by putting me in a higher position as executive president. We also reached out to our community a lot more with new projects by going to the Ronald McDonald House and Jessica's Army.



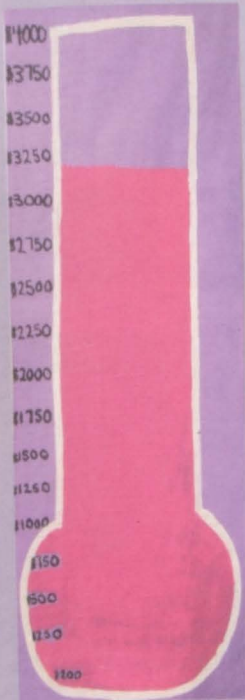
9:32 PM ► Clad in their Jessica's Army T-shirts, Stuco members gather around the guest of honor. "I loved helping Jessica," said senior Caroline Clark, far right. "It was rewarding to see how much it all meant."

8:52 PM ► Senior Kennedy Bizzell (center) helps present the check to the Masoners. "The experience was heart-touching. It was cool to see school rivals work together to support a good cause," Bizzell said.



BY THE NUMBERS

Raising Money for a Cause



400
= Raffle tickets sold



9
Jars filled



500
= Cupcakes sold



350
= T-shirts sold

Total: **\$6,300**
Dollars collected

ALL IN A WEEK'S WORK

Team Building Tuesday



"Elizabeth and I were trying to pass the toilet paper roll down the line using only our feet. It was funny to watch who worked well together and who didn't."

—MIKAYLA USSERY

Work Day Wednesday



"We were making treat bags for families visiting the Ronald McDonald House. We decorated the sacks and then filled them with snacks. We used Wednesdays to prepare for community service projects."

—HAILEY KENDRICK

Fun Day Friday



"We searched the school for clues for a scavenger hunt that was part of Fun Day Friday. I loved having fun things to do on Fridays because it helps kick off the weekend."

—EMILY NELSON



9:48 PM ► Senior Hannah Hunt and junior Jacob Kraus watch in awe as the \$6,300 check is presented to Jessica and her family. "Holy cow, there were a lot of tears," Hunt said. "I'm glad we got the chance to help a family in need."

9:47 PM ► Senior Kemberly Sanchez and junior Shelby Taylor smile as Jessica and her family walk out towards the center of the gym. "It was a really emotional and rewarding night; I enjoyed seeing all the effort and hard work pay off," said Taylor.



TIME TO GoPro



RACHEL BARBER

"I like my first edition GoPro because it's so small and easy to pack. It's not complicated to figure out, and I love that it can switch from video to photo. I use mine when I travel and do fun activities such as the Tough Mudder and skiing. I recommend getting one off Amazon because it's much cheaper and unless you're going to be using it all the time the first edition does the job well."



WESTON VITT

"I use my GoPro Silver Hero 3 a lot during the summer. I enjoy filming snowboarding and wakeboarding the most. I also use it to film odd and interesting things that other cameras can't capture. For such a small camera, it has great quality and the possibilities are endless. I only wish it came with more of the accessories instead of having to buy them separately."

SNAPCHAT



Q+A

COLTON HARVEY

Favorite thing about Snapchat?

Being able to draw on the pictures and share it with friends.

Do you get creative with your Snaps?

Yes, because it makes them that much more interesting.

Is it a good social network?

Yeah, it's a good way to show your friends what you're doing and make them feel like they are there.



GABRIELLE BENNETT

Favorite thing about Snapchat?

I like that you can share as many pictures as you want and then they're gone. It's also a surprise.

Is it a good social network?

It's good because everyone does it, so you don't look like a freak when you take an ugly selfie in public.

Are you a fan of the Snapchat stories?

They are okay if they are short. It's when they get to be 100 seconds long that I don't care for them.



DO YOU SELFIE?

Photogenic generation emerges

BY SASHA BINGAMAN

Selfies: those silly, random photographs taken of one's self with a smartphone or webcam and then uploaded to a social media website. Whether you loved them or hated them, selfies were virtually impossible to escape.

In fact, selfies were so popular that the Oxford Dictionary made "selfie" the 2013 Word of the Year.

And it seemed like everyone wanted a piece of that selfie action. Even the president, Barack Obama, made headlines when he snapped a selfie at Nelson Mandela's funeral.

At the Academy Awards on March 2, Oscar host Ellen DeGeneres snapped a selfie of several front-row celebrities in the hopes of breaking the all-time record for the most retweeted photo. With more than one million tweets in an hour, DeGeneres got her record and temporarily shut Twitter down in the process.

Selfies were also taken to a whole new level during the 2014 Winter Olympics in February when #SelfieOlympics started trending. People would compete to post the most outrageous selfies using various props.



ALLEY WASHBURN

"When my outfit is on point, that's when I have to selfie. I take full body selfies in a mirror so that I can share what I'm wearing, look good feel good. I think I'll appreciate my selfies when I'm older because I'll be able to see the transformation of my style. It's fun to occasionally use the hashtags such as #SelfieSunday, #ThrowbackThursday and #TransformationTuesday because they give a little more meaning to the photo."



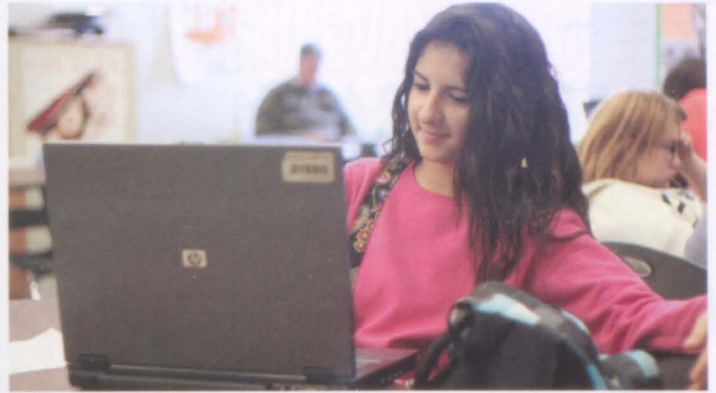
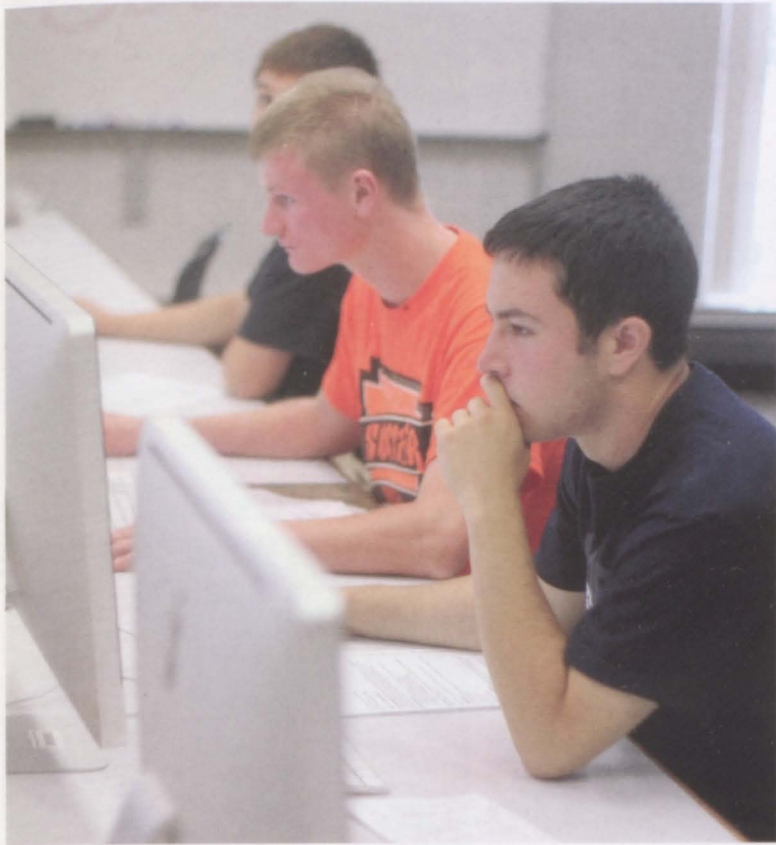
TYLER DILL

"I don't really have a reason as to why I selfie; it's just a way to show people myself. There's definitely an art to selfies. I like being outside because you have to get good lighting, and you've also got to remember that the eyes are the most important part; you don't want them looking crazy. I'm not a big fan of bathroom pics because the scenery is distracting. I tend to selfie more on special occasions because that's more memorable."



BRIANNA ROBINETTE

"I selfie for a couple of reasons, to express my style and just to see what I look like. I also take daily selfies with friends because it's a great way to preserve memories, and I think I'll really enjoy looking back on them when I'm older. I don't post to Instagram as much as I used to; I'm more into Snapchat because it's a lot more fun."



MAC VS. PC

Mac or PC?

I like Macs because they're easier and have a simple interface at the bottom. I get tired of PCs. I like using Garage Band, which is only on a Mac, because it allows me to create music.

—EDGAR DIAZ

Mac or PC?

I've never found the transition from PC to Mac to be very hard. Macs seem simpler and look way cooler. I also just like the fact that they are an Apple product; Apple always has good stuff.

—RAVEN MURILLO

Flappy Birds

LOVE

HATE



ALYSSA MENDOZA

"It's a love-hate relationship for me. I loved playing it, but it was also very frustrating. I could never beat my top score."



KAMERON ZIMMERLY

"I HATE Flappy Birds! I hate it because no one ever shuts up about it. All you heard was 'My high score is 20. Well, mine's 50.' It is really annoying; no one cares, people."



CAMERON SMITH-POE

"I like it because it really challenges your timing skills; it's a simple and addictive game."



TANYA HERNANDEZ

"It frustrates me because when I downloaded it I couldn't even get past the first level, so I just deleted it."

KALIM RAZA KHAN

PROFILE

Google Glasses

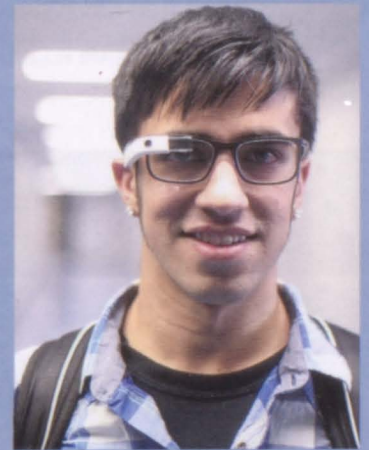
Senior Kalim Raza Khan shows off his Google glasses. He got them through his brother at a cost of approximately \$1,500.

Raza Khan said you connect the glasses to your phone through Bluetooth, which allows you to pull up your phone screen on to the glasses.

"They are a phone in the form of glasses," said Raza Khan. "What I like most about them is the way I can record video. Basically, I record what I see."

He also uses the glasses to ask Google questions, call and text people and play games.

"What I don't like about them is the battery life. It only lasts a few hours," Raza Khan said.





a MASQUERADE moment ▶▶▶



CIARA DORNBRACK

"I really enjoyed the dance and spending time with everyone. I liked the theme and had fun picking out my mask. It was better than homecoming because there weren't so many people there."



BAILEY PRESLER

"I really liked the theme. I bought my mask off of Amazon and after sifting through about eight different masks, I finally found this one. I was excited when I got it in the mail. But it did get kind of hot."



JEWELL O'NEILL

"I went dress shopping with my friend Hayle Moeschler and I got my mask at Party City with my dad. The dance was really fun. I went with a group of friends and it gave us a chance to be ourselves and helped us to get closer."

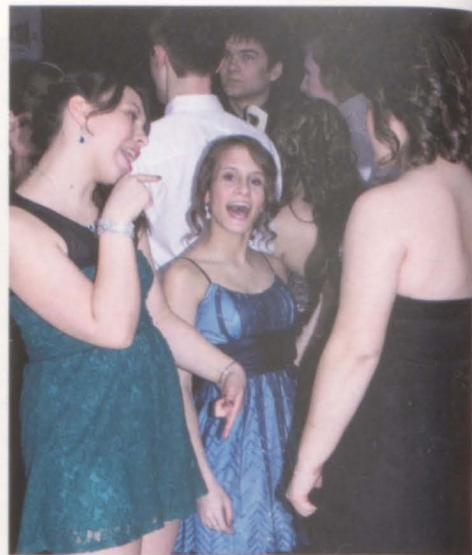


SKYLER LUCAS

"Sasha Bingaman and I decided to make our masks. We wanted to do a peacock theme, so we got the supplies and they took about an hour to make. I was really happy with the way they turned out."

9:17 PM ▶ Junior Madison Stumbough has a good time with classmates Baleigh Shearer and Bridget Rittinghouse. "I was really excited to get a mask. I just love going to dances because everyone has a lot of fun," Stumbough said.

9:26 PM ▶ Junior Jenna Hammond and freshman Abbree McKelvin dance to the beat.



8:50 PM ▶ Sophomore Michaela Augustine and senior Thomas Hook share a memorable moment.

9:14 PM ▶ Freshmen Peyton Capehart and Brendan Orahood enjoy their evening. We didn't really go with the theme, but we still had a lot of fun," Capehart said.



SPIRIT WEEK

NERD • FUTURE PROFESSION • PINK OUT • WAR PARTY



When Spirit Week rolls around, some people go simple and others go all out. For Nerd Day, some people threw on some glasses and called it good. But for others that just wasn't good enough.

One student who went over the top for Future Profession Day was sophomore Zoe Lofton.

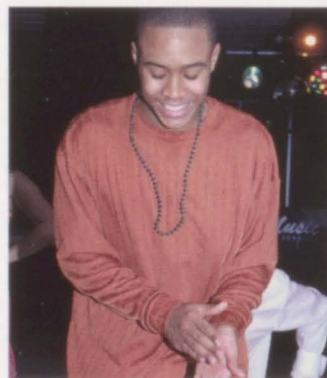
"I went to a thrift store to get all of my clothes, and I got a lot of compliments on my outfit," said Lofton, who dressed as an elementary school teacher.

"I like working with kids, so I hope to grow up and become a teacher," Lofton said.



HEIDI ROGERS

“ I THINK I WANT TO BE A PEDIATRIC NURSE, SO THAT'S HOW I DRESSED. PLUS, THE SCRUBS ARE REALLY COMFY.”



6:14 PM ▶ Sophomore Isaac Bolton enjoys his time at the dance. "I didn't wear a mask because I couldn't find one that was good enough. I would rather go as myself, so people could see who I am," Bolton said.

6:14 PM ▶ Freshman Hunter Amego adds a humorous twist to the theme by wearing a horse mask. "I wanted to be random. Life's greatest joy is to be random," Amego said.



A CROWNING MOMENT ▶▶▶

Journalists continue royalty tradition

BY LAUREN MURPHY

When senior Mariah Seifert was crowned as Courtwarming Queen, the first people to congratulate her were last year's queen and former newspaper photo editor Samantha Ricci-Weller alongside former king and yearbook co-editor Chad Uhl.

Last year, students in the journalism program captured king and queen honors for all two main events and a queen position for prom. The streak continued in the fall when seniors Travis Dooley and Bailey Hightower, who both participate in newspaper, were crowned king and queen.

"Receiving my flowers and crown

from Chad and Sammy was fun because I had worked with them in journalism for the past two years, and we always joked about keeping the royalty in the journalism family," said Seifert, who is the Totem Pole's editor-in-chief.

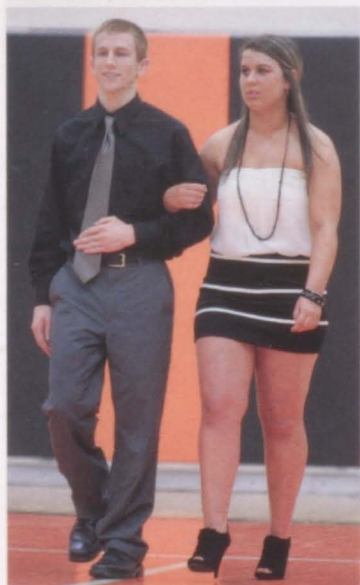
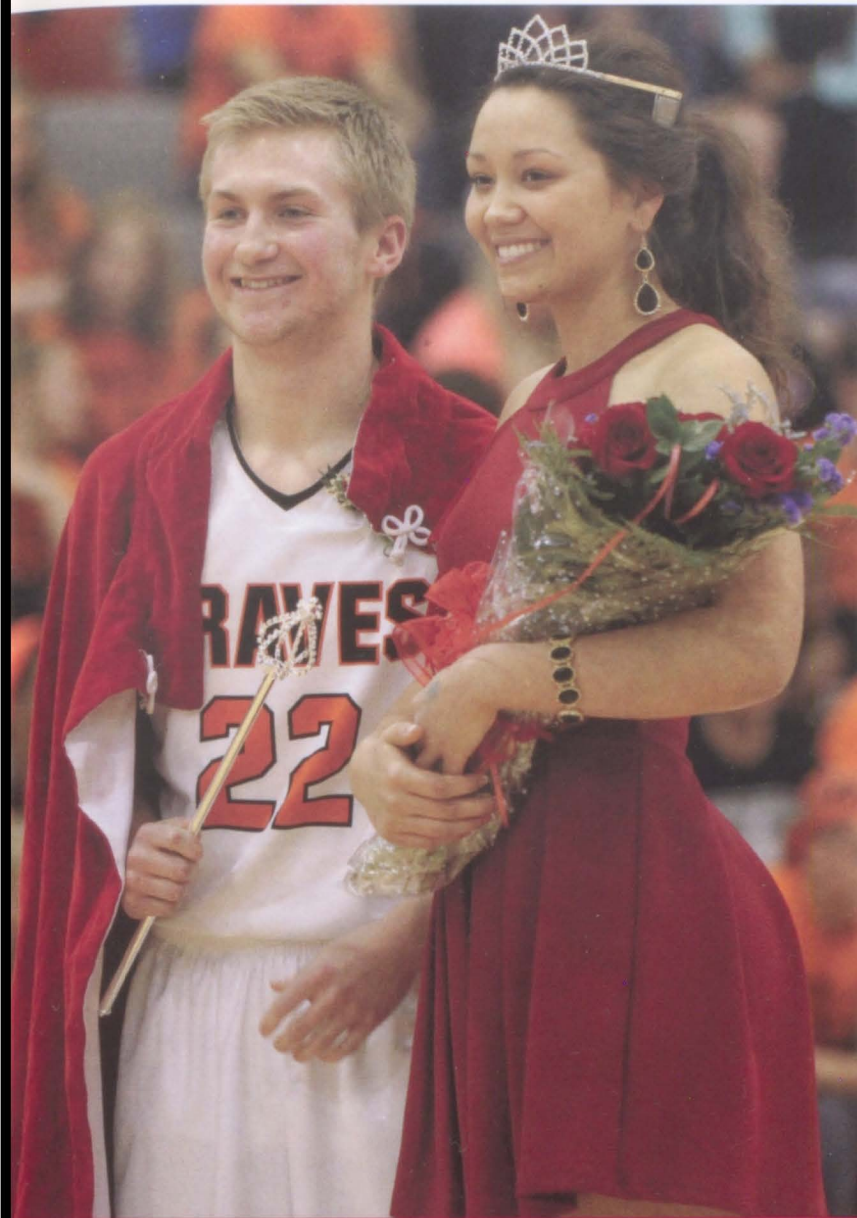
King Weston Vitt is also active in journalism, working on the Tee Pee Talk broadcasting staff for three years.

"I wasn't expecting to win but it was a nice feeling knowing I was voted by my fellow students as the Courtwarming queen," Seifert said.

Stuco mixed things up the next night when they selected "A Masquerade Ball" theme and encouraged students to wear masks to the dance.

“ I WAS EXCITED WHEN I FOUND OUT I HAD BEEN NOMINATED AND IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE CROWNED ALONGSIDE THE QUEEN MARIAH. ”

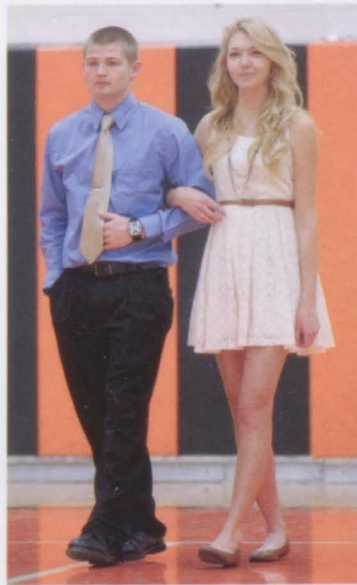
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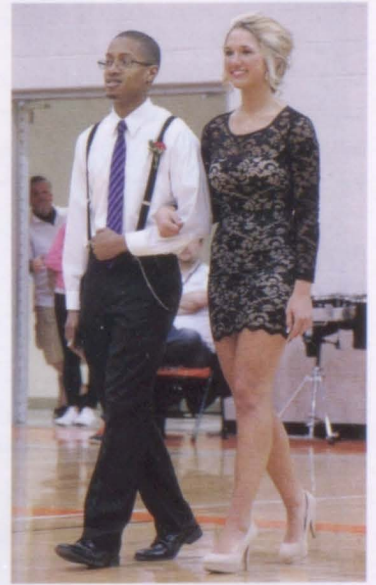
Josiah Seaton and Clarissa Patch



Darian Neal and Elizabeth Barger



Austin Schuler and Sasha Bingaman



William Scott and Kennedy Bizzell



4:21 PM ▶ Juniors Rachel Johnson and J.T. Johnson compose questions for cross examination during one of many after school practices.



COMPETITIVE FIRE

Mock Trial program expands

BY J.T. JOHNSON

It was a year of firsts for the Mock Trial squad. For the first time, there were enough people for two teams: a novice and a varsity squad.

"It's the first year we had a varsity and a novice team, which is exciting," said coach Jennifer Stricherz. "One of the best things about this season is that we had a team of all freshmen. In the next few years, they will be able to compete at the varsity level."

The squad's team captains were second-year member Kelsey Wheeler for the varsity squad and newcomer Peyton Capehart for the novice squad.

"Being captain is a big responsibility," Wheeler said. "A lot of the team members come to me for advice. I'm also in charge of making sure everyone is on track at practice and that everyone knows the court case," said Wheeler.

This year's case was about a retired police officer named Morgan Smith, played by junior Abigail Torres Flores, who shot her lover, Chris Rose. The team had to decide what they wanted to charge Smith with when prosecuting. The team ultimately decided to aim for the conviction of first degree manslaughter.

The team competed at Johnson County Community College on March 1.



4:21 PM ▶ Junior Colton Quigley, a lawyer on the Mock Trial team, writes questions for his witnesses at an after-school practice. "Being a lawyer was a lot more work than I thought it would be," Quigley said.

4:23 PM ▶ Juniors Bailey Presler and Morgan Nichols await questioning from team lawyers during a practice session.



JOSHUA RAY



“ I THINK WE DID WELL. SOME PEOPLE WERE MORE DEVOTED THAN OTHERS, SO IT MADE IT DIFFICULT WHEN COMPETITION TIME CAME AROUND.”



12:40 PM ► Senior Lauren Marquez tests her elastic launch glider at Science Olympiad regionals.

Science Olympiad competes at JCCC

For some, Science Olympiad was a four-year commitment. For others, it was a one-year experience. Such was the case of Lauren Marquez, who competed for the first time at Johnson County Community College during regional competition.

"I have always wanted to try new things and I felt like this was something that I would have fun with," said Marquez, who finished 13th in her category. "Also, having Klager as the coach was pretty awesome. Haley Hinton and I designed and built our glider before the event and worked really hard on it."

Sponsor Chris Klager was also pleased with the team's efforts.

"We had a lot of newcomers and lost a lot of seniors, so it was a rebuilding year for the team. Despite that, the team did pretty well," Klager said. "The experience we gained this year will help the team next year in my absence."

The team finished 20th at the regional contest on Feb. 22.

Journalism gets the three-peat

Although it may come as a surprise to some, BSHS student journalists enjoy the opportunity to show their competitive side during contests sponsored by the Kansas Scholastic Press Association. After a strong showing at regionals in February where 20 students placed in 23 contests, they went on to capture their third consecutive Class 4A sweepstakes championship on May 3. There were five state champions in individual categories: Mikaela Bennett in yearbook sports writing, Shelby Mata in news writing, Daniel Mejia in infographics, Shelbey Taylor in yearbook layout, and Kelsey Wheeler in advertising. They also had four second- and third-place finishes and three honorable mentions.

"It was a great day that exceeded all of our wildest expectations. My students worked really hard to achieve this, and it shows where extra effort, dedication and passion can take you," journalism advisor Jill Holder said.



Front Row: Mikaela Bennett, Shelby Mata, Kelsey Wheeler, Bailey Hightower, Mariah Seifert, Shelbey Taylor, Lauren Murphy. Row 2: Sasha Bingaman, Luciano Fasani, Daniel Mejia, Sam Nelson, Julianne Jackson, Jill Holder.



4:34 PM ► Seniors Kayla McPherson, Daniel Mejia, and junior Jacob Dobbs compete at a Quiz Bowl tournament at Perry-Lecompton.

Sponsor returning after retirement

It may be the last year that English teacher Chris Wood is teaching at BSHS, but it's not the last time her Quiz Bowl team members will see her. Mrs. Wood has confirmed that she will return to coach Quiz Bowl next year, and this is definitely some great news for everyone involved in the program.

"We had a heck of a lot of fun answering questions, thinking on a high level, and then going out to eat afterwards," Wood said. "I am always amazed at the information that the students know. Every moment of the season was a special one."

Mrs. Wood said she wanted to thank the BSHS staff members and National Honor Society students who helped during the two home tournaments, as well as the custodians who helped with room arrangements. She also wanted to give a special thanks to Cinda Arnett, who did many things for the team, including driving the van, serving as assistant coach and keeping score at tournaments.

ARE YOU COMPETITIVE?



"I am very competitive and losing to me is never an option. I get too involved and too emotional when I play soccer and I get down on myself over the smallest mistakes. Fortunately, my teammates always bring me back up."

—JAYME FRATZEL



"When it comes to basketball, I am very competitive. You eat or get eaten. Losing should never be an option. Always be the best you can be, never limit yourself!"

—KEVIN PICHARDO



"I am extremely competitive, no matter what I am doing. It could be playing volleyball or roller derby or something as simple as a card game. Anything can get me hyped up. But when I lose, well, I'd rather not talk about that."

—LAUREN MURPHY

4:36 PM ► Junior Hannah Fehihafer aims for the strike zone in a home game against Basehor. Fehihafer handled most of the team's pitching duties, recording



10:57 AM ▶ Senior Timothy Adams sends a marble down the roller-coaster he created in his third hour physics class. "I really enjoyed this project because we were allowed to use our imagination and be as creative as we wanted. The goal was to put as many curves and hills into our track as possible and ours turned out great," Adams said.



Q+A S'MORE CHEMISTRY

BRIDGET RITTINGHOUSE

Purpose of this project?

The purpose of this project was to measure different moles for each part of the s'more.

Least favorite part of the lab?

My least favorite part was all the math and calculations we had to do.

Making s'mores in chemistry vs. bonfire?

This was a fun lab and I enjoyed eating the s'mores but bonfires are much better and they keep you warm.



LOGAN SHEARER

Favorite part of the lab?

My favorite part of this lab was watching everyone else catch their marshmallow on fire and freak out.

How did it compare to other labs?

This was definitely one of the funnier labs because we got to use some different tools for the first time and of course eating the s'more.

Making s'mores in chemistry vs. bonfire?

It didn't beat a bonfire because the fire wasn't big enough.



Cat Dissecting

SHELBY YUNCKER

"I definitely hated the smell. However, the most exciting part was being in the group that had the pregnant cat. Holding those tiny unborn kittens was a unique experience I won't forget."

JENNY OSEI

"I love dissecting; it made me feel like a doctor when I cut into things. It was also neat to see real anatomy that is so close to our own. My favorite part was isolating the heart."

JORDAN MAUK

"I was not a fan of the dissecting. Nearly every day I felt like puking. The most disgusting part was all the juices and smell that came with the cat."

TAKING TIME TO TALK About Projects



MARISOL OCHOA

"For this project we had to create an animal or plant cell. To create our animal cell we used paint, markers, aluminum, and toothpicks. It was interesting to learn about things I didn't know and having to label our own cell really helped me."



HANNAH DADE

"At the time we were learning about alternative fuel sources, so the goal of this project was to create a game board that would educate others about those sources that make the earth cleaner. My group's game board was a mixture of Trivia and Candy Land. Playing the game was a fun and creative way to learn the information."





FAMILY TIES

Students enjoy their time at Parent Dance

BY SUMER SPRENKLE

At approximately 7:09 p.m., the disc jockey scanned the empty commons area on Saturday, Jan. 18, and asked, "So what time does this start again?" He was assured by the sponsors on duty that the starting time was, in fact, 7 p.m.

The first arrivals showed up at 7:16 p.m., senior Les Wessel and his mom, Christa.

"I wasn't expecting to be the first one at the dance. There really wasn't anything going on. It was weird," Wessel said.

Other than the late start and the slow

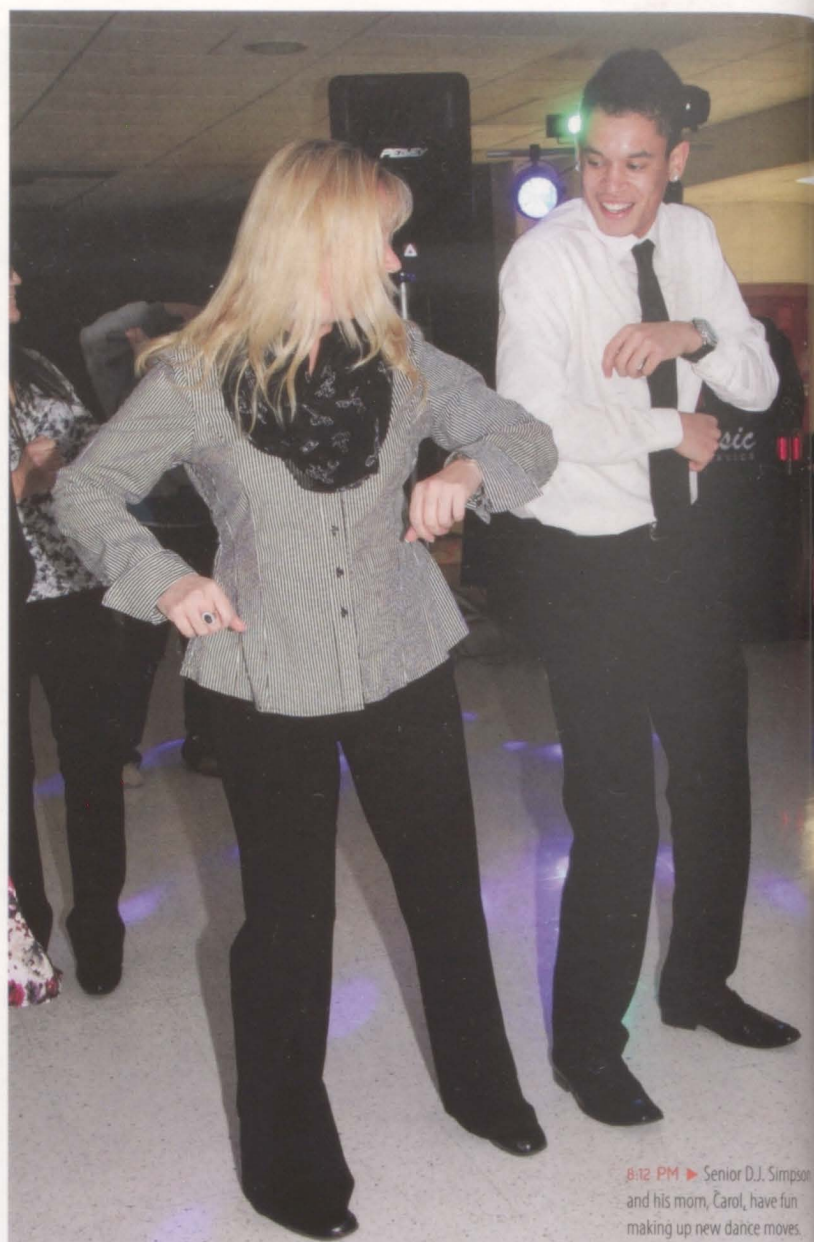
trickling of parents and students into the dance, most seemed to have a great time.

For some, like junior Sam Nelson and his mom, Kim, this was a first-time event.

"I'm glad I got to spend some quality time with my mom. We have a big family, so we rarely ever get to spend time together, just us," Nelson said.

For senior Weston Vitt, who had attended both his junior and senior year, the parting was bittersweet.

"I went because it brought joy to my mom," Vitt said. "It was a great way to bond with her. I'm going to miss it."



8:12 PM ▶ Senior D.J. Simpson and his mom, Carol, have fun making up new dance moves.

|| PAUSE & REFLECT



LES & CHRISTA WESSEL

"It was the first time I went, so I didn't know what to expect. It was a great way to spend time with my mom, and it was fun to watch Weston and D.J. dance."



KAYLA MCPHERSON & JEREMIAH CARRELL

"It was a lot more fun than I expected with the little amount of people who showed up. I think it's because the people who were there weren't afraid to dance."



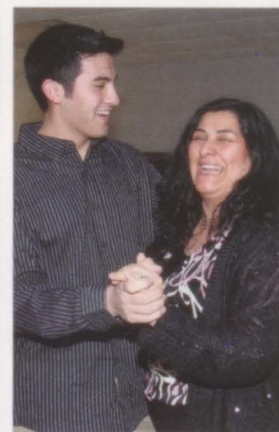
DANAE & NATHANIEL BANKS

"He was a pretty good dancer, but he still wanted me to teach him every dance I knew. We had a lot of fun and I would definitely go again."



THOMAS & GINGER HOOK

"I went both years because my mom loved going and I loved taking her. We had a great time, and I'll remember it forever."



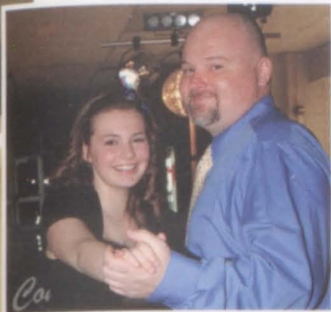
LUCIANO & NORA FASANI

"We didn't go my junior year, so my mom was very excited when I asked her if she wanted to go this year. We had a lot of fun."



JUSTIN & KATHY CARROLL

"It was nice seeing that side from my mom; she never really lets loose and has fun. It was cool seeing her dance."



8:27 PM ▶ Junior Morgan Nichols and her father, Paul, have a great time at the dance. "It was really fun. They even played my favorite song, 'Come on Eileen,'" Nichols said.



7:47 PM ▶ Junior Alyssa Driskill laughs while her father, Lance, twirls her on the dance floor. "It was fun being there with my dad being goofballs. He was pulling moves I didn't know he had," Driskill said.



7:52 PM ▶ Junior Haylee Richmond, Steven, dances with her father. "It was really fun. I was surprised how he danced so differently," Richmond said.

60 SECONDS WITH JENNIFER GLENN

Did you go to the dance last year?

Yes, Robby and I went his junior year. I enjoyed it so much that I had to do it all over again, but with all three.

What was the experience like?

It was fun to have all three boys go. They're all so different from each other, so it makes it interesting.

How did you share your time?

I only had to split my time up once to the only slow song they played. I danced a minute or so with each one of them during that song. The rest of the time was spent as a group.



Roman, Jennifer, Robby & Thaddeus Glenn



WE ARE FAMILY

AUNT & NEPHEW



Freshmen Hayli Spencer and Alex White are the same age, but Hayli is Alex's aunt. When asked about their relationship, Hayli said, "It's not that weird going to school with someone who is supposed to be my nephew because we don't really talk, so it's really like we're just friends."

COUSINS



Juniors Andrew and Steven Barnes are cousins but more like brothers. Their moms are twins and their dads are brothers. Steven was born on Sept. 16, 1996, and Andrew on Sept. 6, 1996.

Q+A Shelby Mata

What is your tattoo and what does it mean to you?

I have a tree with leaves on it for people who have passed away and who made an impact on me. It is a way to remember and honor those who have helped me in my journey through life. As of right now I have three leaves: one for my grandma, great-grandma and my great-aunt. This tattoo means so much to me.

How did you come up with the idea for your tattoo?

I came up with my tattoo idea about a year ago. I wanted to be original and come up with a tattoo idea that no one has ever had before.



Conner Smith-Poe

What is your tattoo and what does it mean to you?

My tattoo is the name of my family arranged in an infinity sign to represent our eternal bond. It means a lot to me because it ties our family together, meaning family forever.

How did you come up with the idea for your tattoo?

My dad came up with the idea for the tattoo, and all the boys in our family got it to help bring more unity in our relationship.





4 AMAZING DAYS IN ATLANTA



ELI VANWINKLE

"The best part of the trip was watching the Texas A&M band perform at the Chick-fil-A Bowl."



PAYTON SECHRIST

"In Atlanta, my favorite part of the trip was enjoying the dinner and banquet with my friends."



BRITTANY SPENCER

"The best part of the trip was the experience of getting to do all of it with my friends. Who else gets to say they got to perform in front of 70,000 people with their friends?"

Jazz Band



7:25 AM ▶ Strumming Christmas tunes, junior Rachel Johnson and senior William Scott play with the jazz band. "I don't have anyone to play bass with and practicing alone isn't much fun," said Johnson. "I wanted to play with people and jazz band was a good way to do so."

7:27 AM ▶ Sophomore Griffin Mareske performs his solo during the jazz band holiday performance in the commons area before school on Dec. 19. "I always listened to jazz growing up," said Mareske. "It grew on me and I came to love it."



Q+A



RILEY BALLOU-LYGSTAD

What instrument do you play?

I'm one of three baritones in the band.

What made you join band?

My sister was already in band and my mom pushed me to join too.

What's been your favorite part of the year?

Going on the band trip to Atlanta was great. I thought the bus ride was going to be uncomfortable, but it ended up being crazy and fun.

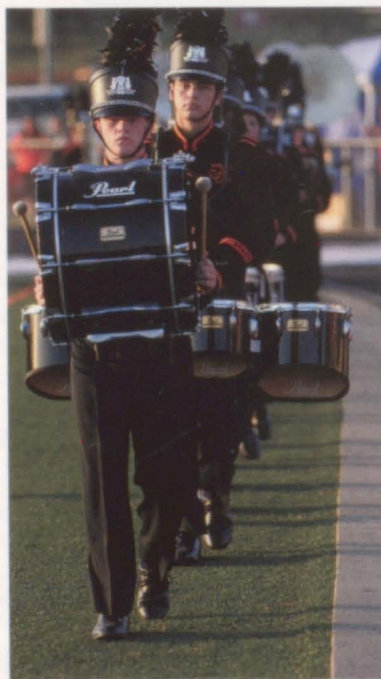
|| PAUSE & REFLECT

JUSTIN CARROLL

My favorite times in band had to be the band trips to San Antonio my sophomore year and Atlanta my senior year. I felt a little nervous going on both trips because I had no clue what the bowl games or competitions were going to be like. Both places are historical landmarks, so it was fun to learn a little history and culture. San Antonio was a little more enjoyable because we had a lot more free time to do whatever we wanted. Atlanta was fun because the bowl game was much better to perform in, especially for drum majors. Overall, these are my favorite experiences because I had to do so many things that I would have never been able to experience outside of band.



▶ Drumline



6:59 PM ▶ Junior Samuel Johnson leads the drumline onto the turf before the Turner football game to play the national anthem on Sep. 6. "My favorite part about marching band is the music and being able to get the crowd pumped up for the game," Johnson said.

7:06 PM ▶ Sophomores Darius Sheppard and Jonita Francis stand in their opening sets during Parent Night of band camp on Aug. 8. After performing for their parents, members of the band handed their instruments over and taught their parents how to march what they learned over the summer.





Seniors Lucas Bolejack and Andrew Conn



8:33 PM ▶ Sophomore Lilly Lackner and junior Justice Nicholson stand to be recognized at the Winter Concert on Feb. 20. The band played four pieces, including two with guest soloist Dr. James Gai, a professor at the University of Central Missouri.



6:53 PM ▶ Freshman Brett McPherson marches down the Warrior Walk with the band. "Marching with the band is a lot more intense than pep band and concert band," McPherson said. "That's one of the reasons I like it."

7:37 PM ▶ Freshman Brendan Orahood plays his baritone saxophone during pep band at a home game against Tonganoxie. "Playing the bari sax is really fun because the deep sound makes all our songs sound a lot better," Orahood said.



PRIDE OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Marching Braves travel to Atlanta

BY WILLIAM SCOTT

While the rest of the school was out enjoying the last days of summer, band members were already on the field, memorizing marching show music and drill to be prepared for the fall.

"The most special thing about this year's show was the development of our students," band director Bill Turley said. "We introduced a lot of new marching elements and really improved as individuals and as an ensemble."

In the fall, the band continued the new tradition of Marchapalooza, an indoor marching show assistant director Kerry Wixon introduced last year.

"Marchapalooza was very successful this year with all proceeds going towards the band's trip to Atlanta," Wixon said. "The community was very positive."

Once again, the band took a trip, this time traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, to perform at the

Chick-fil-A Bowl game.

Each member paid \$700 which included the cost of travel, the hotel, and food on the four-day trip.

While in Atlanta, the band participated in a parade, as well as the marching show. They also visited the World of Coke and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

A new addition to the band program, a jazz band, was created in the winter. The ensemble met after school to practice and had many performances, both during and outside of school.

For the first time in ten years, the band received a I rating in concert band at the State Large Group festival on April 16.

"The students all decided that they wanted to perform better," Turley said. "There was more practicing, more attention paid during rehearsals, and a huge increase in effort."



MAKING IT WORK

Dazzlers overcome obstacles

BY SAM NELSON

Led by new coach Katie Kobialka and Alisha Cobbins, the Orange Dazzlers entered the season with high expectations. But as the year progressed, it turned out to be quite the roller coaster ride.

Six dancers attended the summer camp, but by the end of the season the team had dwindled to four.

"It was a tough year, but we still had a great time and some great performances," junior Jenna Hammond said.

Holding on to tradition, the Guy-Girl Grease-themed dance was a definite season highlight.

"I thought the performance showcased the girls and guys," Kobialka said. "It was a

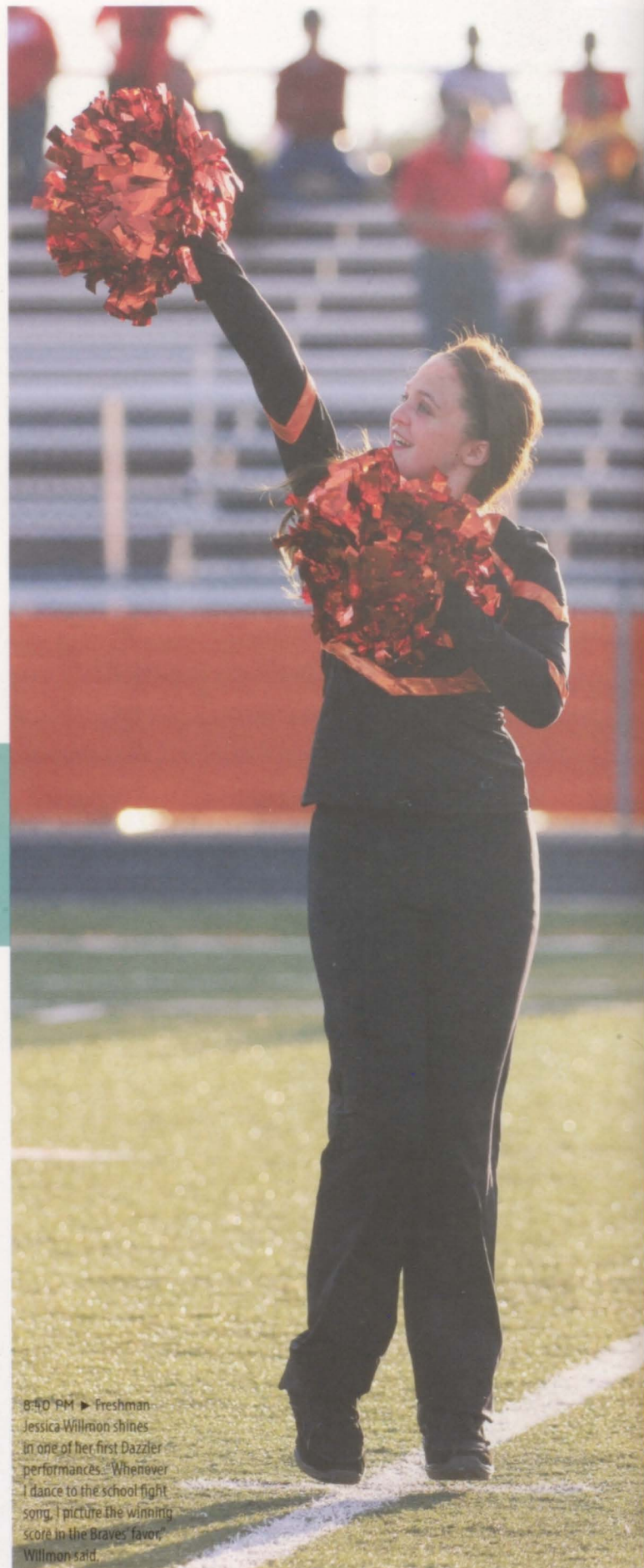
fun and positive dance."

A former BSHS dancer from the Class of 2008, Kobialka said the chance to work with the squad was a learning experience.

"I learned that a high school dance team member is a lot different than a dance studio member," Kobialka said. "The expectations are different, and I think that I struggled with that."

Despite the trying year, Kobialka still found plenty of positives in the bonds and relationships she had with the girls.

"Getting to work back in my hometown roots, seeing the girls happy with their routines and watching them perform are good memories I will forever have," Kobialka said.



8:40 PM ► Freshman Jessica Willmon shines in one of her first Dazzler performances. "Whenever I dance to the school fight song, I picture the winning score in the Braves' favor," Willmon said.

SALLY CRABTREE



“IT WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR, BUT WE STUCK IT OUT AND IT BROUGHT US CLOSER TOGETHER AS A TEAM.”

60 SECONDS WITH ABBREE MCKELVIN

What was your first season of dance like?

I had a great time, but it was rough at times and too time-consuming.

What was your favorite event you danced at this year?

I really enjoyed the Guy-Girl dance during the winter pep assembly. It was fun; we got to dance with partners and do a whole bunch of flips. I liked the unique music choices for the performance too.

Do you dance outside of school?

No, this was my first time dancing. I think I probably will start dancing outside of school just because I had such a great time doing it.

How have you grow as a dancer throughout the season?

I can hit my double turns, which is spinning around twice in a row on one foot. I can also hit my right leap now.



2:35 PM ► Junior Jenna Hammond and freshman Sally Crabtree light up the dance floor during the winter pep assembly. "Suit and Tie by Justin Timberlake was an easy song to dance to," Hammond said. "The routine was simple, letting us have a lot of fun while we were performing."



2:36 PM ► The Dazzlers strut across the gym floor at the start of the Guy-Girl Dance at the winter pep assembly. "The Guy-Girl Dance was my favorite part of the season. With the old-fashioned music and dance style, our motto was 'Stay classy, but keep it sassy,'" freshman Sally Crabtree said.

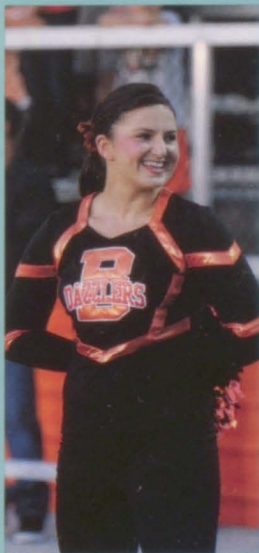


2:35 PM ► Junior Logan Shearer and freshman Abbee McKelvin pair up for the annual Guy-Girl Dance. "I liked having a partner for the dance," McKelvin said. "It brought a lot of variety to our dance moves."



Orange Dazzlers: Jessica Willmon, Abbee McKelvin, Jenna Hammond, Sally Crabtree

JENNA HAMMOND PROFILE



How has dance impacted your life?

It has helped me coordinate with my peers, and it led me to become more of a leader.

What challenges did you have to overcome as a member of the dance team?

I had to learn how to adjust the choreography of our dances at the drop of a hat because a lot of girls had to drop out of performances because they weren't prepared.

Why do you feel the dance team lost so many people during the season?

A lot of people didn't feel they were being treated fairly. I also think not having a team leader or captain really hurt the team.

How much time do you put in to practicing for your performances?

The week before a performance I usually put in two hours a night. If we didn't have a performance that week, it really varied with my schedule.



11:21 AM ▶ Freshman Michael Duxbury (far right) measures the size of his clay pot. "I enjoyed working on it and trying to make it," Duxbury said. "It was a challenge because it kept falling apart, but it came out pretty good."

8:09 AM ▶ Sophomore Tina Williams drains water out of her papermaking project. "It was hard," Williams said. "We kept messing up and had to redo it a couple times. It took about two weeks but it turned out good. We ended up making them into cards, which I kept."

9:03 AM ▶ Freshmen Adam Williams and Rudy McVay (below) work on their one-point perspective projects in their third-hour 2D art class. "It was decently fun with the exception of people walking through all the time," McVay said. "I enjoyed how we had to be active with it. We had to constantly make changes," Williams said.



TAKING TIME TO TALK ABOUT PAPER MACHE PROJECTS



SHELBY YUNCKER



"I have been in love with sloths, so when we got the project I decided to make one. They're weird-looking, but really cute. It was difficult getting the body shape just right and cutting the tiny strips of paper to make individual papers for the hair."



MONICA STIMAC



"My creative juices weren't flowing, but I was craving ice cream. The bowl was my biggest challenge; it was hard making it look normal. It took me two class hours to make because I had already had the pieces from my last project."



HAYLI SPENCER



"We were told to pick an animal that meant something to us and I used to have a pet parrot. It was kind of hard trying to get it to stand because it was top heavy, but I had a lot of fun making it."



9:31 AM ▶ Junior Dylan Clark works with 2D art teacher Jason Romanishan. "I try to incorporate one-on-one time daily to help students, to increase quality and to provide visual problem solving," Romanishan said.

8:31 AM ▶ Freshman Morgan Sands dries the water out of her papermaking project. "It was probably the most fun thing we did this year," said Sands. "It was more getting up and down and doing stuff rather than just sitting down and drawing."

11:52 AM ▶ Sophomore Mason Hurla (far right) cleans off the pottery wheel after making his tea cup sculpture. "It was a difficult project because the project was so small and the clay kept tearing," Hurla said.





ALL About ART

New teacher enjoys first year

BY SHELBEY TAYLOR

Jenna Muscarella knew she had big shoes to fill when she replaced long-time art teacher, Linda Horvath, who retired after teaching 3-D art for 39 years.

"I was very thankful to come in to all the resources she had," Muscarella said. "It was nice to take those resources and add in my own unique flair, resulting in a successful first year of teaching 3-D art."

Muscarella kicked off the year with a paper mache project, giving students the chance to sculpt and to get a feel for 3-D art by starting with 2-D material.

"I feel like it's the best way to let students

get a sense of what 3-D art is about," Muscarella said. "I was really pleased with the results. All the sculptures turned out successful and it appeared that all the students really grasped the concept of three-dimensional art."

Other successful projects included papermaking in her textiles classes and a license plate project where students got to pick their own state and draw representations to sell that state.

"Working with the students began as a challenge, being a brand new teacher, but after a bit they responded enthusiastically in their artwork," Muscarella said.



“ IT HAS BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS AND WITNESSING THEIR POTENTIAL AND GROWTH IN ART CLASS.”

WHAT do you like?



AUSTIN DENNISON

"I enjoyed drawing the skulls in still art. It's just enjoyable and relaxing. It's a fun thing to do."



COURTNEY ROUSH

"I just like art in general. I like clay and ceramics because you just take the clay and make it into whatever you want."



BRANDON SUAREZ

"Pottery is my favorite because you can make anything you want. But I also like ceramics because you can go at your own pace. I enjoyed using the wheel but not the cleaning up part."



INTENSE SPIRIT

Cheerleaders bring power to the year

BY LOREN FORD

The cheerleaders started off their very long season with a successful showing at their NCA Camp in July.

New head coach Victoria Zonko watched her squad win the Herkie Award, which is voted on by other squads and goes to the team with the best sportsmanship, teamwork and overall ability. They also captured a "Champion Chant Award" for a chant they created.

"It was really exciting winning the awards at camp," Zonko said. "We really improved on our stunting and learned new stunts that we were able to use throughout the year. Most of all, it helped the team to bond before school started."

To sharpen their dance skills, the whole team also went to KC Cheer to learn the choreography for the winter pep assembly that left the school roaring.

"I had already worked with KC Cheer and it was one of my friends who choreographed the dance," Zonko said. "It was good for the girls to learn from somebody else other than myself."

This year's 17-team member squad was smaller than previous years and featured ten new cheerleaders.

"It was a great experience. I got to meet a lot of new people and I got to make friends with older people," freshman Rachel Mauk said. "I just had a lot of fun with them and getting closer to them."



6:52 PM ▶ Senior Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad leads the team down the Warrior Walk before the football home opener.



CHANLER HADLEY



"I LOVED ALL OF MY TEAMMATES. THIS WAS THE BEST TEAM I'VE EVER HAD FOR CHEERLEADING."

PAIGE ROWAN PROFILE



How has tumbling improved your cheer skills?

It's helped my overall skill level at school and has helped me to move to the next competitive level outside of school.

What skills have you perfected this year?

I have perfected the standing back tuck and roundoff back handspring back tuck and learned five new skills overall.

Where do you tumble?

I tumble at Byrd's as well as at KC Cheer during open gyms, and I'm a high-flight All-Star at Kristy's Academy.

How much time do you give to tumbling?

I give around 4-5 hours per week during the school cheer season and six hours per week during the off-season.

Why are you passionate about cheerleading?

It's a way for me to escape reality and to never stop improving. It also keeps me focused on where I want to be in two years, which is to cheer in college.



9:15 AM ▶ Front Row: Brittney Clark, Jordan Shiao, Sumer Sprenkle, Anna Dutton, Paige Rowan, Baleigh Shearer. Row 2: Brianna Shively, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Brajai Haskell, Faith Seaton, Michaela Augustine, Hailey Kendrick, Rachel Johnson. Row 3: Rachel Mauk, Chanler Hadley, Shelby Sneed, Madison Hanson.

INJURIES COME WITH THE Uniform

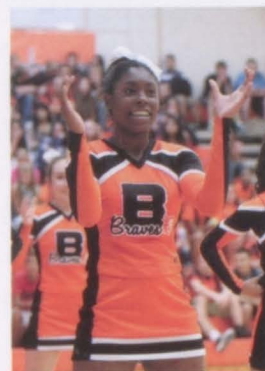
SUMER SPRENKLE

"At the Mill Valley basketball game on Jan. 17, I got my first black eye. We were practicing stunting before the game and my flyer, Paige Rowan, was going to do a full down from a prep. Instead, Paige had too much power and did a double down, flipping twice before landing in our arms, but she couldn't catch herself. Her forearm came down and hit my cheek bone. I didn't know anything serious happened until someone came over and told me that my face was already purple. It was so swollen that it felt weird to blink. I went and got ice and waited out the girls game, but finished cheering and stunting for the boys game. It was awesome."

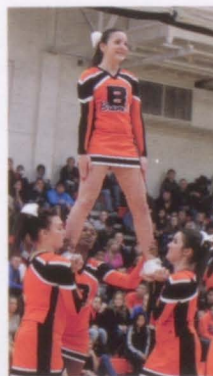


BRAJAI HASKELL

"I've had multiple injuries—everything from tendonitis to pulled muscles in my chest. The pulled muscle was the most painful one yet and occurred at the Feb. 19 "Coming Together For a Cure" game during our halftime performance. While on the sidelines after the performance, I could feel pain in my chest. I just thought it was from all the excitement, but the next day the pain was still there, so I went to see a doctor. They did x-rays and an EKG and I found out that I had pulled several muscles in my chest."

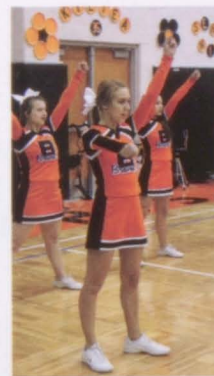


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ANNA DUTTON

"This cheer season was amazing. I really enjoyed cheering on my team as well as bonding with the other girls. The other girls really accepted me into their squad as this was my first year. Overall, the year was a success."



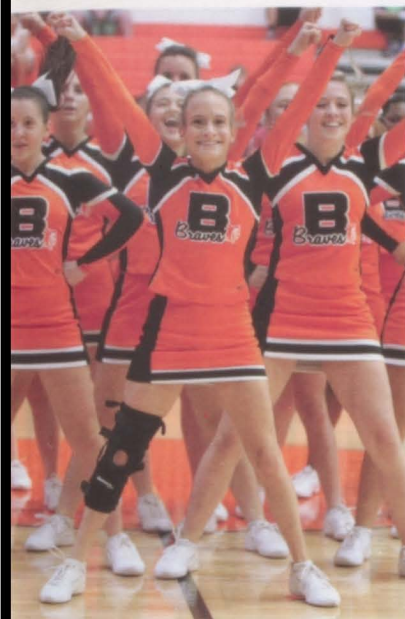
BRIANNA SHIVELY

"This cheer season was awesome. I had a lot of fun cheering alongside my friends and getting to know everyone on the team. This year was the best yet because I made a lot of good memories."



SHELBY SNEED

"The best part of the season was the first pep assembly when I danced with the squad for the first time. Meeting new people and making new friends was also great. The worst part was cheering for football out in the cold."



7:56 PM ► Decked out in purple as part of the Jessica's Army game, sophomores Brittney Clark and Michaela Augustine (top photo) show their respect during the national anthem. "It was cool to help out with a good cause," Augustine said.

4:44 PM ► Giving a helping hand, freshman Jordan Shiao teaches future cheerleaders some choreography at the squad's Little Cheerleaders camp on Sept. 10.

2:21 PM ► With a big smile, junior Baleigh Shearer does her part at the fall pep assembly. "This year was different for me because we had a lot of incoming freshmen, so we really had to learn to become a team," Shearer said.



2:32 PM ► With front flips from flyers Paige Rowan, a sophomore, and junior Baleigh Shearer, the cheerleaders do some serious stunting to wow the crowd at the winter pep assembly. The synchronization of their performance showed true team unity, complete trust and soaring spirit.



5:08 PM ▶ Junior Sam Nelson swims butterfly at the first home swim meet. "Butterfly is my all-time favorite stroke," Nelson said. "The power you feel moving through the water is unlike anything else."

5:34 PM ▶ Sophomore Collin Sechrst takes a breath coming off the wall during the 50-yard freestyle. "It was a maturing season for me," Sechrst said. "I tired to get better with every practice."



5:10 PM ▶ Senior Jack Klingele swims the breaststroke during the 200-yard medley relay at a home meet on Dec. 11. "When I swim the breaststroke, all I think about is that I can't let this guy next to me beat me," Klingele said.



4:28 PM ▶ Sophomore Steffan Mefferd swims the backstroke during the second leg of the 200-yard individual medley. "I had a solid season," Mefferd said. "While I swim backstroke, I think of how far the next wall is and when I'm going to need to flip."



CALEB BRUNGARDT



“ I HAD A GREAT SEASON AND IMPROVED MY BACKSTROKE TIME ON MANY OCCASIONS.”

DAKOTA NASON PROFILE

How was your senior year of swimming?

I had a blast. To me, my senior year was swimming to beat and improve myself.

Looking back on all four years of swimming, what was the best memory?

The good times at practice, all the bus rides to and from meets and finally getting my goal of swimming the 500 freestyle in less than 8 minutes.


After graduation, will you continue to swim?

Have to. I am joining the Navy.

What was going through your head when you shared a Senior Night smile with your mom?

This is going to happen to you one more time with Lexi [little sister] on her Senior Night, so get used to the tears.





4:59 PM ► Freshman Preston Landers (left) and junior Jacob Kraus dive into the water to swim the 50-yard freestyle at Turner on Feb. 11.

MAKING MOVES

Team picks up the pace stroke by stroke

BY ROBYN LEWIS

With the loss of two top swimmers, the boys swim team had to work hard to fill the void and keep improving.

One of their best meets came early in the season at Osawatomie on Dec. 19 where they won with 477 points and every swimmer hit at least one personal record.

They also had a strong showing at the WyCo meet on Jan. 30 at Washington High School.

"I was very proud of the team at WyCo," coach Preston Williams said. "A ton of the boys got medals."

One of the season highlights came at a home meet on Feb. 5 when the 200-yard medley relay

team of senior Jack Klingele, juniors Jacob Kraus and Sam Nelson and freshman Preston Landers hit state consideration with a time of 2:02.09, just under the 2:02.37 they needed.

"We got close to consideration a few times before we finally hit it," Williams said. "The relay team had a great season but just didn't make a fast enough cut."

Although this was disappointing, Williams said he was encouraged by the team's excellent chemistry and growth. He said that four of the squad's new swimmers, Alex White, Collin Sechrist, Isaac Bolton and Caleb Brungardt, all made huge strides and that second-year sophomore swimmer Steffan Mefferd was most improved.



MIXING IT UP

Team tries to find the right chemistry

BY D.J. SIMPSON

Expectations were high when a talented group of sophomores transitioned to the varsity level after an undefeated freshman season. However, it took the squad longer than expected to play as a whole.

The season kicked off with a 73-67 win over Eudora with an unexpected, first-ever dunk from junior Jonah Freese.

"I thought that I missed at first, but when I heard all of the cheering I knew that I made it," Freese said.

However, the Braves cooled after a hot start and finished with a record of 7-14.

"I feel disappointed because I thought we would do better than we did," head coach Dan Streit said. "We lacked team chemistry, but we were also playing some talented teams."

The Braves started playing a lot better towards the end of the season and performed their best in a 64-54 win over Tonganoxie right before sub-state.

"We finally played as a team," Streit said. "The idea of us first instead of me first had finally sunk in and everyone played a role and did a good job with it."

Junior Brenden Dotson was the team's leading scorer with 209 points while his older brother, Zshavon, added 144.

Sophomores Aaron and Devante' McGee led the team in three-pointers with a combined total of 135 points from behind the arch.

Although the season didn't play out as planned, the young Braves gained valuable experience that will serve them well next year.

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6:17 PM ► Fighting for a loose ball, junior Brenden Dotson awaits the referee's call in an away game at Lansing. Dotson shot 72 percent from the field, the best on the team.

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SEASON?



ANTONIO ROARK
"Going to substate and playing against DeSoto."



CONNOR BYERS
"Being able to start the substate game against DeSoto."



AARON MCGEE
"Scoring 20 points against Turner."

60 SECONDS WITH Zshavon Dotson



What were the highlights of your season?

My highlight was coming back from winter break. My confidence went up and I started playing better.

What was it like playing with your brother?

When you live with someone, you learn their every move.

We didn't have to say one word to each other but we knew exactly what the other was going to do.

What was your favorite game?

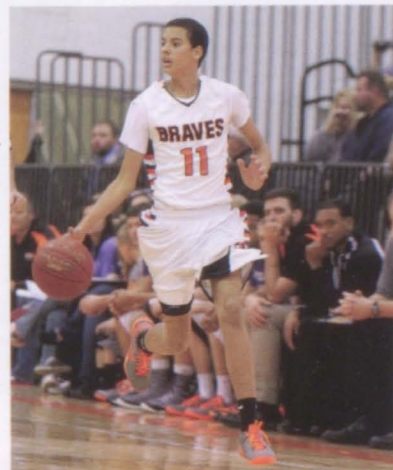
It's a hard decision. It would have to be against Basehor or Turner. At Basehor, we played good as a team in the second half and we ended up scoring 37 points just in the fourth quarter. Turner, on the other hand, was a clutch moment; we ended up going into overtime and winning.

What will you miss?

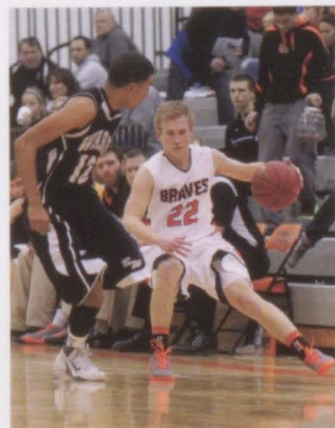
I will miss playing with the team, but fortunately I'm going on to the next level.

How would you describe your work ethic?

With hard work and dedication, you can do anything. I put in a lot of hours in the gym. I feel like if I didn't do that, I wouldn't be where I am today.



8:02 PM ► Pushing the ball up the court, sophomore Devante' McGee looks for an open player in transition during a home game against Basehor.



7:57 PM ► Junior Jonah Freese uses a soft hook to shoot over the Piper defense in 75-50 loss. The Braves lost Freese midway through the season due to a fractured leg.

8:00 PM ► Senior guard Weston Vitt tries to dribble past his Bishop Ward opponent in 61-53 home loss. "My senior season was fun because I was surrounded by so many great people and I gained lifelong memories," Vitt said.



8:47 PM ► Going in for a lay-up, senior Jordan Jackson struggles through heavy defense in a well-played game at Mill Valley. Jackson led the team with 56 rebounds.



8:10 PM ► Sophomore Julianne Jackson puts up a shot against a Mill Valley defender in an away game. Jackson led the team in scoring with 282 points and was also the team's top rebounder with 194 rebounds.

6:56 PM ► Senior Kennedy Bizzell brings the ball down the court during an away game at Lansing High School. "Basketball was so much fun with such a great group of girls as my teammates," Bizzell said. "I'm going to miss the program, Oakes, the girls but most of all the memories. I couldn't have asked for a better senior year."



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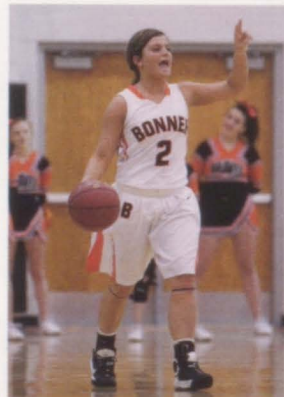
KYLIEA JARRETT-COLLIER

"I never knew I loved the sport so much, but it grew on me as a person and allowed me to meet some great people. I didn't think I would be so emotional, but when I fouled in my final game my heart just dropped and the tears began."



MORGAN LAWRENCE

"I thought we had a good year. We started to play like a team even with all the injuries. The team was really close and it made us a family. Kyliea was like a mom to us and that made the year even better. I'm really going to miss our seniors."



CAITLIN REED

"Coming to Bonner and becoming the starting point guard on varsity was nerve-racking. It was a different environment than playing for Bishop Ward. I feel that I fit in really well and enjoyed every minute of playing. I loved this team."



6:57 PM ► Making her move, junior Abrise Sims drives towards the basket in a home loss to Mill Valley. Sims finished the season with 91 points.

MOVING FORWARD

Lady Braves second in conference

BY SHELBEY TAYLOR

When the Class 4A division was split into two at the beginning of the season, the Lady Braves knew exactly who they would have to go through to make it to the state tournament: the Bishop Miege Stags, a perennial 5A powerhouse.

The first step in the journey was a preseason tournament at Paola where the Lady Braves finished second after losing to St. James in the championship game.

The Lady Braves went on to win seven of their next nine games, including a key win at Mill Valley.

"The girls played as a team and did a really good job sharing the basketball," head coach Clay Oakes said. "When Mill Valley started falling apart, the team really pressed on and made sure they had no chance of coming back."

Unfortunately, the two-time Top Gun Tournament

champions couldn't hold on against Piper and that marked the end of the Lady Braves' tournament dominance and the end of the season for junior guard Kaleigh Taylor.

The Lady Braves avenged the loss three weeks later, beating the Pirates 47-21 at home.

"Beating Piper by 26 at the end of the season was a great moment for our team," Oakes said. "They were undefeated in league at the time and the win was the only loss Piper would suffer in league play."

The Lady Braves' season came to an end at DeSoto in the sub-state championship with a 60-47 loss to eventual state champion, Bishop Miege.

"Our seniors were an instrumental part of our success," Oakes said. "We will return a lot of players with experience and we should be in great position to make a run at league and possibly even state."

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6:14 PM ► Scanning the court, sophomore Miyah Hightower looks for an open teammate. "Starting out the year playing JV with the 'crew' was great and starting varsity towards the end made the season very enjoyable," Hightower said.

60 SECONDS WITH KALEIGH TAYLOR

The season came to a painful end for junior Kaleigh Taylor who learned she had a possible stress fracture right before the Lady Braves played in the finals of the Top Gun in mid January. Unfortunately, the injury sidelined Taylor for four long months.



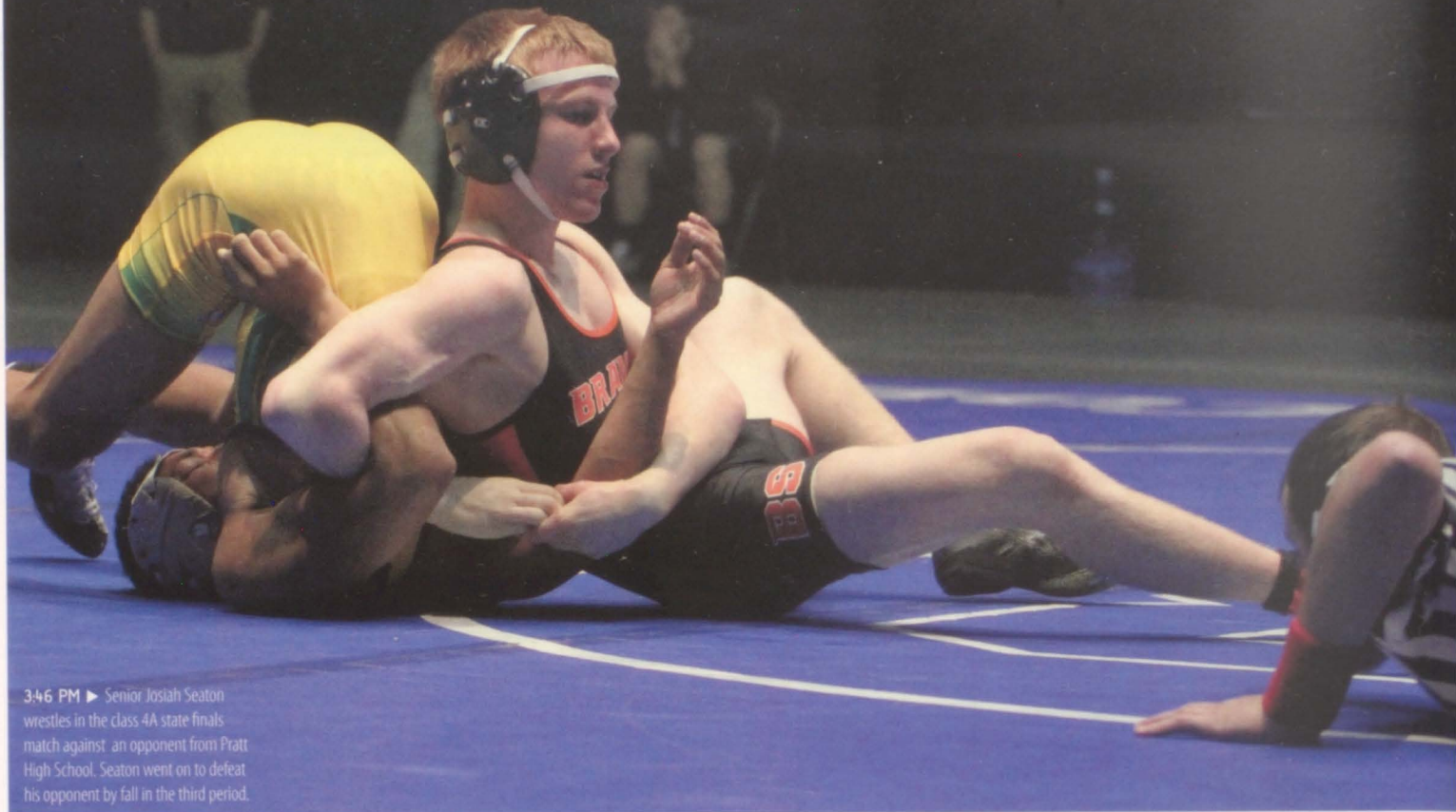
"It was painful sitting and watching the whole team play because I'm a very active person," Taylor said.

The worst game, Taylor said, was the season finale against Bishop Miege.

"At sub-state when I was sitting on the been watching I had this anger and wanted to play. I told the trainer, 'Wrap my leg up' but Oakes told me he couldn't put me on the roster. I told him to give me Kaylan's jersey but he still said no," Taylor said. "I felt devastated because it was the last time I could have played with the seniors."

Although Taylor was out for a majority of the season, she was still a first-team All-Kaw Valley League selection.

"It felt amazing to make all-KVL because I played 12 games and missed 10," Taylor said.



3:46 PM ▶ Senior Josiah Seaton wrestles in the class 4A state finals match against an opponent from Pratt High School. Seaton went on to defeat his opponent by fall in the third period.

TAKING IT TO THE MAT

Braves work hard to achieve their goals

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

The Braves wrestling team found success yet again under head coach Brandon Jobe.

The team won eight out of ten duals and the team made incredible strides throughout the season.

What went on at practices is what made the Braves wrestling team successful in their season.

"Towards the end of the season, I repeatedly reminded our wrestlers that 'They don't train like us.' Our practices are designed to be much tougher than any match they will wrestle and to prepare them for every situation possible," Jobe said. "Many times throughout the season other schools were in awe of how hard our team warm-ups were before tournaments."

As a team, the Braves took fourth at regionals hosted

by Holton High. Individually, senior Josiah Seaton and junior D.J. Ballard captured championships while senior Johnathan Carter, junior Bryan Lanning and sophomore Collin Wallar each placed fourth and punched their tickets to the 4A state tournament the following weekend in Salina.

Missing the podium, Carter, Lanning, and Wallar all went 1-2.

Ballard went 4-1 in the 120-pound weight class which led him to a third-place medal.

Seaton went 4-0 in the 113-pound weight class, pinning all his opponents and taking his place on the podium with a state title.

Overall, the Braves placed 10th as a team, something they had been working towards all year.

"Our goal as a team was to crack the Top Ten at the state tournament," Jobe said. "We barely did it, but we did it."

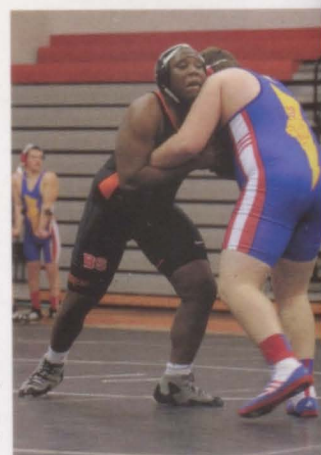
"OUR GOAL AS A TEAM WAS TO CRACK THE TOP TEN AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT. WE BARELY DID IT, BUT WE DID IT."

Coach Jobe



8:29 PM ▶ Sophomore Collin Wallar gets low to set up a shot against his opponent at a home dual where he won his match 10-4. Wallar ended his season at 22-13 and qualified for the Class 4A state tournament where he was 1-2 in the 126-pound weight class.

6:27 PM ▶ Senior Johnathan Carter takes on his opponent at a home meet on Senior Night. Carter ended his season with a record of 25-14 and earned his first trip to state where he went 1-2 in the 220-pound weight class. "My season was good because I qualified for state and that was the ultimate goal for me," Carter said. "It takes a lot of hard work to be successful."



PINNING HIS WAY TO A STATE TITLE

Senior Josiah Seaton goes undefeated

For senior Josiah Seaton, the class 4A state tournament was nothing new. Seaton had qualified every year since his freshman year, when he weighed in at 84 pounds and wrestled in the 103-pound weight class.

Seaton did not make it on to the podium as a freshman, but as a sophomore he placed fourth and junior year he fell short of a state title as a runner-up.

"Physically, I've gotten bigger. Honestly, each year I knew that I had to do more and more because I fell short of my goal, being a state champion, and I needed to work harder if I wanted to accomplish that," said Seaton.

Not only preparing himself physically but also mentally for this year's state tournament, Seaton had the mindset that he was going to win.

What was odd about his championship match was that once he won, there were no dramatics, no pointing to the sky, not even a tear.

"To me, the biggest part of wrestling is staying calm and being confident," Seaton said. "It's about keeping your cool and this past year I learned that I was better off being calm instead of getting worked up."

Before his matches, Seaton usually stands and visualizes himself winning and what he is going to do in his match.

"I wasn't nervous because I never thought for a second that I was going to lose," Seaton said. "If you don't think you're going to lose, you won't get nervous."

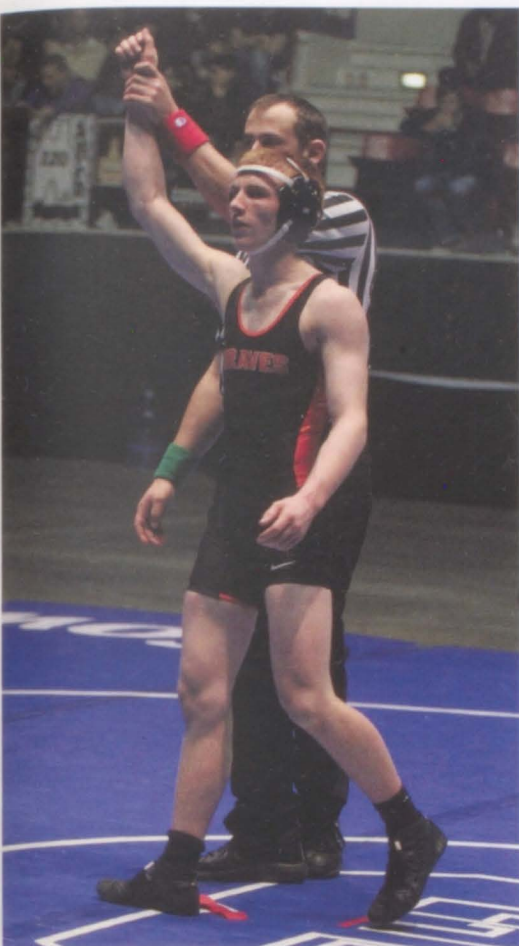
Seaton went 4-0, pinning all his opponents and outscoring them 46-2 on the way to a state title at 113 pounds.

Not only did he leave with a state title, but was later awarded Kansas 4A Wrestler of the Year.

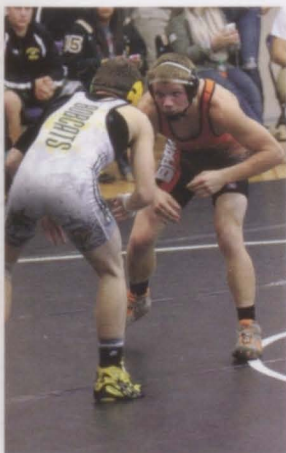
"Josiah won his state finals match months ago just by the way he works," head coach Brandon Jobe said. "He is everything a coach would want. He did everything I asked and then ten times more."

After the weekend of state, Seaton was in the weight room Monday morning before school and later that night he went to two wrestling practices.

"I feel accomplished in my high school career and now I am just another step closer to my ultimate goal which is making the world team," said Seaton, who finished his final high school season with a perfect 43-0 record.



2:08 PM ▶ Junior Dakota Ballard tries to keep his opponent from scoring two by holding his leg. Ballard wrestled at the Class 4A state tournament where he placed third. "I was overwhelmed with taking third and really happy," Ballard said. "It wasn't what I wanted, but it was still a great accomplishment."



6:52 PM ▶ Junior Bryan Lanning sets up a left leg single at an away dual at Piper High School where he went on to win the match 6-2. "I felt pretty good about winning because he and I are always back and forth because we were about the same skill level," said Lanning.



1:43 PM ▶ Wrestling at the two-day Bobcat Classic tournament, senior Dominic Salvino attempts to pin his opponent. Salvino went on to win the match by fall and finished 2-2. "The highlight of my season was at the Bobcat Classic when I beat a kid who was ranked in Kansas," said Salvino, who wrestled in the 145-pound weight class and finished his season with a record of 15-15.

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SEASON?



JORDAN MAUK

"I was down one and this guy tried to take me down and I rammed him into the mat. He ended up forfeiting."



ANTHONY KUBAS

"I got to wrestle alongside some terrific people and I'm glad I made it through."



KOLBE SEATON

"At the Tonganoxie dual I won my match by pinning Clayton Himpel, who was ranked No. 3 in Kansas."



SEAN SINGLETON

"I was wrestling in a JV match against this guy from Bishop Ward and I body slammed him and then pinned him."



SPRING

"Playing a spring sport is unpredictable because of how much the weather changes and you never know what your game day is going to be like. My favorite part about baseball season is getting to play at the T-Bones Stadium because it's a great atmosphere."

— MAISON PATCHETT, 12

11:04 A.M. ► Sophomore Brandy Brouhard, junior Madison Stumbough and senior Mikayla Ussey make brownies at the Ronald McDonald House on April 2 as part of a service project in their fifth hour Leadership class. "Volunteering and giving our time to families who are going through a rough time is rewarding," Brouhard said.



12:39 P.M. ► Junior Madison Gray prepares drinks in the Brave Cave for the April 29 Career Day. Students in Dawn Sommers' seventh hour Career and Life Planning class were in charge of running the hospitality room for the event. "It was fun to help everyone feel comfortable and represent our school," Gray said.



11:04 A.M. ► Sophomore Tyler Campbell uses a table saw to rip a board for his class calendar project in his Cabinetmaking II class on April 3. "My favorite part about the projects we built is that they require us to learn new skills but in a fun way," Campbell said.





6:05 PM ► Senior Itzel Soto directs player Philip Holcomb on the soccer field.

ACCEPTANCE THROUGH COMMUNITY

Senior goes the extra mile to bring people together

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

For senior Itzel Soto, creating a Unified Soccer team was more than just a Senior Project. It was a way to focus on her passion for helping others. Soto led and created a team to compete in the newly formed Kansas Unified Soccer League, which is sponsored by the Special Olympics.

This league gives Special Olympics athletes the change to develop their athletic skills and gain confidence while competing alongside their general education peers in a friendly but competitive environment. Soto's team often practiced on Sunday evenings and competed with teams from other area high schools on weekends.

"My project changed my life completely," Soto said. "It humbled me and challenged me in the most unexpected ways. It is the best thing I have ever done by far."

Originally, Soto's team was only to play in the fall, but play continued playing into the spring because of its success and popularity. Two more teams comprised of USD 204 students joined the league in the spring and BSHS hosted the state championship tournament April 26 with eight local schools in attendance.

"It was extremely stressful managing everything, and there were times where I thought I couldn't do it, but all the good outweighed the bad," Soto said. "The most rewarding part was getting a phone call from the parents saying how much positive change they had seen in their child because of my Senior Project."

Not only did Soto receive a lot of positive feedback from parents, she was honored as the Metro Volunteer of the Year by Special Olympics and was the youngest person to receive that award. Her work was also featured on a Fox 4 News Reaching 4 Excellence segment.

"It opened new opportunities and let people be open to new experiences," Soto said. "It showed people how important acceptance is and how much progress we can make as a community."

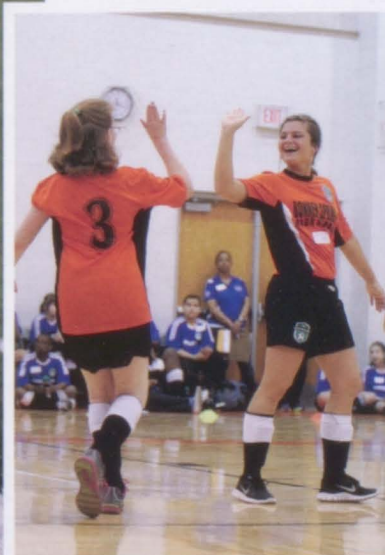
10:03 AM ▶ Senior Weston Vitt assists junior Dylan Clark with his goalie gloves during the April 26 championship at the district PE Center. "It was a great experience and we all had a fun time getting to know each other and scoring some goals," Vitt said.



MY TIME



12:07 PM ▶ Students on USD 204 Team No. 2 celebrate their success after earning medals at the championship tournament on April 26. From left, Nicholas Nichols, Roman Glenn, Katelin Lake, Travis Dooley, Caitlin Reed, Judah Capalla and Madison Stumbough.



10:20 AM ▶ Junior Caitlin Reed gives a high-five to sophomore Katelin Lake after Lake scored a goal against J.C. Harmon in pool play. "Unified Soccer helps because it shows what people are capable of and by having peers there it lets these athletes know they have friends supporting them," Reed said.



6:45 PM ▶ Senior Itzel Soto and the Unified Soccer team that competed in the fall. From left, Julianne Jackson, Itzel Soto, Nikolai Christoff, Weston Vitt, Jacob Sopher, Jordan Jackson, Philip Holcomb and Dylan Clark.

6:53 PM ▶ Jogging onto the field, Soto gets ready to defend the goal at an Oct. 10 home game. "Unified Soccer is unique because in every other aspect identified students and peers are pretty much separated," Soto said. "This brings them together without secluding anyone."



SOUL SINGING

Choirs make history at spring contest

BY LOREN FORD

When his singers loaded the buses on April 16 to compete in the regional solo and small ensemble contests at Eudora High School, director Brian White knew his groups would do well. But he had no idea how well.

For the first time in school history, Women's Ensemble, A Cappella and Project X, all returned home with I ratings, the highest marks possible.

"It was very rewarding when all of the choirs received the top-level ratings," White said. "It's a reflection of our classroom, a public assessment of our class. We were one

of the only schools who received all superior scores at contest."

White said the choirs practiced for the contest all year long to learn multiple pieces. For instance, A Cappella members had to learn four songs, and they had only three weeks to prepare for one of them.

This rating was particularly memorable for the graduating seniors.

"It meant we had really exceeded expectations," senior Kortni Sanborn said. "It was the first time in five years that A Cappella had earned a I. We were really proud of that."

REGIONAL SOLO I RATINGS

- Michael Murphy
- Dakota Nason
- Taryn Remigio
- Heidi Rodgers
- Hannah Scheck
- Darius Sheppard
- Darien Stogner

8:09 PM ▶ At the fall choir concert, director Brian White bows to the audience after a song by the Women's Ensemble.



MICHAEL MURPHY

How has music influenced your life?

Ever since I was a little kid, I've heard my Dad play in the orchestra and the opera which encouraged me to start music from a young age.

What was it like going to contest for Project X?

The first time was nerve-racking. It was the first time in forever that I had done a contest vocally, so seeing the judges really made me nervous.

Do you believe that music will always have a place in your life?

Yes, I strongly believe that because I could never live without music.



TARYN REMIGIO

How has music influenced your life?

Music has always been a major influence in everything that I do. I grew up singing and I don't think that I would be who I am today without it.

What was it like going to contest for all three choirs?

Contest is always the highlight of my year. Although it's exhausting, every second is worth it.

Do you believe that music will always have a place in your life?

Yes, I plan on going to KU to major in music therapy and hopefully continuing to advance in guitar and piano on the way.



AARIONNA HOLLIDAY

How has music influenced your life?

Music gives me an outlet when I'm going through difficult situations.

What was it like going to contest for all three choirs?

State contest was probably the most stressful week of my high school career. Leading up to contest day, we ran the songs over and over until they were perfect. Getting a superior rating at state was the best feeling ever.

Do you believe that music will always have a place in your life?

Yeah, of course. Music and softball will always be in my life.



DAKOTA NASON

How has music influenced your life?

Music has changed me quite a bit. It has affected how I feel, how I behave, and it has also influenced me to pursue music in my life and to also improve myself.

What was it like going to contest for A Cappella choir?

It was really scary. This was my first year in a school choir overall, so it was a new experience for me.

Do you believe that music will always have a place in your life?

Yes, definitely, music will always have a place in my life.



WHAT MAKES YOUR STYLE YOURS?

BY MARIAH SEIFERT



"I choose things that represent who I am on the inside to express how I feel. My go-to outfit is my lamb leather jacket, ocean print dress and my biker boots. I like this outfit because it's colorful and unique from everyone else. I normally shop online because it's easier to find European and vintage things."

—DAPHNE SCHRAGE



"I like to wear a sweater with a tank top because it's comfortable and not too hot or too cold. I like to shop at H&M and Forever 21 because their clothes fit my size and my personality. I like to wear what I like, but if I don't feel like dressing nice I'll wear sweatpants."

—SKYLER LUCAS



"The colors I usually like to wear are navy, gray, black and white because they go well together and it's easy to pick two items and have them match. When it's warmer, I usually just wear jeans and a crewneck or a scooped-neck T-shirt. I prefer most of my clothes to have a minimilast design with little to no branding on them."

—BRIAN GRAY

"I think that high school is the time to experiment with your style. I really like edgy, preppy, girly and classic. My style varies from day to day. I think you should change it up. This is your time to find who you are."

—LOREN FORD

STEPPING *into* SPRING



MACY HART

"I like shoes because I wear a lot of boring clothing and I like to have one item that pops. Sandals are my favorite because there are so many different types and they're all pretty cute. I like expressing myself through shoes by differentiating myself from other people. I really like shopping for shoes and finding new sales."



JOSHUA ADAMS

"I mostly got into shoes playing basketball because they're a different way to express yourself other than the team jersey. I once camped with the McGee twins for a pair of Jordans. We got to Oak Park Mall at 2 a.m. and sat there for four or five hours. It was really cold, so I remember it the most because it was like 18 degrees that night."



SKYLER ROACH

"My mom got these shoes for a bargain and I like wearing them because they're different from other people's shoes. I'm really into Native American things and the beige and the fringe remind me of that. They're really comfortable and it's almost like I'm not wearing any shoes at all."



BRENDAN SCHULTE

"You know that feeling you get when you get home and you just want to take your shoes off? I don't get that. These shoes are so comfortable; it's like they're not even there. I got them from Outback Adventures about two years ago. They're my favorite."





7:55 PM ► Sophomore Sumer Spenkle (Mary Bishop) listens to what the killer might do next. "I got to be the damsel-in-distress and almost died twice," said Spenkle. "I love acting because I get to be someone else for awhile."

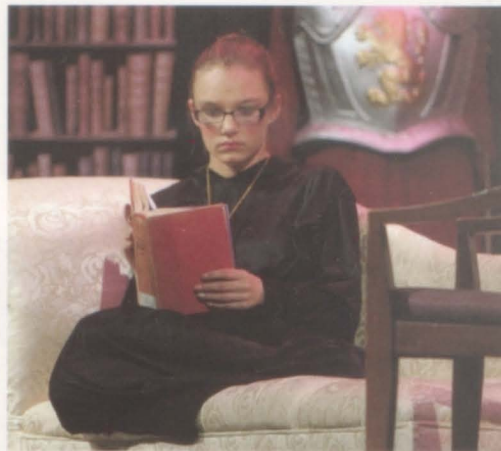
WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE IN THE PLAY?



BRENDAN SCHULTE

"I played the murderer, Patrick McDougall. Even though I had been part of Theatre for Young America productions in elementary school, it had been awhile since I had done any acting. It brought back my love for theater. Everybody was so much fun to work with."

7:10 PM ► Junior Airyana Fox (Sister Mary Margaret) has her nose in a book in Act One. "My character was quiet and a big bookworm, so it was a challenge to play someone so different from me," Fox said.



7:33 PM ► Seniors Hayley Hinton (Laura Evans), Kayla McPherson (Mary Cecelia) and sophomore Mikayla Young (Mary Adams) react in shock to the prospect of a murderer in their midst. "The play went pretty well for only having three weeks to prepare," Young said.



7:56 PM ► Playing Sister Mary Thomas, sophomore Victoria Hoover comforts fellow nun Sister Mary Agatha played by senior Lanysha Mays. "We ran into the same difficulties as last year, but in the end it all came together," Hoover said.



60 SECONDS WITH HAYLEY HINTON

During intermission, you presented your Senior Project. Why did you decide to write and direct your own play?

I decided to write and direct a play because I'm passionate about acting. Acting has always been very important to me and I wanted to make sure I chose a project that I could be excited about doing every day.



How did you juggle acting in one play and directing another?

It was quite easy, actually. Acting is second nature to me; I memorize quickly. In addition, telling people, willing people in any way was very fun and easy. I never had any trouble with my actors, so I knew I didn't have to worry about friction from them.

What was the title and plot of your play?

My play was called "Who Killed Grandma?" It was basically a spoof on the classic nursery rhymes and a crime show. Basically, Little Red Riding Hood finds a bed with only "Grandmother's" clothes on it, so she immediately assumes Grandma was murdered. Throughout the play, you meet a total of eight nursery rhyme characters such as Rumpelstiltskin, the Little Mermaid and Hansel and Gretel, who are then interrogated by two fun and flamboyant detectives.

How did you feel about your play?

I am so very proud of my play, of my script and my extremely talented actors. They brought my characters to light in an amazingly fun way. If I could do it again, I'd do it in a heartbeat. I wouldn't change a thing, except maybe getting it professionally recorded so I could enjoy my work over and over again.



8:48 PM ► Junior Joe Casteel (Torch) chooses his weapon for the Mary Murderer while being on stage for the first time. "I was a little nervous but I liked it overall. I might do it next year," Casteel said.



7:17 PM ► Senior Eleanor Lynch (Erica Kincaid) enjoys her role as a flamboyant actress. "I think it went pretty well for putting it together in three weeks. I was happy with the outcome, but the last performance was very emotional for me," Lynch said.



KICKING THE HABIT

Light-hearted mystery takes the stage

BY ANNA DUTTON

Directed by Dan Streit, this year's spring play, "Murder Can Be Habit Forming," featured 16 actors in a comedic mystery.

The play follows a bus load of passengers who are stranded by a blizzard and find their way to an old mansion in the woods, St. Mary's Convent. They soon find out that one of the guests is a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer," whose victims are all named Mary.

Many of the nuns, as well as passengers, have the first name Mary, which makes them potential victims. As the play goes on, you learn who "the Mary Murderer" is and who he puts in danger.

"It was a play we had ordered five years ago, but we didn't have enough boys to do it so this

year when we had enough guys, we broke it out," Streit said.

Due to a series of obstacles, Streit had to perform on stage for the second year in a row when one of the actors dropped out five days before the show.



"I played the role of Professor Lewis. He was a mild-mannered college professor who tried to think everything out through a logical standpoint," Streit said. "I think it was more nerve-racking this year because my lines were spread out and I was trying to make sure everything was okie-dokie backstage."

In the end, though, it all came together for the cast and crew.

"With only three weeks of prep, we were able to pull off a pretty good show," Streit said. "It was fun and hopefully next year we can do better."

DAKOTA NASON



“ THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVED BY THE SECOND NIGHT. THE PLAY WAS A BLAST AND I HAD A GOOD TIME GOING OVER THE LINES AND HANGING OUT WITH THE CAST.”



Front Row: Mikayla Young, Victoria Hoover, Hayley Hinton, Kayla McPherson, Emily Barger, Lanysha Mays, Row 2: Airyana Fox, Joe Casteel, Sumer Sprenkle, Darius Sheppard, Eleanor Lynch, Brendan Schulte, Dakota Nason, Hannah Scheck, Nathan Schaber.



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

The power of friendship brings students together

BY ROBYN LEWIS

For senior McKenna Spiess, being a part of Friendship Group was one of the highlights of her high school years.

"It helped her socialize. It gave her friends that all of her parents would have never thought she would have without Friendship Group. It makes McKenna happy," said Erin Spiess, McKenna's stepmom. "It's the bonding and the relationships that are created. Everyone in it is just excellent."

At 87 members strong, Friendship Group seeks to make a difference through kindness and personal connections using a buddy system.

"Friendship Group is important because kids deserve to have friends and be accepted," sponsor

Denise Chowning said. "It's important because the world is very diverse and Friendship Group helps educate the school and community about disabilities and the acceptance and inclusion of others."

Chowning said the club's organizational strategy was a little different this year. The large group was broken down into three categories, so members could work on specific skills that included everything from social interactions to playing games.

"Friendship Group continues to grow and do great things," Chowning said. "The students are absolutely amazing and kids with and without disabilities benefit because of their involvement in this club."



ERIN WALTERS PROFILE



1:46 PM ► Senior Erin Walters decorates her superhero shirt during a fifth hour Friendship Group activity.

What is your favorite part about Friendship Group?

My favorite part is that all my superheroes are in there with me.

What does your superhero cape mean to you?

It is very special because I got it from Caitlin Reed during Senior Night for volleyball.

You have a whole kingdom of Friendship Group buddies.

Who's a part of that?

Mikaela Bennett, Morgan Reed, Emily Nelson, Robyn Lewis, Annie Carpenter, Katie Carpenter, Hayli Spencer, Alysa Carpenter, Alayna Dooley and a lot more people.

How did you decide who was in your kingdom?

They were my friends for sure. That's why I picked them

What's been the best part of your senior year?

Being with all the superheroes and the queen. I also had fun adding to my key collection. I have 334 keys now.

ERIN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP KINGDOM



Queen
Mikaela Bennett

Princesses
Morgan Reed
Emily Nelson

Fairy/Cook
Alysa Carpenter
Alayna Dooley

Superheroes
Too numerous
to mention

9:18 AM ► Junior Shelby Taylor pushes freshman Nico Walter to first base during a game of kickball on March 31. "Spending time with everyone in Friendship Group is always a great," Taylor said.



11:16 AM ► Freshmen Spencer Watson, Paige Krone, Alayna Dooley and Brenna Holt form a train in the gym on April 3 when the work of Friendship Group member Itzel Soto was featured on Fox 4 news.



9:12 AM ► Senior Kassy McKelvin works hand over hand with freshman Rachel Graham at the Job Olympics on April 4. Graham finished with a third place in the sorting event. "Watching Rachel grow and improve since day one has been very enjoyable," McKelvin said.

9:19 PM ► Sophomore Katelin Lake works hard to put together as many pizza boxes as she can at the Job Olympics. Lake also competed in three other events.

WHO IS YOUR BUDDY?



JACOB SOPHER & GWEN BARRETT

"Working with Jacob is very fun because he has a good sense of humor. Jacob can always put a smile on my face," Barrett said. "Learning how people are different and unique and learning how to cope with everyday things is the best part about Friendship Group," Barrett said.



LINDA THAO & MIKAYLA USSERY

"Linda has a funny side to her and we have a lot of fun together," Ussery said. "The best part about Friendship Group is being around everyone and seeing the different side of people you don't see every day."



EMILY NELSON, STEVEN SHONKWILER & ANNIE CARPENTER

"Steven is one of the few people who can tell me and my twin Katie apart. He's a really easy-going guy and fun to work with," Carpenter said. "Friendship Group is great because you get to work with people you don't see every day."



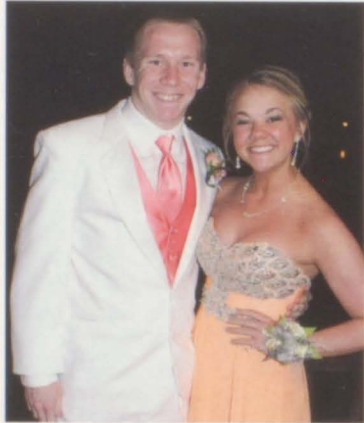
AROUND THE WORLD

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Juniors Monica Stimac and Jalisa James, sophomore Alazia Stanley, and juniors Nathan Campbell and Abrise Sims



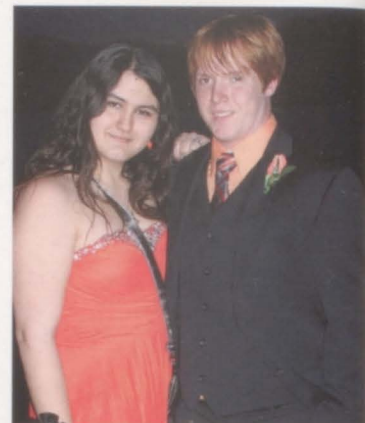
Senior Dominic Salvino and date Raeney Seaton



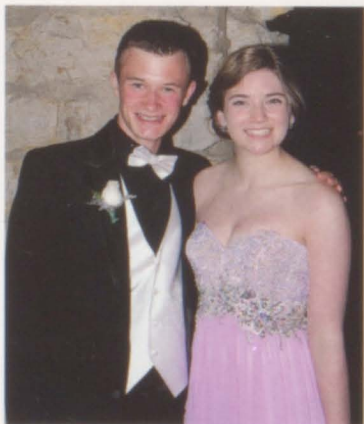
Senior Sawndra Hubbell and date Demetrious Luciano



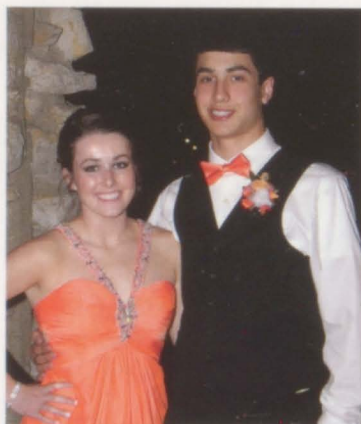
Seniors Jared Knernschild and Cheyenne Hale



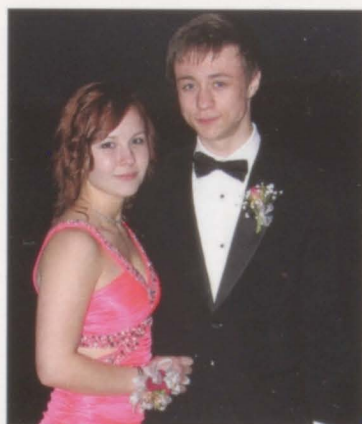
Junior Cheyenne Cook and date Kyle Sears



Junior Sam Nelson and senior Caroline Clark



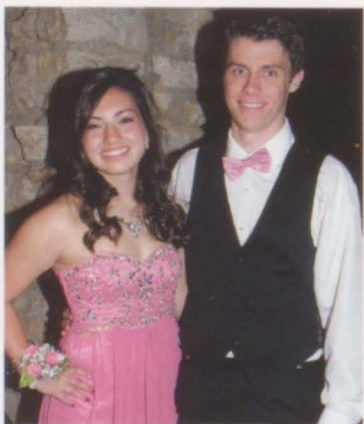
Sophomore Brittney Clark and junior Jordan Castro



Juniors Meranda Hull and Joshua Cabbage



Juniors Ashtyn Wells and Karl Turner



Juniors Shelby Taylor and Alex Povlitzki



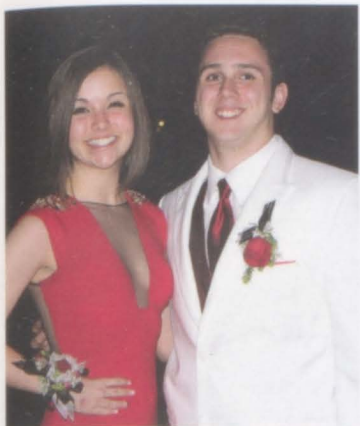
Junior Courtney Roush and date Troy Butner



Seniors Ksee Sanchez and Les Wessel



Seniors Tyler Eickhoff and Rachel Barber



Seniors Lilly Eickoff and Thomas Eads



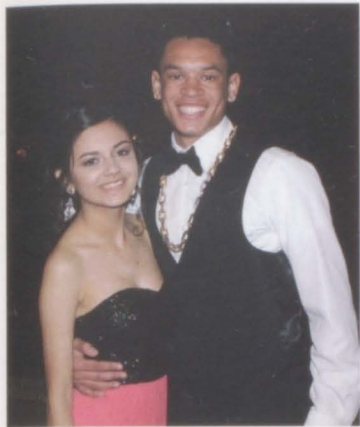
Junior Dustin Scott and sophomore Victoria Frecks



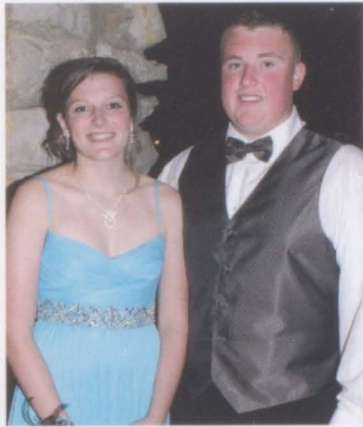
Seniors Erin Walters and Cody Crider



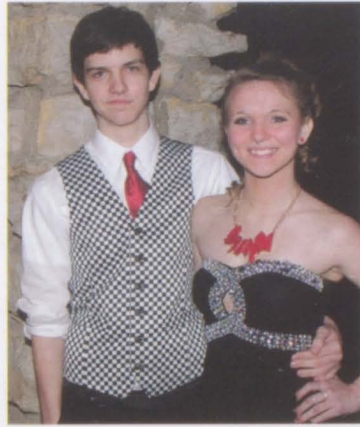
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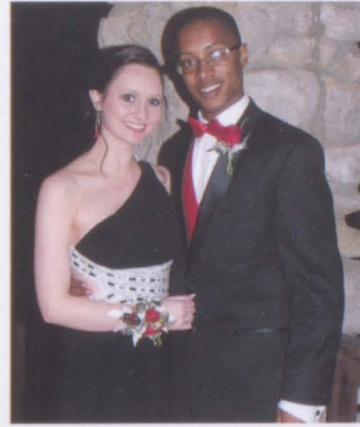
Freshman Ariah Hutton and senior D.J. Simpson



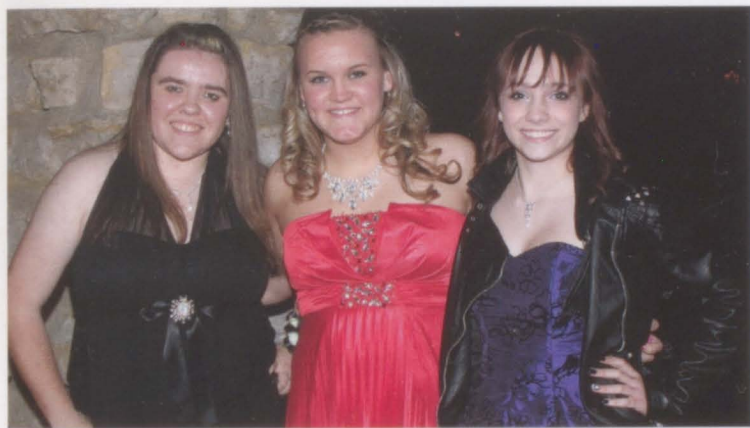
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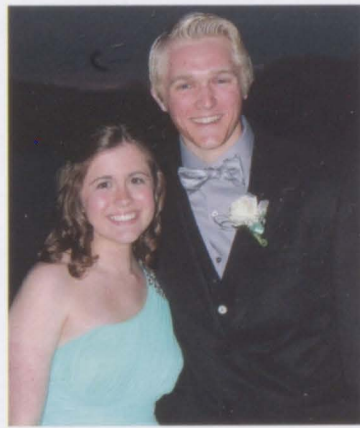
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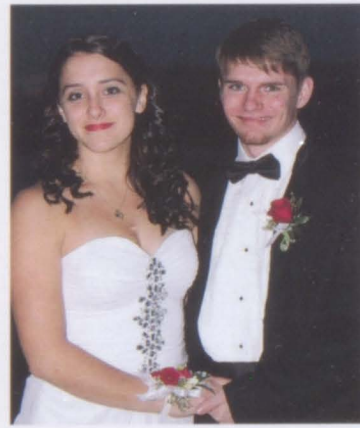
Seniors Hayley Hinton and William Scott



Seniors Kristina Schwab and Bailey Sears and Junior Maddy Kempf



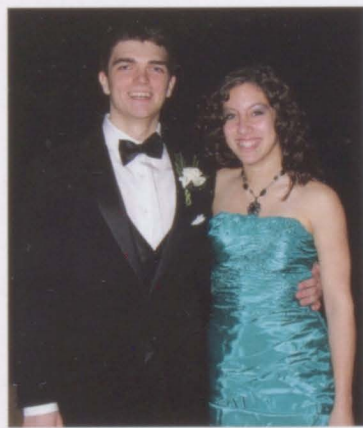
Junior Richard Skaggs and date Brittne Ketcham



Junior Amber Lies and date Lucas Meiring



Senior Destini Colvin and date A.J. McKinney



Seniors Paul Dykes and Kayla McPherson



Juniors Morgan Lawrence and Colton Quigley



Sophomore Hanna Wenzel and senior Jack Klingele



CHANGE OF PLANS

Mix-up on Prom date doesn't ruin fun

BY LAUREN MURPHY

Planning for prom this year brought a new set of complications that were more than just the usual mix-up on dinner reservations. Some plans even came to a halt after students learned that the event would be on April 5 instead of April 26.

"It made things more stressful," senior Lilly Eickhoff said.

Even though it complicated some plans, there was still a good turnout.

"We average about 120 couples every prom," sponsor Adrienne DeLeon said. "There was no impact from the date change."

When asked about the date change, DeLeon stressed that it was just misprinted in the agenda, but it was correct on the school website.

"The original date was the same date as a state music competition," DeLeon said. "The date was changed at the end of the school year, last year."

Although this was decided before prom rolled around, the students weren't directly informed until a few weeks before.

"Prom crept up on me. It was here before I knew it. But it didn't make things too complicated. I still had a blast with my group," Eickhoff said.



Front Row: Darian Neal, Jordan Jackson, Justin Carroll, Austin Schuler **Row 2:** Clarissa Patch, Alex Carter, Rachel Barber, Kemberly Sanchez, Madison Hurla. **Not Pictured:** Johnathan Carter.



CHANLER HADLEY & AUSTIN GOODIN

THE ESSENTIALS:

I got my dress at a boutique in Lawrence and my shoes were given to me by Brianna Robinette. I did my own make-up and my mom did my hair. Austin Goodin was my date and I truly wouldn't of asked for a better date!

BIG or SMALL GROUP: Big

DINNER: Argosy Casino Buffet

POST-PROM: Our group went to Perry Lake and camped out.

HOW LONG AT THE DANCE: About two and a half hours.

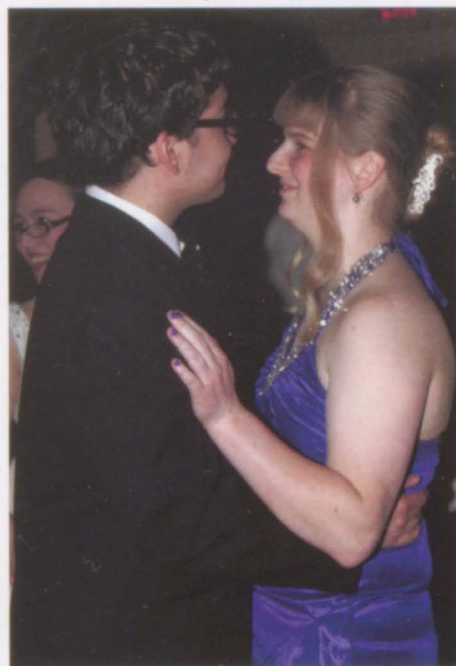
ARRIVED: About 8 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: Austin's truck.

9:34 PM ▶ Jordan Jackson and Kemberly Sanchez were crowned Prom King and Queen.



Junior Samantha Joyce and date Chance Thoman



Junior Jessica Christensen and date Xavier Wells



Junior Sarah Czirr and date Roger Suggs



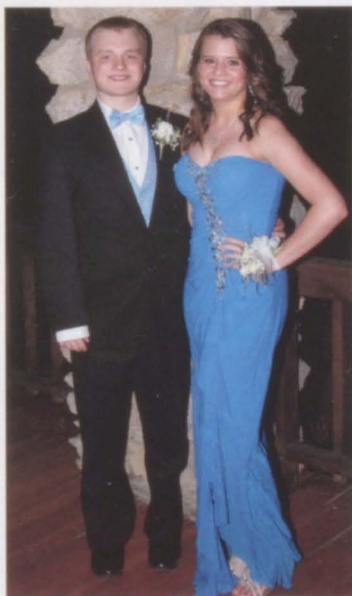
Senior Elizabeth Barger



Josiah Seaton & Annie Carpenter

His Hers

11 AM	5 AM
Woke up and then wrestled	Softball tournament at Adair
2 PM	12 PM
Watched <i>Lovely Bones</i> at Dominic Salvino's house	Finished playing softball
5:30 PM	3 PM
Began getting ready	Began getting ready
6 PM	6 PM
Took pictures with friends at Lake of the Forest	Took pictures with friends at Lake of the Forest
7 PM	7 PM
Went to eat dinner at Nick and Jake's	Went to eat dinner at Nick and Jake's
8:30 PM	8:30 PM
Arrived at the dance	Arrived at the dance



KELSEY BALLOU-LYNGSTAD & TYLER LENTZ

THE ESSENTIALS:

I got my dress at Dillard's and I wore the same shoes as last year. My sister did my hair, and I did my own makeup, which only took about 15 minutes. It took me about an hour and a half to get completely ready.

BIG or SMALL GROUP: Small

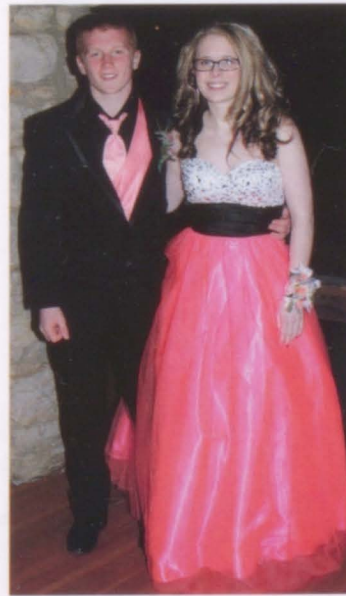
DINNER: Olive Garden

POST-PROM: After prom we went back to my house to just watch movies.

HOW LONG AT THE DANCE: About two hours.

ARRIVED: 9:00ish

TRANSPORTATION: Tyler's car



BRIANNA SAWYER & KOLBE SEATON

THE ESSENTIALS:

I got my dress and shoes at David's Bridal. My mom's friend did my makeup and hair, but my hair messed up the first time so we had to redo it. I spent all day getting ready because I had to get my nails done.

BIG or SMALL GROUP: Small

DINNER: Olive Garden

POST-PROM: Went to see *Captain America: Winter Soldier*.

HOW LONG AT THE DANCE: Hour and a half.

ARRIVED: 8:15 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: Kolbe drove.



DIVERGENT VS. HUNGER GAMES



TARYN REMIGIO

"I think *Divergent* is better because of the dystopian feel. It's more scientifically realistic. Also, Veronica Roth is a better writer than Suzanne Collins."



EXAVIER FORD

"I would have to say I liked *Divergent* better because of the main character, Tris. She is so strong and only has one love interest throughout the whole movie."



COURTNEY BARGER

"I prefer *Hunger Games* because it's different from society today. I like how fantastical it can be. *Divergent* is not as far off from modern society. *Hunger Games* is less realistic which is why I like it."

WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU'VE READ THIS YEAR?



KYNNEDY SHEPHERD

"*The Fault in Our Stars* had a really great story line and the author did a really good job of getting you hooked on the characters. Also, it's not your typical teen love story; it talks about real issues like disease and cancer and that makes you appreciate life more in a sense."



DEANNA ISAACS

"*The House of Night: Marked* is the first book in the series, and the intensity of the plot just gets you hooked as the characters fight for their lives. The authors leave just enough details dangling to have you waiting for the next book. It was just excellent."



LAYNE WARNER

"*Star Wars: Revan* was my favorite because the *Star Wars* extended universe tells us a little bit more about the universe than the movies. The extended universe gives us more insight on the characters."



FAVORITE FICTIONAL UNIVERSE

GRIFFIN MARESKE

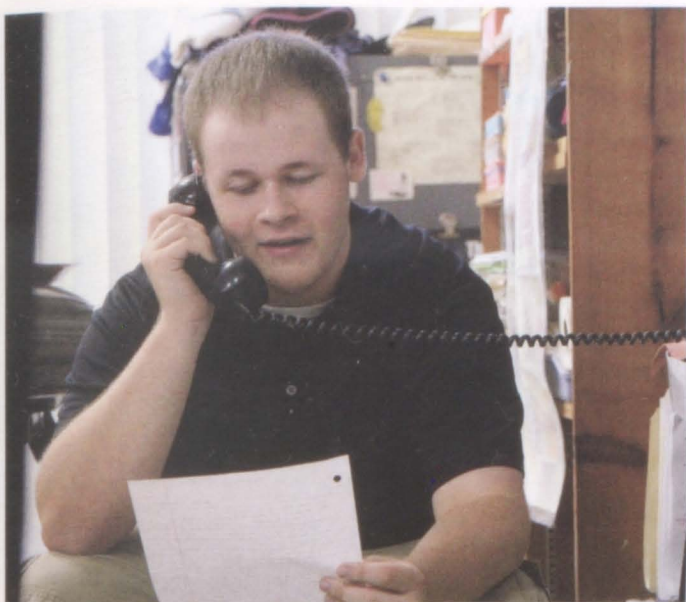
"Harry Potter is mine because it's the first universe I was ever immersed in, which was in first or second grade. I just like the idea of growing up and becoming a wizard."

JAROD MORTENSEN

"Percy Jackson and the Olympians is my favorite because I've always wanted to be a demi-god. I also really like Percy's sense of humor."

JON NAY

"I like Gregor the Overlander because Gregor is a relatable character. I started reading it in class because it was assigned to us. Once I started reading, I could not stop."



Calling Grendel

9:41 AM ▶ Along with Jackie Calderon (center) and Bailey Sears (left), senior Luke Bolejack pretends to have a conversation with a literary character as part of a phone dialog project in his third-hour English class. Students in Chris Woods' senior classes created the dialogs throughout the year so they could look at literature in a different way and sharpen their critical thinking and speaking skills. Students were required to create scripts which featured a conversation with a new character or which added depth to an existing character along with mature sentence techniques. "It's the perfect authentic assessment," said Wood, who has been doing the dialogs since the 1990's. "I think the students enjoy them because it allows them to show off their performances."



POET'S CORNER

HANNAH SCHECK

Sophomores in Ann Smith's English classes created poetry books as a major class project. Here's a look at one writer's work.

How many poems did you write for your book? 15

How long did it take you to complete your book?

We worked on it a week in class and I worked on it a few days at home.

What did you enjoy about this project?

I enjoyed writing freely about things that meant a lot to me, such as my interests, or something I believe in.

What did you learn as you completed this project?

I learned that almost anything can become a poem, even the process of making a poem can be a poem.

What were some of the challenges?

The most difficult thing was dealing with writer's block, no question.

What was your favorite poem?

I'm most proud of my poem "Social Skills," which is about the kids, including myself, who have trouble speaking with others comfortably. We all walk through these halls hearing others who are somehow able to be so social with complete strangers, or even friends, but some people just can't do it. We feel like no one cares about what we have to say, which is rather true in today's society. If one day I can find someone who really cares about what I have to say, I mean really cares, I'll be happy.



Making Poems

The keyboard clacking,
Fingers run along the keys.
Why can't I think now?

Night Vale Bound

Night Vale bound I go.
Through the desert's true harsh heat
I am going there.
To Night Vale I go to see
What on earth is going on?

Social Skills

Every day we run into problems with people.
Every day we run into situations that aren't stable.
And every time we wish it was just a fable.
Even if all attempts are meaningless and feeble.

Some people lack these skills that seem so important
but lethal,
And others just realize they aren't at all able,
To change their antisocial fate, or turn the tables.
I just wish I could speak like other people.

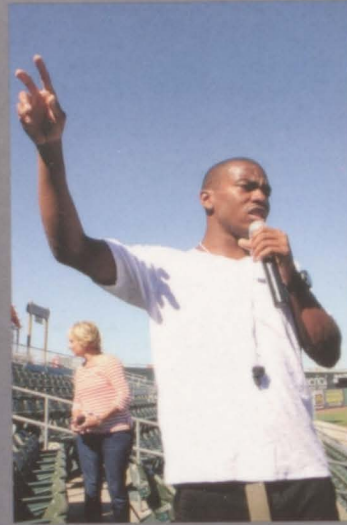
But we go throughout our day, just a couple
Of people who can't speak without being tripped up like
something unstable.
We walk through these halls just wanting to enable
Our ability to converse with others like an equal.

But no matter our fate we cannot rearrange
Our anti-social nature we want to so desperately
change.



DEION MCQUARTERS

For his Senior Project, Deion McQuarters organized a dodgeball tournament at Community America Ballpark on Sept. 21 from noon to 2 p.m. There were eight teams of five people each in attendance and the winning team, called the Water Buffaloes, included seniors Colin Barker, Josiah Seaton, Bailey Harris, Dominic Salvino and junior Edgar Gomez. The winning team received a trophy and a bracket. McQuarters said he chose this project to give him a sense of what it might be like to run a business. All proceeds from the event went to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City. "I felt like even though we didn't raise as much money as we wanted to, it was still fun and I got to reach out to the community," McQuarters said.



Deion McQuarters

MCKENNA SPIESS

Senior McKenna Spiess hosted a "Circle of Friends Mixer" in the BSHS gym during Projects Time on Feb. 27 as her project. At the event, there were snacks, drinks, games, music and a photo booth. With students paying \$1 to enter the mixer plus donations, Spiess was able to raise \$500. All the proceeds went to Friendship Group, an organization that has made a big difference in Spiess' life. In fact, Spiess' Friendship Group family showed up in full force at the mixer and her peer buddies helped her with aspects of the project she couldn't do — everything from decorating the gym to finding dress-up clothes for the photo booth. The flyer for the event advertised, "Bringing students with and without disabilities into an environment where they have the universal bond of music, open doors to acceptance, communication, and patience."



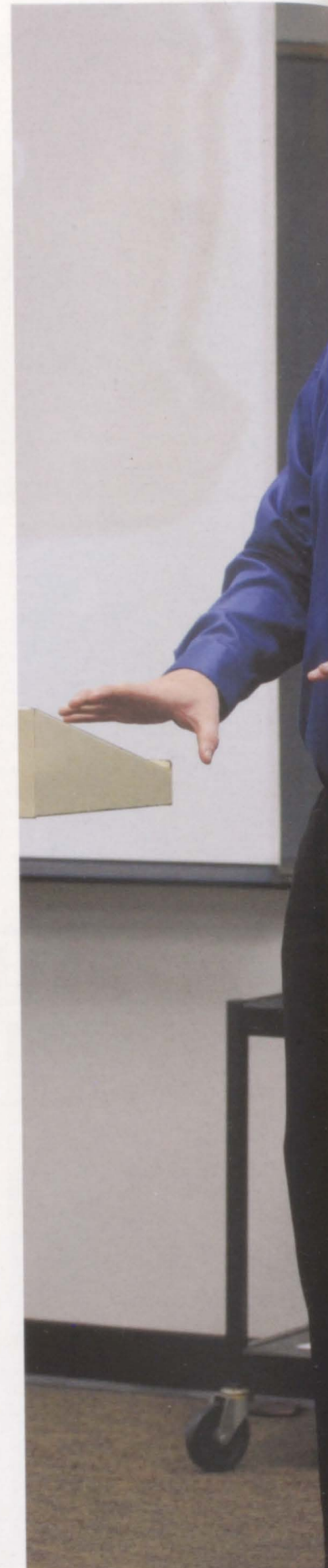
McKenna Spiess and her father, Brandon

ALEX CARTER

For her project, Alex Carter raised \$300 for Vaughn-Trent Community Services as part of a Tiblow Days raffle. The winner of the raffle was junior Caitlin Reed, who received a Beat's Pill by Dr. Dre. With help from senior Nicole Norris and Cord Cannon, Carter started selling raffle tickets bright and early before the parade. "I was trying to sell raffle tickets at 7 a.m. and people are kind of grumpy that early," Carter said. In addition to the raffle, Carter helped Vaughn-Trent with their social networking applications. Carter plans on majoring in mass communications in college and said the project helped her realize that this is what she wants to do in the future. "I'm happy with the way it turned out because I had to do it in a really short amount of time and my two other senior project options fell through," Carter said.



Nicole Norris, Cord Cannon and Alex Carter



8:12 PM ► Senior Les Wessel and his sister, Emma, demonstrate youth athletic conditioning techniques during his Senior Boards evaluation on May 9. "It meant a lot for my little sister to help me with my project because I helped her stay in shape and she was able to experience high school conditioning," Wessel said.

AWARD WINNERS

When it comes to the Senior Project, some students go above and beyond and it shows when they are honored with either gold or silver awards.



KAYLEIGH CLARK

What did you do for your Senior Project?

I brought books to Willa Gill Center, the Boys and Girls Club and New Chelsea Elementary School.

What did you gain from your project?

It was really fun and I didn't dread going. I actually liked going because every time you go you get to meet new people, but you also got to see the same people. I met some extraordinary people."

What award did you receive?

Gold.



DEVON LAMBERD

What did you do for your Senior Project?

I coached a youth fifth-grade football team during the summer.

What did you gain from your project?

You grow a personal relationship with all of the kids and that's important. If they see me out, they'll come and give me a high-five. Words can't explain that.

What award did you receive?

Silver.



EMMA MURRUGARRA

What did you do for your Senior Project?

I shadowed a general practitioner for 30 hours during a week in summer.

What did you gain from your project?

I did it because my career interest is psychiatry and psychiatrists are doctors. Most of what I learned was personal reflection throughout the year, just thinking about my project all year long.

What award did you receive?

Gold.

60 SECONDS WITH ANA CORREA



What did you do for your Senior Project?

I volunteered at Bonner Springs Elementary School for 12 weeks from October to December translating and interpreting.

What did you do at Bonner Springs Elementary?

I basically just translated papers and interpreted for Hispanic families at other events. I also tutored a second grade student who had just come to the United States and didn't know English.

What award did you receive?

I got gold. I knew I did well, but I didn't think I did well enough for gold.

How did you feel after your project?

I feel like I learned a lot about myself and my translating and interpreting skills really grew. If I had the chance to do it again, I would because I went through something similar, so I know how the kids felt.

How did you feel about senior boards?

Senior boards was something I was really looking forward to. I felt relieved after finishing.



3:31 PM ► Sophomore Michael Amayo competes in the high jump at the Bonner Invitational. Amayo finished fourth with a jump of 10 feet, 4 inches.



RUNNING WITH IT

Track team finds regular-season success

BY MARIAH SEIFERT

With four Top 3 finishes, the boys' track team enjoyed a very successful regular season. They were third at Basehor, DeSoto and Wellsville and first at their own invitational, which was their best meet, according to head coach Rob Marriott.

The Braves scored 167 points on their home track, 89 more than second-place Basehor. While there were plenty of victories, the squad's jumpers had a particularly big day, combining for 50 points in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Sophomore Michael Amayo won the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 2.5 inches and placed third in the triple jump while senior Anthony Kubas won the event with a leap of 42 feet, 7.5 inches. Senior Jordan Jackson was second in long jump.

Regionals, however, provided a frustrating speed bump. Neither Jackson or Kubas qualified in jumping and neither did the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.

On the girls' side, Marriott got strong efforts from two sophomore state qualifiers: Jonita Francis and Julianne Jackson. Francis competed in the 200- and 400-meter dashes while Jackson placed 11th in the long jump.

On the boys' side, senior Kyle Dumler and junior Michael Amayo earned their first trips to the state in shot put and long jump, respectively. Dumler finished his career with a fourth-place medal after a toss of 51 feet, 8 inches. The 4x100 relay team of Chris Broome, Marcell Holmes, Jacob Neu and Deion McQuarters also competed.



4:47 PM ► Senior Travis Dooley competes in the 110-meter hurdles during an away meet at Basehor-Linwood High School on April 11. "Travis sacrificed a lot to be our fourth runner on the 4x800 relay team," coach Rob Marriott said.

4:37 PM ► Sophomore Katie Carpenter hands off to freshman Carletta Hill in the the 4x100 meter relay at the Bonner Invitational where they finished third. "I loved my first track season. It was challenging, but very rewarding," Carpenter said.





3:14 PM ► Senior Kyle Dumler throws the discus at the Bonner Springs Invitational where he won the event by more than 17 feet with a throw of 147 feet, 10 inches. Dumler established a new school record in the event with a toss of 156 feet, 8 inches at the Baker Invitational.

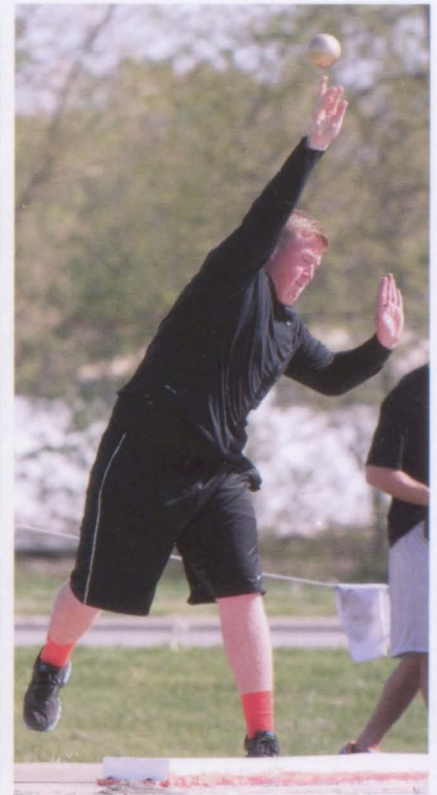
4:27 PM ► Senior Deion McQuarters runs the open 100-meter dash at the Bonner Springs Invitational. McQuarters, whom head coach Rob Marriott describes as a "selfless runner" took third in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 11.54 and 24.18, respectively.



4:19 PM ► Sophomores Julianne Jackson and Jonita Francis compete side by side in the the 100-meter dash at the Bonner Invitational, which Francis won with a time of 13.9 seconds. Francis and Jackson were the lone state qualifiers for the girls' squad.



3:51 PM ► Junior Jacob Wylie throws shot put at the home invitational where he had a season-best throw of 40 feet. "I joined track because Mr. Huff wanted me to," Wylie said. "The most difficult part was getting the correct form down."



4:48 PM ► Senior Austin Schuler runs the 4x800 relay at the Bonner Springs Invitational. "The most interesting part of my season was earning the school record in the 2000-meter steeplechase at Baldwin," Schuler said.

LEAPS & BOUNDS

“ For most of the season, I was running around a 2:02 in the 800. At the KVL meet, however, I was able to drop my time down to 1:57.5 and pass two teams for a third-place finish. Coming out of regionals, I was the third best 800 runner from a 4A school, which happened to be the toughest class for the 800. At state, I ran a personal record of 1:57.13 and was able to finish in third place and earn another state medal. I felt that I had a successful season even though the 4x400 and 4x800 teams I was a part of couldn't make it to state, despite running the fastest we have all season.”

—Austin Schuler



ANTHONY KUBAS

"Overall, I had a very fun last year. Even though I didn't finish how I wanted to, I still had some great times and made many memories. It was an honor being a part of the track team."



JORDAN JACKSON

"For my final season, I was fairly successful but I fell short of my goal of making it to state. Overall, I enjoyed my last high school sport and getting closer with Coach Razak and the rest of the jump crew."



EYES ON THE PRIZE

Senior golfer captures state title

BY D.J. SIMPSON

Behind the leadership of seniors Marc McClain and Jacob Laing, the golf team earned a second-straight trip to the state tournament.

"Our goal was to qualify once again," head coach Steve Miller said. "We knew it was lofty but attainable."

The Braves opened the season at the Sunflower Classic where McClain fired a 75 to capture the individual championship and the team finished fifth.

That first-place finish would be the start of an amazing run for McClain, one that saw him capture the biggest prize of all: an individual state championship.

To pave the way for that, the Braves had a strong showing at regionals where the team

of McClain, Laing, Kyle Dumler, Stevie Greer, Nathan Hinton and Caleb Malone shot a 358 to place second and claim their spot at the state meet. Individually, McClain was second with a 78 while Laing was fifth with an 81.

"We put it all together at regionals," Miller said. "These guys have put in hundreds of hours of work and have really come together as a team, which can be difficult in such an individualized sport. I have only been coaching for two years now, but this group will always have a place in my heart."

At the state meet at Firekeeper Golf Course in Mayetta, the Braves finished seventh behind McClain's championship effort.

"It's been an honor to be a part of what these guys have accomplished," Miller said.



1:54 PM ► On his way to a second-place finish, senior Marc McClain watches his shot while competing at regionals on May 18. McClain had Top 5 finishes in every tournament but one.



3:01 ► Junior Caleb Malone is all smiles after sinking a putt at regionals where he shot a 100. "Caleb was a first-year golfer and he made huge strides. He has a shot to be the No. 1 man next year," coach Steve Miller said.

2:30 PM ► Junior Stevie Greer gets ready to chip the ball at Hole 9 during regionals at Sunflower Hills. "Stevie was the third best on the team and the deciding factor on where the team would go in tournaments," teammate Marc

JACOB LAING PROFILE

Senior Jake Laing had another solid season for the Braves, with his best round of golf coming at regionals where he finished in the Top 10. "Jake worked on his swing at the start of the season and consistently made progress throughout the year," coach Steve Miller said. "He has the mental approach that it takes to win. He was the hardest worker and the glue that kept the team together."



What was your season highlight?

Playing alongside Marc for one more season. He's a really good golfer and made me want to get better.

What's your favorite course?

Sunflower Hills because it's my home course.

How often do you play golf?

I play golf about five days out of a week.

What's the most important character trait of a golfer?

Honesty, because if you aren't honest you can find ways to cheat your score and make it lower.

How many Top 5 finishes did you have?

I only had one Top 5 finish because I was making swing changes all season and I was in a little slump, but I am out of it now.

7-HOUR FOCUS

BY DJ SIMPSON

It took senior Marc McClain about seven hours to earn his Class 4A championship. Ironically, though, he shot the best round of golf in his career on just four hours of sleep.

The air conditioner in the hotel where the team was staying the night before the tournament didn't work, so McClain and his teammates spent most of the night talking. Factor in a forgotten glove for his right hand and it was a day where McClain definitely had to keep his cool.

So how did McClain keep his focus on his way to becoming the first golfer in school history to win an individual championship?

"I became calm after I got under par because I knew that I was capable of winning with that score," McClain said. "Getting to under par gave me the confidence to finish strong."

McClain, who has been playing golf since age three, was pleased with his finish.

"It meant a lot to me," he said. "It was what I looked forward when I reached the high school level. A state championship is the biggest reward you can earn, and it was one of the main goals of mine growing up because I wanted to be the best I could be."

Coach Steve Miller knew McClain was ready for a championship run before the Braves packed their bags for Mayetta.

"The week before state Marc had the best week of practice I've ever seen him have in the two years I've been coaching him," Miller said. "Marc has all the tools it takes to play golf at the highest level and at Firekeeper he showed what can happen when all those tools come together."



1:02 PM ► Senior Marc McClain reads the green so he knows where and how hard to hit the ball while competing at the state tournament on May 27. McClain fired a three-under 69 to win the tournament. (Photo courtesy of Mike Lavieri, Bonner Springs Chieftain)

“MARC'S COMBINATION OF PASSION AND TALENT ALLOWED HIM TO GO FAR IN THE SPORT.”

—GOLF COACH STEVE MILLER



7:38 PM ▶ Junior Shelby Taylor holds off a defender while dribbling the ball up the field during a home loss to Topeka Seaman. Taylor scored the first ever post-season goal for the soccer program.

LONG-AWAITED JOURNEY

Team earns first-ever trip to state

BY MIKAELA BENNETT

Chemistry was not a problem for the girls soccer team, most of whom have been playing together since middle school.

Over the course of the season, the Lady Braves beat three teams 10-0, including Ottawa, Bishop Ward and Schlagle.

The team was led by seniors Bailey Hightower, Hannah Hunt, and Kennedy Bizzell.

"I thought the seniors were great leaders who led by example," seventh-year head coach Mike Moulin said. "They worked hard and expected everyone else to work hard too."

The Lady Braves finished the season at 12-8 and kicked off the post-season with a 3-1 home win against Maranatha, with goals from junior Shelby Taylor and sophomore Julianne Jackson.

The Lady Braves then captured a 3-1 win against their KVL rival Piper Pirates, setting up their journey to state.

"I'm proud of the entire season," Moulin said. "From the get-go, everybody was focused and remained positive throughout the season; nobody ever gave up."

RECORD
12-8



7:26 PM ▶ Sophomore Miyah Hightower dribbles her way between two Gardner defenders during a 4-2 win. Hightower was awarded with second-team, all-KVL honors at the end of the season.

6:23 PM ▶ Making a kick, sophomore defender Kaylan Roberts clears the ball out during an away game at Mill Valley. "This season of soccer was my favorite because we made it to state and our team had lots of chemistry and worked well together," Roberts said.



MAKING HISTORY

BY MIKAELA BENNETT

For senior midfielder Bailey Hightower, a chance to play at state was a long-awaited goal, one that she had dreamed of since the age of 11.

"Every year, Moulin would tell us, 'This is your year. You guys can really do it this year,'" Hightower said. "Finally making it to state my senior year turned a dream into a reality. I couldn't ask for a better way to end my high school career."

The eight-year-old soccer program defeated Piper 3-1 to win sub-state and earn the right to

play Topeka Hayden in the semifinals.

"I thought the girls played well," Moulin said of the 3-1 loss to Hayden. "The nerves were a big factor, but they worked hard and played hard; we competed well."

The Lady Braves went on to lose 5-2 to Bishop Meige, placing fourth overall at state.

"It meant everything," Moulin said of making it to state. "This is the first time the girls have ever achieved this; it's something special for the school, coaches and players."



6:46 PM ▶ **Front row:** Julianne Jackson, Shelby Taylor, Tanya Hernandez, Miyah Hightower, Kennedy Bacon, Bailey Hightower, Faith Seaton. **Row 2:** Head coach Mike Moulin, Gabriela Parada, Hannah Hunt, Kennedy Bizzell, Jayme Fratzel, Paige Krone, Kaylan Roberts, Gwen Barrett, Kaitlyn Rose, Sydney Sprague, coach Ethan Issacs, Robby Glenn.



Sophomore Gwen Barrett



Sophomore Julianne Jackson



Sophomore Jayme Fratzel



Senior Kennedy Bizzell



Sophomore Kennedy Bacon



Freshman Kaitlyn Rose



Senior Bailey Hightower



Julianne Jackson and Tanya Hernandez form a "mega person"



Sophomore Gwen Barrett, senior Hannah Hunt and sophomore Miyah Hightower



5:17 PM ► Freshman Alayna Dooley competes in the 200-yard individual medley at a home meet on May 8. "Fly is the most exhausting stroke, but you just have to push through it," said Dooley.

WITH A BIG Splash

Swimmer earns return trip to state meet

BY SASHA BINGAMAN

Reaching their ultimate goal, the girls swim team sent four swimmers to the state meet in Topeka.

"That's what you work for," second-year coach Preston Williams said. "It means everything to go to the 'ship."

Sophomore Robyn Lewis was the only individual qualifier in the 500-yard freestyle and also competed in the 400-yard freestyle relay along with juniors Danielle Hosking and Madison Stumbough and freshman Alayna Dooley.

"Relays are one of my favorite parts of swimming, especially when you're with the same team for a long time and you grow really close to each other and push each other," Stumbough said. "We got to joke around with each other but when the race started it was 'race mode.' The excitement and

intensity was something I can't explain in words. It brought me to tears."

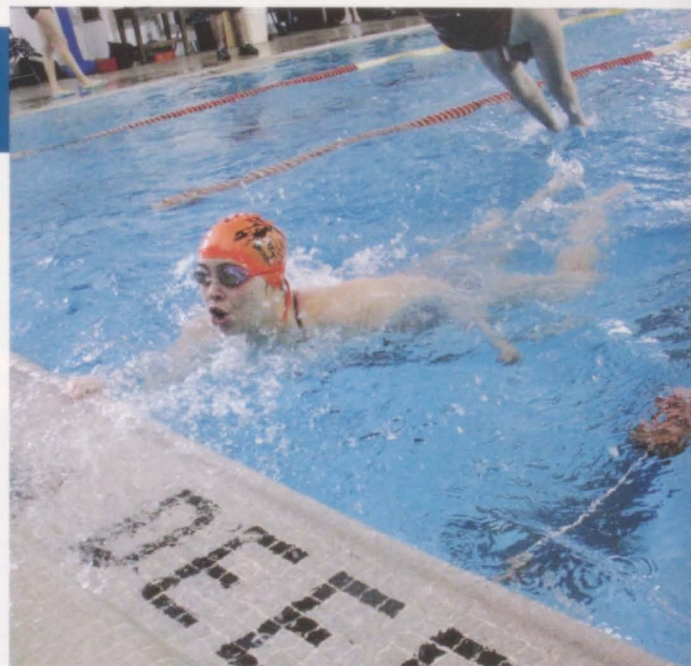
The relay team had a great race at the KVL Championships to qualify with a time of 2:03.40.

Williams said the team's best meet came at the WyCo championships where they brought home 21 medals and recorded "tons of personal records."

The season wasn't without obstacles. Lewis, who set two school records in her freshman year, battled through shoulder injuries and a concussion.

However, Williams said the team received a shot in the arm from Hosking, an Australian foreign exchange student, and freshmen Alayna Dooley and Brenna Holt, who stepped into roles as needed.

"I want to remember what amazing people we had on the team and how much fun we all had together," said Dooley.



6:24 PM ► Junior Madison Stumbough finishes her leg of the 200 freestyle relay during the WyCo championships. "It was really cool to be a captain of the team," Stumbough said. "The leadership role I was given was very rewarding and it reassured me that my hard work shows."

11:45 AM ► Freshman Brenna Holt raises up the counter board for teammate Robyn Lewis during Lewis' 500 freestyle race at state. "I've been helping Robyn all through the season and to experience state with her was a great experience. I couldn't be happier with my first year of swimming," said Holt.



4:16 PM ▶ Junior Amber Lies takes a breath while swimming the 500-yard freestyle at a home meet. "The 500 is one of my favorites because it makes me feel free and calm in the water. The hardest part about swimming the 500, however, is all the flip turns; they end up making me dizzy," Lies said.

5:28 PM ▶ Junior Jessica Christensen gets ready to make her turn while swimming the breaststroke in the 200-yard individual medley. "The hard part about swimming is the long distance races. The individual medley really allowed me to push myself. I was very happy with how my season went," Christensen said.



11:41 AM ▶ Sophomore Robyn Lewis (above) swims the 500 freestyle at the state meet at Hummer Park in Topeka. (Left) Lewis tries to calm her nerves the start of the race. "I had the fastest girl in the state in my heat, so I was very intimidated and nervous," said Lewis, who finished with a time 6:22.

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SWIM SEASON?

BAILEY PIERCE

"The highlight of my season was my very first swim meet. I was extremely nervous, but it ended up being really fun. My favorite stroke is freestyle because I made a lot of progress at each meet."



SABRIA ZLITNI

"I decided to swim because I have always loved being in the water. It is a great individual sport and you are constantly trying to better yourself. There were a lot of good memories this season, but my favorite is probably just staying after practice with Alayna and Brenna, and goofing around in the pool."



MORGAN LAWRENCE

"The hardest part about swim team was getting up early during spring break for practice. I joined swim team to stay in shape for basketball and ended up loving it. My favorite part was hanging out with the team; we were all really close."



60 SECONDS WITH Danielle Hoskings

How was your swimming experience here different from your's in Australia?

At home we don't have a team. We have a one-day carnival every year where the whole school gets split up into four teams and competes and we get the whole day off of school for it. The people who do good at the carnival go on to compete at other carnivals against other schools.



What was it like competing at state?

Going to State was amazing, especially since it was my first and only year on the swim team. Being able to go and compete for the school was great.

What have you enjoyed the most?

I will always remember the laughs that we had at practices and at meets. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the team and it was one of my main highlights in the U.S., especially doing a Chinese fire drill on the way home from state because I had never heard of that before.

Favorite stroke and why?

Freestyle, because that's my fastest stroke and it's the one I'm most comfortable doing.

What was it like being nominated as captain?

To be nominated as a co-captain was great. I really felt a part of the team, and it was an honor my teammates voted for me.



ANOTHER CHANCE

Doubles team returns to State

BY SAM NELSON

Leading the team, senior doubles partners Jack Klingele and Quinton Schneck played their way to state for the second year in a row.

The duo defeated teams from both Sumner and Paola during regionals to earn a chance at the state title. Unfortunately, they made an early exit, losing both matches.

"It was a good season," Schneck said. "Things might not have turned out how I expected them to, but I'm satisfied with the results."

According to head coach Bill Scott, Schneck made school history by becoming the third individual to make it to state three times in his high school career. Schneck was also the third BSHS singles player to make it to the

championship round of the Leavenworth meet, where he placed second.

The duo finished with a 12-5 record and played some of their best tennis at the Bonner Springs Invitational where they placed second.

"Quinton has a perfect stroke and he's real aggressive, a real fighter," Scott said. "Jack was the perfect set-up man and kept the ball in play. They complemented each other very well."

In singles play, Schneck posted a 7-4 record while Klingele went 3-3.

For other members of the squad, the season was all about improvement.

"This was the smallest group we've had in years, but they were great to work with and did everything we wanted them to do," Scott said.

NATHAN CAMPBELL



"IT WAS A GREAT SEASON. I LIKED MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR."

II PAUSE & REFLECT



"It was a really fun first year, and I am looking forward to next year. The most challenging part for me was learning all the different strokes."

—PARKER CAPEHART



"It was a baller first season. The hardest part was probably learning how to get my serve down. It took me a while, but I got it in the end."

—DESTIN WILLIAMS



"It was a productive, fun first season and I made a lot of good memories. I will definitely be playing tennis again next year."

—ARMANDO MIRANDA



2008-09 ▶ Senior Quinton Schneck returns a volley with a powerful forehand during a home match. Schneck posted a 20-11 overall record.



3:45 PM ▶ Senior Jack Klingele volleys the ball back over the net. Klingele finished with a 17-16 overall record and earned a second straight trip to the state meet with his doubles partner, Quinton Schneck.

2:22 PM ▶ Juniors Aaron Ashford and Taner Shipman anticipate an incoming serve. "Taner and I worked well together," said Ashford. "We went undefeated at our first four meets."



3:21 PM ▶ With full focus, senior Luciano Fasani returns a serve. Fasani was 5-13 in singles play and 4-4 in doubles. "This season didn't go as well as I had hoped, but I still had a lot of fun and played the best match of my life at regionals," Fasani said.



3:43 PM ▶ Senior Peter Jenkins volleys the ball during the squad's first home meet. Jenkins, nicknamed Mr. 500, went 13-13 for the season.



3:12 PM ▶ Junior J.T. Johnson hits the ball back over the net at a home meet. "It was a rough season for me, but I improved a lot," said Johnson, who posted an 8-20 record.



4:41 PM ▶ Sophomore shortstop Alexis Tendick fields a ground ball at a home game. Tendick hit .477 and scored 29 runs, the most on the team.

STICKING TOGETHER

Team meets goal of finishing at .500

BY ROBYN LEWIS

At the start of the season, head coach Denise Chowning outlined her team goals: to be .500, to advance to state and to see each athlete reach her potential.

Although they didn't advance to the post-season, the Lady Braves team put together a solid 11-10 season to meet Chowning's first goal.

"With just one returning senior, we were young and had to overcome some injuries and illness, but we did better offensively than I anticipated and that made up for a lack of pitching depth," Chowning said.

Chowning said the team's two best efforts came in a senior-night victory over Basehor and a 1-0 win Piper. Freshman Kennedee Meier knocked in the game's only run against the Pirates, and junior

pitcher Hannah Fehlhafer gave up just five hits in seven strong innings.

Chowning said she got great leadership from her captains, junior Megan Laughlin and sophomore Alexis Tendick.

"Lexi brings such a knowledge of the game along with her hard work and great attitude and Megan really became more of a leader behind the plate this year," Chowning said.

At the end of the season, Tendick was named team MVP and received the Coaches' Covenant Award while Laughlin was named Most Inspirational.

"The season went well," Tendick said. "The beginning was rough but by the end we came together as a team. There were a lot of injuries, but we walked through it together."

RECORD
11-10



4:36 PM ▶ Junior Hannah Fehlhafer aims for the strike zone in a home game against Basehor. Fehlhafer handled most of the team's pitching duties, recording 24 strikeouts in 95 innings. "I go up to the mound wanting to get three outs right away and thinking I've got to pitch it to the right spot," Fehlhafer said.



5:34 PM ▶ Junior Mikaela Bennett fouls off a pitch during a home game. Bennett was the team's leading hitter with a .528 average and a team-best 24 RBI's. "Mikaela's bat really came alive this year," head coach Denise Chowning. "She's a natural leader who does whatever the team needs her to do."



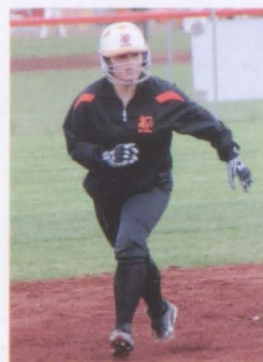
4:37 PM ▶ Freshman Paris Forshey reaches for the ball while playing first base against Basehor. "I thought the season went really well. We did a lot of battling through all the games," said Forshey, who hit .304.

II PAUSE & REFLECT

BRANDY BROUHARD

STATS: 16-of-39 for a .410 average, 11 runs scored

"I feel like this year has been great because we did a lot more as a team. We went to the T-Bones game and tailgated, had more team dinners and went out to eat before regionals," Brouhard said. "My favorite thing about playing softball is the atmosphere—the feeling of going out onto the field and being able to trust my team to have my back no matter what."



MEGAN LAUGHLIN

STATS: 24-of-59 for a .407 average, 7 doubles, 2 triples, and 1 home run

"When I'm catching, I keep my eye on everyone. I have to remind myself to stay focused and don't miss the ball. Overall, we had a good season; it went better than last year."



5:39 PM ▶ Inserted into the game as a pinch runner, junior Aarionna Holliday slides into third base safely to keep the Lady Braves alive in a 6-5 win over Basehor. Senior Mikayla Ussery (far left) gives a congratulatory hug to junior Megan Laughlin, who knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Junior Caitlin Reed lays down a bunt early in the first game. Reed finished the season with a .481 average and 28 runs scored.

Sweet, sweet senior night

BY ROBYN LEWIS

Senior Mikayla Ussery couldn't have asked for a better senior night: plenty of friends and family in the stands, the booming cadence of the drum line as a show of support and, best of all, a thrilling win over Basehor.

"It left felt amazing to beat Basehor. I had been looking forward to that game all season and beating them was definitely the highlight of the season," said Ussery, who was the first one out of the dugout to storm the field.

The night was also very special with a first-ever appearance by the drum line at a softball game.

"Having the drum line there was cool. It was nice to have something different there to keep us going in between innings," Ussery said.

“THE GIRLS ARE ALWAYS REALLY PUMPED UP TO PLAY BASEHOR. IT WAS AN AWESOME WIN BECAUSE THEY ENDED UP AS KVL CHAMPIONS.”

—COACH DENISE CHOWNING



5:08 PM ▶ Keeping his eye on the ball, sophomore Connor Byers makes contact at a home game against Piper. Byers led the team in hitting with a .345 average and most runs scored with 11.



3:57 PM ▶ Although junior Thaddeus Glenn was the team's top pitcher with 56 in strikeouts in 36 innings, his favorite position is centerfield. "You can make a lot of exciting plays and diving catches," Glenn said.



3:54 PM ▶ Newcomer Brayden Pearce, a junior, fields a grounder in a home game against Mill Valley. "It was like coming in as a freshman. New people, new coaches, new signs and everything," Pearce said.



4:42 PM ▶ Junior Logan Shearer slides into third during a 4-2, first-game home win against Basehor. "We only won four games but we definitely improved, which was our goal," Shearer said.



JORDAN CASTRO



“WE DEFINITELY IMPROVED BUT THERE IS STILL SOME IMPROVEMENT TO BE DONE.”

PITCHING vs. CATCHING

Do you prefer pitching or catching?

I like to pitch more because it's easier on the knees.

What's the advantage of playing both?

My advantage is knowing what the strike zone is.

What was your season highlight?


My highlight was shooting out two players at the Piper game.

How did the team improve?

We got better right before regionals where we lost to DeSoto by one and they were the No. 1 team in the state.



Jeremy McDonnell



3:39 PM ► Junior Roman Glenn bunts the ball at the home opener against Basehor. "The Glenns lead by example. You don't have to tell them twice to do something; they just do it," head coach Adam Loecker said.

ALL ABOUT **IMPROVING**

New head coach guides young team

BY SHELBEY TAYLOR

Although the wins were hard to come by, new head coach Adam Loecker wasn't too troubled. He chose instead to focus on the team's one main goal: improvement.

"I wasn't really worried about our wins or losses, just as long as we improved daily. I felt our goal was to improve every day and we did this throughout the course of the year. It gave us opportunities to win," Loecker said.

Loecker said the team's best game came when they defeated Bishop Ward 5-1 with the help of a grand slam by junior Thaddeus Glenn and strong relief pitching in the last two innings by Maison Patchett. The Braves hadn't defeated the Cyclones since 1990.

"It was a big accomplishment to beat Ward since

they're looked at as one of the big baseball schools around here," junior Brayden Pearce said.

The team's improvement showed in their last game against the No. 1-ranked team at regionals, the DeSoto Wildcats, who advanced with a narrow 5-4 win.

"It was the most complete game we played all year and it came at the right time," junior Logan Shearer said.

With the guidance of their coaches, the future looks bright for the young Braves.

"Loecker and Johnson came in asking a lot out of us and I think people bought in to what they wanted. Most of the players liked how they were coaching and teaching us the game," sophomore Connor Byers said.

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FROM YOUR CREATORS

STUDENT LIFE



Loren Ford, Lauren Murphy, Sumer Sprenkle and Anna Dutton

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Sasha Bingaman and Samuel Nelson

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D.J. Simpson, Robyn Lewis, Shelby Taylor and Mikaela Bennett

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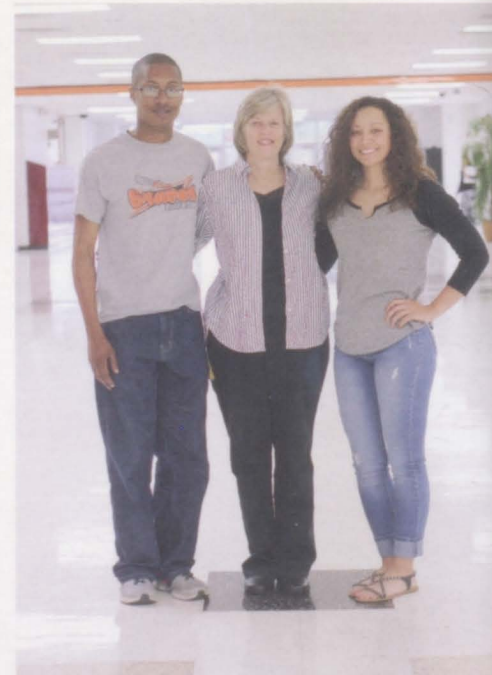
Front Row: Kelsey Wheeler, Mikaela Bennett, Shelby Taylor, Lauren Murphy. **Row 2:** Anna Dutton, Loren Ford, Jill Holder, Mariah Seifert, Robyn Lewis, Sumer Sprenkle. **Row 3:** Brian Gray, D.J. Simpson, Samuel Nelson, J.T. Johnson, William Scott, Skyler Roach and Sasha Bingaman.

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Lilly Eickhoff and Kelsey Wheeler

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF



William Scott, Jill Holder and Mariah Seifert

& THERE'S A TIME FOR WORK & THERE'S A TIME FOR PLAY ▶



THANK YOU

▶ **Loren & Anna:** Thank you for being such good, new yerds. We can't thank you enough for joining us and for doing such good work while also having such great attitudes. We can't wait to see what you guys do in the future.

▶ **Skylar & Sumer:** You two did a lot of good work for us this year. You guys took on some of the most painstaking spreads like NHS and the Parent Dance and worked through them as best as you could. We appreciate all the creativity and the outgoing personalities you brought to the staff.

▶ **Robyn & Shelby:** You guys cracked out well done pages in a matter of days and we enjoyed watching you improve every time. We're so glad that you two joined us this year; we could always count on you two to get everything finished and to make time on the weekends and after school.

▶ **JT & DJ:** JT, you were such a fun person to have on the staff and you did such a good job on the groups page and put a whole new twist to their look. D.J., we appreciate all your great sports pages and how well you gathered content. We always knew we could count on you to get the job done no matter what. Thanks you guys for always being ready for what we asked and never complaining.

▶ **Kelsey & Lilly:** Kelsey, you really stepped up this year by taking on all the senior ads and all the hard work that comes with them. We can't thank you enough for everything you did; it was a major help and you did such a good job. They all look great! Lilly, thank you so much for all the independent time you spent helping us with

all the business ads. We truly couldn't have done it without you. Thanks so much for finding time to help us out even though you didn't have to. We really appreciate you and all your hard work.

▶ **Sasha & Sam:** You two were a joy to have on the staff and we were so lucky to have you. You both produced great layouts, pictures and stories. Thank you for the extra work you guys put in outside school taking pictures and finishing pages. Sasha, as photo editor you did a great job of taking care of the cameras, teaching people about settings and keeping track of all the photo events all year.

▶ **Brian:** Brian, you are so smart, creative and fun to be around. You are such a hard worker, an amazing designer and one of the best content gatherers we have ever met. We fully believe that you are prepared for next year and everything that comes with it. We wish you the best of luck!

▶ **Mickey & Lauren:** You two have grown so much in the past two years and together there is nothing you can't do. Mickey, you are such a talented writer, designer and just an all-around wonderful person to work with. Lauren, you've got a great eye and have really blossomed into such a great photographer. Your layouts always "wow" us and your spunky and positive attitude is great. We will miss you two so much; you guys are something special and we know you are going to do great things in the future.

▶ **Holder:** Thank you for all the encouragement, time and snacks all year. We appreciate you and everything you've done. You're the best adviser anyone could ever ask for and we are going to miss you very much.

Love, Mariah and Dr. Tre



MOVING ON



7:32 PM ▶ Seniors Amanda Burris, Jackie Calderon and Justin Carroll walk into the gymnasium to the traditional tune of "Pomp and Circumstance."

8:27 PM ▶ Enjoying the moment, seniors Joshua Heck and Colton Harvey stand until everyone in their row has received a diploma.

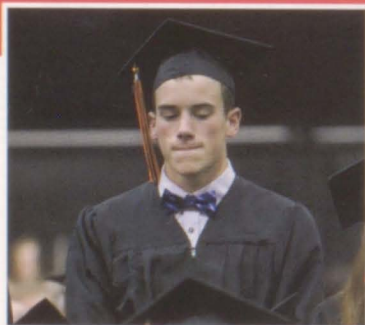


8:45 PM ▶ Senior Tyler Eickoff shows his appreciation to those who have helped him near the ceremony's conclusion.

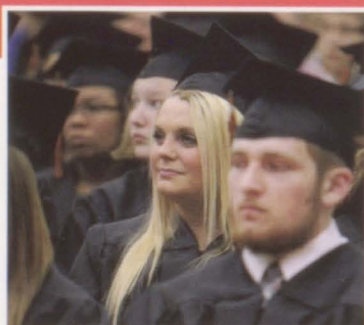
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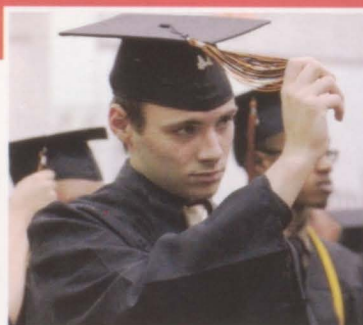
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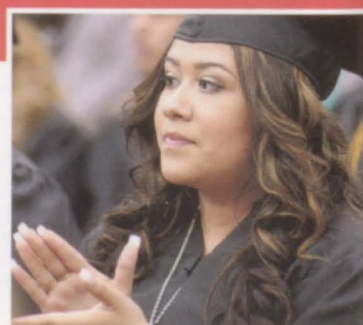
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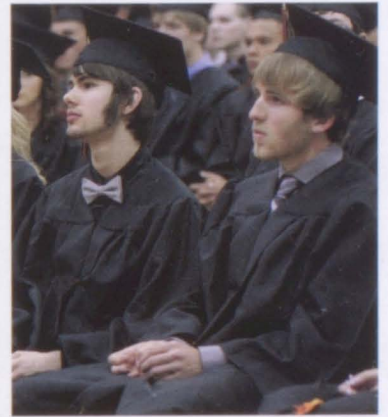
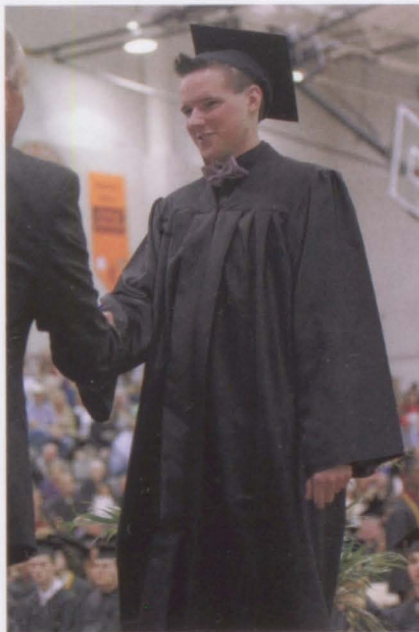


HONOR GRADUATES

Front Row: Bailey Hightower, Hannah Hunt, Kemberly Sanchez, Kayla McPherson, Haley Hinton. **Row 2:** Kennedy Bizzell, William Scott, Rachel Barber, Luciano Fasani, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Austin Schuler.

8:04 PM ► Seniors Kayla McPherson, Eleanor Lynch, and Stephanie Gear perform "Time to Say Goodbye" by Mac Huff with the A Cappella choir.

7:55PM ► Seniors Daniel Mejia, Deion McQuarters, Kayla McPherson, Kassy McKelvin and Dennis McDaniel listen carefully to the speakers.



7:55 PM ► Seniors Connor Bennett and Colin Barker listen to the words of broadcasting teacher Dan Streit, who was chosen by the Class of 2014 as the featured speaker.

8:34 PM ► Senior Chris Nobles shakes hands with Dr. Joe Hornback, principal, as he walks across the stage. The class selected Anatomy teacher Jan Madlock and art teacher Jason Romanishin to present the diplomas.



Tyler Hernandez



Lilly Eickhoff



Antonio Chavez



Katelyn Cochran and Magen Clark

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

"I'm not sure why, but I was a little nervous to be at the top of the food chain, but I was also excited to create one more year of memories!"

—KENNEDY BIZZELL

LAST FOOTBALL GAME

"It was a very emotional game knowing we had to outscore Spring Hill by 18 points to make it to regionals."

—D.J. SIMPSON

SENIOR PROJECT

"The senior project wasn't as bad as I had built it up to be in my head. I felt very passionately about my project and that made it a lot easier."

—CAROLINE CLARK

JOSTENS DAY

"I ended up buying the shorts, the hoodie, a frame for my diploma and picture and then a decent amount of announcements along with other stuff that my mom wanted. In total, I spent around \$200."

—CITLALLY FERNANDEZ
ALVARADO



“Despite all of the stresses and struggles, the difficult projects and homework, it’s been a fun last year with all of my fellow seniors.”

—KEMBERLY SANCHEZ, SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

AP GOVERNMENT CLASS INTRODUCED

"Based on what I've heard from other students, I think the AP Government class is better because we have a smaller class and are able to do a lot but I do think it gets hard at times."

—MIKAYLA USSERY

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS DUE

"I collectively filled out about 25 local scholarships. I made sure to fill one out every time I had time to spare. I wanted to make sure I didn't have to cram at the last minute."

—LILLY EICKHOFF

LAST GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME

"At the end of the game, I was really emotional because it was the last game I would play with the people that I grew to love throughout the years."

—KYLIEA JARRETT-COLLIER

SENIOR SKIP DAY

"I went to Dave & Busters for lunch and games with a group of friends. Then we saw *Oculus* and played board games. It was really fun and a worthwhile experience. I would definitely do it again."

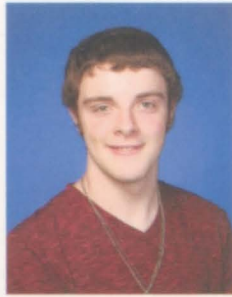
—PAUL DYKES



CLASS OF **2014**



Lizbeth Acosta



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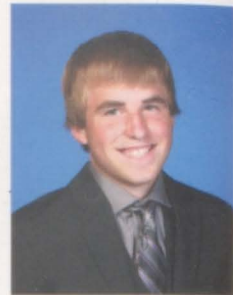
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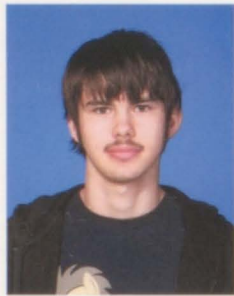
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Shane Buck



Devin Burke



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Justin Carroll



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Andrew Conn



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Aaron Ducey



Kyle Dumler



Paul Dykes



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Lilly Eickhoff

MILESTONE MOMENTS

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR YOUR EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY?



"My cousin took me to the Cheesecake Factory for dinner, and I also spent extra time with the people who love me. My 18th birthday made realize that I am getting older and the thought of me getting older is pretty scary. Some people don't make it to their 18th birthday, so I feel very blessed that I did."

—NE'KYE SHEPPARD



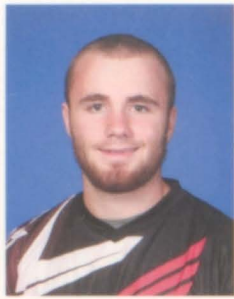
"I went out and got matching tattoos with my mother. We chose an infinity symbol with Ohana on it. Ohana means family and that means no one gets left behind or forgotten."

—DANIELLE CORNWELL



"I went to buy a Scratchers ticket, but they didn't card me, so I was disappointed. Other than that, my mom bought me two large pizzas and Korosec bought me IHOP!"

—DOMINIC SALVINO



Tyler Eickhoff



Luciano Fasani



Citlally Fernandez Alvarado



Miguel Flores



William Fratzel



Hugo Garcia



Jesus Garcia



Austin Garrett



Stephanie Gear



Robert Glenn



Austin Goodin



Kayla Greer



Chanler Hadley



Cheyenne Hale



Jacob Harris



Demetri Hart



Colton Harvey



Devon Haywood



Joshua Heck



Lonisha Henderson



Tyler Hernandez

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FLASH BACK

IF YOU COULD REVISIT ANY TIME IN YOUR LIFE, WHEN WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

KAYLA MCPHERSON

"I would either go back to when I was a little kid—much less to worry about and more time spent playing outside—or to sophomore year because it was my least stressful year and I really enjoyed my classes."



DENNIS MCDANIEL

"I'd go back to elementary school, so I could thank my teacher, Mrs. Washington, for helping me. She was very strong-willed and pushed me to be the best I could be."



Bailey Hightower



SaraFina Hill



Hayley Hinton



Christopher Hogeland



Thomas Hook



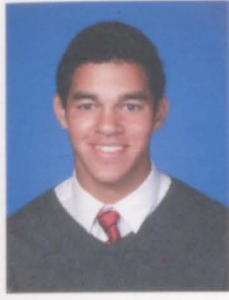
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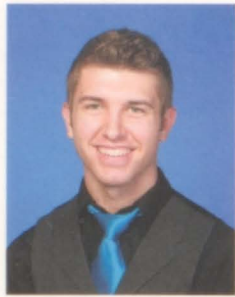
FADE TO THE FUTURE

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

“ I want everyone to remember me for my unwillingness to ever quit. Even when classes got difficult, I would still keep trying.”
—KATELYN COCHRAN

“ For being artistic because I feel like it's something I'm always doing. I'm constantly trying to improve my artwork anywhere I can. Art has influenced me in many ways and has shaped me as a person. I can just draw and it makes me feel so much better.”
—SHELBY YUNCKER

“ As that crazy, nerdy kid. I like being seen as a nerd. It's who I am and I like to own up to it. I have all of these crazy ideas that I like to let show.”
—DEMITRI HART



Skyler Lucas



Steven Luth



Eleanor Lynch



Lauren Marquez



Trevon Mason

HERE & NOW

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?



“ I'll remember all the laughs and the fun and games I had in my classes with teachers and friends. It's been real.”

—LEONARD JONES



“ Being wrestling manager for four years is something I will remember fondly. I found something that I could enjoy all throughout high school.”

—BRIANNA SAWYER



“ I'll remember growing to like everyone calling me Fisherman Ryan.”

—RYAN TURNER



“ I will remember all of the spirit weeks we had and Orange Crush. They really bring people together and they make school fun.”

—STEPHANIE GEAR



Shelby Mata



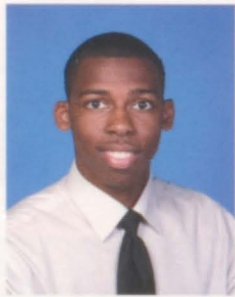
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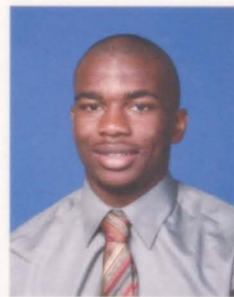
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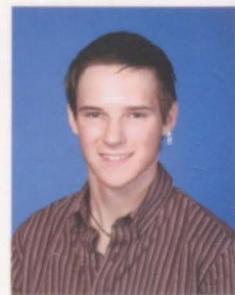
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Nathan Ruff



Tristan Russell



Dominic Salvino



Kortni Sanborn



Kemberly Sanchez



Ksee Sanchez



Brianna Sawyer



Nathan Schaber

MOVING ON TO THE NEXT PHASE

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?



“I’m probably going to KCKCC at first. Then, I’ll be moving to Georgia to be closer to family.”

—COLE RUFF



“I’m going into the Air Force. I decided I wanted to join my freshman year because I’ve always wanted to be in the military and they help to pay for college.”

—JORDAN MAUK



“I’m going to Johnson County Community College for two years and then moving to New York to go to school for fashion management.”

—MADISON HURLA





Quinton Schneck



Austin Schuler



Kristina Schwab



William Scott



Bailey Sears



Josiah Seaton



Mariah Seifert



Ne'Kye Sheppard



DJ Simpson



Shelby Smith



Itzel Soto



McKenna Spiess



Ryan Steinbacher



Ashley Sutton



Ryan Turner



Mikayla Ussery



Jeremy Vanden Hull



Weston Vitt



Ahmad Walls



Abigail Ward

Not Pictured
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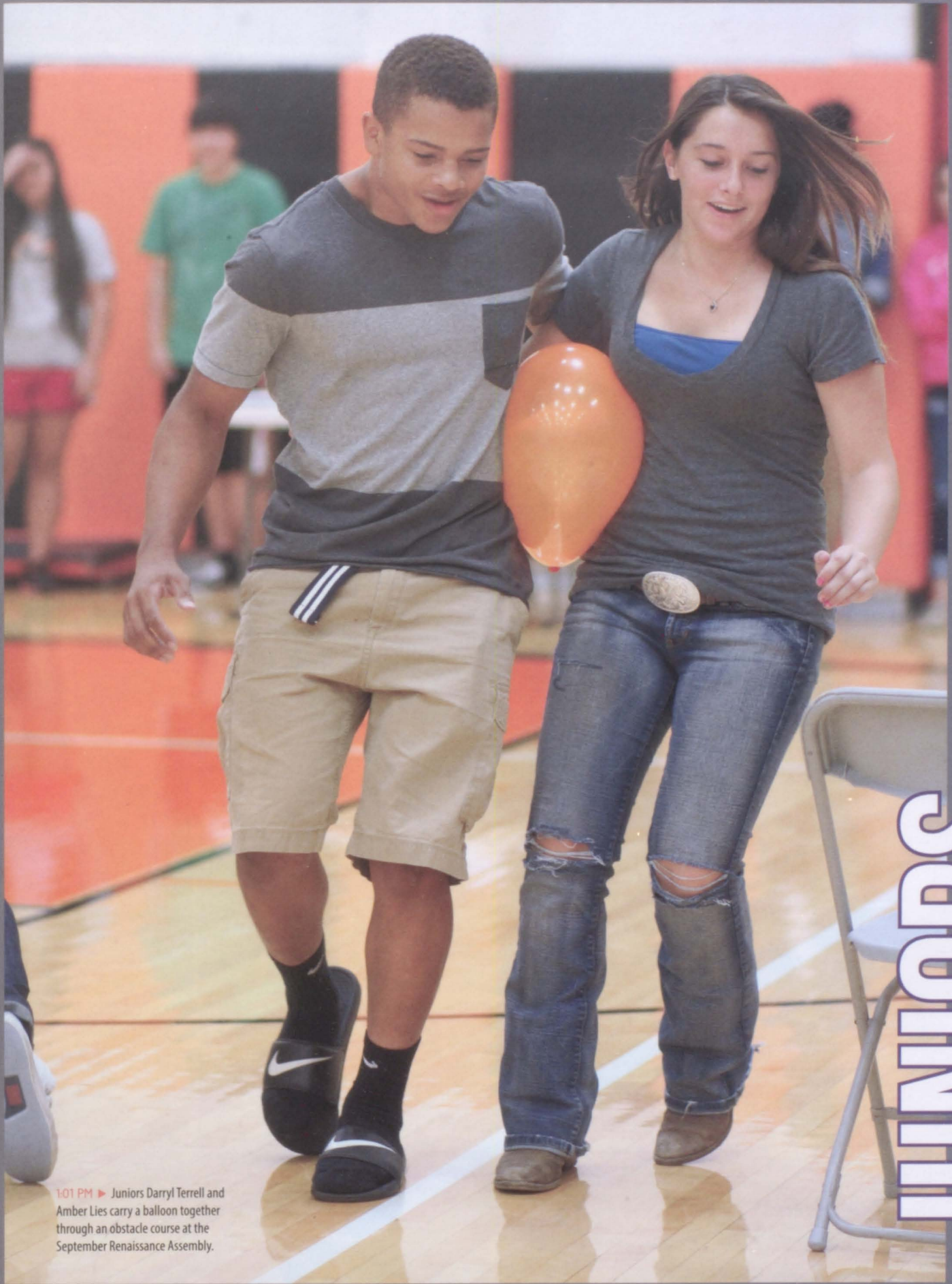
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JUNIORS

1:01 PM ► Juniors Darryl Terrell and Amber Lies carry a balloon together through an obstacle course at the September Renaissance Assembly.

Arlen Acosta
Sudarat Alongkornvilai
Dominick Armstrong
Aaron Ashford
Dakota Ballard



DaNae' Banks
Frankie Banuelos
Courtney Barger
Andrew Barnes
Steven Barnes



Gabrielle Bennett
Grace Bennett
Mikaela Bennett
Bella Blakney
Erin Bowser



Briana Brison
Adam Burdolski
Nathan Campbell
Akiko Capalla
Joe Casteel



Jordan Castro
Justin Chapman
Jessica Christensen
Dylan Clark
Dallas Clayton



Ryan Closser
Tyler Closser
Cheyenne Cook
Troy Cornett
Amber Cox



Joshua Cabbage
Sarah Czirr
Austin Dennison
Yasmine Diaz
Jacob Dobbs



SPRING



Brenden Dotson
Alyssa Driskill



Tori Dunn
Hannah Fehlhafer



Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado
Tyler Ferris

CAFFEINE ADDICTION

WHAT DRINK GETS YOU GOING IN THE MORNING?



ASHTYN WELLS

I am really addicted to caffeine. I usually have at least one soda a day. If I don't have one, I have caffeine withdrawal and I become really grouchy. Dark sodas are my favorite and Coke has been my favorite recently.



“ I mostly drink Dr. Pepper or Starbucks coffee. I usually have one or two Dr. Peppers a day and I drink Starbucks coffee every two weeks. My favorite drink is a white chocolate caramel mocha with no whipped cream. My uncle showed me that drink.

—AMBER COX

SAM JOHNSON

My favorite drink that has caffeine in it is Coke. I've been in a Coke phase since I visited the Coke museum on the band trip to Atlanta over winter break. Now I drink several Cokes a week.



Loren Ford
Airyana Fox
Jonah Freese
Jeffrey French
Madison Fritz



Maressa Garcia
Zachary Gilbert
Roman Glenn
Thaddeus Glenn
Edgar Gomez



Kelli Gore
Brian Gray
Madison Gray
Steven Greer
Jenna Hammond



Corey Hand
Jonathan Heck
Lewis Henry
Kianna Hickmon
Ross Hogan

GOING TO THE MOVIES

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE OF THIS YEAR?



“ I really enjoyed *The Butler*. I am fascinated with African-American culture and interested in movies about slavery and how it was abolished. Also, Mariah Carey is in the movie and I enjoy Lee Daniels' movies.

—FRANKIE BANELOS



“ *The Heat* was one of my favorites because it had a lot of action and funny sarcasm. *Bad Grandpa* was another favorite of mine because it showed how the people being filmed reacted to the kid and his grandpa.

—MORGAN LAWRENCE



“ My favorite was *Frozen* because it's a fun movie that is appropriate for the whole family. I like the music and the message that says it's okay to be you.

—CHEYENNE COOK



“ Overall, I think *The Hobbit* was pretty good. I can't wait for the third movie. My favorite scene is when they fight the dragon on top of the pile of gold.

—VINCENT ROULT

Aarionna Holliday
Symone Horn



Meranda Hull
Stephanie Isley



Jalisa James
J.T. Johnson



Rachel Johnson
Samuel Johnson
Tiara Johnson
Aaron Jones
Mackenzie Jones



Kaleigh Jordan-Taber
Samantha Joyce
Michael Kelley
Maddy Kempf
Hailey Kendrick



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Jeremy Kilmartin
James King
Jacob Kraus
Bryan Lanning



Megan Laughlin
Morgan Lawrence
Allie Ledbetter
Amber Lies
Caleb Malone





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Felicia Monroy
Delci Montoya
Michael Montoya Garcia
Richard Moore
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Allie Mulich
Lauren Murphy
Jonathan Nay
Sam Nelson



Jacob Neu
Bailey Nichols
Morgan Nichols
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Jenny Osei



Brayden Pearce
Alex Povlitzki



Bailey Presler
Preston Pyles



Colton Quigley
Caitlin Reed

MY STORY



Nouran Abdelaziz, a foreign exchange student from Cairo, Egypt, talks about her experiences in America and how they compare to Egypt.

"I am from Cairo, Egypt, and I came to the USA through the Yes Program. When I was young, I had a dream to go to another country and learn about a new culture, a new language, and have a new experience. I love to learn new things and coming to America has changed a lot in my life.

It's been great to learn about a new lifestyle from my host family. They have been amazing. I am an only child in Egypt, but here I live with three sisters and three sisters. I've learned a lot about sharing, communication, and caring for other people.

I've also enjoyed experiencing a different education and school life. In Egypt we can't choose the classes we take. We stay in one classroom and different teachers come to our room. We don't have elective classes like choir and jewelry making, so that's been fun. After I'm done experiencing America, I hope I can experience Korea. I love the Korean culture, and I hope to go there and learn that language after college."

Tyler Rhodes
Haylee Richmond
Bridget Rittinghouse
Skyler Roach
Vincent Roul



Courtney Roush
Gabrielle Rye
Dustin Scott
Faith Seaton
Garrett Segura



Natalie Sexton
Baleigh Shearer
Logan Shearer
Taner Shipman
Steven Shonkwiler



Abrise Sims
Richard Skaggs
Brittany Spencer
Daniel Spurgeon
Steven Steinbacher



Monica Stimac
Darien Stogner



Madison Stumbough
Deana Sumner



Mark Sutton
Kaleigh Taylor



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

HOW HAVE YOU ADJUSTED TO LIVING IN A NEW COUNTRY?



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my exchange to Kansas, although it was hard for me to adjust to the weather since it is summer in Australia right now. I get asked every day about kangaroos, koalas, vegemite, and just about Australia in general. Everyone at Bonner Springs has been so friendly to me. I have made friendships here that I will keep forever and memories I will get to share with everyone.”

—DANIELLE HOSKING



“I’m glad I decided to come to America. I have been to America before, but this was my first time going to school here. I actually prefer going to school here because Korean school is not as fun as American school.”

—HYOJAE LEE



“Coming to America was the best experience in my life so far. This school is so much more interesting than mine in Germany. The people in America are so much more open to strangers than Germans are. I really enjoyed Kansas and I will be really sad when I go back to Germany.”

—JENNY OSEI



Shelbey Taylor
Darryl Terrell
Anjanae Terry
Georgia Thaxton
Abby Torres
Karl Turner



Andrea Valerio
Rosa Varela Ramirez
Layne Warner
Alley Washburn
Rayna Weibrecht
Ashtyn Wells



Kelsey Wheeler
Dorian Williams
Jordan Williams
Ashley Woodford
Zackary Wright
Jake Wylie

The junior year is often the toughest academically.

WHAT KEEPS YOU FOCUSED?



“ Listening to music, especially Five Finger Death Punch, helps me focus on what I’m working on. Talking to someone or making a list of the steps helps me visualize what I’m working on. I prefer to work by myself or with a person who will help me focus. Also, I have to work in a clean space. I can’t focus when it’s dirty.

—MADDY KEMPF



“ When I want to be productive, I block out everything else and focus on the one thing that I am working on. I try to make sure I’m in a good working environment and not around technology or friends who will get me off task.

—AARON ASHFORD



“ I usually finish worksheets the day I receive them because they are easy and quick to do. But presentations and papers are a bit harder. If I am not interested in the paper I am writing, it is harder to get into the mood to finish it.

—BAILEY PRESLER



“ I try to get a good grades by working on assignments in class and at home because I want to get scholarships. When I am working, I listen to music to block the outside noises. Other people talking and the temptation to write stories distracts me sometimes.

—COURTNEY BARGER



“ I try to stay organized and work in overdrive because I don’t do well outside of class. I rarely have to do homework. I work well with background noise because I get ideas from the people around me. Excessive or obnoxious noise bothers me.


—RAYNA WEIBRECHT



“ When I think about quitting, I start to think about everything I want to be, what others want me to be and what I am right now. Before I start a task, I take a deep breath and try not to think about it.

—JACOB DOBBS

SUBSIDIES

A young man wearing a white and black protective face shield, safety glasses, and white work gloves is using a hand grinder on a metal piece held in a blue vise. Bright orange sparks are flying from the point of contact. He is wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt with a logo that says "CAMP". The background is a workshop with wooden cabinets.

9:35 AM ▶ Sophomore Fernando Arzabala uses the grinder to put the finishing touches on his project in the metal shop. "My favorite class project was making the airplane because it was the most fun to build," Ramon said.

SOPHOMORES



Joshua Adams
Daniela Aguilar Ochoa
Marissa Akins
Adrienne Alder
Michael Amayo



Shaun Anderson
Fernando Arzabala Torres
Amy Ash
Michaela Augustine
Kennedy Bacon



Riley Ballou-Lyngstad
Jessica Banuelos
Antonio Barajas
Emily Barger
Gwen Barrett



Emily Beach
Silas Bechard
Kale Berg
Isaac Bolton
Tyrese Bolton



Michael Bradley
Shaun Brake
Elizabeth Briggs
Brandy Brouhard
Andrew Bryant



Brandon Buhrlé
Alexandria Burnett
Hayley Butler
Connor Byers
Tyler Campbell



Annie Carpenter
Katie Carpenter
Damion Carreiro
Steven Chapple
Tyler Chastain

PET PEEVES

WHAT DRIVES YOU CRAZY?



“ When people shorten texts because they're lazy. Sometimes I have a hard time understanding what the person is saying.”

—MICHAEL AMAYO



“ When people scrape their teeth against metal forks while eating. The sound gives me chills.

—ELIZABETH BRIGGS



“ When someone I'm snapchatting doesn't snap back. That's how you die. The fact that they opened it and didn't snap back bothers me.”

—VICTORIA HOOVER



“ When someone scratches their plastic folder. It gives me the heebie-jeebies. It's really hard to explain the feeling I get when I hear that sound.

—DALTON JOYCE

Kali Chatmon
Brittney Clark



Katelynn Clark
Austin Colon



Timothy Cornett
Wayne Cornwell



Cody Cox
Rogelio Crisostomo
Bobby Crowley
Katelyn Cruz
Jamie Cunningham



Belinda Diaz
Karri Dice
Tyler Dill
Kaitlyn Donell
Ciara Dornbrack



Abigail Driggers
Alexis Duncan
Arthur Eickhoff
Kendall Ellis
James Felix



Caitlin Fine
Lisa Fletcher
Lucy Florez
Jacob Folsom
Crissey Ford



SOPHOMORES



Tristan Foster
Jonita Francis
Jayme Fratzel
Victoria Frecks
Jamison Freese



Brett French
K.C. Gillespie
Kayla Gott
Tae'Lor Graves
Mercedes Gray



Joey Groce
Leslie Gurrola
Tyler Hale
Shayne Hand
Madison Hanson



Randall Harris
Odin Hart
Brajai Haskell
Christopher Hayes
Mayra Hernandez



Tanya Hernandez
Miyah Hightower



Elayah Hinson
Hayden Hoffine



Sadie Holden
Marcell Holmes

MY SWEET SIXTEEN



“ At my house you're not allowed to go on an official date until you're sixteen. I was really anxious for my sixteen birthday, so I could go on my first actual date with my boyfriend of a year. When the time came on April 5, the date felt more special because we waited to go. We skipped prom and went to Shawnee Mission Park where we played tennis, sat by the water and hiked. Later on, we went to dinner at the Plaza at P.F. Chang's.”

—JULIANNE JACKSON

Victoria Hoover
Braiden Horner
McKindrea Hudson
Jessica Hunt
Mason Hurla



Devon Jackson
Julianne Jackson
Michaela Jackson
Shane Jackson
Makenzze Johnson



Lacey-Jo Jones
Travis Jorgence
Dalton Joyce
Peter Klingele
Lilly Lackner



Katelin Lake
Julia Lamendola
Ethan Lemon
Robyn Lewis
Zoe Lofton



KEEP ON TRUCKING



“ I have a red 1967 Chevrolet C20. It has been in my family since 1967. My uncle got it from his cousin and I got it from my uncle. I worked for it by working around the house, cutting trees down and stuff like that. I just like old cars and I've never really liked newer cars because there's too much technology. I only drive it when it's nice outside and I plan on taking it to a lot of car shows after I cut the rust out, replace it and paint it blue. I plan on having this truck for awhile.”

—AUSTIN PURDUSKI

Jennifer Maness
Griffin Mareske



Kellsee Marlowe
Hannah Martin



Aaron McGee
Devante' McGee





Blake McMahan
Madelynn Mefferd



Steffan Mefferd
Victoria Mejia



Jacob Mellott
Alyssa Mendoza



Ben Moore
Raven Murillo
Emily Nelson
Nicholas Nickell
Jason Nilges



Trenell Nowden
Marisol Ochoa Gonzalez
Alexis Oden
Chris Osorio
Caeleb Otting



Paige Paikowski
Caleb Patrick
Carlie Peugh
Kevin Pichardo
Bailey Pierce



Micayla Pierce-Thomas
Jacob Pressley
Joshua Pressley
Austin Purduski
David Quezada

TO TEXT OR NOT TO TEXT

IS IT OKAY TO TEXT DURING IMPORTANT EVENTS?



“ I think it’s rude to text during an event if it’s really important. I don’t see it often, so it doesn’t bother me personally. I have seen a few friends do it occasionally.”

—MAYRA HERNANDEZ



“ It bothers me a lot. I think people should pay closer attention to what is going on around them. It’s very rude. Some of my friends do it, but I don’t really text much.”

—TRENELL NOWDEN



“ I think it’s fine to text unless the event is really important. Texting during any kind of important event is very disrespectful.”

—BOBBY CROWLEY



“ It’s rude and disrespectful to text during an event or while a person is speaking. I see people do this often. I don’t think it’s okay, but they can do what they want.”

—PAYTON SECHRIST

GOING TO THE MOVIES

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE OF THIS YEAR?



“ I really like *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*. It was a cool movie and had a good story. Ben Stiller is a good actor, and I thought the longboarding scene was really cool.”

—CODY COX



“ *Captain America* was great because it was action packed. There was no boring part and the movie kept me interested. It had a great story with good plot twists.”

—MASON HURLA



“ I liked *Divergent* because the acting was well-performed. I am looking forward to the next movie, and I am definitely going to read the books now.”

—CIARA DORNBRACK



“ *Catching Fire* followed the book to almost the exact detail. My favorite scene was when Joanna cuts out her tracker.”

—ODIN HART

Morgan Reed
Taryn Remigio



Antonio Roark
Devyn Robben



Kaylan Roberts
Tamara Roberts



Heidi Rodgers
Alvaro Romo
Araceli Rosales
Priscilla Rosales
Paige Rowan



Cassandra Rye
Kacey Ryser
Austin Sams
Hannah Scheck
Daphne Schrage



Alexis Schulte
Kolbe Seaton
Alexis Sechrist
Collin Sechrist
Payton Sechrist



Kynneddy Shepherd
Darius Sheppard
Brianna Shively
Hunter Smith
Ruth Smith





Cameron Smith-Poe
Shelby Sneed
Sumer Sprenkle
Alazia Stanley
Tate Stites



Alexus Tendick
Linda Thao
Morgan Thoele
Taylor Vanden Hull
Rabecca Vela



Kaitlynn VonRader
James Wagner
Collin Wallar
Gabriel Ward
Hanna Wenzel



Hunter Wenzel
Morgan Wilhite
Zachary Willey
Kristina Williams
Tomias Womack



Quinton Wright
Riley Wyatt
Mikayla Young
Beau Zamora

FRESHMAN YEAR OR SOPHOMORE YEAR?



“This year was a better year because it was easier. You are kind of thrown into freshman year and you have to figure it out. This year I was more used to high school.”

—ALEXIS SECHRIST



“This year is not much different. It would be fair to say that I’m more adjusted. However, I actually like this year less than last year because of a few problems I had earlier in the year.”

—RILEY BALLOU-LYNGSTAD



“This year has been a lot better even though classes are harder, but I think challenges are cool. I have less homework, though because I’m more hard-working.”

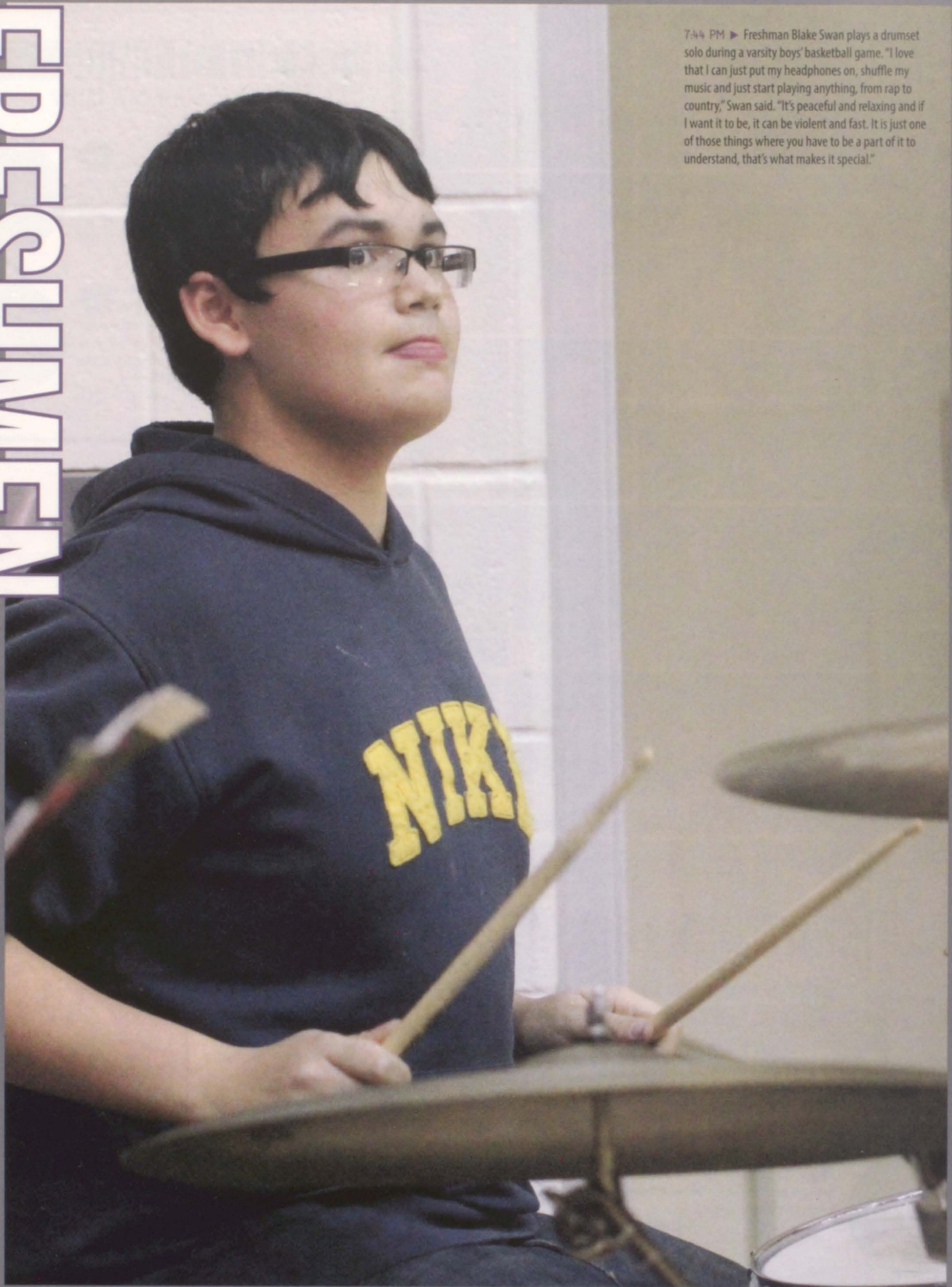
—ALVARO ROMO



“I haven’t noticed many differences from last year. I think it’s a little harder, but I’ve gotten used to the schedule. There was some drama between friends, but I definitely like this year more than last year.”

—CASSANDRA RYE

FRESHMEN



7:44 PM ► Freshman Blake Swan plays a drumset solo during a varsity boys' basketball game. "I love that I can just put my headphones on, shuffle my music and just start playing anything, from rap to country," Swan said. "It's peaceful and relaxing and if I want it to be, it can be violent and fast. It is just one of those things where you have to be a part of it to understand, that's what makes it special."



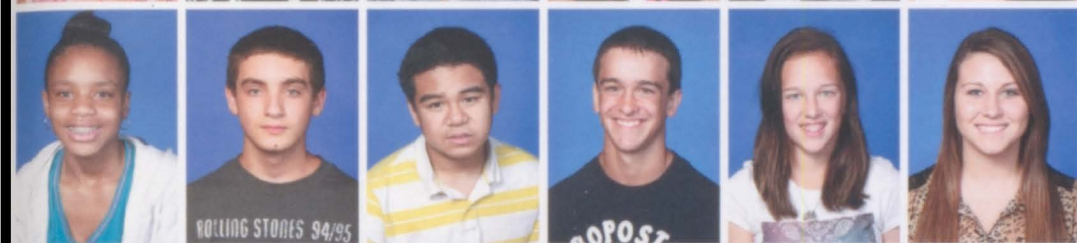
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 Stephanie Best



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 Christopher Broome
 Sarah Brown
 Terry Bruce
 Caleb Brungardt



Cameron Buck
 Marcus Buie
 Jacky Burnett
 Hannah Buttaccio
 Santana Calderon
 Vanessa Calderon



Charity Calhoun
 Alan Callahan
 Judah Capalla
 Parker Capehart
 Peyton Capehart
 Alysa Carpenter



Noah Carver
 Brandon Cazarez
 Mariah Chavez
 Nikolai Christoff
 Elizabeth Churchill
 Alexander Cortes



Abi Cottrell
 Brittany Cox
 Sally Crabtree
 Alivia Crouch
 Jason Cunningham
 Hannah Dade



Cameron Davis
 Lacey Dean
 Kiara Diaz
 Jonathan Diaz-Rosales
 Alayna Dooley
 Kellen Doyle

Anna Dutton
 Michael Duxbury
 Alexandria Eickhoff
 Jonathan Ellis
 Travis Evertson
 Rachel Fagan



Blake Faucette
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 Thomas Flesher
 Paris Forshey
 Jacob Freese
 Emilio Garcia



Antonio Garcia-Duarte
 Kaytie Gibson
 Matthew Golder
 Rachel Graham
 Brendon Gray
 Charlie Gray



Joshua Grimm
 Lance Guess
 Keaton Guggenheim
 Skylar Hammer
 Angelica Harding
 Macy Hart



MAKING THE MOVE

WHAT IS IT LIKE TRANSITIONING FROM MIDDLE TO HIGH SCHOOL?



“It was easy for me. High school is stressful, but it’s not hard to get through it.”
 —ABI COTTRELL



“The environment was very different and there was more pressure to get good grades. Overall, it was pretty easy.”
 —SOLOMON YOUNG



“Moving to the high school allowed me to have a chance to join more sports and groups.”
 —JONATHAN DIAZ-ROSALES



“In high school people are more mature and we have a wider variety of classes. I love it.”
 —EXAVIER FORD

Brent Haskell
 Dakota Hendrix



Cierra Henry
 Gage Herron



Carletta Hill
 Nathan Hinton





Brenna Holt
 Aariah Hutton
 Deanna Isaacs
 Cail Isabell
 Isaah Jeffries
 Michael Jordan-Taber



Brooke Keltner
 Dolan Kile
 Logan Kirkman
 Paige Krone
 Haley Lampson
 Preston Landers



Shaunie Lanning
 Samantha Laub
 Brendon Lawrence
 Santaja Logan
 Haley Lohmann
 Danielle Martinez-Quiroga



Brendan Mathia
 Rachel Mauk
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 Dakota McKeehan
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Evan McMillan
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 Rudolph McVay
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 Kennedee Meier
 Ricardo Mendoza



Dawson Milligan
 Armando Miranda Diaz
 Hayle Moeschler
 Jovana Montoya
 Alec Mooberry
 Jarod Mortensen



Lisa Moser
 Joshua Mullins
 Michael Murphy
 Jessie Nay
 Cayleigh Nelson
 Jasmine Neu

Savannah Newell
 Summer Ney
 Brett Nichols
 Gabriella Parada
 Derrick Pennington
 Summer Pestock



JaDon Pouncil
 Joshua Ray
 Estefany Rodriguez Ramirez
 Brandon Rogers
 Kaitlyn Rose
 Kevin Rowan



Morgan Sands
 Marissa Satterfield
 Sayra Serrano Villegas
 Miles Sheldon
 Jordan Shiao
 Clayton Shields



Charles Shively
 Sean Shonkwiler
 A'Leigha Simpson
 Sean Singleton
 Michael Smalley
 Conner Smith-Poe



Mikayla Snodgrass
 Hayli Spencer
 Sydney Sprague
 Nathan Sprowl
 Andrew Stephan
 Logann Stites



Ryan Stumbough
 Brandon Suarez
 Sierra Sutton
 Blake Swan
 Shawn Taylor
 Devin Terrell



Bailey Testerman
 Jordan Thaxton
 Kendra Thelen
 Alexas Torres
 Marvin Traylor
 Eric Valenzuela





Eli VanWinkle
 Juan Vela-Olaez
 Julia Venerable
 Christian Walker
 Nico Walter
 Spencer Watson

Ryan Weibrecht
 Trey Whetstone
 Alex White
 Arex White
 Adam Williams
 Destin Williams

Preston Williams
 Kayla Willis
 Cheyenne Willmon
 Jessica Willmon
 Megan Willmon
 Cody Wilson

Tobias Womack
 Ashley Worley
 Michael Wright
 Noah Wyant
 Marisa Young
 Solomon Young

John Zalsman
 Kameron Zimmerly
 Sabria Zlitni

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL?



“In high school you have more freedom in the pacing of your work, and the teachers will let you do more self-guided work.”
 —ALEXIA MCCLEARY



“In high school you have more freedom and you get to meet more people.”
 —PARKER CAPEHART



“High school is much harder. It requires more effort and responsibility than middle school.”
 —ARMANDO MIRANDA DIAZ



“The major differences are that you lose a lot of friends and you also find out who you can trust. The work is also much harder, and the teachers don't baby you like they did in middle school.”
 —MACKENZIE MAXEY

Lauren Anderson, Foreign Language
 Dustin Arnett, ISS Supervisor
 Lucinda Arnett, Paraprofessional
 Lucas Aslin, Physical Education
 Nancy Baker, English
 Monty Bechard, Physical Education



Maria Betzen, Paraprofessional
 Kimberly Bolewski, Nurse
 Diane Bonner, Success Center
 Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
 Heather Campbell, Mathematics
 Denise Chowning, Social Worker



Lacy Chubb, Paraprofessional
 Alisha Cobbins, Business
 Crystal Coleman-Richardson, Physical Education
 Christina Courtney, Vice Principal
 Anthony Davis, School Resource Officer
 Julie Deason, Special Education



Bill Downing, English
 Peggy Downs, Cafeteria
 Trisha Elder, Science
 Elizabeth Fisher, Counselor
 Linda Francis, Student Services
 Caleb Galemore, Industrial Technology



Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
 Jennie Hale, Cafeteria
 Pat Harmon, Mathematics
 Jennifer Hicks, Guidance Counselor
 John Hilton, Vice Principal
 Samantha Hinkle, Cafeteria



Allen Holder, English
 Jill Holder, Journalism
 Anne Holt, Front Office Manager
 Kelly Hoopes, Foreign Language
 Joe Hornback, Principal
 Justin Howe, Social Studies



Ryne Huff, Social Studies
 Clinton Jackson, Mathematics
 Brandon Jobe, Physical Education
 Jacob Johnson, Mathematics
 Chris Klager, Science
 Sarah Kolle, Mathematics





Angie Larson, Cafeteria
Robert Linzer, Mathematics
Adam Loecker, Mathematics
Lisa Lugar, English
Jan Madlock, Science
Rob Marriott, Science



Debby Maxwell-Lucas, Cafeteria
Cheryl McCleary, Cafeteria
Judie McDonnell, Paraprofessional
Stephen Miller, Special Education
Jim Mitchell, Special Education
Sarabeth Morgan, Special Education



Connie Mosher, Cafeteria
Jenna Muscarella, Fine Arts
Jennifer Myers, Social Studies
Clay Oakes, Science
Hannah Oberg, English
Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Education



Karen Parsons, Paraprofessional
Sarah Peterson, Foreign Language
Iva Powers, Media Center Manager
Terese Quenette, Social Studies
Herman Randle, Paraprofessional
Denise Risley, Cafeteria Manager



Jason Romanishin, Fine Arts
Jennifer Schlicht, Social Studies
Katie Schumm, Special Education
Dawn Sommers, FACS
Renee Stanley, Bookkeeper
Cindy Stephens, Secretary



Jennifer Stricherz, English
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Tierney Thompson, Special Education
David Tisch, Long-Term Substitute
William Turley, Instrumental Music
Carolynn Welliver, Special Education



Brian White, Vocal Music
Jamie White-Roach, Cafeteria
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Victoria Zonko, Social Studies

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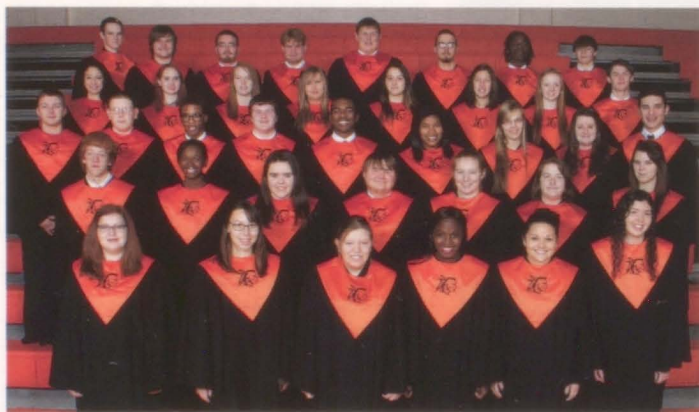
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Michelle Hickey, Science
Dan Streit, Journalism

GROUPS



20/20 LEADERSHIP

Front row: Madison Stumbough, Shelbey Taylor, Arlen Acosta, Rachel Johnson.
Row 2: Mikaela Bennett, Deion McQuarters, Jordan Jackson, William Scott, Kennedy Bizzell.



A CAPPELLA

Front Row: Magen Clark, Madison Stumbough, Erin Walters, Aarionna Holliday, Taryn Remigio, Lucy Florez. **Row 2:** Cameron Smith-Poe, Lanysa Mays, Kristina Schwab, Nathan Schaber, Stephanie Gear, Hannah Scheck, Emily Prince. **Row 3:** Tyler Rhodes, Jacob Pressley, Leonard Jones, Joshua Pressley, Deion McQuarters, Devon Jackson, Airyana Fox, Kassy McKelvin, Tyler Dill. **Row 4:** Caitlyn Khatchadourian, Hayley Hinton, Eleanor Lynch, Ciara Dornbrack, Amber Lies, Kayla McPherson, Alley Washburn, Steffan Mefferd. **Row 5:** Christien Nobles, Nathan Allenbrand, Dakota Nason, Darien Stogner, Nathan Campbell, Austin Sams, Darius Sheppard, Devyn Robben.



ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Front row: Rachel Johnson, Kelsey Wheeler, Brittany Spencer, Lucy Florez, Tyler Dill. **Row 2:** David Tisch, Samuel Johnson, Dakota Nason, William Scott.



“MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT WAS WHEN I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP AT STATE.”

—WILLIAM SCOTT



CHORAL

Front Row: Jackie Calderon, Hayle Moeschler, Vanessa Calderon, Paris Forshey, Madelynn Mefferd, Karri Dice, Paige Paikowski. **Row 2:** Lonisha Henderson, Danielle Cornwell, Jewell O'Neill, Elayah Hinson, Kellsee Marlowe, Jenny Osei. **Row 3:** Isaac Bolton, Cameron Leslie, Ahmad Walls, Victoria Hoover, Mayra Hernandez, Bailey Presler, Cheyenne Cook. **Row 4:** Dakota Nason, Tyler Dill, Shane Jackson, Nicholas Nickell, Nouran Abdelaziz, Ben Moore.



BAND

Front Row: Lacey Dean, Terry Bruce, Abbree McKelvin, Ariah Hutton, Jordan Shiao, Payton Sechrist, Emily Barger, Grace Bennett, Jessica Christensen, Ryan Weibrecht, Mackenzie Maxey. **Row 2:** Haylee Richmond, Kennedee Meier, McKindrea Hudson, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Kaytie Gibson, Alexandria Eickhoff, Devon Haywood, Michael Murphy, Jonita Francis, Griffin Mareske, Stephanie Best, Lillian Lackner. **Row 3:** Megan Willmon, Cheyenne Willmon, Alexis Sechrist, Dawson Milligan, Hannah Dade, Alexia McCleary, Kacey Ryser, Lucy Florez, Riley Ballou-Lyngstad, Dakota Cunningham, Hunter Amego. **Row 4:** Justin Carroll, Jarod Mortensen, Sean Singleton, Dolan Kile, Joe Casteel, Blake Swan, Abi Cottrell, Sayra Serrano Villegas, Brittany Spencer, Darius Sheppard, Andrew Conn, Lucas Bolejack, Hannah Martin. **Row 5:** Tyler Dill, Jacob Mellott, Samuel Johnson, William Scott, Rachel Mauk, Brett McPherson, A'Leigha Simpson, Summer Ney, Paul Dykes, Peter Klingele, Eli VanWinkle, Rachel Johnson. **Row 6:** Collin Sechrist, Silas Bechard, Brendan Orahood, J.T. Johnson, Tyler Campbell, Aaron Ashford, Trenell Nowden, Jacob Dobbs, Travis Evertson, Daniel Mejia, Jack Klingele.



DANIEL MEJIA

"The most memorable moment for me was visiting the World of Coke and experiencing all the different flavors from around the world during our trip to Atlanta."



HANNAH MARTIN

"Being the only one who made it into district band was cool because I got bragging rights."



CONCERT CHOIR

Front Row: Paris Forshey, Alec Mooberry, Sierra Sutton, Gabriela Parada, Danielle Martinez-Quiroga, Jessica Willmon, Jordan Shiao. **Row 2:** Nahi Ortiz-Avalos, Darius Sheppard, Michael Murphy, Michael Duxbury, Hayle Moeschler, Carletta Hill, Annie Nay. **Row 3:** Brandon Cazarez, Parker Capehart, Adam Williams, Rachel Mauk, Abi Cottrell, Jasmine Neu, Madison Akins. **Row 4:** Tyler Rhodes, Isaah Jeffries, Destin Williams, Nathan Campbell, Michael Wright, Sarah Brown, Juan Vela-Olaez.



ABI COTTRELL

"Mr. White being silly and twerking in class to get us ready for a concert was pretty memorable."



DARIUS SHEPPARD

"Singing at the Missouri Comets soccer game was great!"



DRAMA CLUB

Front row: Kameron Zimmerly, Marissa Satterfield, Brittany Spencer, Nahi Ortiz-Avalos. **Row 2:** Chris Osorio, Mikayla Young, Morgan Nichols, Marisa Young, Hunter Amego. **Row 3:** Joshua Mullins, Dakota Nason, Tori Dunn, Destin Williams.



ECOLOGY TASK FORCE

Front row: Ryan Weibrecht, Mariah Seifert, Rachel Johnson. **Row 2:** Isaac Jeffries, Sabria Zitni, Christien Nobles.



FORENSICS

Front Row: Hunter Arnego, Hayli Spencer, Hannah Dade, Brendon Gray. **Row 2:** Peyton Capehart, Jordan Shiao, Hailey Kendrick, Marissa Satterfield, Jordan Thaxton, Devon Jackson. **Row 3:** Iva Powers, Jonita Francis, Tyler Dill, Roby Glenn, Jordan Jackson, Nathan Schaber, Jennifer Stricher.



FCCLA

Front row: Kaitlynn VonRader, Heidi Rodgers, Brittney Clark, Dawn Sommers. **Row 2:** Hanna Wenzel, Raven Murillo, Alexis Duncan, Alivia Crouch, Rosa Varela. **Row 3:** Bailey Pierce, Brittany Spencer, Tyler-Dill, Zoe Lofton, Devon Jackson.



FRENCH CLUB

Front Row: Rachel Johnson, Michaela Augustine, Morgan Reed, Tate Stites, Heidi Rodgers, Sumer Sprenkle, Brittney Clark, Carlie Peugh. **Row 2:** Felicia Monroy, Micayla Pierce-Thomas, Rayna Weibrecht, Abby Torres, Emily Beach, Raven Murillo, Alexis Duncan, Lauren Anderson. **Row 3:** Brian Gray, Delci Montoya, Zoe Lofton, Rosa Varela Ramirez, Madison Hanson, Kendall Ellis, Devon Jackson, Morgan Nichols. **Row 4:** Zach Quigley, Frankie Banuelos, Cierra Henry, Courtney Roush, Cheyenne Cook, Joseph Casteel, Taner Shipman.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Front Row: Aarionna Holliday, Linda Thao, Abbee McKelvin, Jacob Sopher, Sally Crabtree, Itzel Soto, McKenna Spiess, Madison Stumbough, Caeleb Otting, Dylan Clark, Rachel Graham. **Row 2:** Paige Krone, Spencer Watson, Lisa Moser, Alexis Tendick, Katie Carpenter, Annie Carpenter, Emily Nelson, Brandy Brouhard, Kayla Willis, Brenna Holt, Sponser Denise Chowning. **Row 3:** Alysa Carpenter, Fernando Arzabala, Hayle Moeschler, Alayna Dooley, Kennedee Meier, Caitlin Reed, Erin Walters, Kellsee Marlowe, Annie Nay, Skyler Roach. **Row 4:** Kassy McKelvin, Judah Capalla, Hannah Fehlhafer, Kellen Doyle, Kaitlyn Lake, Brooke Keltner, Peyton Sechrist, McKindrea Hudson, Jared Mortensen. **Row 5:** Hannah Hunt, Nikolai Christoff, Kennedy Bacon, Austin Schuler, Taryn Remigio, Gwen Barrett, Robyn Lewis, Mariah Seifert, Shelby Taylor, Lauren Murphy, Lucy Florez. **Row 6:** Jeremy McDonald, Julianne Jackson, Mikaela Bennett, Sam Nelson, Darius Sheppard, Alexis Sechrist, Hannah Wenzel, Christopher Hays, Mikayla Ussery.



GREEN TEAM

Front Row: Sarah Czirr, Haylee Richmond, Jonita Francis, Taryn Remigio, Ana Correa, Marissa Satterfield. **Row 2:** Brendon Gray, Elayia Sims, Abrise Sims, Jalisia James, Itzel soto, Hayli Spencer, Darius Sheppard. **Row 3:** Jordan Thaxton, Georgja Thaxton, Hahi Ortiz, Brian Gray, Kaleigh Taylor, Lizbeth Acosta, Brandon Rogers. **Row 4:** Hunter Arnego, Skyler Roach, Jonathon Nay, Stephanie Isley, Hyojae Lee, Gage Herron, Miles Sheldon



MOCK TRIAL

Front Row: Morgan Nichols, Rachel Johnson, Joshua Ray, Hayli Spencer, Bailey Pressier. **Row 2:** J.T. Johnson, Kelsey Wheeler, Peyton Capehart, Jewell O'Neill, Jordan Thaxton, Calton Quigley. **Row 3:** Jennifer Stricherz, Marissa Satterfield, Sabria Zlitni, Samuel Johnson, Brendan Orahoad, Frankie Banuelos, Abby Torres, Linda Orangkhadivi.



KAYETTES

Front Row: Sumer Sprenkle, Marissa Akins, Brittney Clark, Abree McKelvin, Meranda Hull, Alyssa Driskill, Alexis Tendick, Alexandria Burnett, Ana Correa. **Row 2:** Abigail Torres, Sarah Czirr, Raven Murillo, Alexis Duncan, Paige Paikowski, Heidi Rodgers, Kayla Willis, Megan Laughlin, DaNae Banks, Tate stites. **Row 3:** Magen Clark, Brenna Holt, Michaela Augustine, Katie Carpenter, Kennedee Meier, Jenna Hammond, Kristina Schwab, Ksee Sanchez, Shelbey Yuncker, Brianna Sawyer. **Row 4:** Kylee Jarrett, Kaleigh Taylor, Shaunie Lanning, Kendra Thelen, Elizabeth Briggs, Alayna Dooley, Devon Jackson, Jalisia James, Tiara Johnson. **Row 5:** Rosa Varela, Delci Montoya, Kailey McCorkendale, Bridget Rittinghouse, Kassy McKelvin, Darian Williams, Madison Stumbough, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Zoe Lofton, Abrise Sims. **Row 6:** Abi Cottrell, Paige Krone, Ashley Sutton, Katelyn Cochran, Lizbeth Acosta, Micayla Pierce-Thomas, Alysa Carpenter, Amber Lies, Mayra Hernandez.



NHS SENIORS

Front Row: Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Lilly Eickhoff, Shelbey Mata, Bailey Hightower, Kem Sanchez. **Row 2:** Kenedy Bizzell, Hannah Hunt, Rachel Barber, Caroline Clark, Mariah Seifert. **Row 3:** Jack Klingele, Daniel Mejia, Justin Carroll, Travis Dooley, Jordan Jackson.



NHS INDUCTEES

Front Row: Arlene Acosta, Hailey Kendrick, Marrissa Garcia, Aarionna Holiday, Lauren Murphy, Baileigh Shearer. **Row 2:** Madison Stumbough, Jenna Hammond, Shelbey Taylor, Morgan Nichols, Brian Gray, Rachel Johnson, Bridget Rittinghouse, Jessica Christensen. **Row 3:** Steven Steinbacher, Anjanee Terry, Jt Johnson, Rodrigo Alvarado, Sam Nelson, Logan Shearer, Jacob Kraus, Mikayla Bennett, Hannah Felhafer.



PROJECT X

Front Row: Stephanie Gear, Hannah Scheck, Michael Murphy, Taryn Remigio, Aarionna Holliday. **Row 2:** Darius Sheppard, Lucy Florez, Kayla McPherson, Airyana Fox, Nathan Schaber, Caitlyn Khatchadourian. **Row 3:** Nathan Allenbrand, Devyn Robben, Isaah Jeffries, Juan Vela-Olaez, Darien Stogner, Tyler Dill.



PEER HELPERS

Front Row: Shelby Taylor, Shelby Mata, Kem Sanchez, Brandy Brouhard, Emily Nelson, Alexis Tendick, Paige Rowan. **Row 2:** Citlally Fernandez Alvarado, Caroline Clark, Robyn Lewis, Gwen Barrett, Madison Stumbough, Lilly Eickhoff. **Row 3:** Hannah Hunt, Julianne Jackson, Nathan Campbell, Jordan Jackson, Kennedy Bizzell, Jacob Kraus, Sam Nelson.



“ BEING IN PEER HELPERS MEANS YOU GET TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING DOWN. IF A PERSON NEEDS SOMEBODY TO TALK TO, THEY CAN COME TO US.”

—NATHAN CAMPBELL



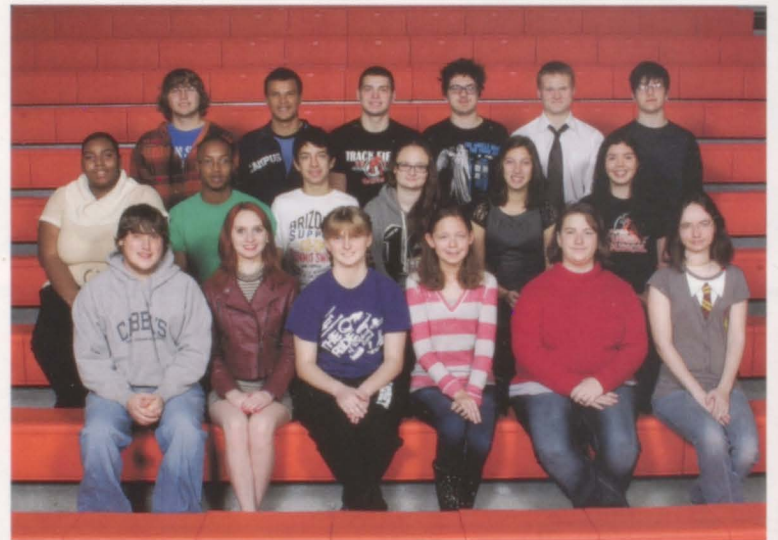
“ MY FIRST YEAR OF BEING ON THE NEWSPAPER STAFF WAS A LOT OF FUN AND A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE. I MET A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AND LEARNED HOW TO COME OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE.”

—TAYLOR VANDEN HULL



POW WOW

Front row: Kynnedi Shepherd, Taylor Vanden Hull, Shelby Mata, Bailey Hightower, Hanna Wenzel. **Row 2:** Toner Shipman, Rachel Barber, Eleanor Lynch, Caroline Clark, Julianne Jackson, Jill Holder. **Row 3:** Darryl Terrell, Travis Dooley, Daniel Mejia, Luciano Fasani, Jacob Kraus.



QUIZ BOWL

Row 1: Devon Haywood, Hayley Hinton, Jessica Christensen, Natalie Sexton, Hannah Scheck, Courtney Barger. **Row 2:** Kara Robinson, William Scott, Brett McPherson, Amanda Burris, Kayla McPherson, Lucy Florez. **Row 3:** Daniel Mejia, Justin Carroll, Jacob Dobbis, Demetri Hart, Isaah Jeffries, Odin Hart.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Front Row: Lauren Marquez, Hannah Scheck, Kelsey Wheeler, Hayley Hinton, Rosa Varela Ramirez. **Row 2:** Citlally Fernandez Alvarado, Brittany Spencer, Brian Gray, Dennis McDaniel, Jonathan Nay, Tyler Dill. **Row 3:** William Scott, Odin Hart, Demetri Hart, Daniel Mejia, Hyojae Lee.



SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Front Row: Mackenzie Jones, Shelby Taylor, Itzel Soto, Mariah Seifert, Lauren Murphy, Bailey Presler, Kayla Greer, Citlally Fernandez Alvarado. **Row 2:** Kelly Hoopes, Eleanor Lynch, Denni Pressley, Amanda Burris, Katelyn Cochran, Skyler Roach, Kylie Jarrett. **Row 3:** Luke Bolejack, Steven Luth, Tyler Hernandez, Demetri Hart, Daniel Mejia, Logan Shearer, Ryan Steinbacher.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Row 1: Emily Nelson, Kern Sanchez, Annie Carpenter, Alivia Crouch, Jessica Willmon, Sumer Sprenkle, Jordan Shiao, Brittney Clark, Brandy Brouhard. **Row 2:** Alexis Tendick, McKindrea Hudson, Alayna Dooley, Sydney Sprague, Emily Barger, Shelby Mata, Lilly Eickhoff, Stephanie Gear, Thomas Fehlhafer. **Row 3:** Citlally Fernandez Alvarado, Zoe Lofton, Emily Beach, Madison Stumbough, Alexandria Eickhoff, Shelby Taylor, Katie Carpenter, Hailey Kendrick. **Row 4:** Caroline Clark, Sayra Serrano Villegas, Abi Cottrell, Lucy Florez, Hannah Fehlhafer, Robyn Lewis, Elizabeth Barger. **Row 5:** Jordan Jackson, Summer Ney, Eli VanWinkle, Mikayla Ussey, Kennedy Bizzell, Jacob Kraus, Alex Currier, Hannah Hunt.



TEEPEE TALK

Front Row: Lauren Marquez, Airyana Fox, Kayla Greer, Cody Cox, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Hailey Kendrick. **Row 2:** Dennis McDaniel, Kalim Raza Khan, Jacob Harris, Weston Vitt, Elizabeth Barger.



WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

Front Row: Aarionna Holliday, DaNae Banks, Heidi Rodgers, Brittney Clark, Carlie, Peugh, Kaleigh Jordan-Taber, Mackenzie Jones. **Row 2:** Kayla Gott, Amy Ash, Abigail Ward, Alexis Schulte, Emily Barger, Stephanie Gear, Taryn Remigio. **Row 3:** Kendall Ellis, Lacey-Jo Jones, Cyara Mills, Kassy McKelvin, Kellsee Marlowe, Jennifer Maness. **Row 4:** Ciara Dornbrack, Hayley Hinton, Emily Prince, Kayla McPherson, Courtney Roush, Lucy Florez, Magen Clark.

SPORTS



BOYS SOCCER

Front Row: Kennedy Bacon, Tamer Shipman, Alvaro Romo, Santana Calderon, C.J. Hayes, Cameron Smith-Poe, Randall Harris, Bailey Hightower. **Row 2:** Roman Glenn, Sam Nelson, Joshua Mullins, Andrew Conn, Quinton Schneck, Austin Schuler, Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado, Tyler Campbell, Jacob Kraus. **Row 3:** Head coach Mike Moulin, Miyah Hightower, Dakota Nason, Colin Barker, Cody Pierce, Robby Glenn, Colton Harvey, Travis Dooley, Grant Lewis, Jacob Harris, Austen Schulmeister, Kaylan Roberts, coach Ethan Issacs.

SCOREBOARDS

BOYS SOCCER

Tonganoxie	W, 4-3
Leavenworth	W, 3-0
SM North	L, 2-5
KC East Christian	W, 7-0
Mill Valley	L, 1-5
Lansing	L, 0-2
Perry LeCompton	W, 2-0
Louisburg	W, 2-0
Spring Hill	W, 1-0
Topeka Seaman	L, 0-2
Ottawa	L, 1-2
Fort Scott	W, 3-1
Piper	L, 0-3
Bishop Ward	L, 1-2
Turner	W, 2-1
Basehor	W, 5-0
Bishop Miege	L, 1-3

Record: 9-8

CROSS COUNTRY

Ottawa	2nd	2nd
Miege	5th	7th
Bonner Inv.	15th	14th
WyCo	1st	1st
SM West	NP	NP
KVL	6th	8th
Regionals	9th	NP

VOLLEYBALL

Eudora	W, 2-0
Baldwin	L, 0-2
Basehor	L, 0-2
Bishop Ward	W, 2-0
Christ Prep	W, 2-0
Louisburg	L, 0-2
Basehor	L, 1-3
Immaculata	L, 1-2
Turner	W, 2-0
Washington	W, 2-0
Andale	L, 0-2
BV Southwest	L, 0-2
Wellsville	L, 0-2
Paola	L, 0-2
Topeka Hayden	L, 0-2
Heritage Academy	W, 2-0
Piper	L, 0-3
Spring Hill	L, 0-2
BV Southwest	L, 0-2

FOOTBALL

Turner	W, 51-40
Lansing	W, 70-42
Bishop Ward	W, 41-13
Piper	W, 42-6
Mill Valley	L, 9-23
Basehor	W, 33-7
DeSoto	W, 16-15
St. James	L, 24-54
Spring Hill	L, 21-31

Record: 6-3

Gardner Edgerton	L, 0-2
Lansing	L, 0-3
Tonganoxie	L, 0-2
Eudora	L, 1-2
Great Bend	L, 0-2
SM Northwest	L, 0-2
Turner	W, 3-0
Atchison	W, 2-1
Schlagle	W, 2-0
Bishop Ward	W, 3-2
Bishop Ward	W, 2-0
Harmon	W, 2-0
Piper	L, 0-2
Piper	L, 0-2
Washington	W, 2-0
Wyandotte	W, 2-0
Mill Valley	L, 0-3
Tonganoxie	W, 3-2

Record: 15-22



VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Erin Walters, Aubrie Fredrickson, Monica Stimac, Shelby Mata, Emily Nelson, Payton Sechrist, Kayla Willis, Alyssa Mendoza. **Row 2:** Devon Jackson, Kennedee Meier, Stephanie Best, Mariah Seifert, Shelby Taylor, Alexandria Eickhoff, Morgan Reed, Lauren Murphy, Kali Chatmon. **Row 3:** Coach Trisha Elder, Alayna Dooley, Cheyenne Willmon, Alazia Stanley, Caitlin Reed, Alexis Sechrist, Alysa Carpenter, Abi Cottrell, coach Denise Chowning. **Row 4:** Head coach Jan Madlock, Paige Krone, Julianne Jackson, Amber Cox, Mikaela Bennett, Bailey Pierce, Jayme Fratzel, McKindrea Hudson.

ALL-KVL

1st TEAM 2nd TEAM HONORABLE MENTION

FOOTBALL

Kyle Dumler	Austin Goodin	Devin Burke
Luciano Fasani	Anthony Kubas	Johnathan Carter
Jordan Jackson	Jack Klingele	Kyle Dumler (Punting)
Trevon Mason	Darryl Terrell	Jonah Freese
Les Wessel		Jake Wylie

SOCCER

Austin Schuler	Robby Glenn	Quinton Schneck
	Jacob Kraus	

VOLLEYBALL

Julianne Jackson	Mikaela Bennett
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CHRIS BROOME

"My most memorable moment came during the first game of the season; on the first play of the game I returned the kick for a touchdown."



DEVON LAMBERD

"I tore my PCL against Piper which cut my season short. I was upset because it was my senior year. Everybody being there for each other was the best part of our team."

FOOTBALL

Front Row: Christopher Broome, Joshua Ray, Parker Capehart, Trey Whetstone, Conrad Mecum, Sean Singleton, Solomon Young, Connor Smith-Poe, Alexas Torres. **Row 2:** Isaaah Jeffries, Caleb Brungardt, Charles Shively, Derrick Pennington, Jacob Freese, Ryan Stumbough, Dolan Kyle, Joshua Grimm. **Row 3:** Thaddeus Glenn, Roman Glenn, Travis Dooley, Hayden Hoffine, Marcell Holmes, Anthony Kubas, Alex Povlitzki, Trevon Mason. **Row 4:** Jordan Jackson, Luciano Fasani, Michael Amayo, Jonah Freese, Connor Byers, Darryl Terrell, Jamison Freese, Jacob Laing, Joshua Adams, Blake McMahan. **Row 5:** Jared Knernschild, Weston Vitt, D.J. Simpson, Tristan Foster, Mason Hurla, Austin Purduski, Andrew Bryant, Tyler Ferris, Riley Ballou-Lyngstad, Dakota Nason. **Row 6:** Devon Lamberd, Preston Pyles, Jack Klingele, Steven Barnes, Jake Wylie, Kyle Dumler, Devin Burke, Tyler Eickhoff, Austin Sams, Aaron Jones. **Row 7:** Les Wessel, Jacob Dobbs, Johnathan Carter, Adam Burdolski, Vincent Roult, Austin Goodin, Deion McQuarters, Jeremy McDonnell, Tyrese Bolton. **Row 8:** Coach John Hilton, coach Monty Bechard, coach LaDrew Murrell, coach Jarrett Hernandez, head coach Lucas Aslin, coach Eric Kinny, coach Ryne Huff, coach Steven Kline.



GIRLS TENNIS

Front Row: Sasha Bingham, Alex Carter, Hannah Hunt, Kayla McPherson, Elizabeth Barger. **Row 2:** Raven Murillo, Peyton Capehart, Zoe Lofton, Alexandria Burnett, Ashley Worley, Alexis Tendick, Gabriela Parada, Alexis Duncan. **Row 3:** Coach B.J. Congleton, Summer Ney, Kaitlyn Rose, Michaela Augustine, Madison Akins, Kynnedi Shepherd, Lucy Florez, Alexia McCleary, Angelica Harding, head coach Bill Scott.



CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row: Faith Seaton, Lilly Eickhoff, Madison Hammors, Taylor Vanden Hull, Gwen Barrett, Bailey Hightower. **Row 2:** Head coach Bill Downing, Rachel Barber, Michaela Mock, Kennedy Bacon, Kayla McPherson, Aubrie Fredrickson, coach Robert Marriott. **Row 3:** Alex White, Zach Quigley, Riley Ballou-Lyngstad, Austin Schuler, Deion McQuarters, Jake Wenzel.



FRESHMEN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Shaunie Lanning, Sydney Sprague, Paris Forshey, Jacky Burnett. **Row 2:** Carletta Hill, Sayra Serrano Villegas, coach Trisha Elder, Paige Krone.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Kennedy Bizzell, Mikaela Bennett, Julianne Jackson, Tanya Hernandez, Morgan Lawrence, Kaleigh Taylor, Allie Ledbetter. **Row 2:** Kennedy Bacon, Kaylan Roberts, Kyliea Jarrett-Collier, head coach Clay Oakes, Caitlin Reed, Abrise Sims, Miyah Hightower.



JOSHUA MULLINS

"I always try my hardest, and never give up. I want to prove my haters wrong because they don't break me, they make me stronger."



THOMAS FEHLHAFER

"It was a fun freshman season. I enjoyed my teammates and coaches even though I thought I could have done better."



WRESTLING

Front Row: Dominic Salvino, Sean Singleton, Johnathan Carter, Andrew Brundick, Thomas Fehlhafer, Derrick Pennington. **Row 2:** Shelby Yuncker, coach Jacob Beck, coach Jerry Seaton, head coach Brandon Jobe, coach Bobby Vaughn, Brianna Sawyer, Itzel Soto. **Row 3:** Kailley McCorkendale, Gage Herron, Jordan Mauk, Anthony Kubas, Joshua Mullins, Tyler Campbell, Ryan Stumbough. **Row 4:** Collin Wallar, Kolbe Seaton, Josiah Seaton, Dakota Ballard, Parker Capehart, Bryan Lanning.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Emilio Garcia, Lance Guess, Trey Whetstone, Steven Greer, Steven Chapple, JaDon Pouncil. **Row 2:** Coach Adam Loecker, coach Bill Downing, head coach Dan Streit, Kayla Greer. **Row 3:** Charlie Gray, Brenden Dotson, Andrew Stephan, Brendan Mathia, Logan Kirkman, Antonio Roark, Andrew Bryant, Joshua Grimm, Roman Glenn, Connor Byers. **Row 4:** Alex Povlitzki, Michael Arayo, Aaron McGee, Travis Dooley, Joshua Adams, Jonah Freese, Zshavon Dotson, Devante' McGee, Jordan Jackson, Cameron Davis.



STEVEN GREER

"My best memory was our win against Mill Valley at home. Connor hit the tying three to send us into overtime."



JADON POUNCIL

"I really liked how our coach planned everything out and helped us to improve. He, along with Zshavon Dotson, helped me to improve my confidence."



BOYS SWIM

Front Row: Dylan Clark, Christopher Hayes, Steffan Mefferd, Griffin Mareske, Preston Landers. **Row 2:** Head coach Preston Williams, Collin Sechrist, Fernando Arzabala Torres, Odin Hart, Caleb Brungardt, Isaac Bolton. **Row 3:** Cody Crider, Judah Capalla, Dakota Nason, Sam Nelson, Jacob Kraus, Jack Klingele, Zach Quigley.

ALL-KVL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1st TEAM
Caitlin Reed
Julianne Jackson
Kaleigh Taylor

SCOREBOARDS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Eudora	W, 73-67
Paola	L, 38-65
Harrisonville	W, 65-57
Basehor	L, 56-71
Turner	W, 70-67
Piper	L, 50-75
Lansing	L, 49-76
Tonganoxie	L, 54-62
Mill Valley	L, 56-70
Perry-Lecompton	W, 63-58
Baldwin	L, 60-72
Wellsville	L, 40-67
Bishop Ward	W, 56-46
Lansing	L, 57-82
Basehor	L, 73-76
Mill Valley	L, 72-75
Turner	W, 59-56
Piper	L, 45-76
Bishop Ward	L, 53-61
Tonganoxie	W, 64-56
De Soto	L, 53-63

Record: 7-14

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eudora	W, 45-33
Piper	W, 49-37
St. James	L, 35-38
Basehor	W, 56-47
Turner	W, 61-4
Piper	L, 38-46
Lansing	W, 59-40
Tonganoxie	W, 55-47
Mill Valley	W, 54-31
KC Christian	W, 49-18
Spring Hill	W, 60-42
Piper	L, 44-48
Bishop Ward	W, 57-38
Lansing	W, 52-46
Basehor	L, 47-51
Mill Valley	L, 34-43
Turner	W, 58-14
Piper	W, 47-21
Bishop Ward	W, 64-22
Tonganoxie	L, 40-41
Sumner	W, 46-38
Bishop Miege	L, 40-67

Record: 15-7

WRESTLING

Riley County Dual	2nd
Lee's Summit Invitational	12th
Dick Burns	4th
Bobcat Classic	22nd
BVNW Husky Invitational	7th
WyCo Championships	2nd
KVL	5th
Regionals	4th
State	10th

GIRLS SOCCER

First Team
Bailey Hightower
Julianne Jackson
Second Team
Kennedy Bacon
Miyah Hightower
Shelbey Taylor

SOFTBALL

First Team
Mikaela Bennett
Caitlin Reed
Alexus Tendick
Second Team
Hannah Fehlhafer

SOFTBALL

DeSoto L, 6-7 L, 7-8
Mill Valley L, 2-12 L, 2-22
Turner W, 18-12, W, 9-5 W, 10-5
Tonganoxie W, 7-3 W, 16-6
Lansing L, 6-10 L, 1-11
Piper L, 2-8 W, 1-0
Basehor W, 6-5 L, 1-9
Washington W, 21-1 W, 18-0
Bishop Ward W, 18-1 W, 16-1
Ottawa L, 1-6
Bishop Miege L, 11-14
Record: 11-10

BASEBALL

Basehor W, 4-2 L, 3-18
Lansing L, 1-3 W, 11-7
Turner L, 3-7, L, 0-2
Tonganoxie L, 3-8 L, 0-6
Eudora L, 2-10 L, 4-14
Mill Valley L, 2-15 L, 2-18
Paola L, 2-9
Spring Hill W, 8-6
Baldwin L, 2-6
Bishop Ward W, 5-1 L, 1-12
Piper L, 6-14 L, 3-7
DeSoto L, 4-5
Record: 4-16

GIRLS SOCCER

Tonganoxie W, 5-0
Ottawa W, 10-0
Shawnee Heights L, 2-9
KC Christian W, 4-1
Topeka Seaman W, 2-1
Lansing L, 0-3
Gardner-Edgerton W, 4-2
Basehor W, 5-0
Bishop Miege L, 2-7
Bishop Ward W, 10-0

TRACK

W, 10-0
W, 9-1
L, 0-5
L, 0-6
L, 1-3
W, 3-1
W, 3-1
L, 1-3
L, 2-5
State

GOLF

Boys Girls
Bonner Springs Inv. 5th
Gardner Edgerton Inv. 5th
Mill Valley Inv. 12th
Lansing Inv. 4th
Atchison Inv. 7th
KVL 4th
Regionals 2nd
State 7th
2nd
7th

SOFTBALL

Front Row: Mikayla Snodgrass, Kennedee Meier, Aarionna Holliday, Monica Stimac, Taryn Remigio, Emily Nelson, Alexus Tendick, Paris Forshey. **Row 2:** Megan Willmon, Brooke Keltner, Mariah Chavez, Elizabeth Briggs, Morgan Reed, Bridget Rittinghouse, Megan Laughlin, Caitlin Reed, Hannah Fehlhafer, Alexandria Eickhoff. **Row 3:** Coach Crystal Coleman-Richardson, coach Mindy Valdivia, Cheyenne Willmon, Brandy Brouhard, Kaytie Gibson, Hayley Butler, Abi Cottrell, Michaela Mock, Mikayla Ussery, Mikaela Bennett, Erin Walters, Kristina Schwab, head coach Denise Chowning.



GIRLS SWIM

Front Row: Alayna Dooley, Brenna Holt, Robyn Lewis, Madison Stumbough, Jessica Christensen. **Row 2:** Head coach Preston Williams, Sabria Zlitni, Bailey Pierce, Sasha Bingaman, Morgan Lawrence, Danielle Hosking. **Row 3:** Sally Crabtree, Stephanie Best, Payton Sechrist, Amber Lies, Abree McKelvin, Hayli Spencer.



GIRLS SOCCER

Front Row: Hannah Hunt, Bailey Hightower, Citlally Fernandez Alvarado. **Row 2:** Heidi Rodgers, Vanessa Calderon, Brittney Clark, Ariah Hutton, Belinda Diaz, Tanya Hernandez, Sydney Sprague, Hayle Moeschler, Priscilla Rosales, Paige Paikowski. **Row 3:** Gwen Barrett, Kennedy Bizzell, Sayra Serrano Villegas. **Row 4:** Gabby Bennett, Faith Seaton, Kennedy Bacon, Kayla Roberts, Julianne Jackson, Miyah Hightower, Allie Ledbetter, Jayme Fratzel, Shelbey Taylor, Ashley Woodford. **Row 5:** Head coach Mike Moulin, Alysa Carpenter, Felicia Monroy, Erin Oots, Kellen Doyle, Danielle Martinez-Quiroga, Gabriela Parada, Macy Hart, Kaitlyn Rose, Angelica Harding, Paige Krone, coach Ethan Isaacs.



BOYS TENNIS

Front Row: Armando Miranda Diaz, Kynnedey Shepherd, Peter Jenkins, Quinton Schneck, Jack Klingele, Luciano Fasani, Kelsey Ballou-Lyngstad, Taner Shipman. **Row 2:** Head coach Bill Scott, Christopher Hayes, Parker Capehart, Noah Wyant, Destin Williams, J.T. Johnson, Nathan Campbell, Peter Klingele, Aaron Ashford, coach B.J. Congelton



GOLF

Front Row: Tyler Rhodes, Zachary Gilbert, Jake Laing, Edgar Gomez, Caleb Malone, Mason Hurla. **Row 2:** A.J. Adkins, Kyle Dumler, Colton Harvey, Nathan Hinton, Steven Greer, Marc McClain, head coach Steve Miller.



TRACK & FIELD

Front Row: Jonita Francis, Kali Chatmon, Dakota McKeenan, Marcell Holmes, Nouran Abdelaziz, Alexis Sechrist, Carletta Hill, Mayra Hernandez, Tobias Wornack, Hanna Wenzel. **Row 2:** Taylor Vanden Hull, Marissa Satterfield, Cameron Zimmerly, Donovan Trevino, Jake Wenzel, Dolan Kile, Deion McQuarters, JaDon Pouncil, Alex White, Lilly Lackner, Shelby Mata. **Row 3:** Cierra Henry, Austin Schuler, Riley Ballou-Lyngstad, Jared Mortensen, Trey Whetstone, Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado, Jacob Neu, Kylie Jarrett-Collier, Kaleigh Taylor, William Scott, Katie Carpenter. **Row 4:** Aaron Jones, Jesus Garcia, Antonio Roark, Tristan Foster, Devin Burke, Jacob Freese, Caleb Brungardt, Eli VanWinkle, Jenny Osei, Isaac Bolton, Vincent Roulit. **Row 5:** Isaah Jeffries, Jordan Jackson, Harrison Ricci-Weller, Travis Dooley, Steven Barnes, Kyle Dumler, Joshua Adams, Jake Wylie, Anthony Kubas, Jacob Dobbs, Michael Amayo. **Row 6:** Coach Kyle Razak, coach Ryne Huff, coach Bill Downing, head coach Robert Marriott, coach LaDrew Murrell.



BASEBALL

Front Row: Kayla Greer, Michael Bradley, Maison Patchett, Richard Skaggs, Logan Shearer, Roman Glenn, Bobby Crowley, Collin Sechrist. **Row 2:** Head coach Adam Loecker, Jeremy McDonnell, Connor Byers, Ross Hogan, Josh Brown, Brayden Pearce, Jordan Castro, Thaddeus Glenn, coach Jacob Johnson.



JV BASEBALL

Front Row: Michael Duxbury, Cody Cox, Charles Shively, Andrew Stephan, Terry Bruce. **Row 2:** Eric Valenzuela, Preston Landers, Charlie Gray, Solomon Young, Ryan Stumbough, Brendan Mathia, Sally Crabtree.



SO WHAT WAS YOUR BEST TIME?

How were you shaped by the minutes, hours, and days you spent here? Whether your victories were big or small, individual or collective; it's what you did with your time that counts.



7:41 PM ▶ Varsity soccer players rush off the field to celebrate with head coach Mike Moulin moments after earning their first trip to state.

MADISON HURLA



Madison,

You have grown into an amazing, beautiful young woman. Never give up on what you want (unless we disagree, LOL). We will always be here for you. We are very proud of not only your accomplishments but also for the amazing person you are. We can't wait to see what your future holds. Never stop smiling and never lose your sparkle!

We love you Maddy Cakes,
Dad, Mom, Mason, and Miles



LILLY EICKHOFF



Lilly,

We are so proud of you and know your future holds great things. You are beautiful, smart and driven. The world awaits you.

At times it seemed the days were long but the years were too short.

You will forever be our sunshine.

We love you always,
Mom, Dad and Arthur



DEVON HAYWOOD



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

—Dr. Seuss

"So be sure when you step, Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed) Kid, you'll move mountains!"

—Dr. Seuss

Love,
Mom



ALEXANDRA CARTER



Alex,
We love you and are always so proud of you!
The world is yours! Whatever you do in life will be
successful!

"Just be yourself, there is no one better."

—Taylor Swift

Love,
Dad, Mom, Mimi, and Jake



HAYLEY HINTON



Hayley,
Wow, how the years have flown by;
"I closed my eyes for a moment, and the moment's gone."
—Kansas

It's time now for you to enter and exit through life's stages;
"All the world's a stage."
—Shakespeare

When you are on stage, never forget;
"If you need me, I'll always be in the front row;
Watching, with pride, awe, excitement, and anticipation;
loving the performance that is your life."
Love, Mom

To Be Continued...



T.J. ADAMS



T. J.
We are so very proud of the
handsome young man you
have become. We wish you
all the luck in the future.
We love you very much.
May God bless you on your
long journey ahead.

Love you always,
Your Family



TRAVIS DOOLEY



Travis,
We will miss the
boy, but are very
proud of the man
you have become.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

BAILEY HIGHTOWER



Bailey:

You have given us so much joy. These 17 years have brought so many special moments that are now cherished memories.

What a blessing you are—a gift from God to us.

You have filled our hearts with love and pride,
Nana and Papa

"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

—Psalm 20:4



MARIAH SEIFERT



"There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: One is roots, the other is wings."

—Hodding Carter

Mariah,

All of these things are important for a healthy life: An understanding of who you are, where you come from, your heritage and your identity. You need both roots and wings—one for grounding and stability; the other for dreams and leaps of faith. The roots prevent the wings from flying too close to the sun, while the wings provide vitality and encourage trying new things.

You have grown into a wonderful young lady and you have discovered your roots and your wings, so I know you will achieve great things in your life and never forget who you are.

Love Always,
Mom



SKYLER LUCAS



Skyler J.

I am so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Your drive, motivation, and determination have exceeded any expectations that I may have had. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you. I know that no matter what path in life you take, you will be successful!

Congrats Son! ILYTTMAB!
Mom



ANTHONY KUBAS

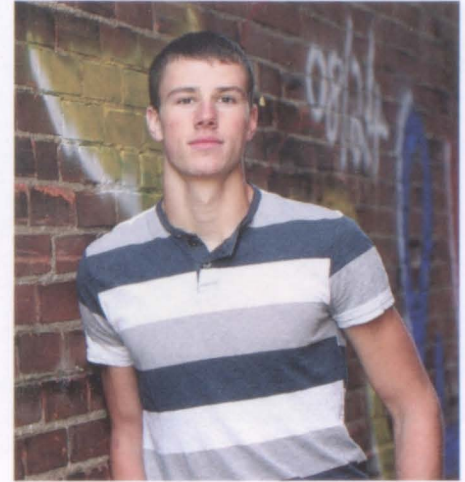


Anthony,

Watching you grow and develop into such a strong young man has been an amazing experience. We could not be more proud of your dedication to athletics, academics, and doing the right thing (excluding a very impressive speeding ticket). You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes and can steer yourself in any direction you choose. Remember the importance of doing for others and you will find yourself in a better place!

We love you very much.

Dad and Kelli



CAROLINE CLARK



Congratulations Caroline!

We are so proud of you! You make the world a better place! We love you!

Mom, Dad and Kathryn

ANDREW ADKINS



AJ –

We are so proud of you! It has been a long, hard fought journey, but you finished strong. You will do great things, you have an awesome future ahead of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom and Mason

WESTON VITT



Weston,

You have brought so much happiness to our lives! Your smile and kind heart have made you into the young man you are today. We are so proud of your accomplishments, and we know your future holds many more. God bless and be safe in all of your adventures!

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Dalton



RACHEL BARBER



In the blink of an eye, you have grown up, from an adventurous toddler to who you are today—a strong, talented, creative, hardworking, intelligent, and compassionate young woman. It took courage to stay yourself when everyone else around you wanted you to change. Be proud of who you have become and what you believe. We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Rebecca



LANYSHA MAYS



Lanysha,

Congratulations on your day. I am so proud of you. May God be with you on your journey to becoming an outstanding woman. It seems like yesterday I was holding my baby girl.

I love you.
Mom

LAUREN MARQUEZ



Lauren, 18 years of joy and happiness you have brought into our lives. It has gone by way too fast but we know that you will never be far from our hearts. Congratulations, thank you for your hard work and efforts to succeed in your learning.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mikie, Ashley



MIKAYLA USSERY



From T-Ball to College, look out world here she comes. There is nothing that can stop you!

We are so proud of you Mikayla.

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Megan

QUINTON SCHNECK



Son,
I am very proud of you and all of the accomplishments you have achieved. I hope you get all the things in life you deserve.

I love you!
Dad



KELSEY BALLOU-LYNGSTAD



Kelsey,
You continue to amaze us every day. We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Now, go out and make a mark in the world. You can be and do anything just by following your dreams.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Riley

MARC McCLAIN



You have turned into a young man any parent would be proud to have. Continue reaching for your dreams and fighting for what you believe in. Always stay true to yourself. We will be beside you every step of the way.

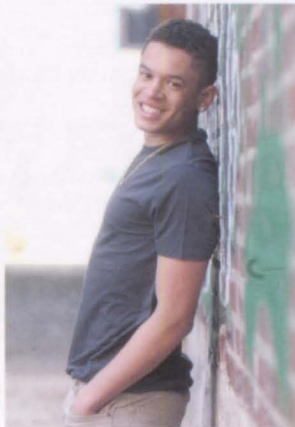
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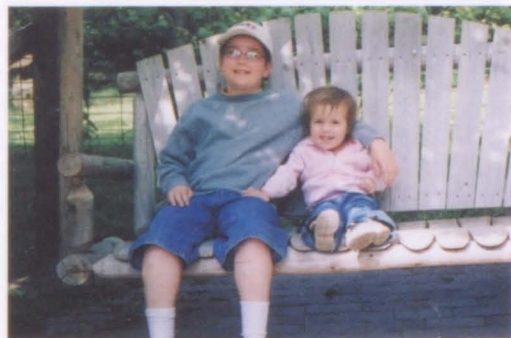


Deej,
We have watched you grow from the baby of the family to a young man that we are all very proud of. Your talent, drive, and dreams will take you wherever you want to go. Congratulations on this achievement, we can't wait to see what's next!

Much Love,
Megan, Sean, Shane,
Morgan, Mom and Dad

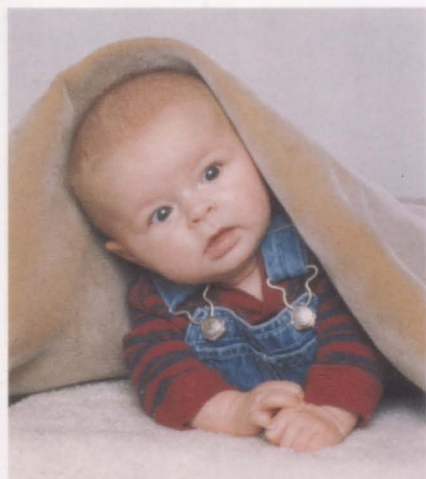


DAKOTA NASON



Congratulations, Bubby!
I love you very much.
Good luck in the Navy!

CHANDLER CROUSS



Chandler James—
Words can't express how proud I am of you. You are such a smart, caring and compassionate person. I am so excited to see what amazing things you will accomplish from here!

I love you!
Mom

GRANT LEWIS



Son,
Ten two letter words to live by—
If it is to be, it is up to me.
Make it be!

Love,
Mom and Dad

ROBBY GLENN



Robby,

There are no words more powerful than "I love you" or more meaningful than "thank you" or more sustaining than "I believe in you," so I'm saying these things to you now: "I love you more than words can say, I am so thankful you are a part of my life. And no matter what, I will always believe in you!"

Love,
Mom and Dad

MARIAH SEIFERT



Mariah,

Congratulations on your graduation! We couldn't be more proud of the beautiful, smart and talented young lady you've become. You are a great example for your younger siblings. They look up to you more than you will ever know. Although we will miss you while you're away at college, we will be watching and waiting for greatness!

Love,
Daddy, Vanessa, Julia,
Alex and Evan

ANTHONY KUBAS



Anthony,

I amazed to watch you grow.
I'm proud of you more than you'll ever know.
Your hard work and perseverance.
The future has no interference.
Follow your path doing the best you can
Continue to grow with integrity as a man.
I love you with all my heart.
Your journey in life is about to start.

Love,
Mom

AUSTIN SCHULER



Austin,

We are so proud of all your accomplishments! Your academic and athletic achievements are truly amazing. There is nothing you can't do!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan and Alex

ANTONIO CHAVEZ

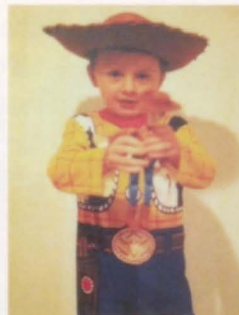


Antonio,

We are proud of your accomplishments and for the man you have become!

We love you!
Mom and Dad

CODY CRIDER



Congrats, Cody. We're all so proud of you! Your imagination and personality never ceases to amaze and amuse us!

You'll always be our "character." We love you!
Your entire cast & crew aka... "Family"

CHANDLER CROUSS



Chandler Bing James Crouss,
We are so proud of you and can't wait
to see what great things are in store for
you! Thank you for teaching us how to
be Aunts!

We love you!
Julie, Wendy and Kelly

ELIZABETH BARGER



Elizabeth,
You've been preparing for this moment since
kindergarten! We're so proud of you!

We love you, Bis!
Dad, Mom, Emily, Jack and John

SHELBY MATA



Shelby,
I'm so very proud of the young woman you have become. I see
a bright future for you and I'm anxious to see all of the wonderful
things you will accomplish. Remember, you will always be my
Woo. I love you.

Love, Dad

DAKOTA NASON



Dakota—
We love you
very much and are
very proud of the
young man you
have become... and
wherever you go,
remember where
home is.

Love,
Mom and Andy

CHANLER HADLEY & THOMAS HOOK



Chanler:
You have grown to be a beautiful, compassionate woman.
We are so excited to watch you take on this world and show
them what you're made of! You will always be my "Beauty
Queen!" We love you so much!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Mackensay and Shealynn



Son:
When you set your mind to something, we
know you will always succeed.
With love and pride,
Mom and Dad

BAILEY HIGHTOWER



Let's see where your education has gotten you...

Rain makes?

We are very proud of you!

Love you,

Papa and Momoes

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT THIS
BUT I'M KIND OF A BIG DEAL."

—Ron Burgundy

Life is better when you're laughing.

We are so proud of you!

Love you,

Mom, Dad, Miyah, and Kaleb



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