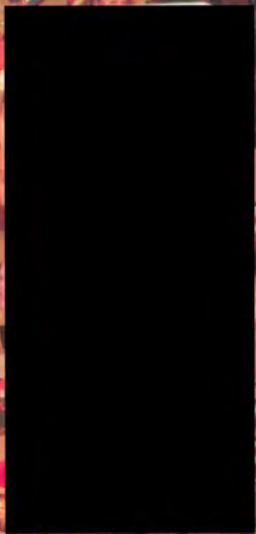


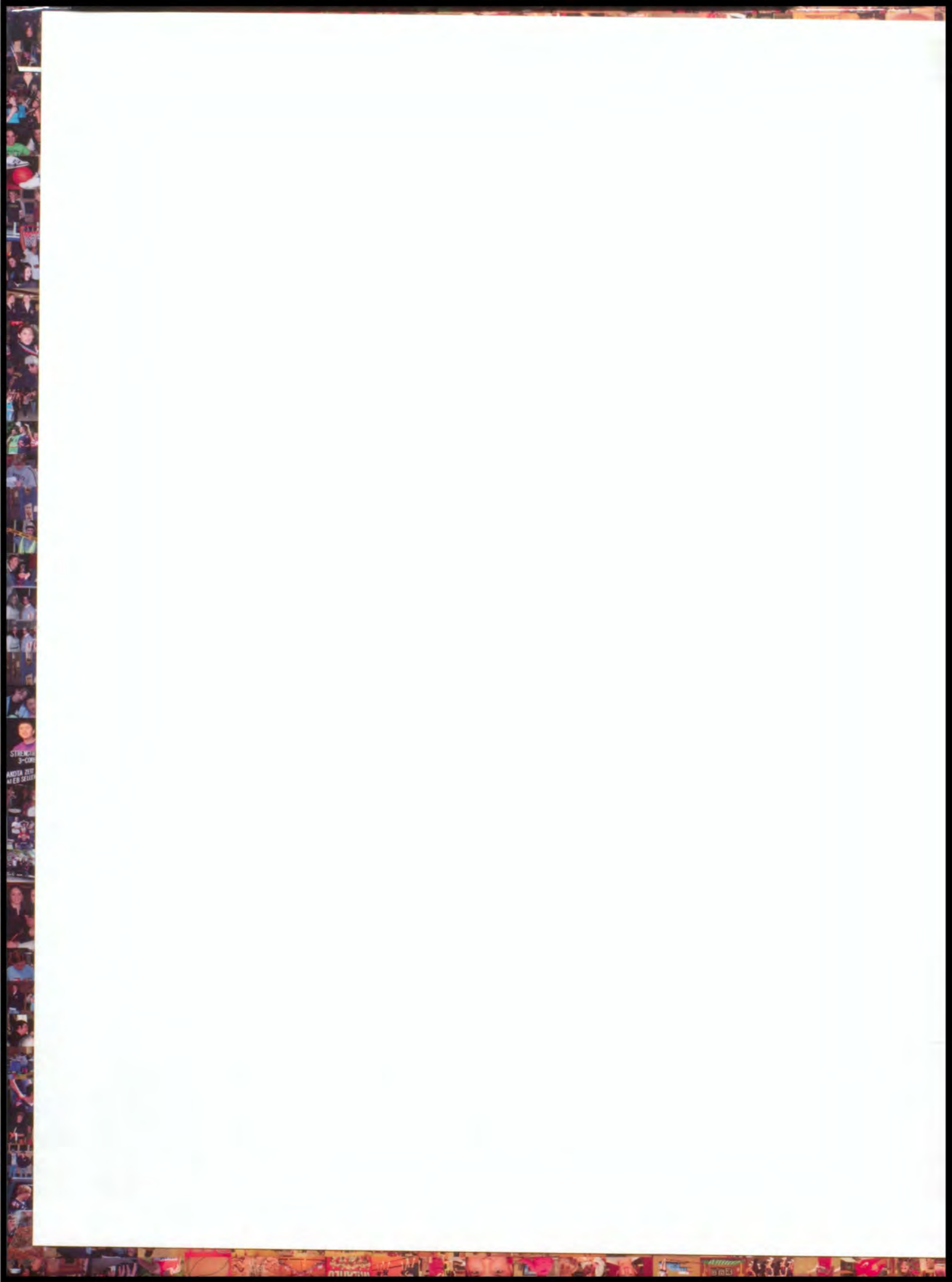
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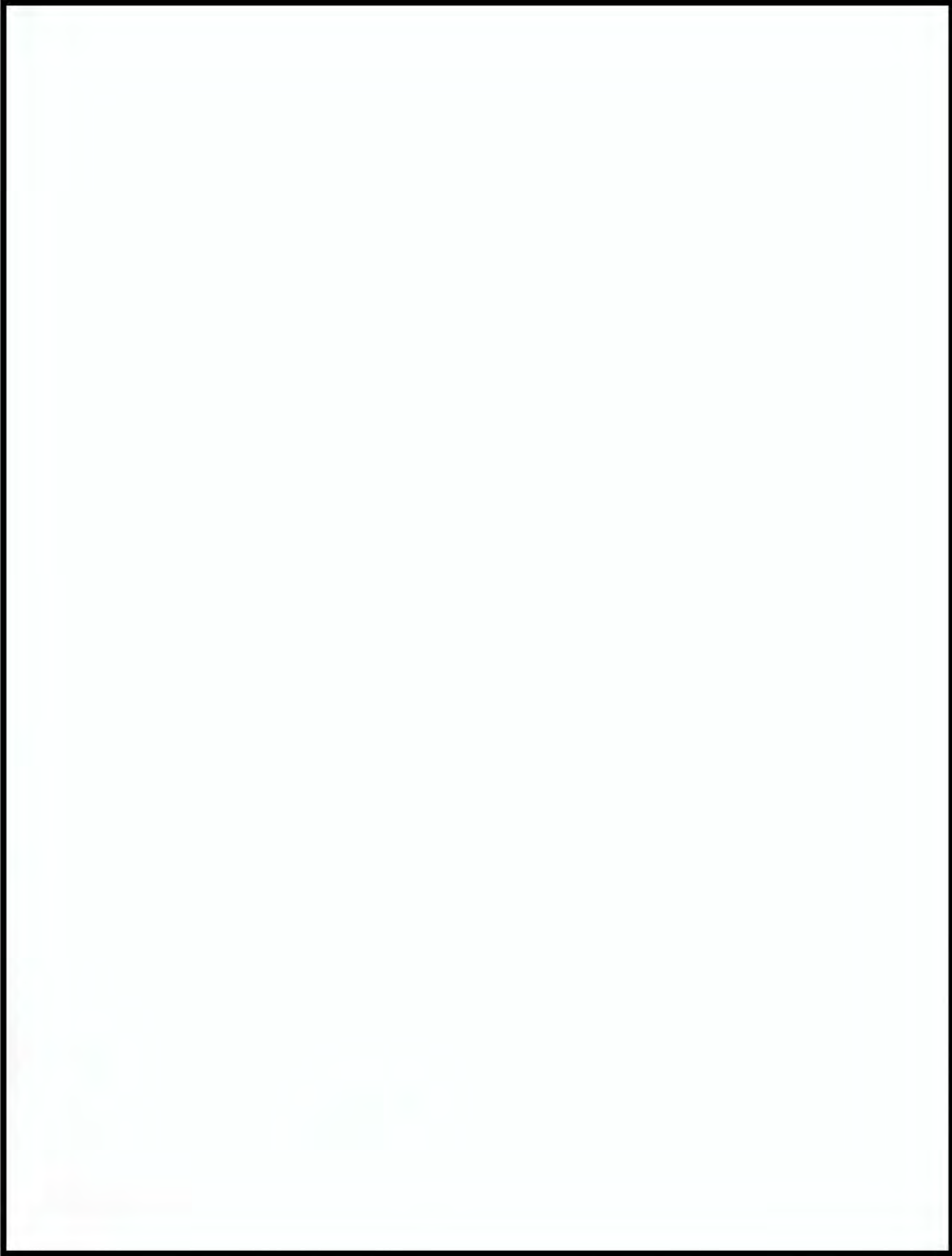
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Here's to... **Living LIFE Now**

The inspiration for the 2008 yearbook comes from the Eve 6 song "Here's to the Night." Lyrics from that song such as "Here's a toast to all those who hear me all too well," "Here's to the night," "Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry," "Can't I stay an hour or two more," "Don't let me let you go," and lastly, "Here's to goodbye" all remind us that each moment we spend with our friends is one moment closer to goodbye and it is crucial to live each day of our lives in the moment. . . "Living Life Now."

Each year of high school has those moments: Seniors prepare for their last year of high school and the road beyond. Juniors raise money for prom and senior sneak. Sophomores continue their day-dreaming of the day they will graduate. Freshmen continue to learn about one another as they begin their high school journey. Faculty and staff get ready to teach and welcome incoming freshmen.

For those who know each other all too well, we know every day at Doniphan West High School brings something new whether it's a friend, knowledge, or an experience. Throughout this year, there were nights we felt alive during ball games, plays, and dances. "Time was frozen in motion" whether it was the night we lost a dear Mustang fan, Janet Libel, or when the seniors danced together for the last time at prom. With everything that went on this year, we have chosen to do one thing and that is. . . Live Life Now!



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 Jennifer Bottom, math
 Rex Bollinger, superintendent



Alice Carwell, cook
 Sharon Collins, cook
 Randy Collins, custodian
 Sue Cluck, cook
 Nick Dowell, P.E., A.D.



Esther Gormley, English
 Michael Hill, art
 Joann Karn, board clerk
 Kertis Keehn, science
 Delbert Larson, science



Toni Larson, Spanish
 Gerre Martin, counselor
 Angie Neibling, library aide
 Ryan Ostrander, paraprofessional
 Donna Parish, history/English



Rob Randall, resource room
 June Roberts, FACS
 Joe Sailors, principal
 Christina Schlosser, music
 Elmer Schmitz, agriculture/FFA



Laura Schmitz, librarian
 Ginger Scott, secretary
 Ron Shelton, social studies
 Julie Speer, paraprofessional
 Carl Swendson, math



Marla Taylor, English/journalism
 Alan Terry, industrial arts
 May Tharp, paraprofessional
 Judy Twombly, paraprofessional
 Vicki Winchester, bus/computers

Not pictured-Wes Hedrick, custodian





Nick Dowell struts his stuff during a class contest assembly.



Principal Joe Sailors shows the Homecoming Candidates just how to hold the axe for the car-bashing.



Kertis Keehn gives a thumbs up, which isn't unusual because he always seems so positive.



USD 425 board members. front: Scott Twombly, Michelle Saunders, Brad Gilmore. Back: Tim Nuzum, Bill Hargis, Ron Schneider. not pictured: Rod Carwell.



Toni Larson demonstrates how to charge batteries the "cool" way.



Even though Esther Gormley is an English teacher she shows she sometimes likes to lighten the mood.



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What would your superhero name/power be?



Nick Dowell
Name-Mighty Mouse!
Power-Strength and Speed



Michael Hill
Name- Mr. Mind Bender
Power- Telekinesis



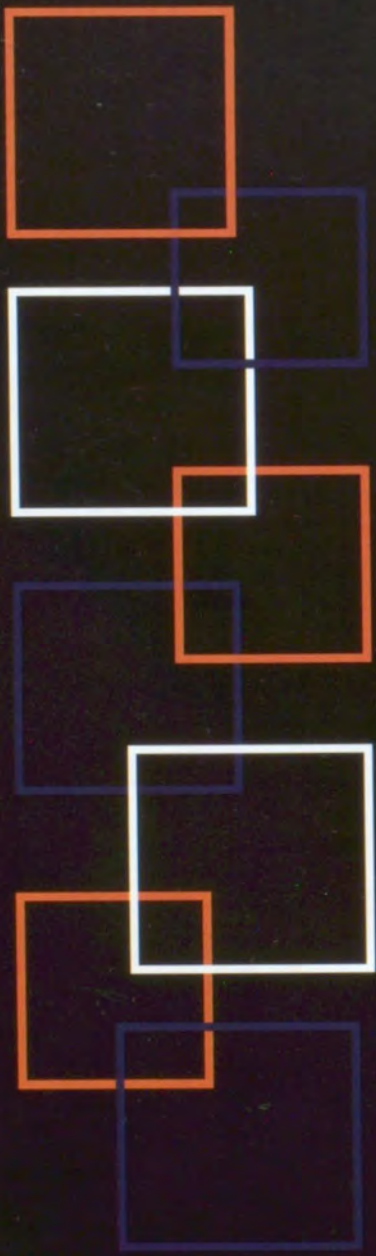
Jennifer Bottom
Name-Queen Voila
Power-To do things at the snap of her fingers



Christina Schlosser
Name-Musical Maven
Power-Sing any song perfectly at any given moment

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SENIORS



Tressa Baker



Brandon Colborn



Jonathan Collins



Brittany Crossland



Jackie Denton



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Allison Thompson



Seth Twombly



Dustin Winters



Kaley Witham



*"Emotions,
drama, broken
hearts, and
lies: we've
made these the
best days of
our lives!"*



...get her quote, "life's like a doughnut" put in a hallmark card

Kelsey Jenkins



...own a ferret farm

Bryan Hamilton



Allison Thompson

...marry a band geek



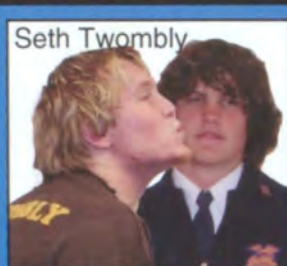
...be late for graduation

Holly Norris



Amanda Halling

...back into the most cars in the parking lot and get away with it



Seth Twombly

...live with Chase Smith for the rest of his life



...become Willie Wildcat

Josh Hargis

Most Likely To ...

...marry that one girl that comes to all of his games



Dan Freeman

John Lednicky



...drown in Mt. Dew



...invent something totally useless

Elijah Dunn



...become a famous drift king

Brandon Colborn



...own a Mexican restaurant

Jenna Scherer



...become President of the United States

Nathan Ricklefs



...own all of the "Golden Girls" episodes on DVD

Jordanne Miller



...be in the newspaper for no apparent reason

Jake Rush



...fall asleep in class

Rob Ruhnke

Gerald Folsom



...pull a barrel roll in a 747 air plane with people inside

Tasha Martin



...be seen with the athletic trainer

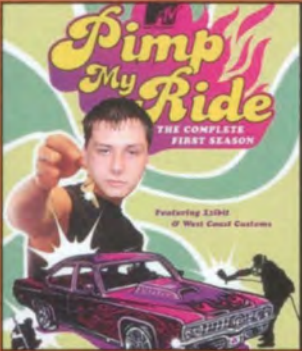
Tressa Baker



...be seen with a book



...have chronic odorous arm pits
Jessica Libel



...be a painter on "Pimp My Ride"

Scott Emrich



...learn every language known to man

Anja Kubenek

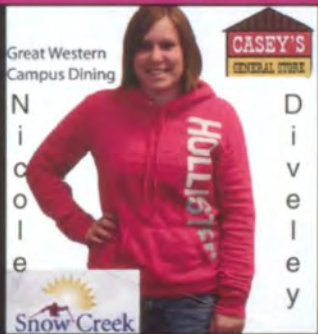
...conquer the world

Dustin Winters



...become a rock star

Caleb Sellers



...have the most jobs



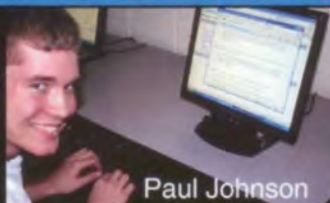
Laurence Dickson

...run in the Boston Marathon



Brittany Schmitz

...become a pro volleyball player



Paul Johnson

...hack into the FBI's computer network



...have a shrine of T.I.
Jackie Denton



...most likely to get a job by telling a crazy story

Travis McDonald



... be a KU dancer
Stephanie Schneider

...become the best hairstylist ever



Jennifer Larson



Brittany Crossland

...be the most obnoxious cell phone user



Eric Simmons

...host his own show on BRAVO



...to be confused...right now...as she's reading this

Kaley Witham

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Nathan Armstrong
Spencer Autem
Paul Becker

Katlyn Blevins
Emily Boos
Stephen Caraway

**"Our lives are
before us. Our past
is behind us. But our
memories are forever
with us."**



Anna Caudle
Amanda Cauthon
Bryson Cluck

Scarlett Davis
Chelsea Diveley
Spencer Diveley





The junior class, aka class of '09, gets together for an end of the year class picture.

What's your corniest joke?



Dakota Zeit

"What do you call a broken boomerang?...
A stick!"



Jessica Peuker

"The human asked the parrot, 'Polly want a cracker?' The parrot replied, 'You silly human, I don't eat crackers, I'm a bird!'"



Trevor Saunders

"Why can't Helen Keller drive?...
because she's a woman!"



Carissa Keim

"A blonde and a brunette were riding in a car together. The blonde started going through the glove box and pulled out a piece of paper and exclaimed, 'HEY! I KNOW THIS PERSON!' The Brunette snatched the paper out of her hand and said, 'Duh, it's me!'"



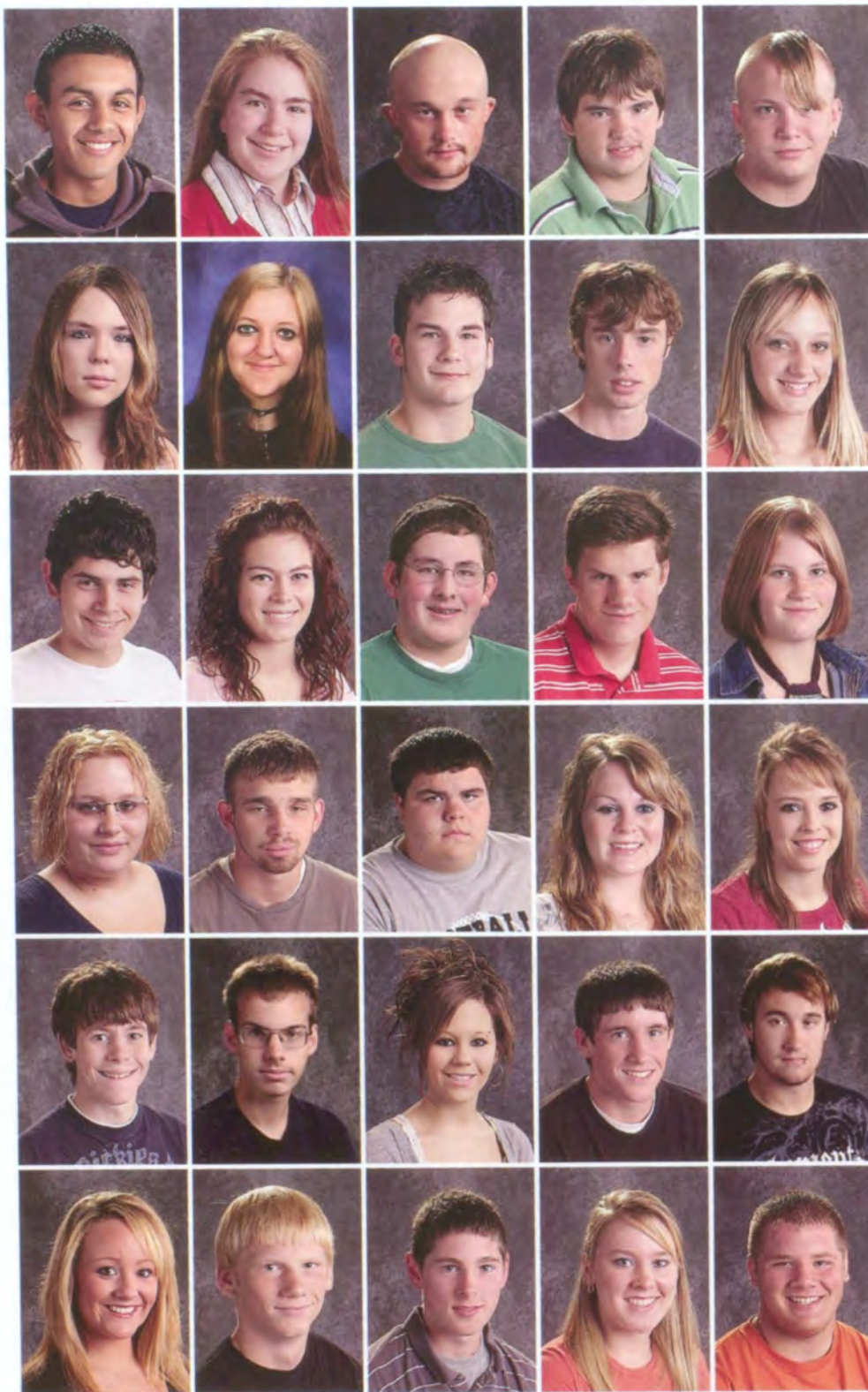
Bryson Cluck represents the junior class in a mashed potato eating contest to earn class points.



During the egg toss in March, Emily Boos looks down in shock as her egg falls to the ground.



Ryan Kuhnert holds his arm after giving blood during the FFA blood drive in March.



Bijon Duran
 Katelin French
 Jacob Godfrey
 Aaron Harris
 Aaron Herra

April Hollis
 Carissa Keim
 Ryan Kuhnert
 Zachary Lee
 Jackie Lysaght

Jeremy Macardican
 Alesha Miller
 Todd Neibling
 Ehren Nuzum
 Jessica Peuker

Kara Plansky
 Sean Price
 Aaron Rhodd
 Danielle Rush
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which SUPERHERO would you be?



I would be
Magneto so then I
could move metal
things!
~Ehren Nuzum~

Aquawoman
because I love the
water!
~Danielle Rush~



Wonder Woman
because I'm
wonderful!
~Katylin Blevins~

I would be
Batman, because
he's a ninja!
~Aaron Herrs~



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Zach Baker
Chris Beagle
Dyllon Butrick



Taylor Carwell
Brianna Cluck
Kyle Cluck



Jacob Collins
Mariah Cunningham
Brennan Davis

**"Some of our mistakes
are too much fun to
make only once."**



Cheyenne Davis
Kristy Denton
Brett Dunlap



Adrian Duran
Michale Edie
Kyle Fitch



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Scott Twombly
Good Luck!

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The sophomore class takes a group picture as the class of 2010.



Kyle Cluck quickly runs to the finish, at the year's first class contest, in lovely high heels and stylish blue dress.



Geoffrey Hargis, Dyllon Butrick, and Kodey Martin take a wild ride on the sophomore Homecoming float.



At the egg toss contest Taylor Carwell reaches out to catch the soaring egg.

If you could be in any television show what would it be and why?



Matthew Henry

"*Naruto*, because I think it would be cool to be a ninja."



Zach Baker

"*Attack of the Show...* just because."



Lisa Scholz

"*Moonlight*, because it's a great show, and I think it would be awesome to be in it."



Savannah Stevens

"*Friends*, because I don't have any (joking), and I think it would be cool to have friends that close. I would also marry Joey Tribbiani."



Amber Folsom
Marijke Fox
Shayln Fritch
Jessica Gartner
Maggie Gilmore



Charles Goodman
Daniel Goodman
Geoffrey Hargis
Morgan Helmstetter
Matthew Henry



Jessica Hutchinson
Brittany Keever
Gary Keim
Lindsey Kuhn
Courtney Langley



Lindsay Libel
Benjamin Lock
Kodey Martin
Korey Martin
Calyb Musgrave



Amanda Pickman
Jessica Rauch
Kayla Schmitz
Joey Scholz
Lisa Scholz



Chris Simmons
Jacob Simmons
Paul Simmons
Malia Sisk
Christopher Smith



Savannah Stevens
Mollie Tharp
Cameron Twombly
Tania Vigil
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What was your favorite MEMORY from 07-08??



Sleeping in class.
~Jake Collins~

Going to all of the games.
~Amber Folsom~



The dodgeball tournament!
~ Cameron Twombly~

The ski trip, going to football and basketball games, and hanging out.
~Amanda Pickman~



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Landon Allen
Travis Arnold
Keaton Blevins
Robyn Boos



Alaine Caudle
DeWayne Clark
Dillan Colborn

**"Beginnings are scary,
endings are usually sad,
it's what you do in
between that counts the
most."**



Ashley Courtin
Katie Crandall
Skylar Crossland



MacKenzie Cunningham
Marshall Diveley
Robin Duckett
Emily French





The freshmen sit in their class '11 for their first class picture of high school.



Ashley Courtin and Robyn Boos hold the freshmen sign for the homecoming parade.



Keaton Blevins licks his fingers as he gets done eating whipped cream from the pie eating contest for FFA Barnwarming.



Emily French paints the set for the spring play, "Laffing Room Only."

If you could meet anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?



Katherine Rush

"George Washington because he was the first president."



Landon Allen

"Martin Luther King Jr. just to see how he lived and his lifestyle."



Alaine Caudle

"Tony Hawk because he seems like a really cool person."



Travis Arnold

"Rick James because he's hilarious!!"



Taryn Gibson
Michael Hurd
Nicholas Johnson



Kelby McNeme
Rachel Keller
Gary Koelliker



Hannah Lackey
Ethan Larson
Taylor Martin



Valerie Neibling
Lorie Peuker
Katherine Rush



Stephanie Scales
Sharona Shiflet
Steven Simmons



Joshua Van Laar
Tanner Veach
Cody Winchester



Ravin Wall
Ashlie Witham
Cameron Wood



CLASS OF



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If you could be **anywhere** in the **WORLD** right now, where would **you** be? Why?



I would be in Africa hunting wild animals.

~Kelby McNemee~

Germany, because I was born there and haven't been there since.

~Stephanie Scales~



Venice, because of the scenery and the canals.

~Marshall Diveley~

Paris, to see all of the different sites and because it's pretty.

~Ravin Wall~





In memory of Janet Libel and her tremendous school spirit.



*Here's to... the nights
we felt alive*

People

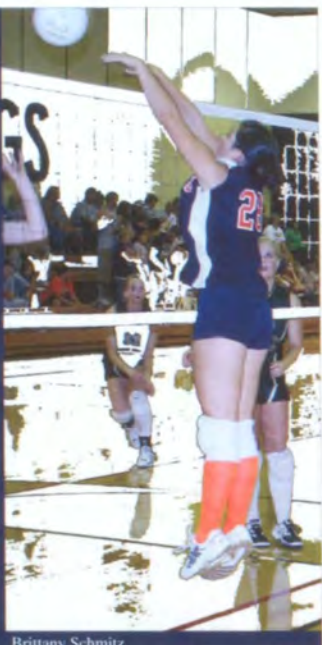
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volleyball



Brittany Schmitz



After getting an ace against their opponent, the girls celebrate by doing a short victory dance before the next play.



Alesha Miller intensely readies herself to pass the ball while her teammate, Taylor Twombly, anticipates the pass during a match at the Lady Mustangs home court.



Bethani Zeit, junior, sets the ball up to be spiked during a game in the DVL tournament.



First Row: Stephanie Schneider, Anja Kubeneck, Kaley Witham, Tasha Martin, Brittany Schmitz, Allison Thompson.
Second Row: Alesha Miller, Courtney Langley, Taylor Martin, Ashlie Witham, Mariah Cunningham, Bethani Zeit, Lindsay Libel, Morgan Rush.
Third Row: coach Dana Clary, coach Marla Olson, Taylor Twombly, Lisa Scholz, Emily French, Jackie Lysaght, Taryn Gibson, Malia Sisk, Marijke Fox, Danielle Rush, and coach Megan Jeschke.
Back Row: Kristy Denton, Shayln Fritch, Katherine Rush, Amanda Pickman, Brianna Cluck, Stephanie Scales, Mollie Tharp, Jessica Rauch, and Taylor Carwell.

What did you like most about this season?

1 "My senior year was my best year I had. We had a good family atmosphere and we made the best out of most situations."
Senior Tasha Martin #24

2 "Well, being my first time playing, learning volleyball properly and hanging out with the girls was fun!"
Senior Anja Kubeneck #18

3 "The spandex! Who doesn't like skin tight nylon underwear? Besides that, all the fun as a team. Bus ride conversations, 'scramble' plays, and jousting with Morgan."
Senior Allison Thompson #43



hard work, improved skill, fun times

Mustang Volleyball

Serving, spiking, passing, setting, digging, and blocking are all things volleyball players should be able to perform. After this year the team will lose a great group of seniors who did these things well as they led the team. With a "refuse to lose" attitude, the Lady Mustangs had a winning record of 18-13.

"My favorite game was when we played Imac in the Hiawatha tournament because we went three games and only won the last one by two points. We had to win to get out of pool play. We all played really awesome as a team and it was fun!" said junior Taylor Twombly.

The girls received third place in the Hiawatha tournament, which was the highlight of the season. Overall, Taylor Twombly and Brittany Schmitz took All-League honors.

"I enjoyed working with the girls this year and I always looked forward to practices and games. It was a memorable year and I wish the seniors the best of luck, and I am looking forward to next year," said coach Marla Olson.



Tasha Martin, Brittany Schmitz, Allison Thompson, Stephanie Schneider, Anja Kubeneck, and Kaley Witham. With their hard work and effort during each game the senior girls will be missed by their younger teammates.

Seniors Brittany Schmitz and Kaley Witham jump up together to block a hit from the opposing team at the home of the Mustangs.



Scoreboard

Opponent	Scores
McLouth- L	25-20, 23-25, 24-26
KCC-W	25-15, 25-20
Oskaloosa- W	25-27, 25-22, 25-18
Jackson Heights-L	16-25, 16-25
Pleasant Ridge- L	17-25, 21-25
Troy-W	25-23, 25-16
Valley Falls-W	23-25, 25-12, 25-16
JCN-L	12-25, 15-25
KCC-W	23-25, 25-22, 25-10
Wathena-W	25-22, 25-27, 25-19
Baileyville-L	13-25, 18-25
Immaculata-W	23-25, 25-16, 31-29
Elwood-W	25-13, 25-9
MHMA-W	25-12, 25-12
Wathena-W	25-23, 25-15
Wathena-W	25-13, 25-17
Horton-W	22-25, 25-22, 25-12
Jackson Heights-L	19-25, 23-25
McLouth-W	25-19, 22-25, 25-19
Oskaloosa-L	23-25, 18-25
Atchison-L	14-25, 17-25
Pleasant Ridge-L	16-25, 13-25
ACCHS-L	13-25, 13-25
MHMA-W	25-21, 25-10
Hiawatha-W	25-15, 18-25, 25-22
Elwood-W	25-16, 25-12
Atchison-L	14-25, 25-18, 22-25
MHMA-W	25-13, 25-20
Troy-W	25-23, 25-18
Nemaha Valley-L	16-25, 18-25
Horton-L	22-25, 25-16, 19-25
Horton-L	21-25, 25-22, 21-25
Smith Center-L	15-25, 20-25

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Cross country



Korey Martin



Leading the pack for the girls at the Troy meet are freshman Hannah Lackey and sophomore Maggie Gilmore.



Finishing strong at the Troy meet is junior, Chelsea Diveley. Diveley said, "It was hill after hill. It was the worst meet ever."



Getting off to a great start at the Troy meet, junior Brady Smith gets ahead of the pack.



First Row: Chelsea Diveley, Amanda Halling, Nicole Diveley, Hannah Lackey, Maggie Gilmore.

Second Row: Nick Johnson, Spencer Diveley, Jenna Scherer, Katylin Blevins.

Third Row: Brady Smith, Kodey Martin, Laurence Dickson, Korey Martin, Geoffrey Hargis.

What is your favorite course to run?

1 "McLouth, because we ran through a forest and by a lake and it felt more cross country than the other courses. Also, it was one of the easier ones because there weren't many hills. I also liked Rim Rock, but I didn't run in that race."
Senior Amanda Halling

2 "DVL at Rim Rock because the course is fun and I enjoy it a lot."
Senior Laurence Dickson

3 "Jackson Heights, it seems to go by fast and doesn't take long. Many of us get our best times there. Also, I like how we run the woods and it is a lot of fun."
Senior Nicole Diveley



young team, future success

Cross Country

The 2007 cross country season brought in two new seniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen.

"I thought we had a pretty successful season. The girls were relatively young and inexperienced and really improved as the year progressed. The boys' team had leaders with three upperclassmen leading the way. They ran well and continued to push each other throughout the season. Both teams have a lot of potential for future success," said coach Angie Eberly.

Cross country is just running, but that doesn't mean that every year is the same. Sophomore Maggie Gilmore said, "This year cross country was quite a bit different because we were missing two seniors from last year. But we had some new runners that have great potential for oncoming years. I believe that our team (girls) was a lot closer this year though."



Senior Jenna Scherer finishes at the Troy meet. Scherer went out for cross country as a senior because volleyball had been very stressful and unenjoyable. She thought cross country would be a good way to be involved and good exercise.

Scoreboard

Meet	Girls	Boys
Maur Hill	~	~
McLouth	8th	8th
Troy	1st	2nd
Horton	9th	~
Pleasant Ridge	4th	~
DVL	4th	~
Jackson Heights	3rd	~
Regionals	5th	5th

State:
Laurence Dickson 24th at 18:38
Honors:
Dickson 1st team DVL
Maggie Gilmore 2nd team DVL



Laurence Dickson, Nicole Diveley, Amanda Halling, and Jenna Scherer, the seniors. Dickson and Diveley have been involved in cross country all four years and Halling and Scherer joined as seniors.

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football



Brett Dunlap



The football boys run off the field after pre-game to get the game plan at the away game against Jackson Heights.



At the away game versus Jackson Heights the football players stop to get a quick drink at a time out.



Junior Paul Becker takes a knee while an injured player is helped off the field at the home game against Wathena.



First Row: Paul Johnson, Jonathan Collins, Josh Hargis, Daniel Freeman, Jake Rush, Caleb Sellers.
Second Row: Landon Allen, Tanner Veach, Michael Hurd, Josh Van Laar, Keaton Blevins, Travis Twombly, P.D. Simmons.
Third Row: Ethan Larson, Chris Smith, Zach Lee, Aaron Harris, Brett Dunlap, Ben Lock, Gary Koelliker, Ryan Kuhnert, assistant coach Nick Dowell.
Fourth Row: head coach Mark Martin, Jeremy Macardican, Kyle Fitch, Brian Wake, Joey Scholz, Adrian Duran, Dakota Zeit, Brennan Davis, Paul Becker, assistant coach Martin Allen.

What was your most memorable football game this season?

1 "Jackson Heights because I told Coach to run 100 Double Pass to me and I scored the winning touchdown."
Senior Paul Johnson #85

2 "Jackson Heights because we were losing at halftime and down on our luck. I threw a pass to Paul Johnson for a touchdown that turned the game around. We won by three points and it was their Homecoming."
Senior Daniel Freeman #35

3 "Jackson Heights because we were behind and came back and won the game. It was also most memorable because they beat us last year for Homecoming and we beat them this year for their Homecoming."
Senior Caleb Sellers #70



hardworking team gains experience Mustang Football

Even though the team had a disappointing record, they battled hard each week said coach Mark Martin about the year.

"The seniors were great guys to work with," Martin said. "They worked hard and tried to do all they could to help our team be successful."

Senior Paul Johnson said he wished the team would have been more successful, but was happy with the effort his teammates contributed.

The football team lost six seniors but will return young players who gained valuable varsity experience this last year.

"The experience that I took from this year was if you feel sorry for yourself that you don't get to play, you're not helping your team out. Just being there every Friday night with the guys was an experience in itself," said freshman Landon Allen.

Coach Martin hopes with the experience coming back next year, the team will improve in the win-loss column.



Senior boys pose for their final shot together as D-West Mustangs. Seniors are Paul Johnson, Jonathan Collins, Josh Hargis, Daniel Freeman, Jake Rush, and Caleb Sellers.

Junior Dakota Zeit plays defense against a Troy player. Zeit said, "No big deal, we'll beat them next year."



Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Valley Falls	12	26
McLouth	18	12
Horton	13	33
Jackson Heights	29	26
P. Ridge	18	50
Wathena	15	26
Frankfort	13	47
Troy	13	53
Centralia	6	56

Record: 2-7

Honors:

Dakota Zeit & Travis Twombly 2nd Team Defense DVL
Dakota Zeit & Caleb Sellers Honorable Mention Offense Line DVL
Daniel Freeman Honorable Mention Defense DVL

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cheer and dance



Courtney Langley



First Row: Courtney Langley, Morgan Rush, and Bethani Zeit. Second Row: Maggie Gilmore, Jessica Libel, Stephanie Schneider, Ashlie Witham. Third Row: Shayln Fritch, Marijke Fox, Mariah Cunningham.



Cheerleaders and Dancers perform their stomp cheer and throw little footballs to the fans.



Junior Taylor Twombly and freshman Hannah Lackey perform their matrix moves during a sideline diddy.



First row: Ashlie Witham, Jessica Libel, Stephanie Schneider, Jordanne Miller, Kaley Witham, Morgan Helmstetter. **Second row:** Hannah Lackey, Shayln Fritch, Marijke Fox, Bethani Zeit, Lindsay Libel. **Third row:** Taylor Twombly, Malia Sisk, Jackie Lysaght, Emily French, Kayla Schmitz, Maggie Gilmore.

What are you going to remember the most about cheer and dance?

- 1** "I'm going to miss being with all my cheer and dance buddies!"
Senior Kaley Witham
- 2** "My favorite part of cheer and dance is being with friends, traveling to games, and entertaining the crowd."
Senior Stephanie Schneider
- 3** "Cheer...hitting a deer with Mr. Shelton and everyone screaming and Stephanie breaking her neck for the second time on the way to the BC tourney. Dance... junior year landing on Taylor's head after falling from a stunt at spirit spreader...that was funny."
Senior Jessica Libel



cheering on for their biggest supporter Cheerleading & Dance

Blood, sweat, and tears is literally what went into this year's cheer and dance squads. With practices before school began and hours of learning new cheers and dances, both squads worked really hard with the push of their coach Kelly Twombly. The dancers performed several new routines such as a mix by Paula Abdul, "Barracuda," "Walk-it-out," a Groovy Mix, and "These Boots are made for walkin'." One dance popular with the students was performed during a pep rally in a pitch black gym while the girls used glow sticks as props.

"Some of the dances were more challenging than in previous years but it made it more rewarding, and I liked how we danced at almost every home game," said Taylor Twombly, junior.

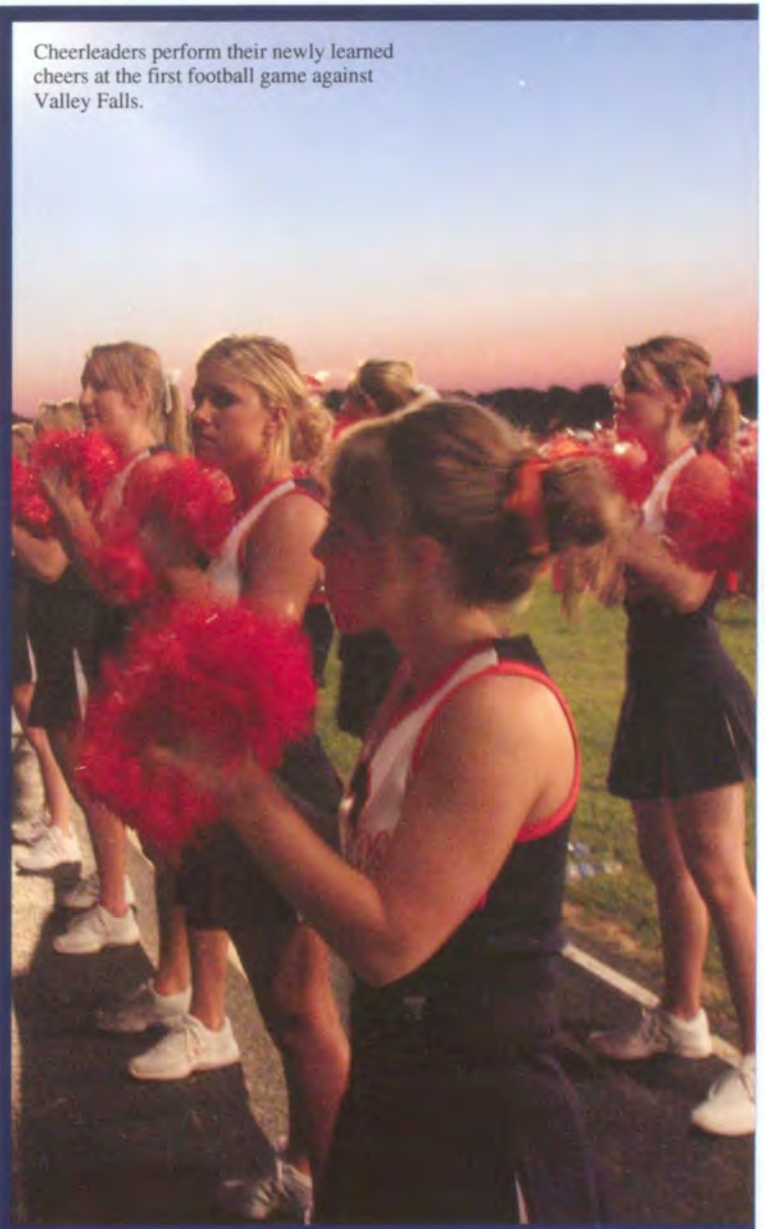
While the dancers were tearin' up the field or court during halftime, the cheerleaders were cheering and getting the crowd going during the games.

"My favorite part of cheering is being able to see the crowd's reaction when we do something good or when we are pumping them up," said Shalyn Fritch, sophomore.

Both teams went through ups and downs. The hardest was with the loss of their number one fan, Janet Libel, but the teams just cheered louder and danced harder.

"It's never the same without Janet in the stands, but she would want us to be at every game cheering as hard as we can," said Jordanne Miller, senior.

Cheerleaders perform their newly learned cheers at the first football game against Valley Falls.



Seniors Kaley Witham, Jordanne Miller, Jessica Libel, Stephanie Schneider, and Brittany Schmitz. After their last game performance, dancers and cheerleaders strike one last pose to end their high school careers.



wrestling



Elijah Dunn shakes hands before squaring off at DVL meet.



Brett Dunlap



Corey Martin puts the legs in to try to break down his opponent.



Ethan Larson tries to escape from his opponent at the home meet.



First row: manager Katie French, Tanner Veach, manager Mollie Tharp. **Second row:** Aaron Harris, Elijah Dunn, Brett Dunlap, Trevor Saunders. **Third row:** Dustin Winters, Corey Martin, Jeremy Macardican, Dakota Zeit, coach Carl Swenson. not pictured: assistant coach Frank Speer.

What is your favorite wrestling move to do?

- 1** "The 'Peterson roll' because it gets me out of trouble."
Senior Dustin Winters
- 2** "The 'hammer lock' because it's impossible for my opponent to get out of."
Senior Elijah Dunn
- 3** "The 'cradle' because it pins the other person and they can't move."
Sophomore Brett Dunlap



season ending injuries make disappointing year for some

Mustang Wrestling

Losing experienced wrestlers Dakota Zeit, Trevor Saunders, and Jeremy Mavardican to injuries was hard for the wrestling team to overcome, but those remaining did their best to gain from the year.

Coach Carl Swendson said the wrestling program has improved since it started. This year the wrestlers placed higher in tournaments and won more matches than they lost.

One high point of the season was Brett Dunlap's return to the state tournament at Hays, where he placed fifth. "Brett faced mostly seniors in his bracket at state and still was able to hold his own," said Swendson.

At the only home meet, the senior wrestlers, Dustin Winters and Elijah Dunn, were honored for their three-year participation.

Looking back on the season, Swendson said he was satisfied with this year's results. "I enjoy coaching because I enjoy seeing the hard work these guys put into practice, it pays off at the meets. I also like seeing the improvement from the start of the year to the end."



Seniors Dustin Winters and Elijah Dunn stand with coach Carl Swendson to take a picture concluding their high school wrestling careers.

Aaron Harris gains arm control against Horton opponent.



Scoreboard

Tournament results	Us
Onaga Tournament-	8th
Trevor Saunders	4th
Elijah Dunn	3rd
Brett Dunlap	1st
Wabaunsee Tournament-	12th
Elijah Dunn	5th
Brett Dunlap	2nd
Dakota Zeit	6th
Holton Tournament-	17th
Elijah Dunn	5th
Brett Dunlap	5th
DVL Tournament-	3rd
Tanner Veach	2nd
Korey Martin	3rd
Dustin Winters	2nd
Elijah Dunn	1st
Aaron Harris	2nd
Brett Dunlap	1st



girls basketball



Brianna Cluck



After winning the consolation game against Wathena, parents were able to take a quick picture of the tournament team.



Malia Sisk, sophomore, shoots over a Jackson Heights defender.



Varsity girls "Crank That" before playing Wathena in the consolation game at the Elwood Tournament. D-West girls won fifth place.



First row: Ashlie Witham, Marijke Fox, MacKenzie Cunningham, Taryn Gibson, Malia Sisk, Katherine Rush.
Second row: Taylor Martin, Chelsea Diveley, Bethani Zeit, Taylor Twombly, Alesha Miller, Katylin Blevins, Robyn Boos.
Third row: Brianna Cluck, Jackie Denton, Brittany Schmitz, Jordanne Miller, Jenna Scherer, Tasha Martin, Anja Kubeneck, Kristy Denton.
Fourth row: Morgan Rush, Alaine Caudle, Jessica Gartner, Jackie Lysaght, Lisa Scholz, Hannah Lackey, Courtney Langley.

What are you going to miss most about basketball?

1 "I am definitely going to miss rocking out before pre-game. But I am mostly going to miss playing with all of the teammates! I love you guys!"
Senior Brittany Schmitz #22

2 "The family atmosphere. But what about them away game bus rides?! And the vibe we got at our home games, and our pre-game dance and music."
Senior Jackie Denton #24

3 "I will miss being with the teammates and learning from each other. The last couple of years the team has grown closer together and I'm going to miss my second family."
Senior Jordanne Miller #00



sticking together makes a memorable year

Glorified practices

"It's just a glorified practice!" is what coach Jennifer Bottom always told the team before they stepped out onto the court for each game. The girls had some key game losses but always managed to stick together as a team.

The team collected sixth place at the DVL tournament after losing to Oskaloosa. They also won fifth place at the Elwood tournament winning against Wathena. The girls also won first round of sub-state against Jackson Heights, and advanced to the second round losing to Frankfort.

"It was very nerve wrecking and exciting all at the same time to play in the sub-state game even though we lost," said sophomore Malia Sisk.

The team lost five seniors but there are many young players expected to step up next year and in the years to come to help out the team.

"A player needs to put her heart into playing ball and helping out the team as much as they can," said sophomore Marijke Fox.

Overall, the final record may not be what the team would have liked, they stayed together to make a memorable year.



Senior basketball girls Jenna Scherer, Tasha Martin, Jackie Denton, Jordanne Miller, and Brittany Schmitz take the last shot together as D-West Mustangs.



Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Horton (DVL Tourm)	33	43
P. Ridge (DVL Tourm)	40	26
K.C. Christian	23	46
P. Ridge	42	38
Oskaloosa	29	43
Oskaloosa (DVL Tourm)	36	52
MHMA (Elwood Tourm)	30	36
Elwood (Elwood Tourm)	51	18
Wathena (Elwood Tourm)	30	26
Bern	31	46
Elwood	64	24
Horton	35	30
Valley Falls	43	48
JCN	35	39
McLouth	27	42
Troy	32	22
Pike Valley	29	43
Jackson H. eights	39	18
Wathena	40	35
Jackson Heights	38	29
Frankfort	38	73

Record: 10-11

Honors: Taylor Twombly- Unanimous All-League

Junior Taylor Twombly drives baseline at the Elwood Tournament against Wathena. Twombly said, "Even though we weren't playing for the championship, it was just as sweet because we beat Wathena, again!"



boys basketball



Zach Lee



Senior Bryan Hamilton takes a baseline jumpshot over the Oskaloosa defender.



Paul Becker looks to pass inside during an Elwood tournament game.



Dribbling around the Oskie defender, Cody Weiland drives to the basket.



First row: Josh Van Laar, Cody Weiland, Zach Lee, Cameron Twombly, Travis Arnold, Nick Johnson.
Second row: Bijon Duran, Geoffrey Hargis, Landon Allen, Travis Twombly, Jonathan Collins, Jake Rush, Keaton Blevins.
Third row: assistant coach Ron Shelton, Kyle Fitch, Paul Johnson, Bryan Hamilton, Adrian Duran, Josh Hargis, Paul Johnson, head coach Nick Dowell.

What was your most memorable game throughout high school?

- 1** "This year when Travis Twombly got sat on and his eyebrow got busted open."
Senior Paul Johnson # 30
- 2** "When I was a junior, Alex Autem busted his chin open and had to play the rest of the game with wrap all around his head."
Senior Bryan Hamilton # 24
- 3** "The Jackson Heights game this year when Paul Johnson's finger got dislocated."
Senior Jake Rush # 20



despite record, boys continue as winners

Mustang Hoops

"It isn't if you win or lose, it is how you play the game." This is just one of the quotes that kept the team going after each game. Just because the varsity boys' basketball team ended with an overall record of 4-16, doesn't mean the season itself was a loss. There are other benefits of playing a sport than just winning the games.

Head coach Nick Dowell, praised the hard work and attitudes of his team. "This team was filled with winners because they never quit, never gave up and improved the entire year. These young men played their hearts out every night, and that is how you play the game."

Dowell also said the team gained respect from other area teams. "I had many coaches come up to me after the game and tell me they hoped they didn't have to play us again this season because that was one of the hardest games they ever had to play. That is respect."

Besides learning how to improve themselves during practices and games, the boys made memories and had fun times together.

"We thought it was funny when Bijon asked Bryan to do a rain dance before the game in the locker room at Pleasant Ridge," said junior Zach Lee.



Seniors Jonathan Collins, Paul Johnson, Jake Rush, Bryan Hamilton, and Josh Hargis.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Valley Falls	58	60
P. Ridge	41	53
K.C.C.	43	69
P. Ridge	46	55
Oskaloosa	48	56
McLouth	62	76
Cair-Paravel	49	58
St. Joe Christian	43	51
Maur-Hill	51	46
Bern	64	70
Elwood	47	43
Horton	43	68
Valley Falls	36	61
J.C.N.	35	45
McLouth	52	63
Troy	53	63
Pike Valley	66	57
Jackson Heights	61	45
Wathena	34	51
Wathena	50	64

Honors:
Travis Twombly- All-League
Bryan Hamilton, Josh Hargis, Jonathan Collins- All State Academic

Junior Travis Twombly makes a lay-in during the Oskaloosa game.

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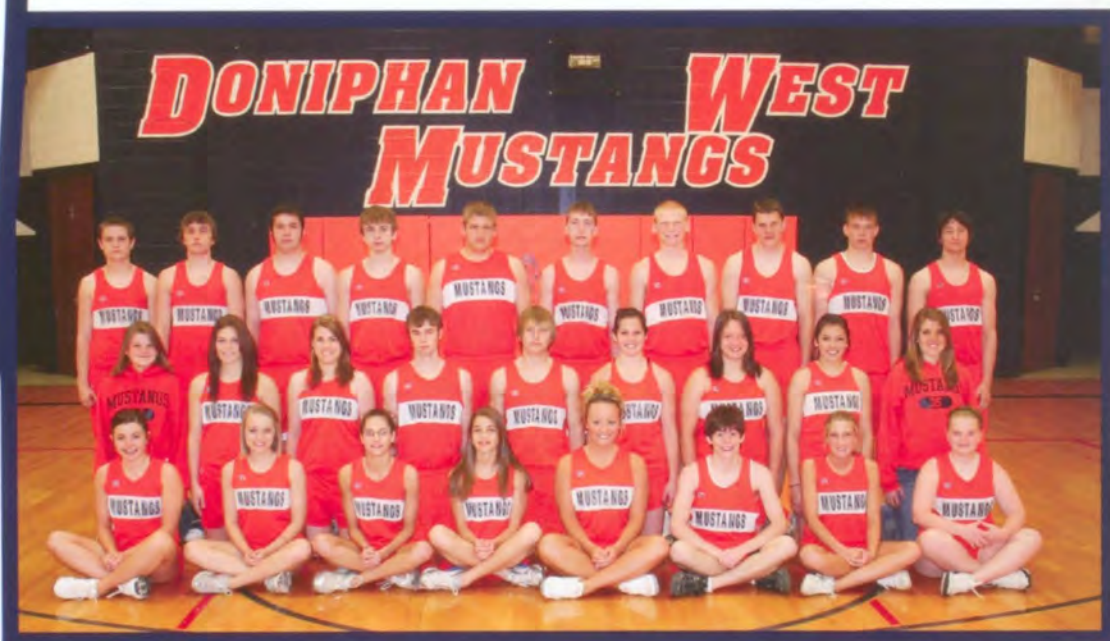
Spencer Autem spins to launch the discus at the Doniphan West Relays.



Zach Lee runs the first leg of the 4x800 meter relay at the Doniphan West Relays.



Plowing through the sand, Amanda Pickman lands one of her triple jump attempts at the D; West Relays. Pickman placed third in the event.



First row: Ashlie Witham, Hannah Lackey, Katylin Blevins, Amanda Pickman, Taylor Twombly, Trevor Saunders, Mollie Tharp, Taylor Martin.

Second row: manager Ashley Courtin, Alesha Miller, Anja Kubeneck, Zach Lee, Keaton Blevins, Brittany Schmitz, Lisa Scholz, Kayla Schmitz, manager Taryn Gibson.

Third row: Kyle Cluck, Geoffrey Hargis, Spencer Autem, Jonathan Collins, Paul Becker, Korey Martin, Travis Twombly, Ehren Nuzum, Chris Beagle, Elijah Dunn.

What is your favorite event to compete in and why?

- 1** "Javelin- Trevor and I used to go spear fishing."
Senior Elijah Dunn
- 2** "Discus- It's the only event I improved in. I had fun with it and it was new to me."
Senior Anja Kubeneck
- 3** "Javelin, because it requires little running and it's fun, plus I might actually stab someone."
Senior Jonathan Collins



Small team takes big strides for successful season

Mustang Track

Some people wonder why others go out for Track. They wonder why someone would want to spend all of their time running during the end of the school year and during spring time. For some, they consider themselves better at an individual sport. For others, it's just because they want to get out of school.

"I went out for the track girls because they put up a good chase," said junior Trevor Saunders.

Some wish to stay in shape because they believe it will help them during the summer sports they participate in. But for people like junior Alesha Miller, it's because there are particular events they enjoy competing in.

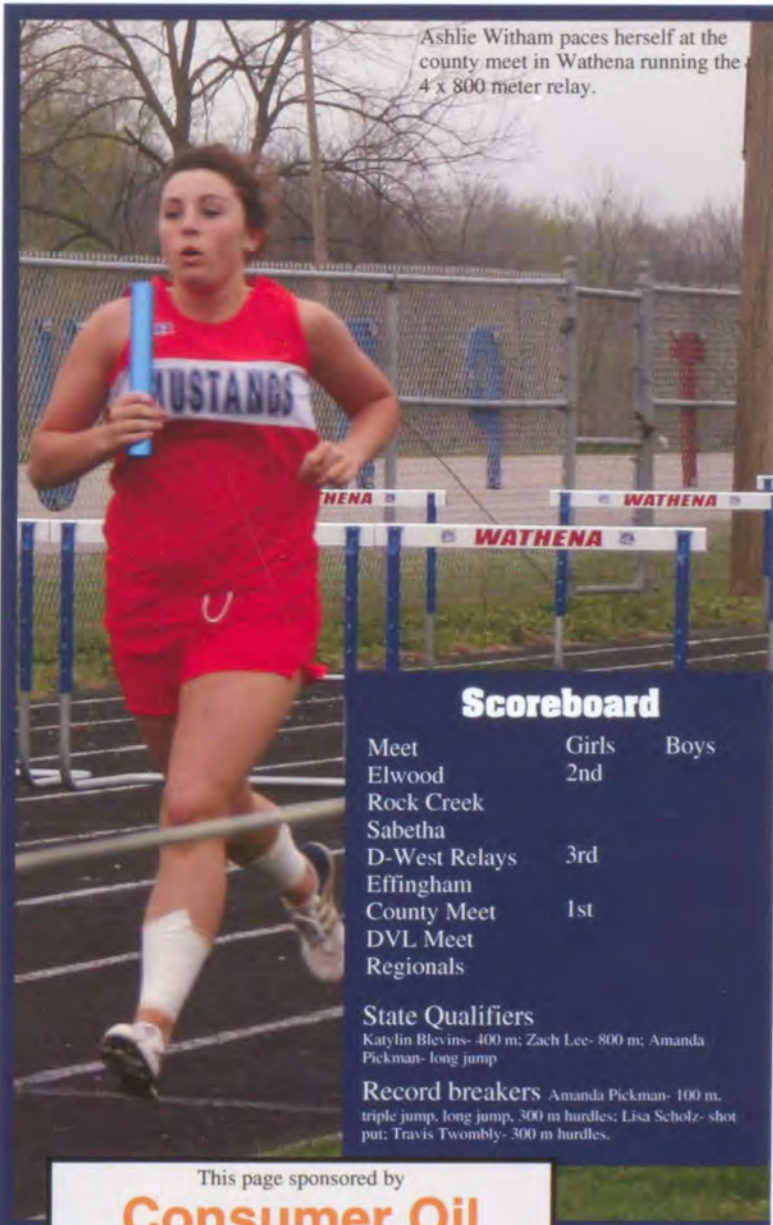
"Jumping is the main reason I go out for track. I've done it since I was in sixth grade and I've liked it ever since," said Miller.

Even though the track team was small, inexperienced, and had only four senior leaders, the group was talented. They placed at meets, broke school records, and sent three members, Katylin Blevins, Zach Lee, and Amanda Pickman, to compete in the state track meet in Wichita.



Anja Kubeneck, Jonathan Collins, Elijah Dunn, and Brittany Schmitz were the seniors of the 2008 track team. Although there were only a few to lead the group, they did their best to help the team at each meet.

Ashlie Witham paces herself at the county meet in Wathena running the 4 x 800 meter relay.



Scoreboard

Meet	Girls	Boys
Elwood	2nd	
Rock Creek		
Sabetha		
D-West Relays	3rd	
Effingham		
County Meet	1st	
DVL Meet		
Regionals		

State Qualifiers

Katylin Blevins- 400 m; Zach Lee- 800 m; Amanda Pickman- long jump

Record breakers Amanda Pickman- 100 m, triple jump, long jump, 300 m hurdles; Lisa Scholz- shot put; Travis Twombly- 300 m hurdles.

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Events





Sophomores Jessica Rauch and Cheyenne Davis sport a few rockin' wigs during their modern interpretation of the *Canterbury Tales* in English II class. "I had lots of fun dressing up and having a new do for the *Canterbury Tales* play," Davis said.




Enjoying one of the last days in American History are Jessica Peuker, Jackie Lysaght, Brandon Smith, Nik Scales, Gary Keim, and Spencer Diveley. "I enjoy American History because I am able to use my creative side on projects that we do on the computer," Lysaght said.



During a final presentation in General Science, freshmen Landon Allen, Josh Van Laar, Nick Johnson, and Katherine Rush show a PowerPoint about the Earth's planets. "I enjoyed doing our science presentation because it was more fun than doing a boring assignment and I liked learning about the Earth's planets," Van Laar said.



Junior Chelsea Diveley takes a wild bike ride at Science City during the Biology II field trip.



Beyond the Textbook

School isn't always about reading, writing, and arithmetic. There is more to school than meets the eye; just simply take a moment to look beyond the textbook. At times school can be an experience of a lifetime!

Math, science, history, and English classes aren't always about sitting in a desk taking notes or listening to long lectures. There are many fun, hands-on activities throughout the school year that make simple core classes an enjoyable time. "School isn't all that bad at times because we do fun activities that have to do with more than just textbook material," sophomore Lindsey Kuhn said.

Field trips are one thing that make going to school seem a little less tiresome. The Biology II class went on a field trip to the Bodies Revealed exhibit at Union Station, in Kansas City, where students were able to take a break from doing actual school work. "The field trip was fun because it was more of a visual learning experience than just sitting in the classroom," junior Alesha Miller said.

Competitive math games make solving math problems a fun learning experience. Math teacher Carl Swendson offers students a game of Math Ball where students get to shoot a ball into a box for solving problems correctly. "Math Ball helps me get through the tiring math hours, but I think that Mr. Swendson enjoys it more than I do," sophomore Kayla Schmitz said.



Sophomore Gary Keim evaluates a close shot during a game of Math Ball in Algebra II class.

Most Memorable Projects of this year...



"I enjoyed doing our *Canterbury Tales* play in English II class."
Jessica Rauch
sophomore

"I liked doing my World History presentation over World War II because my grandpa was in World War II and I was able to interview him."
Jacob Collins
sophomore



"My favorite project was the *Canterbury Tales* because it was very fun and enjoyable."
Mollie Tharp
sophomore



What is going through your mind when we say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning?



**"What was for breakfast this morning?"
-Marijke Fox**



**"Hmm, I wonder what we're going to have for lunch?"
-Brandon Smith**



Badgers are notorious for being grumpy and mean, but not this one when it's being stuffed by senior Holly Norris for her Taxidermy project.

Oh deer! Aaron Herrs gives two thumbs up during taxidermy class. "I like Taxidermy because it's a class that is different from all the others," Herrs said.



Diligently working on a woods project is sophomore Jacob Simmons. Jacob said he likes to have freedom to create new projects.



Asking for teacher Elmer Schmitz's help during Taxidermy is junior Nik Scales. "I'll tell you what a bad experience was, the blood and smell!" said Scales.



A Break from Core Classes

Most students would agree that sitting at a desk and doing book work isn't the most exciting thing to do during school. To get relief from the hard core classes that focus on note-taking, reading, math problems, and book tests, students try to find elective classes that cater more to their interests.

Some of the elective offerings included FACS classes such as Parenting, Nutrition, Meal Management, Career and Life Planning, and Textile and Apparel; computers classes such as In-House Training, Web Design, Cisco/IT Essentials, and Computer Applications; and others in art, ag, woods, physical education, music, and foreign languages.

Elective classes not only give students a moment of relief from core classes but can also teach them skills that could be used for the rest of their lives. "I like having elective classes because it gives me a chance to take a break from core classes and sometimes do fun projects," said sophomore Malia Sisk.

One popular elective for those who can brave handling dead animals was Taxidermy, taught by Elmer Schmitz. This year's projects included a badger, pheasant, fox, raccoon, deer, and bobcats. Schmitz said the students got the animals from hunting, family members, or donations from other people.

In the steps of taxidermy one must remove the insides of the animals, preserve the skin, sew holes, mount it on a styrofoam form, and then add finishing touches of airbrush paint around eyes, mouth, and ears to bring back the original color.

Junior Katylin Blevins, who worked on a bobcat, said getting started on the project was kind of gross. "It was bloody and stuff, but it I got used to it." She explained that skinning and sewing were the hardest part and she advised future students to be careful to not put holes in it. When Blevins finished her bobcat, she took it home to decorate her family's living room.

This year in my elective class, I learned...



"I learned how to sew and make things during Clothing."
Brittany Keever
 sophomore, pictured with sophomore Tania Vigil.

"In Clothing, I learned how to make a blanket!"
Carissa Keim
 Junior



"During Parenting class, I learned how to make baby blankets."
Jessica Gartner
 sophomore, pictured with Cassie Wilcox

Building a birdhouse under the instruction of Alan Terry is Chris Simmons, sophomore.



"My favoritest project this year was my purse because I totally made the pattern all by myself!" said Jessica Peuker, junior. Students in clothing had some freedom to create their own unique styles.



"My favorite project I did would be our family projects, and the music video to 'I believe I can fly'."

~Jessica Gartner,
junior



"My favorite project was doing the music videos, because we told Bijon and Adrian that we were doing a techno dance, when really the song was 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun'."

~Travis Twombly,
junior



"My favorite thing to do in Graphic Design was the double impact marketing."

~Amanda Cauthon,
junior



Ryan Kuhnert, junior, sharpens his computer skills while designing the school's sports web page in Web Design.





DID YOU KNOW
these random facts
about languages?

Foreign language options expand to Arabic, Japanese

Hola, Konichiwa, and Ahalayn are all ways people say *hello*, and these are also new words added to students' vocabulary if they chose to take foreign language classes. In addition to Spanish classes, Japanese and Arabic--offered through IDL--were two new foreign language options.

Students who took Japanese received instruction from a teacher at Maize High School in Wichita. The main focus of the Japanese I class was learning to write the symbols. Sophomore Taylor Carwell, who enjoyed learning Japanese, said there were about 80 characters they worked on. In addition to learning the symbols, Carwell said the class also learned simple communications such as saying *Hello. My name is. . .and How are you?*

The hardest thing about learning Japanese, according to Carwell, is that there are basically no similarities between it and English. "It is a class that has to be studied, or you will fail," she said.

There were five students that took Japanese for the entire year, and Carwell looks forward to Japanese 2 next year. "I've always loved watching TV shows that have Japanese in them and hearing the sound of the language." She said she also enjoys Japanese comic books and the class has helped her understanding of them.

Students who took the class will have the opportunity to go to Japan in 2009. Those planning to go are sophomores Maggie Gilmore and Amber Folsom.

"I am really excited about experiencing a new culture," said Gilmore.

One student who said she loved learning Arabic was junior Katie French. "I actually am thinking of majoring in Arabic in college. Our teacher Mr. Mekkaoui is so funny!" French said.

Freshman Taryn Gibson said her favorite class was Spanish and she plans to take the next level next year. "I learned a lot more than I did in middle school and I'm glad I took it. I would definitely want to go to Mexico or Spain someday. I could probably communicate with people. . .maybe with the help of a translator!"

Spanish class, taught by Toni Larson was a great way to make friends because it contains other people than the just people in one's class. Available for students to take were Spanish classes all the way up to Spanish IV.

The most difficult language to learn is Basque, which is spoken in northwestern Spain and southwestern France. It is not related to any other language in the world. It has an extremely complicated word structure and vocabulary.

No word in the the English dictionary rhymes with "MONTH."

More than 2,000 languages are spoken in the entire continent of Africa.

Today, 58 countries in the world and the United Nations include English as an official language, followed by French with 32 countries and the United Nations, and Arabic at 25 countries and the United Nations.



What is your favorite word to say in your new language?

"Cacahuete!
because it means
peanut."

*Josh Van Laar,
freshman*

"Gaijinmitai!
which means 'just
like a foreigner!' I
think it's hilarious!"

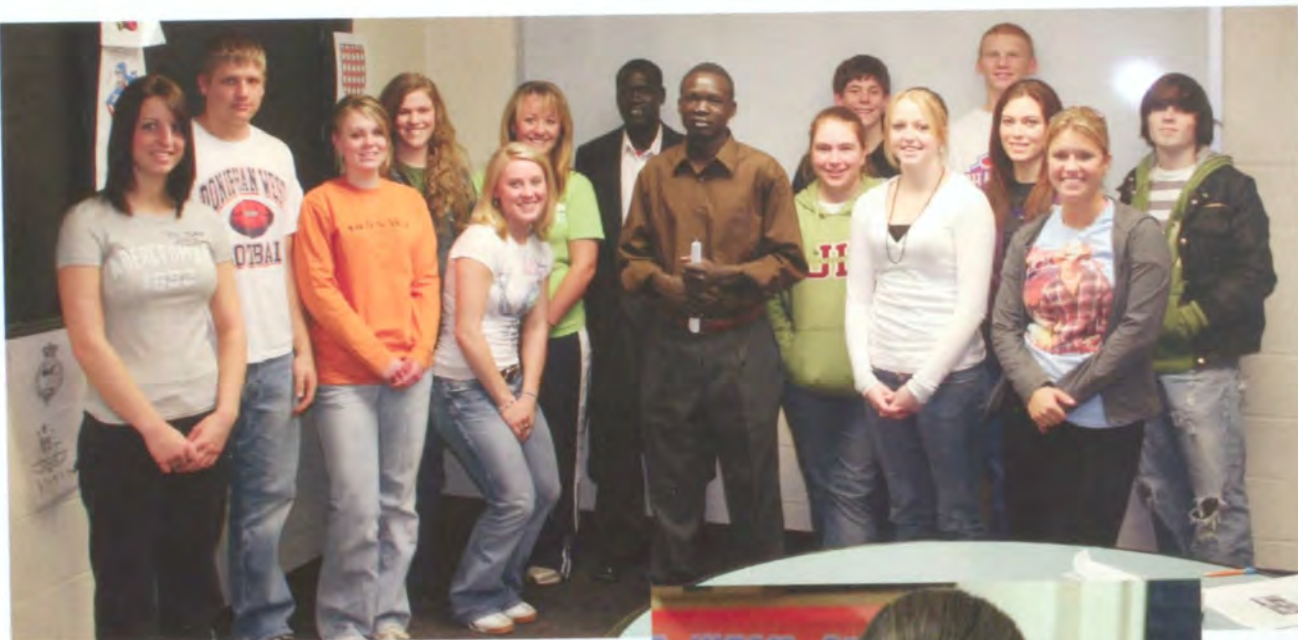
*Maggie Gilmore,
sophomore*

"aDhunnu, and
that means /
think."

*Trevor Saunders,
junior*



Leadership class members Jennifer Larson, Paul Becker, Danielle Rush, Malia Sisk, Bethani Zeit, Taylor Twombly, Philip and Peter (Sudanese men), Katie French, Trevor Saunders, Tasha Martin, Aleva Twombly, Alesha Miller, Jessica Libel, and Nathan Ricklefs.



Leadership Class

"It was important to me," said Leadership class teacher Joe Sailors, "that each student grew individually and learned something about themselves in my class this year." The Leadership class worked on activities that helped them to see life on more of a global scale-- things that are going on outside of our little community.

"Leadership class has helped me to understand what it takes to be a leader," said Bethani Zeit. "It has taught me how to apply these leadership skills to my life."

The class studied the Lost Boys of Sudan and actually got a chance to meet two Sudanese men and hear their sad story. This helped the students to see that the Sudanese crisis really is a problem.

Recycling was another project the class took on. The class put out trash cans to collect plastic bottles and aluminum cans, and they also collected paper from the boxes in classrooms and near copy machines. By recycling, the class was able to concentrate on helping others.



Katie French goes through papers, preparing them for recycling.

MacKenzie Cunningham and Emily French stretch before playing football in PE I.



Shaping and spinning their clay, Amanda Halling, Nicole Diveley, and Allison Thompson compete to make the tallest pot during the "three-throw" contest at HCC Art Day.





Senior project is stressful but worth the time & effort

Senior Project is a major part of the year for seniors. They must choose a topic that will keep their interest for a long period of time, write a research paper, complete a demonstration of knowledge, and then give a 20 minute presentation to a panel of judges--all within given deadlines.

Some seniors may claim that Senior Project isn't worth it and it's all a big waste of time, but many seniors appreciate the hard work that's put into it and think that all of it is well worth it in the end.

Senior Gerald Folsom said he benefitted from Senior Project and it taught him important skills that will help him in the long run. "Senior Project has helped to teach me public speaking skills and has shown me how to accept criticism and use it to my advantage," said Folsom. He said through doing the project he has learned how to ask others for help and it taught him how to write really, really long research papers.

In the end, Folsom concluded, "Senior Project really isn't that big of deal and is well worth the effort put into it!"



Gerald Folsom

This year in Senior Project, I learned...

Amanda Halling

"Senior Project taught me to be more organized and to use my time wisely."



Dustin Winters

"Senior project helped me with public speaking."



Tressa Baker

"Senior Project has helped me learn to write really long papers and with public speaking."

Holly Norris readies her clay for the "three-throw" contest at HCC Art Day.



Nathan Ricklefs and Scarlett Davis add finishing touches to the "sidewalk chalk" drawing of Elvis at HCC Art Day.



Journalism

First row: Kayla Schmitz, Malia Sisk, Eric Simmons, Katylin Blevins. **Second row:** Lindsey Kuhn, Morgan Rush, Jordanne Miller (Co-Editor), Danielle Rush. **Third row:** Anja Kubeneck, Marijke Fox, Cheyenne Davis, Shayln Fritch. **Fourth row:** Alesha Miller (Co-Editor), Savannah Stevens, Jessica Rauch, Bethani Zeit, Taylor Twombly. Not pictured: Brittany Keever and adviser Marla Taylor.



NHS

First row: Katie French, Bethani Zeit, Jake Rush, Jordanne Miller, Danielle Rush, Taylor Twombly (Secretary), Morgan Rush. **Second row:** Ryan Kuhnert, Chelsea Diveley, Katylin Blevins, Jackie Lysaght (Treasurer), Jenna Scherer, Stephanie Schneider, Amanda Halling, Spencer Diveley. **Third row:** Brittany Schmitz (Vice President), Jonathan Collins, Todd Neibling, Josh Hargis (President), Bryan Hamilton, Paul Johnson, Dakota Zeit, Paul Becker, Allison Thompson. Not pictured: Eric Simmons and adviser Toni Larson.



STUCO

First row: Maggie Gilmore, Emily French, Nathan Ricklefs, Mariah Cunningham. **Second row:** Eric Simmons, Elijah Dunn, Kayla Schmitz, Bethani Zeit (Secretary), Stephanie Schneider (President). **Third row:** Katie French, Paul Becker, Tasha Martin, Keaton Blevins, Taylor Twombly (Vice President), Josh Hargis (Treasurer). Not pictured: advisers Joe Sailors and Esther Gormley.

Q. Do you prefer working on the newspaper or yearbook? Why?

A. I prefer working on yearbook because I don't have to write so many stories!

~Lindsey Kuhn, junior



Q. Why do you think it is important to be a part of NHS?

A. Because it shows you are a well rounded student and person. It all shows that you have leadership skills and like to help out in the community by doing community service projects.

~Chelsea Diveley, junior



Q. What is your favorite thing about STUCO?

A. Whenever pop would fall on the ground, we couldn't put it in the machines so I got to drink it without paying for it.

~Paul Becker, junior





Art and Drama

First row: Holly Norris, Eric Simmons, Emily French. **Second row:** Jenna Scherer, Lisa Scholz, Scarlett Davis, Marshall Diveley, Landon Allen. **Third row:** Amanda Pickman, Taylor Carwell, Michael Hill, Stephanie Scales, Mollie Tharp. **Not Pictured:** Jessica Rauch, Jonathan Collins, Cheyenne Davis.

Dressed in their costumes and makeup for their annual Temple of Terrors haunted house, the drama club students enjoy the scary acting experience while earning money for a trip to NYC.



Forensics

First row: Matthew Henry, coach Michael Hill, Jonathan Collins. **Second row:** Eric Simmons Marshall Diveley. **Third row:** Holly Norris, Scarlett Davis, Lindsay Libel. **Not Pictured:** Taylor Carwell

State Qualifiers:
Eric Simmons 5th place in Serious Solo Acting.
Jonathan Collins and Scarlett Davis competed in duet acting.



Knowledge Bowl

First row: Joshua Van Laar, Jake Rush, Trevor Saunders, Ryan Kuhnert, Marshall Diveley. **Second row:** Katie French, Nicholas Johnson, Savannah Stevens, Cheyenne Davis, Kayla Schmitz, Paul Johnson. **Third row:** Elijah Dunn, Jonathan Collins, Rob Ruhnke, Joshua Hargis, Matthew Henry. **Not pictured:** coach Ron Shelton

Q. What did you like best about doing the Haunted House and why?

A. Scaring people and getting the costumes ready.

~Scarlett Davis, junior



Q. What do you feel was the best part about Forensics this year?

A. Being in front of people and experiencing what it is like to perform in front of judges and other people. It really helped me with my acting in the musicals and plays.

~Taylor Carwell, sophomore



Q. Why do you enjoy doing Knowledge bowl?

A. Because you get to travel around to different schools and meet new people.

~Cheyenne Davis, sophomore





Swing Choir

First row: Paul Johnson, Shayin Fritch, Jessica Peuker, Matthew Henry.
Second row: Allison Thompson, Ashlie Witham, Lisa Scholz, Marijke Fox
 Not Pictured: Jenna Scherer, teacher Christina Schlosser.

Throughout the year Swing Choir--renamed Dudes and Dolls--competed in contest, gave a Winter concert, performed at Crown Center, gave a Spring Concert, and went on tour. Their tour was entitled "On Broadway" and featured songs from old and new Broadway shows including Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music," "South Pacific," and "Oklahoma" as well as newer shows "Phantom of the Opera," "Rent," and "Wicked."

Choir council members were Allison Thompson-president, Jessica Peuker, Shayin Fritch, and Ashlie Witham.



Band

First row: Anja Kubeneck, Taylor Carwell, Katie Crandall, Emily French, Stephanie Scales.
Second row: Eric Simmons, Allison Thompson, Amanda Halling, Taylor Martin, Jackie Lysaght.
Third row: Rachel Keller, Jonathan Collins, Valerie Neibling, Lisa Scholz.
Fourth row: Chris Beagle, Kyle Cluck, Steven Simmons, Nick Johnson, Marshall Diveley, teacher Christina Schlosser, Matthew Henry.

The band, under new direction of Christina Schlosser entertained audiences at football and basketball games, pep rallies, and parades, and they gave both Winter and Spring concerts.

Band council members were Allison Thompson-president, Jackie Lysaght, Lisa Scholz, and Emily French. Eric Simmons was the student director.

Q: If you could have the swing choir sing one song, what would it be?

A: The Mickey Mouse Club theme song. (M.I.C.K.E.Y.M.O.U.S.E.)

~Jessica Peuker, junior



Q: If you could choose one song for the entire band to play, what would it be?

A: "Thriller" by Michael Jackson because it has a lot of different percussion parts.

~Chris Beagle, sophomore



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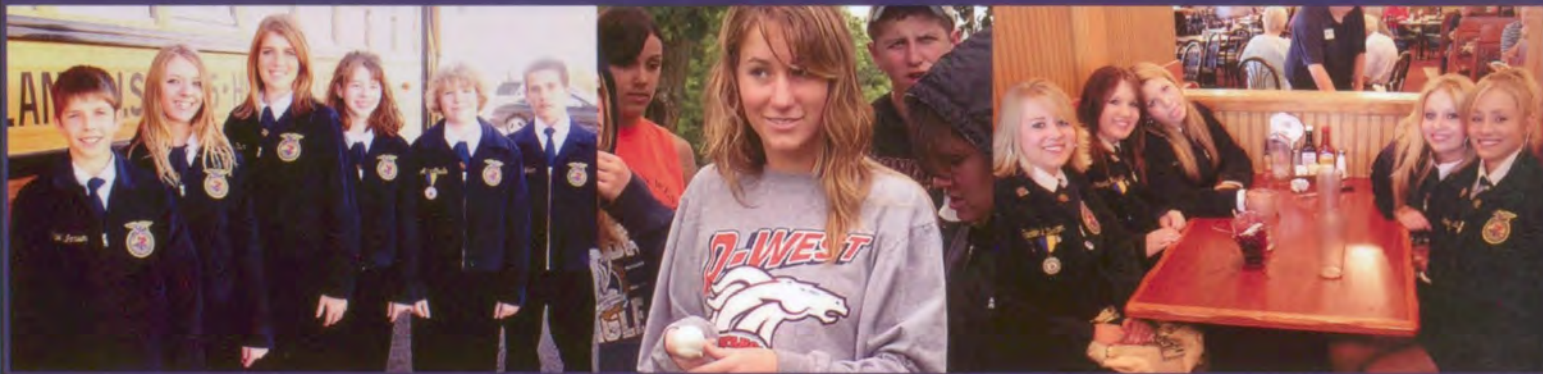
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After spending the day competing in several different contests, the Greenband leadership school team took first overall. Participants included Nick Johnson, Cheyenne Davis, Taryn Gibson, Katherine Rusli, Alaine Caudle, and Tanner Veach.

Stephanie Schneider gives an uneasy look as she attempts to balance an egg on a spoon and walk at the same time during the officer retreat at Lake Perry.

At State FFA convention Jackie Denton, Lindsay Libel, Brianna Cluck, Miranda Godfrey, and Kristy Denton hang out at the Northeast District dinner held at Sirolo's Stockade.





At FFA camp, the officer team joins together to try and figure out a team building challenge. FFA camp in July gave the officers a chance meet new people from all around the state.

The Intro to Ag class gears up with gloves and safety glasses so they are all set to learn about Ag Mechanics.



At FFA National Convention Lindsay Libel and Brittany Crossland have fun posing by the cardboard image of the national FFA president.

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- Brianna Cluck, 07-08 Treasurer

State Degree Recipients

Brittany Schmitz
Todd Neibling

At the officer retreat, the officers get a little bit crazy while playing a team building activity. Stephanie Schneider said, "Officer retreat was a lot of fun and we had the chance to just hang out."



The Meats judging team placed 4th at the contest at Pleasant Ridge. Meats Judging consists of identification and carcass evaluation.



Brennan Davis, Kayla Schmitz, Courtney Langley, and Ryan Kuhnert get ready to have a blast at Leader Lab. They spent the weekend meeting new friends and developing leadership skills.







Homecoming



After a week of fun, games, and school spirit the Homecoming king and queen were announced at the football game against Wathena. Girls strolled in riding in Mustangs. Pictured are Homecoming Candidates: Brittany Schmitz, Bryan Hamilton, Queen Jessica Libel, King Daniel Freeman, Kaley Witham, and Seth Twombly. Homecoming crown bearer and flowergirl: Rory Powell and Bereanna Weiland.



If we could we would. . . was the homecoming theme. Throughout the week each class worked on a float using a form of this theme including the opponent's mascot, the Wathena Wildcat.

Placing first with the theme "If we could we would shave the wildcats" was the junior class. With a checkered floor and barbershop chair to sit in, Ehren Nuzum, Anna Caudle, and Jessica Peuker dressed up as wildcats.

Placing second, the freshmen class festooned their float with wildcat tombstones, a goal post, and dirt piled high. Josh Van Laar and Michael Hurd buried the wildcat football player, Calyb Musgrave. Their theme was "If we could we would bury the wildcats."

"While making our float we had a chugging contest with pop, and it was sweet," said sophomore, Lindsey Kuhn. The sophomore class, placing third, decorated their float with a painted washing machine and a giant bottle of "kitty killer." The sophomores' theme was "If we could we would wash out the wildcats."

"Dustin Winters with dangerous power tools is not a good thing, said senior Seth Twombly. "It was quite an experience." Placing last, the senior

class decked out their float with wildcat tombstones. The grim-reaper, Dustin Winters, was caught beheading a wildcat, Laurence Dickson. Their theme was "If we could we would decapitate the wildcats."

Spirit week dress up days were pajama, camo, gangster/favorite rockstar, backwards, and blue and orange.

Since the bonfire got rained out, the pep rally was held in the gym. The dancers did a routine to "Barracuda," and the football coaches gave a pep talk. Then the senior guys involved in fall sports put on dresses and sang karaoke.

"It made me feel like a woman when I sang 'Barbie Girl'," said Paul Johnson.

Friday night was the football game against the Wathena Wildcats. Although the score 15 - 26 was disappointing, everyone had fun afterwards at the dance.

A: With whip cream covered faces, Brittany Schmitz and Bryan Hamilton can't help but laugh.

B: Trying not to fall, Daniel Freeman and Jessica Libel move cautiously.

C: Seth Twombly and Kaley Witham continue to dance while balancing on a small piece of paper.





Getting involved in spirit week, some participants dress up on gangster/rockstar day.



"If we could we would shave the wildcats," was the theme for this year's winning float. The junior class shaves the cats as they parade down mainstreet.



Dancing the night away, dancegoers do the YMCA at the Homecoming dance after the football game.

What was your favorite part of homecoming?



"My favorite part of Homecoming was "Dancing with Dan on the trailer and finding the worms," during the parade, said Jessica Libel, Homecoming Queen.

"I liked how supportive everyone was of all the candidates and how much fun it was with everyone participating," said Daniel Freeman, Homecoming King.



Wild yelling and cheering voted coach Marla Olson to get a pie in her face at the community pep rally ending the parade. The other participants were coach Nick Dowell and coach Mark Martin.

The crowd cheers on the coaches to see who will get the pie in their face at the Homecoming parade.



Taking part in spirit week, Brittany Schmitz, senior, dressed up for "Backwards Day." "My boobs were bigger in the back than they were in the front," said Schmitz.

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MUSICAL

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown

The Cast: front: Holly Norris as the Rabbit. Sitting: Kayla Schmitz as a Dancer; Lisa Scholz as Sally Brown; Eric Simmons as Linus; Shayln Fritch and Emily French as Dancers. Standing: Jonathan Collins as Charlie Brown; Allison Thompson as Snoopy; Scarlett Davis as Lucy; Brian Wake as Schroeder; and Katie French as Frieda.



The cast of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" by Charles Shultz included Eric Simmons as Linus Van Pelt, Allison Thompson as Snoopy, Jonathan Collins as Charlie Brown, Scarlett Davis as Lucy Van Pelt, Lisa Scholz as Sally Brown, Brian Wake as Schroeder, Katie French as Frieda, Holly Norris as Rabbit, and Shayln Fritch, Emily French, and Kayla Schmitz as the Blanket Dancers.

The show opened on Nov. 7, 2007 at the Culbertson Auditorium for the Highland Elementary, Midway Elementary, and the Doniphan West Middle School. The following three nights were open to the public for a small admission fee.

This musical portrayed a standard day in the life of Charlie Brown. The talented acting and good humor of the cast captured the audience and had them rolling with laughter.

The cast spent the majority of their time learning the vocal music score, which was much more inclusive than any other musical done in the past three years.

"I just liked getting to work with all the new actors and watch them grow. But I can't forget all the good food at the cast party!" said senior Holly Norris.

A: Lucy threatens Linus that if he doesn't change the channel she'll slug him!

B: Lucy sings to Schroeder, asking him why they should not be married.

C: Charlie Brown sticks his head in the mailbox looking to see if he received any valentines. To his dismay...he did not.





Sally Brown reacts to the "D" she received on her coat-hanger sculpture.



Snoopy sits on her doghouse while searching for the infamous Red Baron!



Charlie Brown receives psychiatric help provided by Lucy Van Pelt, who tells him everything that is wrong with him.



"I enjoyed that our cast became such a family and were able to help each other through things. Oh, and we will deeply miss our seniors, because they are the ones that helped me to be a better actor," said junior Scarlett Davis.

"I enjoyed being with all my friends who never held back who we were. We joked around and were completely comfortable with each other, and everything was always in key. Oh, and it was always Suppertime!" said senior Allison Thompson.



Charlie Brown builds up the guts to give Lucy a valentine; however, instead of saying "Happy Valentines Day, Lucy," he says "Merry Christmas!" and the mood is lost.

Following the Wednesday afternoon matinee, seniors Jonathan Collins, Allison Thompson, Holly Norris, and Eric Simmons piled on Snoopy's dog house as they realized that this was their last high school musical.



Sally Brown watches Lucy Van Pelt as she tries to describe the dress she was going to wear by drawing it on the back of Charlie Brown's paper lunch sack, which is on his head.



Anja Kubeneck and Eric Simmons, Jordanne Miller and John Lednicki, King Jake Rush and Queen Stephanie Schneider, Jennifer Larson and Paul Johnson were Winter Royalty with crown bearer Wyatt Helmstetter and flower girl Justice Edie.



Winter Royalty

Winter Royalty's spirit week was full of Fire and Ice. Starting with a sleepy pajama day, followed by an orange & blue day, fire day and ice day, a big blackout finished the week.

The student body had a hard time deciding their candidates this year. Because of a tie between the boys there were four couples instead of three.

Friday's pep rally started off with a performance by the dance team to a mix by Paula Abdul. They were all dressed in black and the lights were turned off in the gym. The audience was just able to see the glow sticks gleam in the dark.

After this entertainment, the candidates had to cope with a challenge. The boys had to fish a black shirt out of a box full of ice, slip it over and run to their partners, throw a black trash bag over their girl and start drawing a bikini on them with whipped cream. Eric Simmons and Anja Kubeneck won the contest.

"This was the first time that I was called up to do an activity during a pep rally. It was one of the highlights of my week. I felt special and had a lot of fun," said Eric Simmons.

During halftime of the boys' basketball game against Horton, Stephanie Schneider and Jake Rush were announced as King and Queen.

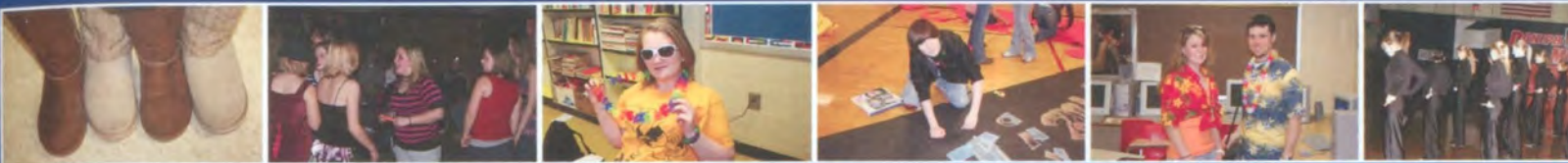
Afterwards everyone enjoyed the dance and even the loss against Horton boys couldn't cloud anyone's mood.

A: With cold hands the boys dig in a box to find one of the black shirts hidden underneath freezing ice. After finding a shirt they hurry to put it on and run to their girl.

B: Lying wrapped up in a trash bag, the girls had to let the boys draw a bikini on them with whipped cream without having any input on it. John Lednicki, senior, is working on the whipped cream bottom of his bikini for his partner Jordanne Miller.

C: Showing off their results, candidates Jennifer Larson, Jordanne Miller, Anja Kubeneck and Stephanie Schneider present their partners' work to the crowd.





Rocking the blackout day, gangster Seth Twombly, senior, presents and pumps up the pep rally.



Being comfortable, some freshmen girls and Bethani Zeit, junior, have fun participating in pajama-day. Katie Crandall, freshmen, even brought her little pet Lovey to cuddle with.



Enjoying the dance with her friends, senior Brittany Crossland gives candidate Jennifer Larson a kiss on the cheek. "I loved going shopping for a dress and dressing up. I felt special and I had a lot of fun being a candidate. The pep rally was one of the highlights," said Jennifer Larson.



What was your favorite part of the spirit week?



"I liked that everyone dressed up and showed up for the games. The blackout day was really cool and the crowd looked awesome in black," said sophomore Courtney Langley

"I liked the blackout day with our dance performance during the pep rally in the dark with the glow sticks. It was so much fun," said junior Jackie Lysaght



Mixed with everyone's individual style in it, the crowd enjoys dancing the Electric Slide and celebrating the Royalty.



King Jake Rush and Queen Stephanie Schneider are arm in arm after the crowning during halftime. "Hanging out with the girls all dressed up during the game was one of the best parts. I had a great time," said Schneider.



Bundled up in warm hats and scarves Brittany Schmitz and Kaley Witham, seniors, with Taylor Twombly and Jackie Lysaght, juniors, cuddle to keep warm on the ice day of the spirit week.

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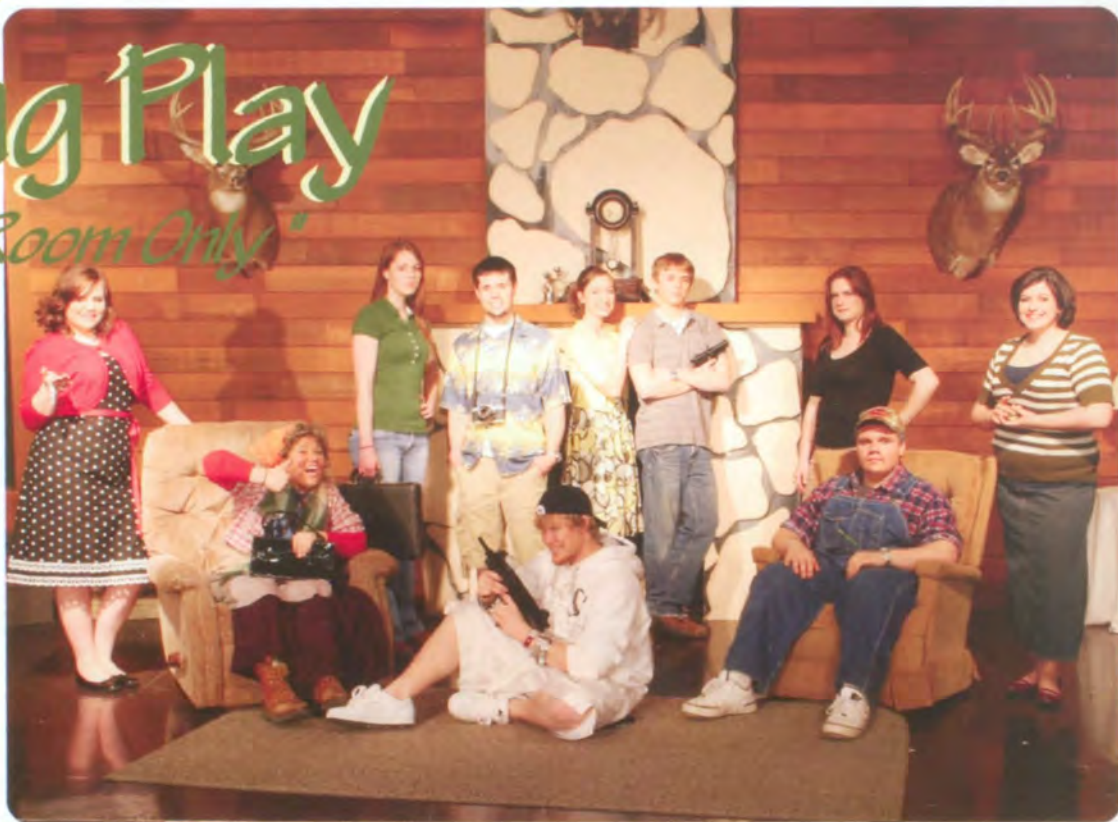
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Spring Play

"Laffing Room Only"

Standing: Savannah Stevens as Edna Martin, Allison Thompson as Vikki Cunningham, Eric Simmons as Ernie Falbo, Emily French as Hazel Parrish, Jonathan Collins as Donald Parrish, Taylor Carwell as Wilma Potaine, Scarlett Davis as Gloria Alexander. Sitting: Lindsay Libel as Irma, Seth Twombly as Rondo Muldoon, and Matthew Henry as Eben Putney.



The name of the show may have been "Laffing Room Only," but rehearsals were no laughing matter! "Laffing Room Only," a farce by Tim Kelly was presented by this year's theater students. Under the wonderful direction of Michael Hill, the cast and crew pulled this show off with great success.

The show consisted of four male and six female actors and a stage crew of seven students. No one character was in the spotlight the entire time--they all worked together to put on this great show.

The farcical plot of the show started to unfold the moment the curtain opened. Whispering Pines Hotel, owned by Gloria Alexander, was chosen by the Vermont Attorney General's Office to be used for a sting operation.

After the two state officials and the "crooks" arrived, the knowledge of a stolen diamond necklace was brought to light. The plot took a turn when Parrish, the diamond thief, held the others at gun point. Then the plot took another turn when Rondo, a petty criminal, burst into the hotel and demanded to receive the diamond necklace. Then the plot took yet another turn when Irma, the bag lady, barged into the hotel and conked out Rondo with one of her many bags.

The show began to wind down with truth coming to light and old families reuniting.

A: Ernie Falbo snaps photos of a sting transaction made between his associate Vikki Cunningham and Hazel Parrish.

B: Irma "the bag lady" holds Eben Putney's arm as she tries to defend him from being under verbal assault.

C: Wilma Potaine makes Ms. Alexander uncomfortable by inquiring about two prospective guests in the hotel that may have stolen a diamond necklace.





Donald Parrish hides the diamond necklace stolen from the Bay House in a vase of flowers.



Hazel Parrish points her husband's gun at Ernie Falbo as he is being frisked by Donald Parrish.



Rondo Muldoon holds Donald Parrish at gunpoint while demanding that he give up the diamond necklace.

What was your favorite part of being in the play?



"What wasn't my favorite part?! Working with the experienced actors that helped me and made me feel good about myself and my acting skills," said freshman Emily French

"Getting to work with all my idols and being able to come to them for acting advice was my favorite part! My most favorite thing of all was spending all those late nights with the cast and crew - wink, wink!" said sophomore Lindsay Libel.

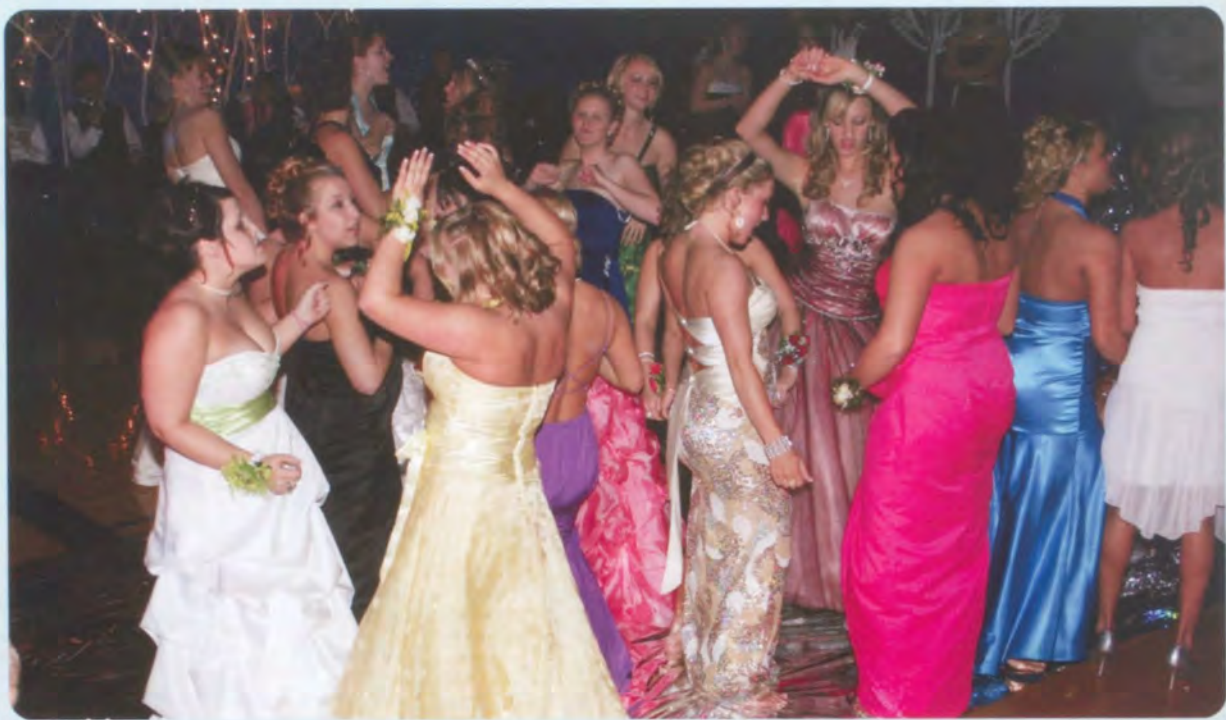


The senior cast and crew members stand and sit on stage with beloved director Michael Hill for the last time in their high school careers.

Irma "the bag lady" convinces Mrs. Martin that the two are truly long lost sisters.



Vikki and Ernie tell Mrs. Alexander what they are going to do in order to keep the insurance investigator off their tails.



Getting down with their bad selves the ladies get out on the dance floor and have a good time.

May all your Dreams be... *Enchanted*

Glistening trees, lighted fountains and walkways, sparkling balloons, blues, periwinkles, and whites.... all of these things made up a wonderland of enchantment on prom night. Prom was held at Doniphan West High School on April 26.

The junior class, assisted by sponsors Angie Neibling and Mari Sailors and parents, magically transformed the gymnasium and commons area into a enchanted forest. Juniors recycled tree limbs and painted them white from this year's "ice storm."

"The decorating went really fast. I thought it would take longer, but our class worked together well," said Katylin Blevins, junior.

On the menu for the dinner was grilled pork chops, scalloped potatoes, green beans, a hot roll, and peach cobbler for dessert. After the dinner the night was filled with dancing and socializing. Also, the guests enjoyed dipping strawberries, marshmallows, and pretzels in the chocolate fountain at the snack table.

After Prom was held at Olympia Lanes in St. Joe, where everyone bowled, played games, ate food, and won prizes. All juniors and seniors received \$40 gift certificates to Wal-Mart along with other prizes.

A: Smiling for what felt like paparazzi Dakota Zeit, junior, and Mollie Tharp, sophomore, walk in to prom.

B: Waiting for the welcome speech, sophomore Kyle Cluck, seniors Brittany Crossland, Bryan Hamilton, Stephanie Schneider, Jordanne Miller and Ryan Shockley, and Brittany Schmitz and Aron Sharp sit patiently wanting to dig in.

C: Shaking what their mama's gave them, everyone gets out on the dance floor after a great dinner ready to dance away the night.





Ryan Kuhnert and Ashley Norris stroll down the walkway on their way to the Enchanted forest.



Dressed in their best and enjoying the dance, Jacob Godfrey, junior and Courtney Langley, sophomore dance to the first slow dance of the night.



Junior class

What was your favorite part of the night?



"Getting to see how good Dakota looked in his tux." said junior, Anna Caudle

"By far my favorite part was dancing to "Sexy Back" with Holly. "What can I say we are bringing sexy back!," said senior, Eric Simmons



Senior class

Ready to hit the dance floor, juniors Aaron Harris, Cody Weiland, and Zach Lee request the song "Love in this club" by Usher.



Stealing a quick snack before dinner, seniors Allison Thompson, Tasha Martin, Bridget Janssen, and junior Scarlett Davis dip strawberries in the chocolate fountain.



Rainy weather, suitcases everywhere, chaos and sleepy faces...the senior class 2008 on the morning of their departure. Everyone is together for the last time on the porch in front of the hotel rooms in the Tan-Tar-A resort where they stayed for the last three nights.

Senior Sneak

After a long and exhausting bus ride to the Ozarks, everyone was more than happy when they arrived at the Tan-Tar-a resort.

Before having dinner at Chili's the first night, almost everyone tried out the indoor pool and the hot tub or just enjoyed relaxing in the sun.

The main goal for everyone was to spend a great, relaxing and fun last time with each other.

A few highlights of the trip were going out to eat, utilizing the pool, going to the movies, and shopping in the huge outlet mall. The paintballing afternoon and the concert at the Main Street Music Hall were also favorites on the trip.

For many, paintballing was a new experience and almost everyone had to take some bruises and wounds home.

"It was fun that I got to shoot the guys!" said Brittany Schmitz.

The concert at Main Street Music Hall was a colorful mix of country and oldies; all mixed with some humor and fun.

During free time everyone liked hanging out in the hotel rooms, socializing and talking or watching movies late at night together.

The seniors added new memories and fun times. It was a successful ending of four years of living, crying and laughing together in good and bad times.

A: Caleb Sellers, Nathan Ricklefs, Brandon Colborn and Scott Emrich wait for their food on the last night of the trip.

B: Using some freetime John Lednický and Gerald Folsom enjoy playing a video game in their hotel room. Besides DVD players, seniors brought an X-Box and video games such as "Guitar Hero" and "Halo."

C: Going crazy in one of the souvenir shops, Bryan Hamilton tries on all different kinds of hats.





Digging for underwear at Rue 21 in the big outlet mall at the Ozarks, Holly Norris has fun finding cute stuff.



After a long afternoon of paintball, Allison Thompson, Holly Norris, Tasha Martin and Anja Kubeneck are exhausted and sweaty. Nonetheless, they all had a blast shooting the little green paintballs and chasing each other.



Rob Ruhnke and Paul Johnson make friends with a cute dog they found in front of a store.



What did you enjoy most on Senior Sneak?



"My favorite part was when they sang 'The Devil Went Down to Georgia' at the Music Hall," said Brittany Crossland



"I enjoyed spending time with my classmates and having a good time," said Nicole Diveley

At Chili's the first night of sneak, Jordanne Miller and Eric Simmons pose for one of the last pictures they would take together in high school.



Hit by a paintball right in the face, blue color finds its way under Stephanie Schneider's mask. Still smiling she's ready to go back in the next round and take revenge.



Excited but yet a little nervous, Tasha Martin decides to get her right ear pierced on senior trip. While waiting for the piercing she sits anxiously to get her ear marked.

Spending as much time as possible with their friends for the last time, lots of the seniors enjoyed hanging out, talking and watching TV in their hotel rooms. Seth Twombly and Jonathan Collins seem to be watching some extremely interesting stuff!





Graduation ...



Taking time before the ceremony starts, the senior class lines up to take one last picture together.

Tears, laughter, memories, and a sense of relief filled the graduation ceremony and day. Although everyone was thrilled to be finished with high school, there was also a sense of sadness.

"It's a relief because I don't have to deal with the drama," said Paul Johnson.

Some found leaving friends and moving on rather sad.

"Graduation is sad because it could be the last time we spend together," said Amanda Halling.

A popular way to look back at memories of growing up and the senior year is the senior slide show, which is put together by Vicki Winchester's In House Training class (IHT).

"The hardest thing [about making the slide show] is getting the pictures together. It would be easier if they all came in at once. The IHT class works on it in sections because of sports," said Winchester.

An out-of-the-ordinary moment during the ceremony was when principal Joe Sailors was seen munching on M&Ms. Almost every time a senior went up to the stage they gave him M&Ms.

"Some would bring me a few, then some gave me a handful, and Kaley Witham gave me a bag," said Sailors.

At first Sailors tried to keep up with them, but when the handfuls kept coming he gave up.

The 2008 graduation also marked a special moment in time for Doniphan West High School, as the first class to attend all four years--from freshmen to seniors--walked across the stage to receive diplomas.

A: Waiting for the ceremony to start, the senior guys sit on the stage to relax and amuse themselves.

B: Anja Kubeneck, Jenna Scherer, and Brittany Crossland figure out how to put on their caps.

C: Principal Joe Sailors greets valedictorian Stephanie Schneider.





Jordanne Miller helps Seth Twombly with some last minute touch ups.



Salutatorian Eric Simmons says his final words to the Class of 2008.

Singing "Finale B" from the hit musical "Rent" are Allison Thompson, Eric Simmons, Paul Johnson, Jonathan Collins, and Jenna Scherer.



What will you miss the most about D-West?



"I will miss hanging out and talking with everyone, and going to the sports games," said Anja Kubeneck



"I will miss the kids, everyone that went The Highland kids were way uptight and the Midway kids mellowed us out when we combined," said Rob Ruhke



Nathan Ricklefs and Holly Norris head to their seats for their last moments as high schoolers.

Fan, supporter, but most of all a mother, Janet Libel is remembered by many, including her daughter Jessica Libel, on graduation day.



Presenting his mom with a rose, Seth Twombly thanks his parents for supporting him, while Ashlie Witham sings "Remember Me This Way."

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LINK Leaders



Front: Alesha Miller, Taylor Twombly, Ryan Kuhnert, Jonathan Collins, Paul Becker, Stephanie Schneider. Back: Bethani Zeit, Jenna Scherer, Eric Simmons, Trevor Saunders, and Katie French.

Link Leaders were a group of upperclassmen who were selected upon recommended by faculty and administration to work with incoming freshmen. They were trained by principal Joe Sailors to lead the newcomers during the freshmen orientation day in August. Their job was to make the transition to high school easier and to help them make wise decisions during high school. Later in the year the Link Leaders and freshmen also participated in a high ropes course.



Freshmen orientation day was not all serious business. Each group had fun costumes and a theme for the day.

"Whatever you can do or dream you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."
 ~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Congratulations, Brittany!

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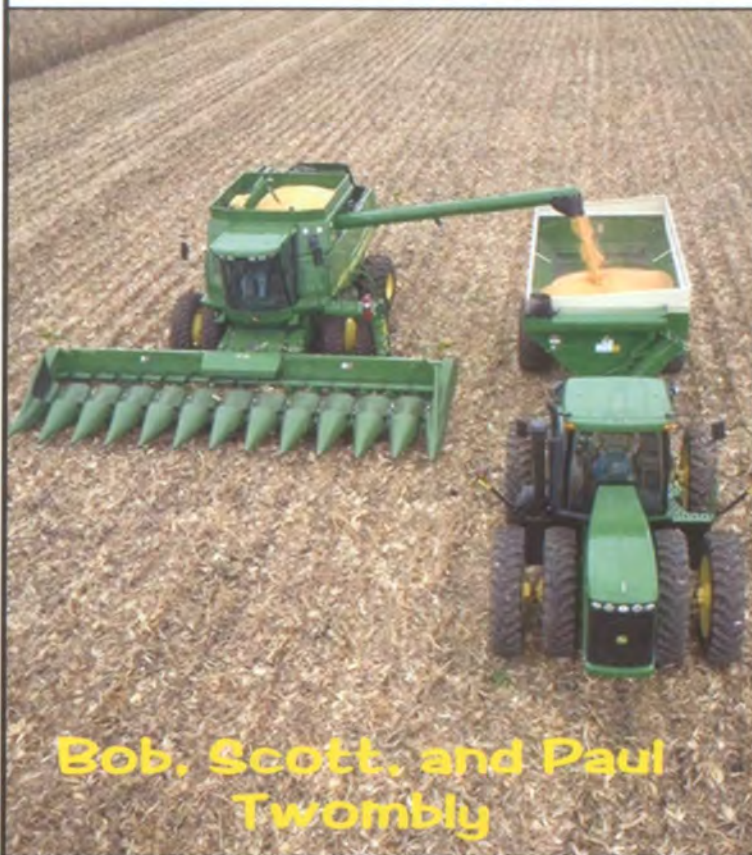
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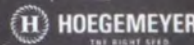


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FCCLA was in its first year as an organization at Doniphan West. They were sponsored by Family and Consumer Science teacher June Roberts. One of their service projects was working with middle school students as the Mustang Maintenance Crew at high school basketball games, where they would sweep the floor between games.

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Now that we lived life at Doniphan West High School, 2008 must come to an end. Seniors thought "Here's to goodbye" as they graduated and entered the real world. Juniors will become seniors and make plans for their senior pictures and prepare for their last year of high school. Sophomores will become juniors and get ready to start planning for prom. Freshmen ended their first year of high school and will dream of many more "nights to feel alive." Faculty and staff pass on the 2008 seniors and once again get ready to welcome new freshmen.

Not only have the seniors moved on from Doniphan West, but teachers have as well. The lasting impression that those individuals have had on the students at D-West will live on for years to come.

The Great 2007 Winter Ice Storm was yet another part of our lives this year. Everyone suffered from the storm's destruction, but somehow we all pulled together and made it through with great will. Some families opened their homes to others, while other families helped out by cooking meals for people that couldn't do so themselves. This is but another example of Living Life Now. One year at a time, one class at a time, Doniphan West High School will continue to produce young adults that are ready for whatever life throws at them.

Here's to... **Living LIFE Now**

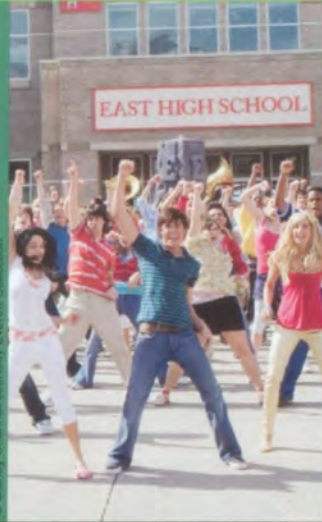


Volume IV of Mustang Moments is presented by the 2007-2008 Doniphan West Journalism class. The members of the class included seniors Jordanne Miller, Eric Simmons, Anja Kubeneck; juniors Katylin Blevins, Taylor Twombly, Morgan Rush, Danielle Rush, Alesha Miller, Bethani Zeit; sophomores Shayln Fritch, Savannah Stevens, Malia Sisk, Cheyenne Davis, Marijke Fox, Jessica Rauch, Kayla Schmitz, Lindsey Kuhn, and Brittany Keever. Marla Taylor was their adviser. The theme "Here's to Living Life Now" was chosen by the Journalism class and they created the idea for the cover design. Our yearbook representatives were Wally Malins and Tyler Malins. Tyler created the yearbook cover using software downloaded from the Internet. The fonts used on the cover and division pages are AYT Felix Script, AYT Aachen, and AYT Bria. Fonts used for captions are Times. Lifetouch took the student portraits, Marla Taylor took the group shots, and Josten's Publishing Co., Topeka published this 96 page book. This size 8 volume was printed on gloss 80 paper using Josten's online program Yearbook Avenue.

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Front Page Headlines

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▼ To ease the mortgage crisis, the U.S. Senate passes legislation allowing homeowners with delinquent sub-prime mortgages to refinance into federally insured loans.



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◀ Several cities in the southeastern U.S. are mere months away from running out of water as drought conditions persist in the region.

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▼ Six men are trapped when a Utah coal mine collapses on August 6. Ten days later, the mine collapses again, killing three rescue workers. After four weeks the search ends.

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▲ The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to former Vice President Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, represented by Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, for their efforts to call attention to global warming.

▼ Schools across the nation are thoroughly disinfected—and some are even shut down—to quell outbreaks of staph infections, including antibiotic-resistant strains.



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▲ In late October, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declares a state of emergency due to wildfires that burn more than half a million acres in southern California.

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▼ Dozens of tornadoes tear across Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama on February 5, 2008, killing nearly 60 people.



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▲ American consumers lose their confidence in China's manufacturers when children's toys tainted with lead trigger widespread recalls.

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◀ The Nintendo "Wii-nomenon" sweeps the nation as the game console outplays the competition with sales of more than 13 million units.

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▲ Writers hit the picket lines and television production is halted for months when the Writers Guild of America goes on strike to protest compensation policies for new media such as iTunes downloads.

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► In Littleton, Colorado, construction is completed on the \$1.5 million Columbine Memorial to the 13 victims of the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School.



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▲ On August 1, a six-lane I-35W bridge stretching across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapses into the river during the height of the afternoon rush hour.

Global

The New Seven Wonders of the World

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- ▶ People around the world cast more than 100 million online votes to determine the New Seven Wonders of the World. The winning wonders are announced at a gala in Lisbon.
- ▼ More than 150 of the world's leading music acts perform in concerts staged around the world for Live Earth, a star-studded event to draw attention to the global climate crisis.

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- ▼ Labour Party leader Gordon Brown succeeds Tony Blair as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.



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- ▲ The melting of the Arctic Sea ice spurs an international network of climate scientists to conclude that global warming is indisputable, and that human activity has been causing temperatures to rise since 1950.

- ▼ In December, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is assassinated following a political rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.



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- ▲ Tropical cyclone Sidr is the deadliest storm to hit Bangladesh in a decade. It destroys thousands of homes, ruins crops and forces more than a million villagers to evacuate.

Sci-Tech

▼ U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson is the first female commander at the International Space Station.



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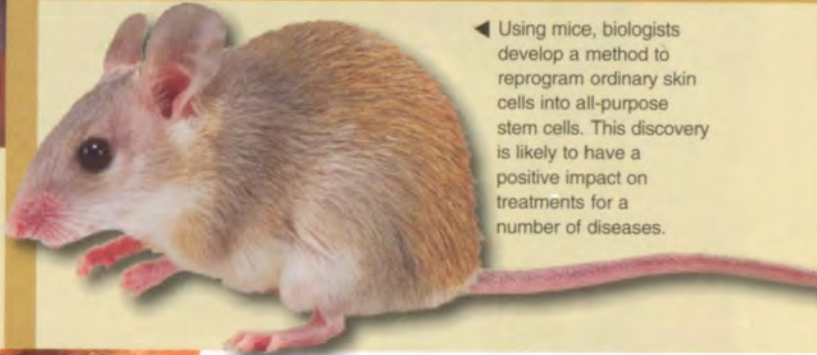
▲ Black bears make headlines in Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico as park rangers and wilderness homeowners report raids on backpacks, tents, trash cans and even kitchens.

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◀ The digital smiley face celebrates its 25th birthday. Its inventor, Carnegie Mellon professor Scott E. Fahlman, first used the icon on an electronic bulletin board in 1982.

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◀ Using mice, biologists develop a method to reprogram ordinary skin cells into all-purpose stem cells. This discovery is likely to have a positive impact on treatments for a number of diseases.



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◀ Crops are threatened when honeybee colonies in the U.S. and Europe suffer from Colony Collapse Disorder, losing up to 70 percent of their bees due to unknown causes.

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▶ In a medical experiment, salmonella germs take a ride on the space shuttle. When they return to Earth, the germs are far more lethal than their earthbound counterparts.



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◀ An excavation site in Argentina yields the fossilized remains of a previously unknown species of dinosaur, the Futalognkosaurus dukei, measuring more than 105 feet.

Lifestyle

- ▶ Social networking websites continue to surge in popularity. MySpace and Facebook remain dominant as the sites of choice for young people and inspire a host of innovative imitators.
- ▼ Concerns about overweight dogs and cats hit the headlines. Veterinarians prescribe a regimen of fewer treats, more walks around the neighborhood and no people food.

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- ▶ The healthy growth trend for vitamin waters and other nutrient-boosted consumables continues with the introduction of specialized formulas for immunity, focus and more.

- ▼ User-generated content grows more popular as network television shows, mainstream musical acts and wannabe media stars join amateur home moviemakers on YouTube. One of the most-watched videos of 2007 features a feline pianist.



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- ▲ Higher prices for coffee beans do not lessen the nation's craving for coffeehouses. Independents and chains alike continue to be popular with younger consumers.

- ▼ Concerns over the environment and increasing energy costs create a growing consumer demand for energy-saving, long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs.



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- ▼ The Apple iPhone, with its revolutionary touch screen, packs mobile phone, camera, iPod, Web browser, email and IM capabilities into a sleek, portable package.

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Trends

▼ Cute and comfy baby doll jumper tops and dresses with button straps start as a summer trend and morph into fall fashion layered over close-fitting sweaters and matching tights.



◀ The A-line silhouette comes to outerwear, as swingy trapeze coats become one of the year's most surprising fashion must-haves.

▶ Fashion takes a look back to the 1980s with the return of leg warmers, worn as an accessory with short skirts or skinny jeans and fashionable ballet flats or moccasins.

◀ Quilted Vera Bradley handbags and totes sweep college campuses, sororities and high school hallways from coast to coast.



◀ Under Armor athletic apparel is a popular fashion choice for athletes both on and off the field.

▶ The ubiquitous, slouchy suede Ugg boot is reinvented with cozy knitted uppers that keep toes toasty and add a soft, tweedy, textured look to fall and winter ensembles.



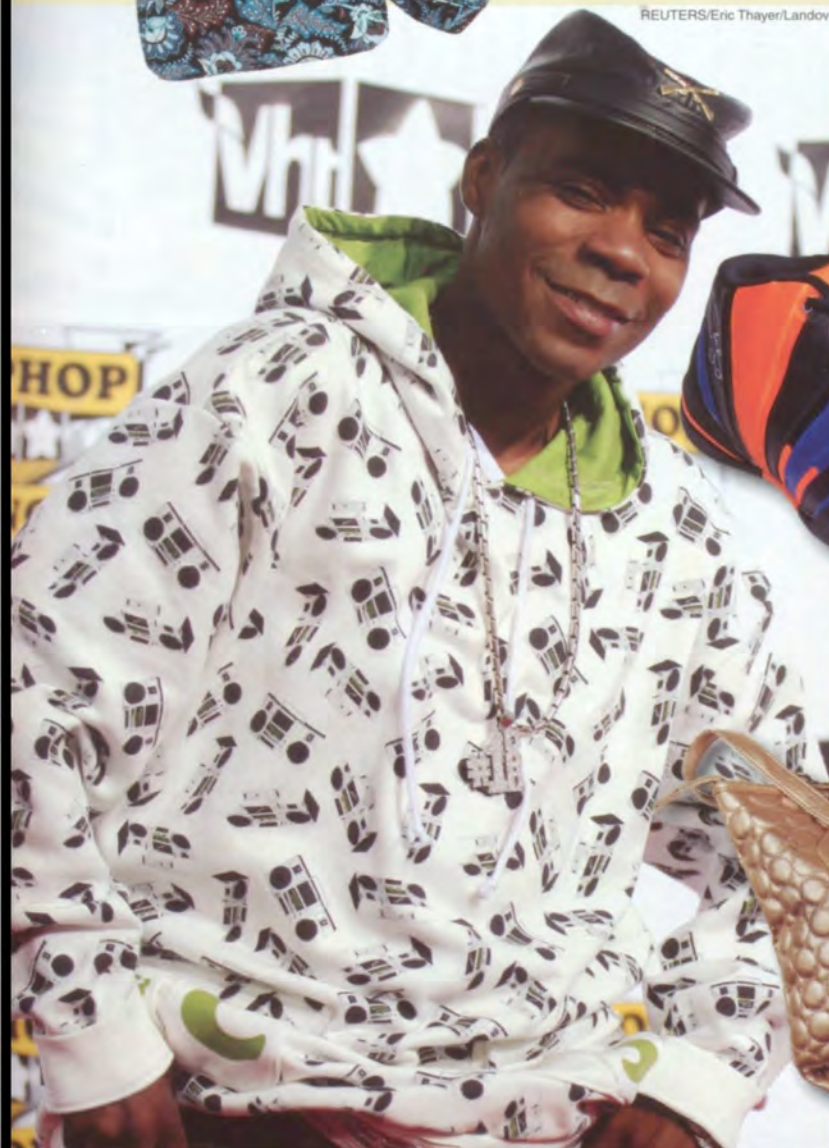
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◀ Guys sport patterned hoodies that are worn alone or layered under jackets and blazers for an edgy, urban look.



▶ Stephon Marbury inspires a host of celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker and Venus Williams, to battle the high-priced fashion industry by creating their own affordable apparel.

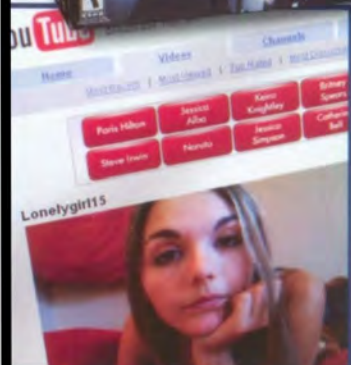
◀ The craze for oversized leather bags—in metallic shades of copper, silver and gold—inspires a trend for matching footwear in daytime and nighttime looks.



Entertainment

▼ The music video game *Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock* is released with a soundtrack of 71 playable songs. Slash and other real-life guitarists appear as in-game characters.

▼ The music video game *Rock Band* is released for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Players perform together in virtual bands, using peripherals to hit notes as they scroll onscreen.



◀ Even after *lonelygirl15* is revealed as a fictitious character, her popular storyline continues for a full season as an Internet dramedy series on YouTube and MySpace.

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▼ After a two-year format war, Toshiba pulls its HD DVD product out of contention, leaving Sony Blu-ray as the sole next-generation successor to DVD.



▲ Large-scale multiplayer online gaming gives rise to virtual worlds where players interact via avatars and the computer-generated environment is similar to the real world.

▼ *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the enormously popular series, is released. Its first U.S. print run is a record-breaking 12 million copies.



▲ Beading makes a comeback as a way to relax and creatively spend time with friends.

Television

▼ The second season of NBC's *Heroes* continues the adventures of ordinary people with extraordinary powers and reveals more about the shadowy dealings of "The Company."



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▲ *High School Musical 2* becomes the highest-rated cable broadcast in the nation's history when 17.2 million U.S. viewers tune in to the Disney Channel for its debut.

▼ In the 36th season of CBS's *The Price Is Right*, host Bob Barker retires and comedian Drew Carey takes over the helm at the world's second-longest-running game show.



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▲ The NBC drama series *Friday Night Lights*, about a fictional high school football team, is taped documentary-style, without rehearsals, to give it a more authentic feeling.

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◀ On The CW, Blake Lively portrays socialite teen Serena van der Woodsen in *Gossip Girl*, a drama series that follows the lives of prep school students from New York's Upper East Side.

▶ America Ferrera, who plays Betty Suarez on the popular ABC comedy-drama *Ugly Betty*, is the first Latina to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series.



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◀ ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* rules the ratings thanks to popular celebrity participants such as Sabrina Bryan of The Cheetah Girls.

Favorite TV Shows:

Movies

▼ A 90-minute episode of *The Simpsons* takes six years to make. *The Simpsons Movie* finally makes its big-screen debut and is a major hit.

▼ Shia LaBeouf portrays a teenager who is plunged into a high-tech battle between good and evil alien robots in *Transformers*, a live action adaptation of the 1980s cartoon series.



THE SIMPSONS MOVIE



◀ *Atonement* receives seven Golden Globe nominations, including lead acting nods for Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

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▶ Disney's *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* nets the third-highest box-office total ever for a Christmas weekend release.



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◀ *Disturbia*, a surprise hit thriller about a bored teenager under house arrest who thinks his next-door neighbor may be a notorious serial killer, spends three weeks at the top of the box office.

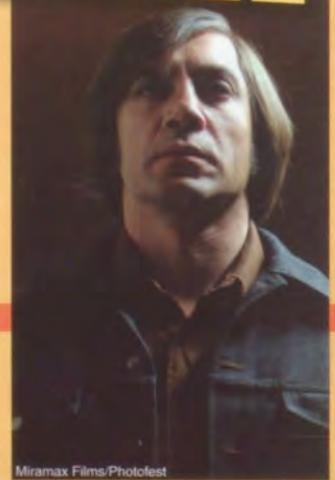


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▼ *The Great Debaters*, based on the real-life victories of a black debate team in the 1930s, receives eight NAACP Image Award nominations.



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▲ Joel and Ethan Coen write and direct *No Country for Old Men*, a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's bleak, moody modern western novel. The film receives eight Oscar nominations.

▼ In *I Am Legend*, Will Smith is the last man alive in New York, after a man-made virus wipes out most of the world's population and turns the survivors into dangerous mutants.



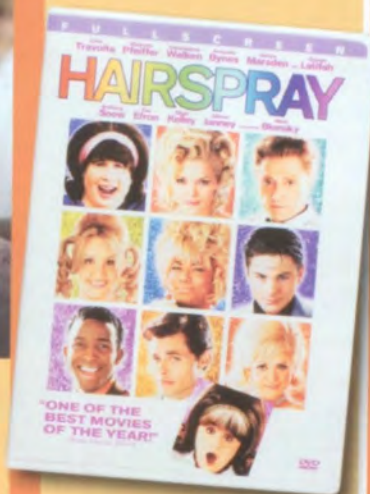
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▲ Matt Damon reprises his role as amnesiac CIA assassin Jason Bourne for *The Bourne Ultimatum*, the third film in the Bourne trilogy based on Robert Ludlum's novels.

▼ Starring Zac Efron, Amanda Bynes and newcomer Nikki Blonsky, *Hairspray* is a zany musical based on the Broadway smash hit.



Best Picture Oscar Nominations

Atonement

Juno

Michael Clayton

No Country for Old Men

There Will Be Blood

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◀ After a 19-year hiatus, Harrison Ford returns as Steven Spielberg's adventurous archaeologist in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.



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▲ Tim Burton directs and Johnny Depp stars as the title character in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, an adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.



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▲ Using a combination of live action and animation, *Enchanted* tells the story of Giselle, a fairy-tale character seeking a "happily ever after" ending in modern-day Manhattan.



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Music

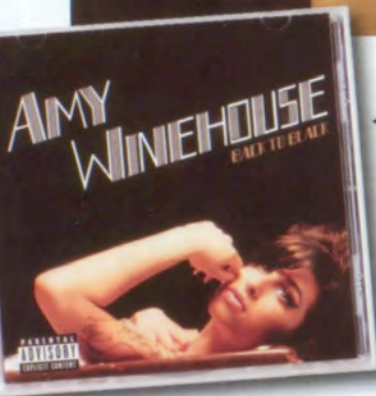
▼ Fergie continues to place singles from her triple-platinum solo album, *The Dutchess*, on the *Billboard* charts.

▼ Fall Out Boy headlines the Honda Civic tour, performs at Live Earth concerts and reaches the top of the charts with the release of their album *Infinity on High*.

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▶ British singer Amy Winehouse brings back the beehive and wins five Grammy awards for her work on *Back To Black*.

▼ Canadian pop singer Feist enjoys soaring sales for her third solo album, *The Reminder*, after the single "1234" is featured in a commercial for the iPod nano.

Robert Pitts/Landov



▲ Rihanna records her third album, *Good Girl Gone Bad*, featuring Jay-Z and Ne-Yo. She receives six Grammy nominations.

▼ Newcomer Sean Kingston tops the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 and Pop 100 with "Beautiful Girls," his first single from his self-titled debut album.



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▲ Malibu singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat rises to stardom from MySpace. Her song "Bubbly" garners more than 31 million plays and her CD goes platinum.

Dustin Rabin Photography



▼ Carrie Underwood releases her double-platinum second album, *Carnival Ride*, and contributes the Oscar-nominated song "Ever Ever After" to the soundtrack for the movie *Enchanted*.



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▲ After facing off at the MTV Music Awards, rapper rivals Kanye West and 50 Cent release albums on September 11 and vie for top sales. Kanye's *Graduation* is the victor.

▼ Country star Kenny Chesney releases his 13th album, *Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates*. His Flip Flop summer tour is the highest-grossing country tour of 2007.



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▲ Hip-hop artist T-Pain releases his second album, *Epiphany*. The album receives four 2008 Grammy nominations and the Vibe 2007 Song of the Year Award.

◀ Soulja Boy reaches the top of the *Billboard* Hot 100 with the single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" and his distinctive, loose-limbed dance style becomes a nationwide craze.

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▲ Punk-pop princess Avril Lavigne releases her third album, *The Best Damn Thing*, featuring "Girlfriend," her first No. 1 single on the *Billboard* Top 100.

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◀ Radiohead invites listeners and fans to pay whatever they want for a digital download of their highly acclaimed seventh album, *In Rainbows*. A "discbox" edition, with standard CD and vinyl LP, is released in January 2008.

Sports

▼ The American League Champion Boston Red Sox defeat the National League Champion Colorado Rockies in a decisive four-game sweep to capture their second World Series title in four years.

▼ Tiger Woods achieves his record 14th World Golf Championships win at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and claims his 60th PGA Tour win at the BMW Championship.

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◀ Norwegian golfer Suzann Pettersen wins five LPGA events including her first major championship in a break out season.



▼ Former Senator George Mitchell releases a list of Major League Baseball players, including seven MVPs and 31 All-Stars, under investigation for illegal use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.



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▲ At X-Games 13, Ricky Carmichael wins the first MotoX Racing Circuit, Simon Tabron does back-to-back 900s in BMX Vert and Jake Brown survives a 40-foot fall.

▼ The veteran San Antonio Spurs, led by Tim Duncan, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers and their young phenom, LeBron James, in a 4-0 sweep to win the 2007 NBA finals.



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▲ The LSU Tigers pounce on Ohio State early on their way to a 38-24 victory. LSU is the first two-loss team to compete for and win the BCS National Championship.

▼ California native Jimmie Johnson speeds to victory as the 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion, defeating his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon by 77 points.



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▲ Athletes from around the world train for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing as the city prepares for the arrival of hundreds of competitors and millions of spectators.

▼ The Anaheim Ducks claim their first Stanley Cup, beating the Ottawa Senators in five games for the 2007 NHL championship.



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▲ Super Bowl XLII MVP Eli Manning leads the New York Giants on a last-minute scoring drive to upset the heavily favored New England Patriots 17-14, shattering the Patriots' bid for a perfect 19-0 season.

◀ Belgian Justine Henin defeats Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open title in New York.

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▲ Power hitters Barry Bonds, Frank Thomas, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, Craig Biggio and Jim Thome all achieve home run milestones in their Major League Baseball careers.

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▶ Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers surpasses Dan Marino's touchdown pass record with number 422. 2007 NFL MVP Tom Brady of the New England Patriots sets the single regular-season mark for touchdown passes with 50.

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Faces

Election '08 Candidates

After Super Tuesday primaries on February 5, 2008, the presidential race heats up among frontrunners Hillary Clinton, Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Barack Obama.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

Mike Huckabee



REUTERS/Andy Dowling/Corbis

John McCain



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Barack Obama

► *Entertainment Weekly* names J.K. Rowling—author of the seven-volume, 4,100-page Harry Potter series of best-selling children's books—as its Entertainer of the Year.



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▲ Heartthrob Zac Efron, who came to fame with his performance in the first *High School Musical*, becomes an even bigger teen star with the release of *High School Musical 2*.

► The Best of Both Worlds tour, starring Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana, sells out in every city, prompting ticket lotteries, heartbroken fans and scalping scandals.



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▼ In January 2008, Academy Award-nominated actor Heath Ledger, 28, is found dead in his Lower Manhattan apartment from an accidental overdose of prescription medication.



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▲ Multi-talented star Queen Latifah becomes the latest spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. Her message isn't about getting skinny, but about losing weight to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes.

▼ At London's Wembley Stadium, Princes William and Harry host the Concert for Diana to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the death of their mother, the Princess of Wales.



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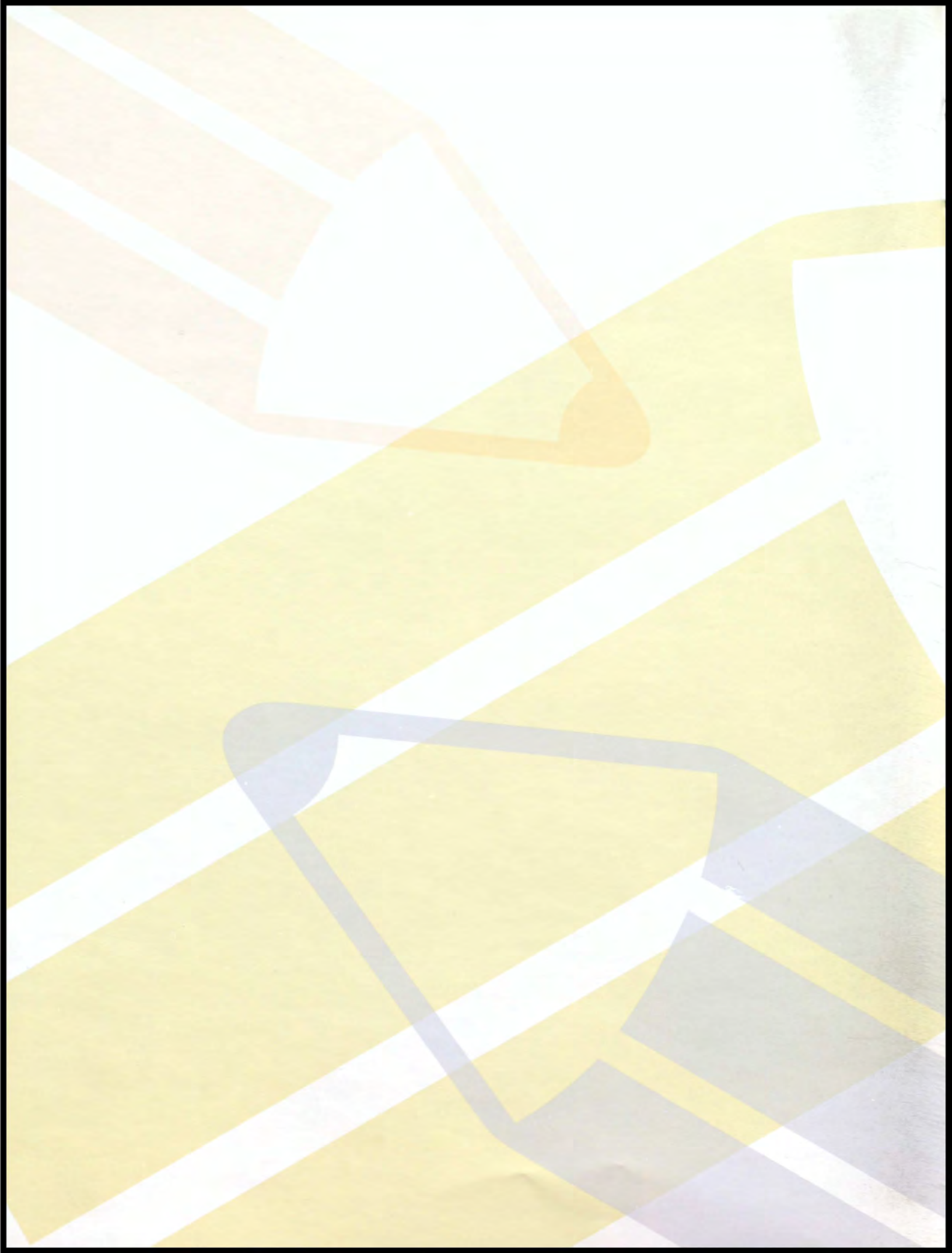
▲ As Izzie Stevens on ABC's *Grey's Anatomy*, Katherine Heigl is a small-screen star. As Anne Fletcher in the comedy *27 Dresses*, she conquers the big screen as well.

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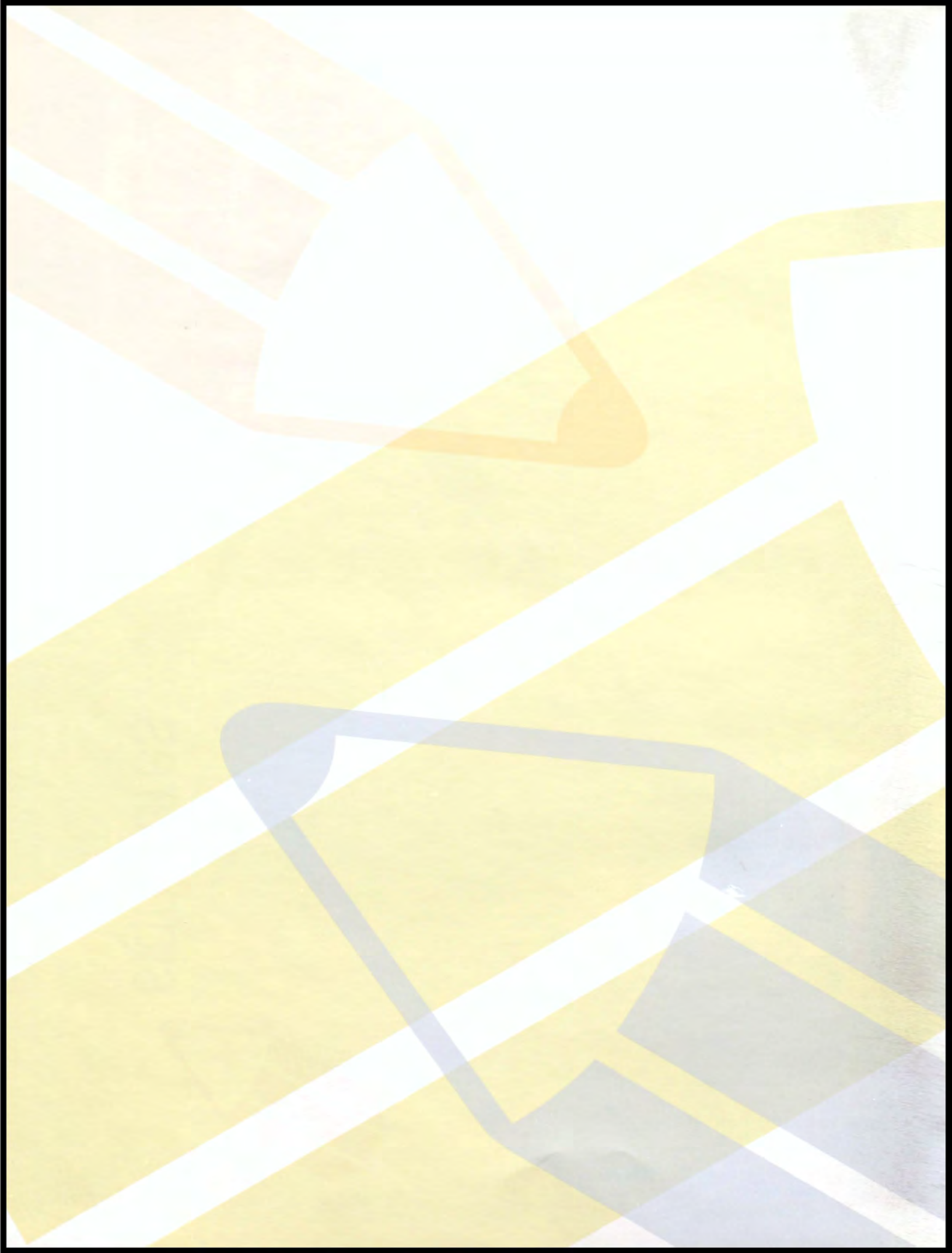






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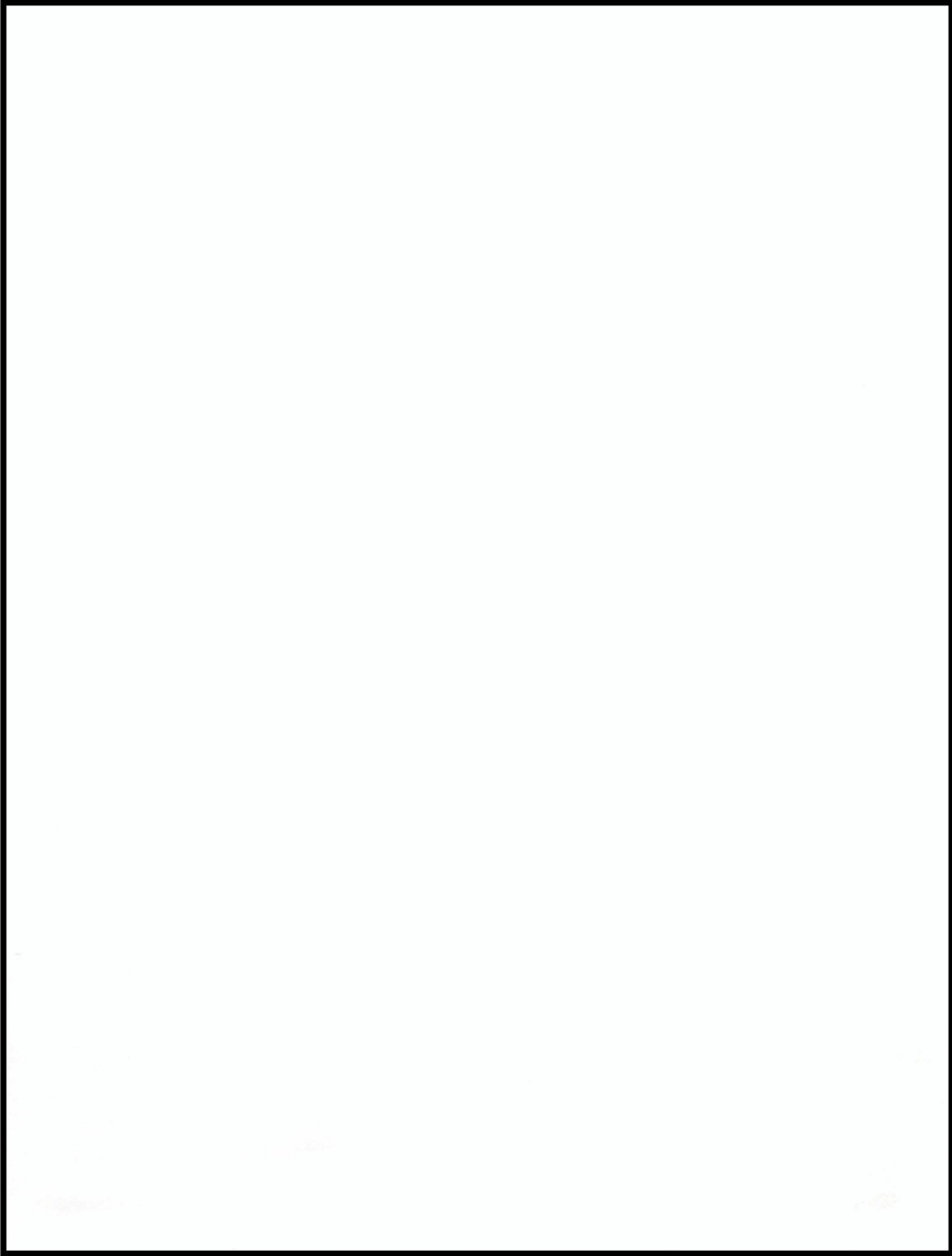




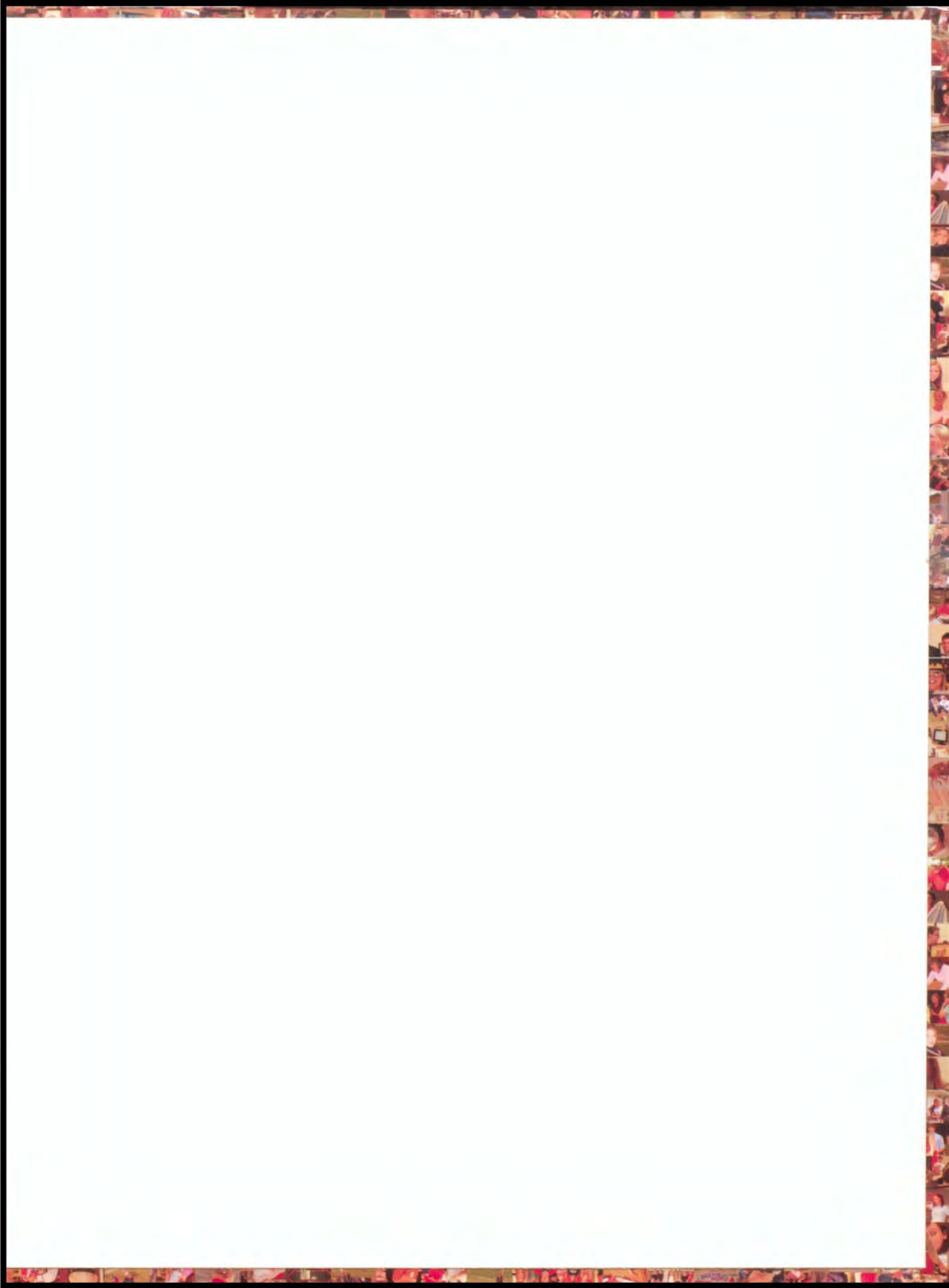
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