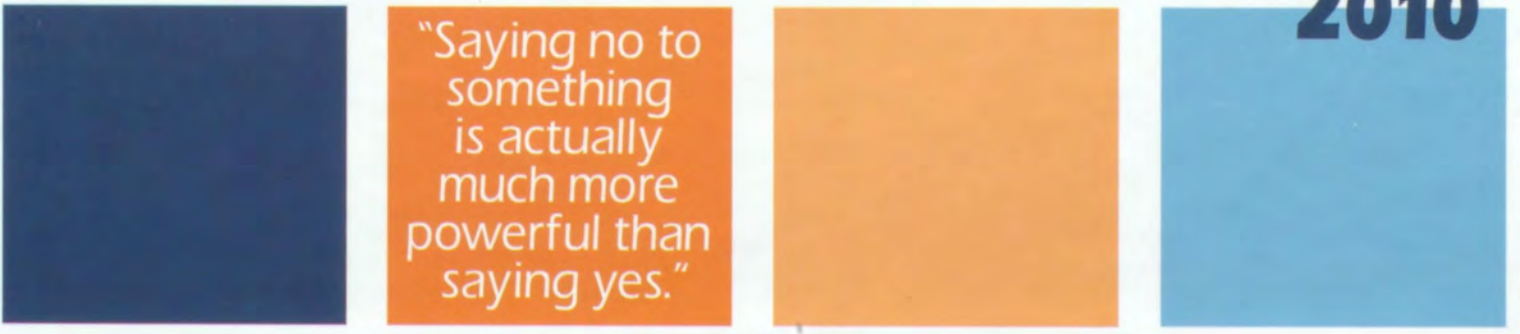




"There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks them all."

"Words are the voice of the heart."

That's What We SAID 2010



"Saying no to something is actually much more powerful than saying yes."



Sophomores Rachel Rush and Michelle Johnson pick out their long-anticipated class rings.

People

Below: Sophomore Dusty Saunders uses his P.E. equipment as a beautiful fashion accessory.



Senior Maggie Gilmore and junior Caleb Lackey get down at the back to school dance.

Academics & Groups



Senior Kristy Denton helps the primary students complete an activity during Peer Tutoring.



Freshman Maddi Libel gives the hurdles her all at the ACCHS track meet.

The Mustang football team stampedes out onto the field before a game.



Sports

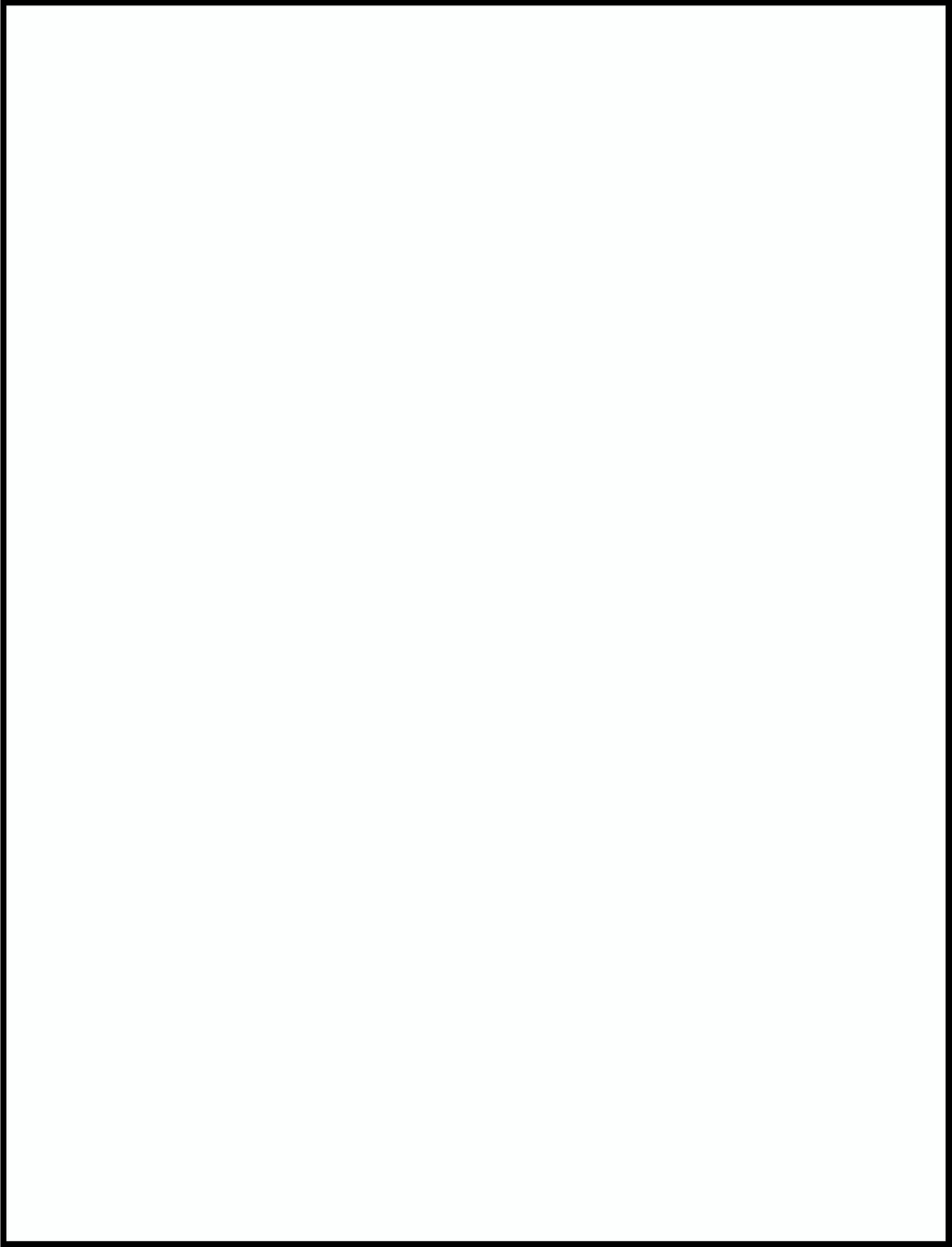
Members of the sophomore class ride on their float during the Homecoming parade.



Students sit among the Fall leaves on main street during the Primary School's Halloween parade.



Events





That's What We *SAY*

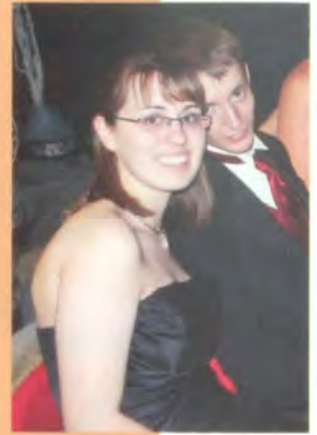
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Mustang Moments Volume VI 2010

I love to talk! I could talk about anything! I talk all the time!
-Autumn Royer, 10



Yeah! I love to talk! I've talked enough that people have told me to be quiet!
-Jessica Rauch, 12



TALKING Up a Storm

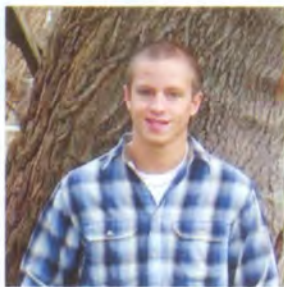
Are You a Talker?

Students Find Different Forms of Communication

1 "Yeah, I like to talk a lot!"
-Korey Martin, 12



2 "I talk sometimes, if I feel like it."
-Chris Smith, 12



3 "Sure, it depends on the situation."
-Stephanie Scales, 11



4 "Oh, I guess I like to talk."
-Geoffrey Hargis, 12



5 "Mostly to my close friends."
-Alaine Caudle, 11



6 "Not really...ok I am."
-Kyle Alfrey, 10



Students not only use their voices to talk, but they use other forms of communication as well. Texting is a common way of communicating among peers and students. Students often text because it is an easy way to get in touch with friends and family. Texting is even allowed during lunch period and in between classes.

"I think it's a lot better because it doesn't tempt students to text during class, and I don't feel like I'm in a prison anymore," Maggie Gilmore said.

Also, many students are looking to the Internet to chat with friends. Facebook and messenger are a couple of popular ways that students use to chat on the Internet.

Savannah Stevens said, "Oh ya!!! I love FACEBOOK!!!! It is so AWESOME; I cant stop thinking about it!"

Talking? Oh yeah! I love to talk. Especially to my friends on the weekends!
-Gary Koelliker, 11



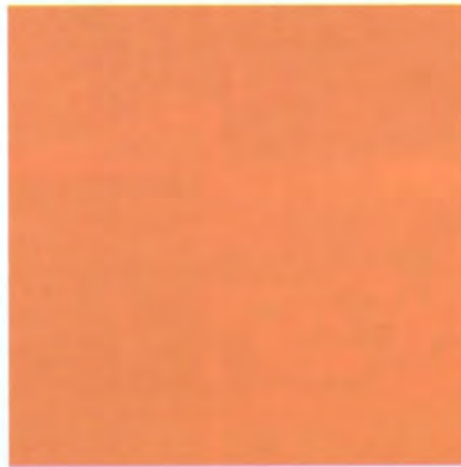
I would say that I like to talk a lot, but not to people I don't know.
-Katie Crandall, 11



Dressed as sumo wrestlers during an FCA event, Marc Ellis and Derak Gibson run towards one another. "It was pretty cool putting the costume on, I felt like a real sumo wrestler," Gibson said.



Superhero powers unite! Shayin Fritch and Marijke Fox dress as the female version of Batman. "We got our idea from the yellow poncho that we found at the football game the night before," Fritch said.



Serving up some food are freshmen Jordan Cluck, Koby Scholz, Jordan Sellers, Clarissa Billups. "We were busy all evening," Billups said. "We had a lot of customers going through the line."



Enjoying each other's company, seniors Morgan Helmstetter, Brianna Cluck and Jessica Hutchinson come together to share some great memories during Homecoming Week. "When it comes to my friends, don't talk smack ya," Helmstetter said.

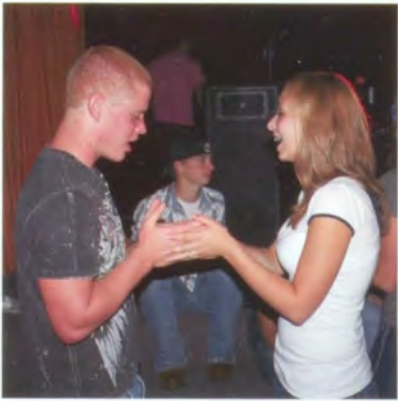
Sophomores Paige Ellis and Brooke Fee frolic in the autumn leaves during the halloween parade. "My favorite season is fall because I like to play in leaves," Ellis said.



Senior Ben Lock and sophomore Nikki Boos laugh as they hold hands at the back to school dance. "The dance was really fun!" Boos said.



People

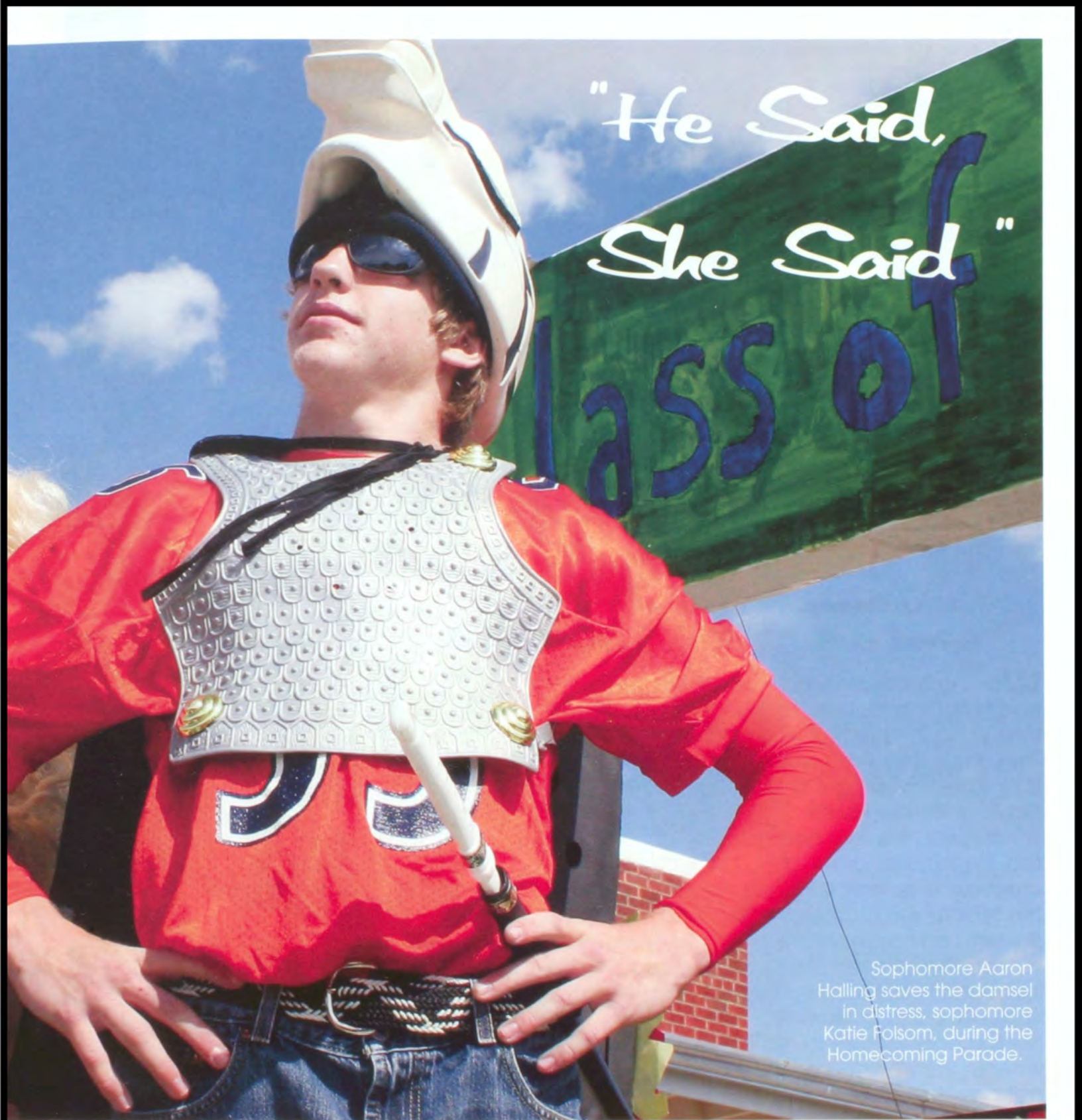


During the FCA cook-out junior Ashlie Witham races to the finish line on one of the inflatable activities. "As I was doing the activity all that was running through my mind was that I had to beat Josh," Witham said.



Senior Marijke Fox gets crazy with string games during horticulture class. "We were very tired from working oh so hard and we needed a fun way to relax!" Fox said.

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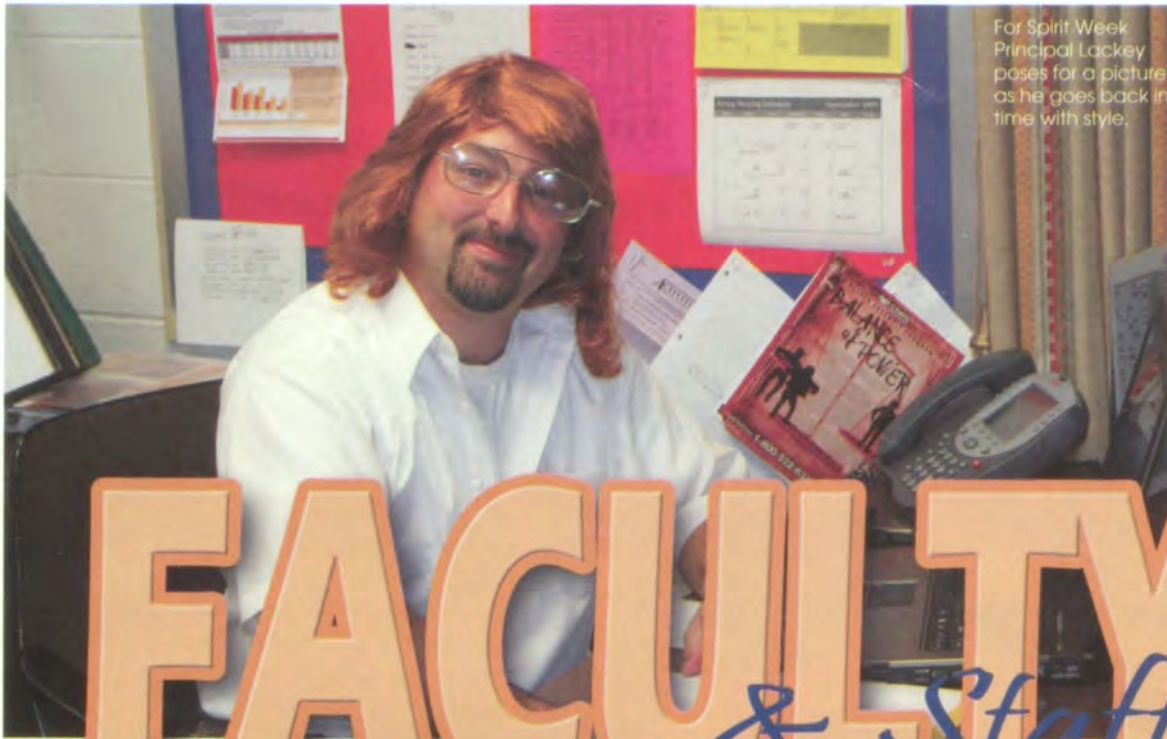


"He Said,
She Said"

Class of

Sophomore Aaron Halling saves the damsel in distress, sophomore Katie Folsom, during the Homecoming Parade.

For Spirit Week Principal Lackey poses for a picture as he goes back in time with style.



FACULTY & Staff

Business as usual mixed with a little fun

Working hard every day preparing lesson plans and teaching classes, the DWHS teachers are sure to be the hardest working teachers around. They show their hard work and dedication as they care, challenge, and help students achieve life-long goals.

However, the teachers know how to have fun too. During Spirit Week and other scheduled creative days, they let their spirit shine. Seeing the teachers in a different light gives the students an appreciation of their involvement.

Activities director Jim Howard seemed to be involved in each dress-up occasion, with various wigs, hats, and costumes.

"A school without spirit is like a car without wheels. The engine might start, but you won't get anywhere," Howard said.

U.S.D 111 Board Members. Front: Rod Carwell, Miriam Scholz, Doug Johnson. Back: Galen Weiland, Bill Hargis, Brad Gilmore. Not pictured: Scott Twombly.



Dressing up for hippie day Jim Howard rocks out in his peaceful outfit.



During Homecoming Spirit Week English teachers Kristin Demel and Marla Taylor dress up for cowboy/cowgirl day.



Karen Autem, counselor
 Jeremy Blanton, network admin.
 Linda Blanton, cook
 Rex Bollinger, superintendent
 Sue Cluck, cook
 Randy Collins, custodian



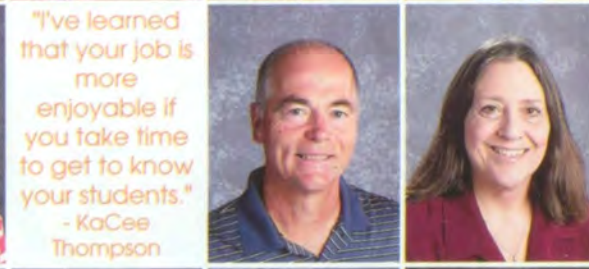
"Janet Libel whipped us all into shape our first year in promoting the Mustang spirit. Many kids have taken the initiative to regain the spirit at D-West."
 -Vicki Winchester



Kristin Demel, English
 Kathleen Pickman, asst. secretary
 Esther Gormley, English
 Harry Hamblin, music
 Troy Hoffman, math



Adam Hooker, P.E.
 Jim Howard, activities director
 Juan Huertas, Spanish
 Joann Karn, admin. asst./treasurer
 Kertis Keehn, science
 Chris Lackey, principal



"I've learned that your job is more enjoyable if you take time to get to know your students."
 -KaCee Thompson

Bailey Lanter, social studies
 Delbert Larson, science
 Roland Mace, paraprofessional
 Mark Martin, P.E.
 Angie Nelbling, librarian



Ryan Ostrander, paraprofessional
 Donna Parish, history/sociology
 Rob Randall, resource room
 June Roberts, FACS
 Elmer Schmitz, ag/FFA
 Laura Schmitz, librarian



"My most enjoyable part of my first year here at D-West has been getting to know the students and staff."
 - Bailey Lanter



Ginger Scott, secretary
 Julie Speer, paraprofessional
 Carl Swendson, math
 Marla Taylor, English
 KaCee Thompson, ag/FFA



Stan Thorton, art
 Judy Twombly, paraprofessional
 Vicki Winchester, computers
 Cinda Wright, cook
 Wes Hedrick, custodian
 Ramona Gilfillan, nurse

Not pictured:
 Jeri Baker, IRC
 Tarin Luedke, network assistant

James Zachariah Baker



Christopher Beagle



"Get over it."
- Tim Beagle

Dyllon Buttrick



"Love is like a booger. You keep looking at it until you get it, then wonder what to do with it."

Taylor-Abbott Carwell



"Jesus built the stairway to heaven with two boards and three nails."

Brianna Cluck



"I have a goldfish."

Kyle Cluck



Jacob Collins



"To be old and wise you must first be young and stupid."

Mariah Cunningham



"Life is Simple: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. Scratch where it itches."

Brennan Davis



"If everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane."

Cheyenne Davis



"If you can't handle me at my worst, you don't deserve me at my best."

SENIORS 2010

Kristy Denton



"Live Laugh Love"

Brett Dunlap



Adrian Duran



Amber Folsom



"We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Marijke Fox



"Live Life Loud"

Shaylin Fritch



"You don't have to be great to start, you have to start to be great."

Maggie Gilmore



Jessica Gartner



"We all have our time machines. Some take us back; they're called memories. Some take us forward; they're called dreams." - Jeremy Irons

Miranda Godfrey



"A good friend will come bail you out of jail...A true friend will be sitting there beside you saying, 'Dang that was fun.'"

Geoffrey Hargis



"Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do." - John Wooden

Morgan Helmstetter



"My mama always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.'" - Forrest Gump

Matthew Henry



"Never B flat, never B sharp, always B yourself, B natural."

Lindsay Libel



"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." - Dr. Seuss

Jessica Rauch



"I don't think of myself as special, I'd like to think of myself as Limited Edition."

Jacob Simmons



"You might be a redneck if you use your fishing license as an ID and it works."

Savannah Stevens



"Stay gold, Ponyboy...stay gold." - The Outsiders

Jessica Hutchinson



"I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental like on a breeze. But I, I think maybe it's both." - Forrest Gump

"The key to happiness is having dreams - the key to success is making them come true."

Kayla Schmitz



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." - Mother Teresa

Paul D. Simmons



"I'd catch a punt naked, in the snow, in Buffalo, for a chance to play in the NFL." - Steve Henderson

Mollie Tharp



"Challenges are what makes life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Brittany Keever



"A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice." - Bill Cosby

Ben Lock



Joey Scholz



Malia Sisk



"Dreams are which the mind conceives, the heart desires, and the soul believes."

Cameron Twombly



"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." - Vince Lombardi

Gary Keim



"When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Korey Martin

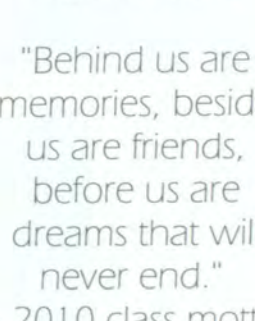


Lisa Scholz



"The people and circumstances around me do not make me what I am, they reveal who I am."

Christopher Smith



"Behind us are memories, beside us are friends, before us are dreams that will never end." - 2010 class motto

Cassie Wilcox



"Love has no desire but to fulfill itself. To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night. To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving." - Kahlil Gibran

Courtney Langley



Amanda Pickman



Christopher Simmons



Christopher Smith



Kelly Ward



"I always knew looking back on the tears would make me laugh, but I never knew looking back on the laughs would make me cry."

"When life gives you a thousand reasons to cry, be strong and smile."

"Now you wouldn't believe me if I told you, but I could run like the wind blows." - Forrest Gump

"Life is Fine." - Langston Hughes



Playing a rousing game of musical chairs isn't ordinarily a typical way to review for a test. In American Government class, though, a group of seniors race for chairs in order to stay in the game. In this version of the childhood classic game, when the music stopped and someone was left chairless, he or she had to answer a review question to get back in the game. Senior Jessica Rauch said, "I would love to play it again even though the game seemed childish and the fact that everyone seemed to have fun."

Wearing cowboy hats are senior girls Malia Sisk and Cheyenne Davis. "I'll always remember the good times I've had with my classmates and the fun times I've had with my friends," said Sisk. Davis said, "I will never forget all the football games, proms or most importantly, my class!"



Above: Decorating the senior hallway is a tradition for every graduating class. Homecoming spirit week meant dressing up and making the class hallways their very own. Seniors threw confetti, streamers, glitter and a variety of other crazy things to let others know that the downstairs hallway belonged to seniors! There was also black paper on the ground that seniors wrote their signature on using brightly colored chalk.



Acting out a scene from "Alice in Wonderland" during English 4, Brett Dunlap, Adrian Duran and Joey Scholz perform a skit for their class. Dunlap said, "I'm don't really like getting up in front of the class, but it wasn't so bad."



Top O' the mornin' to ya! Maggie Gilmore, Lisa Scholz and Kayla Schmitz show their Irish pride on St. Patrick's Day. Gilmore and Schmitz said, "We were in the Patty's Day spirit and wanted to act like leprechauns!"



Stopping for a picture on the steps while on their way to class are seniors Morgan Helmstetter, Brittany Keever and Mollie Harp. "Not only are the hallways crowded after class but the stairways are usually packed too," Keever said.





MEMORIES



Throughout high school, every student makes his or her own share of memories. Seniors will graduate and leave high school, but the memories made during those four years will last a lifetime.

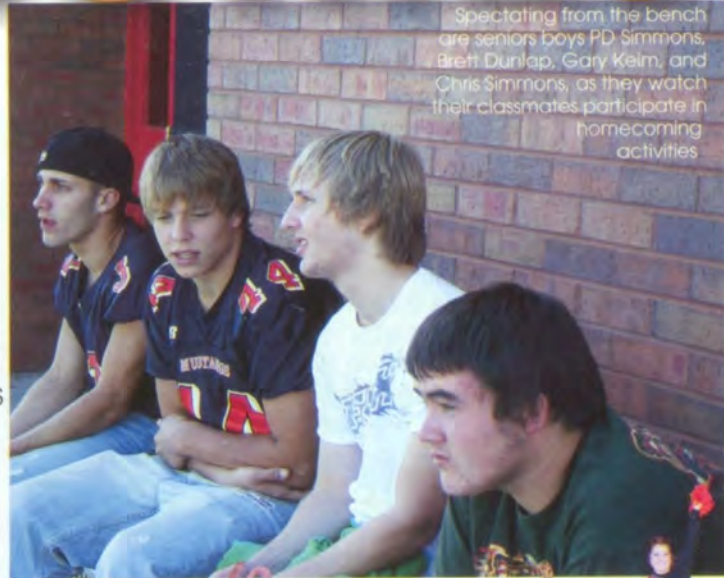
Taylor Carwell said, "I find it quite humorous to listen to underclassmen complain about the lunch line when we used to the same thing when we were younger!"

"My favorite memory of high school is hanging out at all the school games," Dyllon Butrick said.

"I'll always remember that time Brandon Smith rode his bike through the commons my junior year," Brennan Davis said.

Jessica Rauch said, "The dodgeball tournament from sophomore year was so much fun, I'll never forget it!"

"I loved having mashed taters at lunchtime," Chris Smith said.



Spectating from the bench are seniors boys PD Simmons, Brett Dunlap, Gary Kelm, and Chris Simmons, as they watch their classmates participate in homecoming activities.





During the Saint Patrick's Day dance, the attending juniors take a quick break from their dancing.

JUNIORS 2011

Do You Have Spirit?

Winning almost all of the class competitions, the juniors swept away the spirit points and won the class spirit contest for the first semester.

Holding many different class competitions throughout the year, there were many different opportunities given to all classes to win spirit points. Spirit points are given when there is a great number of participation throughout each class. Points are given at dances, spirit week, homecoming and winter royalty games, and at many other times throughout the year. Earning the most points for the first semester, the juniors were rewarded with a skip day.

"My favorite thing about spirit points was that we won, and so we got out of school," Cody Winchester said.

The junior class was in the lead again for the second semester. Each student in the class did their best to participate in each activity.

Emily French said, "I think spirit points and class competitions are a great way to get people involved because who doesn't want a skip day? Or their name on a plaque? Ok, so we didn't get a plaque, but if we did, they would."



Voting on which announcement to use for next year's graduation, juniors Landon Allen, Caleb Lackey, Taryn Gibson, Ashlie Witham, Nick Johnson, Taylor Martin, and Stephanie Scales found it very easy to agree on one they all like.



Juniors Alaine Caudie, Hannah Lackey, and Caleb Lackey watch juniors Ashley Courtin, Rachel Keller, and Taryn Gibson put together the menus for the 2010 prom.



Juniors Caleb Lackey, Katie Crandall, and Travis Arnold dress as cowboys and Indians and show school spirit by supporting couples day during the homecoming spirit week.



"My favorite thing about this year was the memories I have shared with my friends."

-Stephanie Scales

Landon Allen
Travis Arnold
Keaton Blevins
Robyn Boos
Alaine Caudle



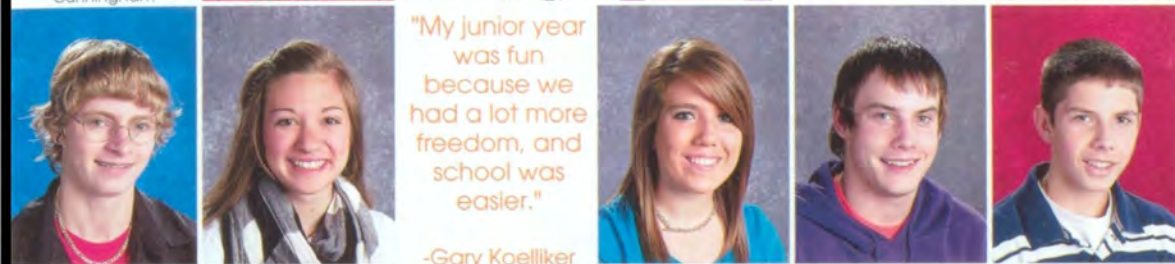
"High school was more challenging because the pressure about good grades increased."

-Mackenzie Cunningham

"I will never forget when Keaton made the winning half court shot during basketball season."

-Josh VanLaar

Dillan Colborn
Ashley Courtin
Katie Crandall
Mackenzie Cunningham



"My junior year was fun because we had a lot more freedom, and school was easier."

-Gary Koelliker

Marshall Diveley
Emily French
Taryn Gibson
Michael Hurd
Nicholas Johnson



"My favorite thing from this year was playing the National Anthem for ball games."

-Caleb Lackey

Rachel Keller
Gary Koelliker
Caleb Lackey
Hannah Lackey
Ethan Larson



Taylor Martin
Valerie Neibling
Lorie Peuker
Katherine Rush
Stephanie Scales
Steven Simmons



"I really like a lot of the new teachers that are here."

-Taryn Gibson

Josh Van Laar
Tanner Veach
Ravin Walls
Cody Winchester
Ashlie Witham

"First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do."



Junior Landon Allen, Travis Arnold and Katherine Rush sit together and wait for the elementary kids during the Halloween parade.



Above: During the homecoming parade juniors Taylor Martin, Mackenzie Cunningham, and Katie Crandall walk in front of the float holding the class of 2011 sign.



Juniors Mackenzie Cunningham, Katie Crandall, Valerie Neibling, and Stephanie Scales ride together to the FFA Winter CDE's at Wamego.



Spotlight

What is the weirdest thing about you?

Landon Allen



"I wear a size 15 shoe."

Ravin Walls



"I make a loud noise when I laugh."

Ethan Larson



"I can wiggle my ears."

Rachel Keller

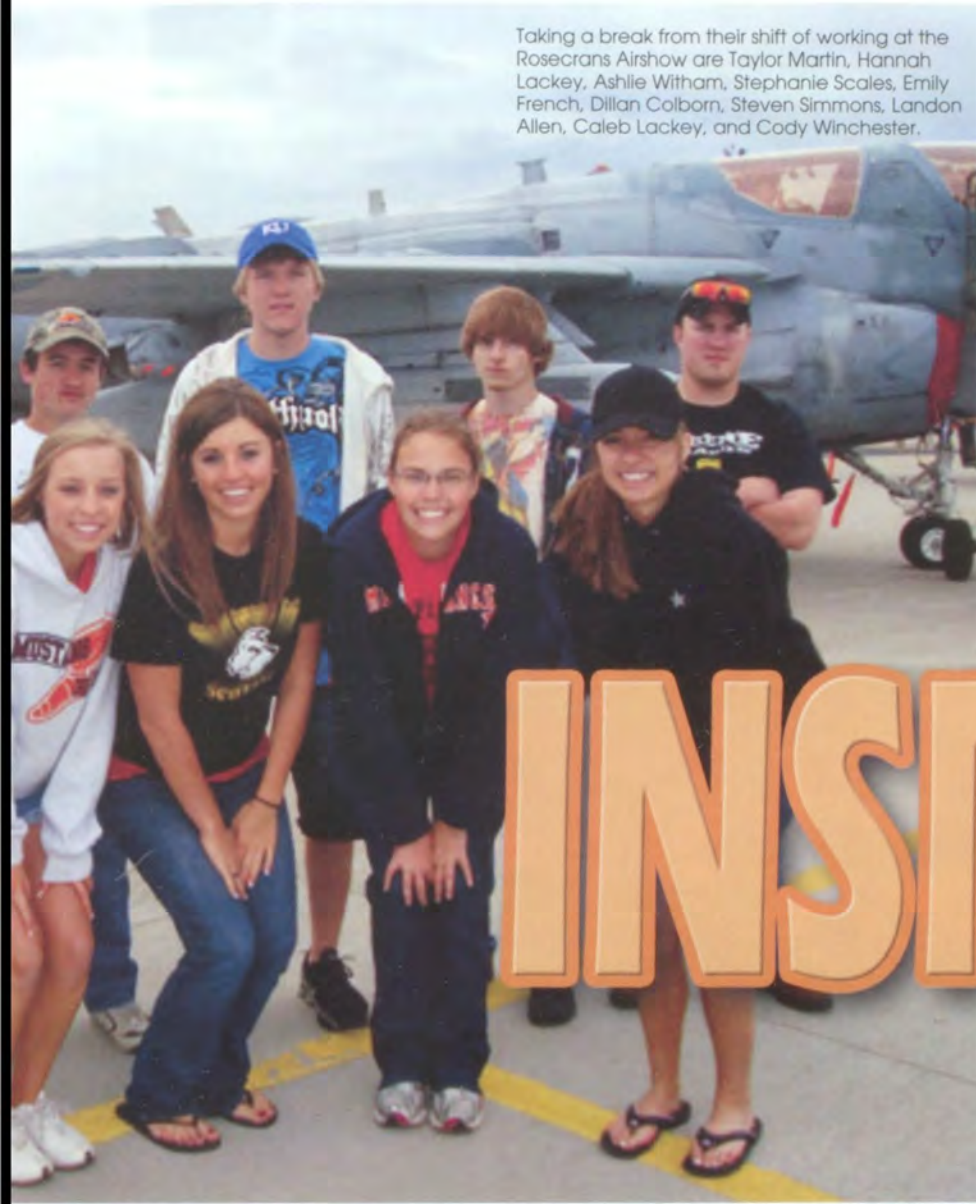


"I can bend my fingers back really far."



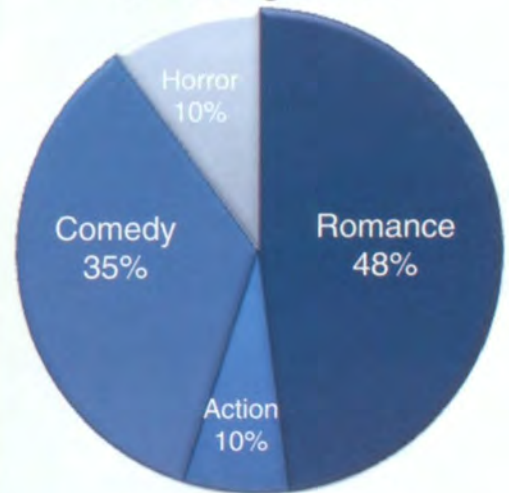
Taking a break from their shift of working at the Rosecrans Airshow are Taylor Martin, Hannah Lackey, Ashlie Witham, Stephanie Scales, Emily French, Dillan Colborn, Steven Simmons, Landon Allen, Caleb Lackey, and Cody Winchester.

Juniors Katherine Rush, Valerie Neibling, Emily French, and Landon Allen take a break from the dance floor and chat with each other during the 2010 prom.



INSPIRE

What is your favorite movie genre?



Juniors Rachel Keller, Valerie Neibling and Stephanie Scales help raffle off an Ipod touch as a class fundraiser during a basketball game.



Alaine Caudle, junior, assembles the water fountain that is one of the main decorations for prom.





Just receiving their order, some sophomores show off their sparkly new class rings.

SOPHOMORES 2012

High School Bling

In the fall of this year, the sophomores had the opportunity to pick out their very own class rings, which can be a very exciting and hard decision.

"It was hard to decide on what class ring I wanted because there were all different kinds I could choose from," sophomore Austin Veach said.

There are hundreds of different designs that students can choose from to personalize their ring just how they want it. The sophomores could go online to make their ring so they could see exactly what they were going to order.

It is a memorable opportunity given to the sophomores, and gives the freshmen something to look forward to for next year. Sophomores placed their orders toward the beginning of the year and received their rings before Thanksgiving break.

"I am very happy with decision I have made. The one I wanted is perfect. It is everything I want and reflects my personality," sophomore Kendra Lysaght said.



While participating in the homecoming activities, sophomores Marc Ellis, Ben Petrik, Kendra Lysaght, and Autumn Royer get ready to win their class points during the dance competition.



Sophomores Nikki Boos and Autumn Royer get ready to turn in their order form for their class rings.



Reenacting a sword fight, sophomores Aaron Halling, and Marc Ellis get into the mood, trying to win their class first place during the float competition.



Kyle Alfrey
Zachary Bokelman
Nikki Boos
Narda Cahue
Judah Clary
Keshana Cook



Skylar Crossland
Veronica Dickson
Lacie Diveley
Tyler Diveley
Marc Ellis



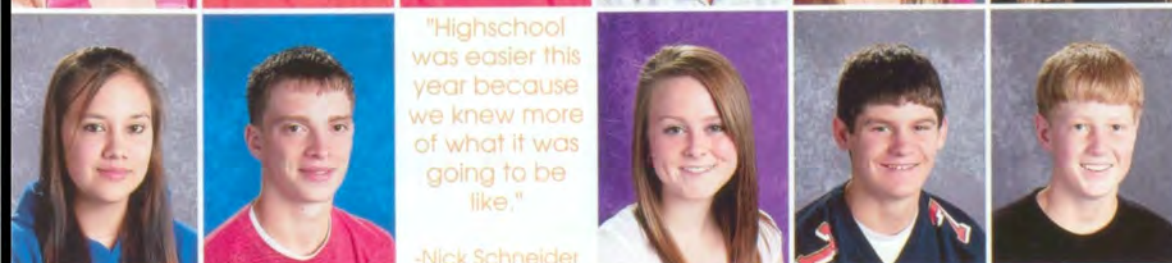
Paige Ellis
Thomas Erzen
Brook Fee
Kaitlyn Folsom
Aaron Halling
Emma-Leigh Herrs



Michelle Johnson
Rusty Krantz
Jacob Lee
Kendra Lysaght
Kelby McNemee



Chelsea Miller
Katrina Miller
Benjamin Petrik
Chris Peuker
Jessica Pickman
Brittany Rauch



Autumn Royer
Mason Rush
Rachel Rush
Dustin Saunders
Nick Schneider



Terri Simmons
Amber Stewart
Haley Tilton
Austin Veach
Colton Waggoner
Dylan Wood

"It's how you deal with failure that determines how you achieve success."



While getting ready for the Winter Royalty Dance sophomores Rachel Rush, Jessica Pickman and Michelle Johnson hurriedly do their last minute touch ups.



Sophomores Terri Simmons, Katie Folsom and Narda Cahue anxiously wait their turn to get in line for lunch.



Sophomores Chelsea Miller and Brooke Fee express their excitement while getting ready to cook in their FACS class.



Spotlight

When you wake up in the morning what is the first thing you do?

Judah Clary



"I brush my teeth."

Jessica Pickman



"I always look at my phone."

Aaron Hailing



"The first thing I do, is hit the snooze."

Terri Simmons



"I take a hot shower."



Sophomores in Marla Taylor's English II wear random props during an activity in which they acted out modern translations of the banquet scene in "Macbeth."

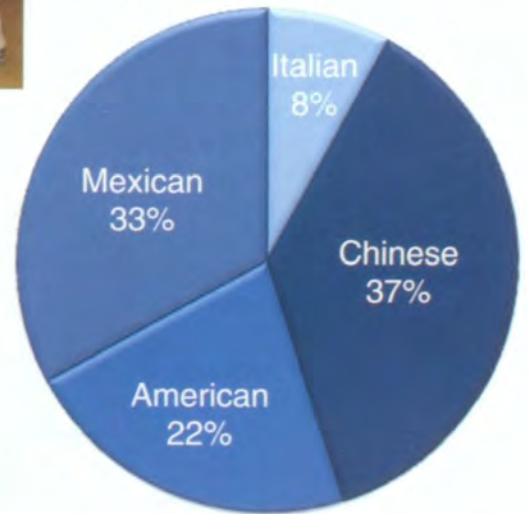


Sophomores Aaron Halling and Keshana Cook are ready to participate in the punt, pass and kick competition during the homecoming activities.



ACHIEVE

What is your favorite type of cuisine?



During the Spanish field trip, sophomore Rachel Rush shows her goofy side while wearing a mini sombrero.

Sophomores Chelsea Miller and Brittany Rauch dress together during homecoming week as the characters in the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas."





Freshmen Alexis Simmons, Maggie Johnson, Laura Rush, BreAnn Caudle, and Abby Fee jump off the dance floor for a quick picture while at the icebreaker dance.

FRESHMEN 2013

A Good Change

Going from the top dogs of the middle school to being the under classmen is a hard transition, and though usually nervous at first, freshmen often find high school a welcome step forward.

"High school is way better than middle school. We have way more freedom now," Aaron Johnson said.

For the last couple of years the freshmen have been required to come to school a day early for Freshmen orientation. They play team building games and get acquainted with the high school before the first day of school.

"I really enjoyed having freshmen orientation because it was a fun way to get all of us acquainted with the school before all of the other students came," Alexis Simmons said.



Some of the freshmen boys converse during their lunch period while eating a very delicious and hardy meal.

While being welcomed at freshmen orientation, Gabby Speer, Emily Franken, and Kassiday Blevins are ready and excited to see what high school is really like.



During FACS class Luke Twombly, Austin Ricklefs, and Jeremy Clark wash their dishes after cooking.

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Scott Twombly
Good Luck next year!
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Clarissa Billups
Kassidy Blevins
BreAnne Caudle
Jermy Clark
Jordan Cluck
Aisha Diveley

"My favorite thing from this year was making new upperclassmen friends!"
-Abby Fee



"Our class maturity level greatly improved this year."
-Austin Ricklefs



Kevin Elliot
Ashley Ernzen
Abby Fee
Emily Franken



"Everyone said that the upper classmen would pick on us, but they didn't. They were all really nice."
-Kyle Shannon



Derek Gibson
Alyssa Halvorsen
Derrick Hughes
Aaron Johnson
Maggie Johnson



"It was hard at times not knowing everyone, but once I did, it was a lot easier to feel welcome."
-BreAnne Caudle



Raven Kentzler
Cheyenne Kerns
Lucas Kuhn
Maddi Libel
Keaton Maxwell



"We had a lot more freedoms this year. All the awkwardness of middle schol was gone, and everyone was accepting."
-Aisha Diveley



Karmen Mercer
Ruby Rhodd
Austin Ricklefs
Laura Rush
Koby Scholz

"My favorite thing from this year was making more friends, and being with my sister."
-Maddi Libel



"I am looking forward to having fun in high school, and doing sports."
-Jordan Sellers



Jordan Sellers
Kyle Shannon
Cody Shiftlet
Kendall Shrimpton



Alexis Simmons
Justin Simmons
Gabby Speer
Luke Twombly
Christopher Tygret
Jake Wiedner

"Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it."



While attending the FCA fun night freshmen Kassidy Blevins and Gabby Speer race each other on the bungee run.



During the Barnwarming banquet freshmen Clarissa Billups and Maddi Libel wait anxiously wait in line to get their food.



Karmen Mercer gets ready to punt the football while her teammates stand by and watch. On the fun-filled Friday during homecoming week, each of the classes competed against each other doing different activities.

Spotlight

What do you think other people find annoying about you?

Luke Twombly



"I have bad mood swings."

Alysa Halvorsen



"I talk way too loud."

Koby Scholz



"I chew with my mouth open."

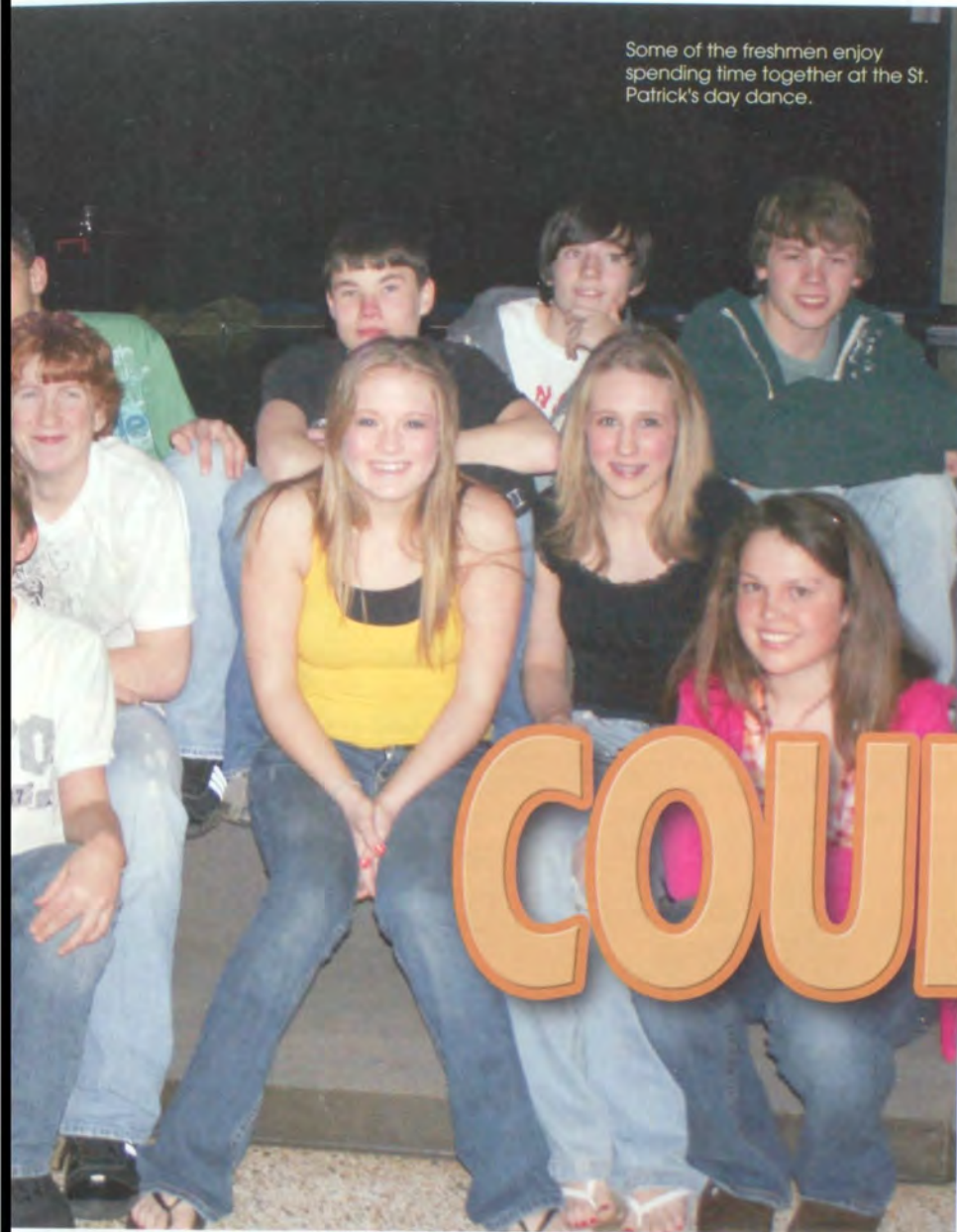
Clarissa Billups



"I mumble a lot."



Some of the freshmen enjoy spending time together at the St. Patrick's day dance.

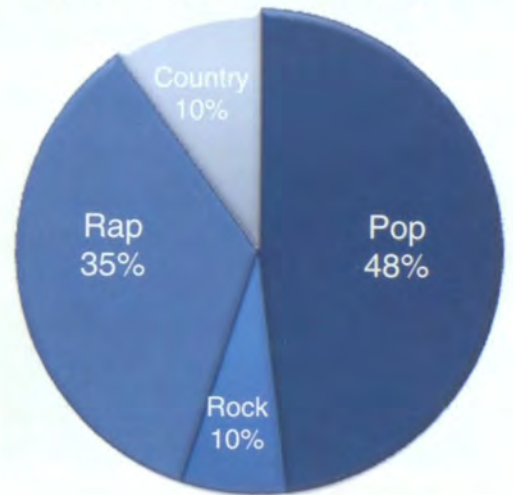


Freshmen Kassidy Blevins, Luke Twombly, and Maggie Johnson all take a moment to capture a memory by taking a picture.



COURAGE

What type of music do you like to listen to?



Laura Rush and Jordan Sellars take a second away from their dancing to smile for the camera.

Freshmen Kyle Shannon and Jake Wiedner offer a helping hand and prepare taco shells during the freshmen class dinner.



Senior Lindsay Libel enjoys string games during art class. "It was extremely hard because I didn't know you could do so much with string...and I got tangled a few times," Lindsay Libel said.



"The Journalism class intensely studies other high school yearbooks to get ideas," senior Lisa Scholz said. Left to right: Emily French, Lisa Scholz, Shayln Fritch, Ashlie Witham, and Hannah Lackey.



During Speech Class, seniors try to build the tallest self standing straw tower. "It was odd but it taught us teamwork," P.D. Simmons said.

Classes



"When we were measuring things around the school we got absolutely no work done," Austin Ricklefs said.



The sophomores in Marla Taylor's English class, act out the banquet scene in "MacBeth." "It was fun acting out different scenes from 'MacBeth'," Veronica Dickson said.

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"You can say that again"



**Band Choir FFA Art/Brain Leadership
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During Chemistry taught by Delbert Larson, juniors Katherine Rush, Ashlie Witham, Valerie Neibling and Ashley Courtin, and senior Zach Baker sport their protective plastic aprons as they read over their lab instructions.

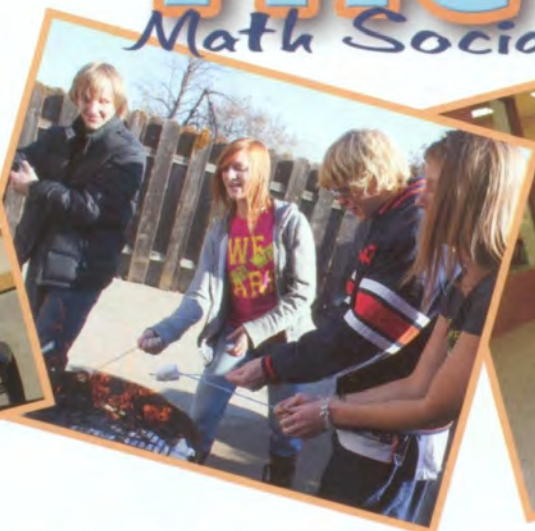


The Core

Math Social Studies Science



Decked out in safety goggles, sophomores Veronica Dickson, Emma-Leigh Herrs, Autumn Royer, and Lacie Diveley work on a group lab measuring substances in test tubes.



Left: Junior Caleb Lackey prepares to make his shot as he steps up to launch a throw during Carl Swendson's math ball game where students get the reward of shooting the ball for correct answers. Middle: Excited to explore the newly purchased College English books seniors Maggie Gilmore, Cameron Twombly and Cheyenne Davis have fun during their College English class while they roast marshmallows. The roasting of these marshmallows celebrated out with the old English books and in with the new. Right: Freshmen Karmen Mercer and Maddi Libel work carefully on measuring the length of the hallway during Pre-Algebra.

What is your favorite class?



"I enjoy art the most because I like to draw."
-Taylor Martin, 11



"My favorite class is art because i think its a pretty fun class."
-Jordan Sellers, 9



"I like Ag because it's fun and easy."
-Austin Veach, 10



The students in Marla Taylor's English II class act out a scene from Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

e English

Hands-on Learning

Making edible cells, conducting lab experiments, acting out scenes from literature, playing games, and demonstrating knowledge are among ways the teachers kept students actively involved in the classroom with non-traditional learning techniques. Using different methods, teachers hoped to foster learning while keeping the interest of the students.

Another advantage to hands-on learning is the transferring of information to long-term memory. It has been proven that active learners have a better chance of taking complex concepts and remembering them due to multi-sensory activities. So, make learning fun and everyone wins.



Sophomore Keshana Cook shows one of her many talents during science as she displays her edible cells in which each treat on the cake stands for a different part of a cell.



For the American History final students were asked to create a museum exhibit featuring an assigned historical decade to be displayed in the commons. Junior Ethan Larson poses in front of his group's 1950's display.

Express Yourself!

Expressing one's inner feelings has always been an important action to take as a person. Through Journalism 1 and 2, Spanish, and P.E. students are encouraged to do their personal best and explore their many talents.

In Journalism 1, the seven girls along with Landon Allen stretched their minds to come up with riveting stories for the school newspaper, the "D. West Express." The Journalism 2 class explored all of the possibilities for the new yearbook and found inspiration from a poster hanging in Carl Swendson's classroom.

Juan Huertas, the new Spanish teacher from Spain, offered a whole new culture for his students to discover. From visiting a Mexican market and art exhibit in Kansas City, to attending a Cinco de Mayo festival, the students were able to capture a small glimpse of the foreign culture.

Physical Education is not only great for becoming active, but is also a fun way to spend an entire class period. According to juniors Ashlie Witham and Hannah Lackey, activities in P.E. included weight lifting, matball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, tennis, golf, and dodgeball. The P.E. 2 classes also took a trip to tennis courts in St. Joseph and to a golf course on another day.

One standout memory Lackey has of P.E. class is when they were going golfing and even before the group even left the school, she and Austin Rickles joined efforts to stop the bus which was rolling backwards.



Top: The Journalism 1 class goes hog wild while enjoying a day in the snow. The heavy snowfall that day gave the students their first snow day of the year!

Middle: Nick Johnson, junior, stretches to reach the tennis ball just in time to hit it back over to his opponents, senior Brett Dunlap and junior Josh Van Laar.

Bottom: In the middle of an intense dodgeball game, Ben Petrik dominates the court with his mad ball-throwing skills.



Top: At the Spanish market, Zach Baker checks out the different types of spices.

Bottom: Shayin Fritch and Lisa Scholz order some much needed ice cream at Sonic after a long day at the Jostens plant.



Getting ready for the smack down, freshman Kassidy Blevins aims high for the other side of the volleyball court.

Senior Malia Sisk, junior Taryn Gibson, and Journalism teacher Merla Taylor leap from the bench on the north side of the high school. The Journalism 1 class was learning how to take action pictures with the Journalism cameras.



Favorite Memory?

Physical Education

"My most memorable moment was when P.E. 2 was leaving for St. Joe to play tennis and the bus started rolling backwards into the road."

-Hannah Lackey, 11



Journalism

"My absolute favorite memory of Journalism has been walking around the school and taking candid pictures that turn out looking hilarious."

-Cheyenne Davis, 12



Spanish

"In Spanish, I liked talking about guitars and looking up guitars online. It's a topic brought up about once a week."

-Caleb Lackey, 11



Spanish

"My favorite memory from Spanish was trying to teach Mr. Huertas English slang words and noticing how big of a sweet tooth he had."

-Amber Folsom, 12



Expressions

Journalism P.E. Spanish



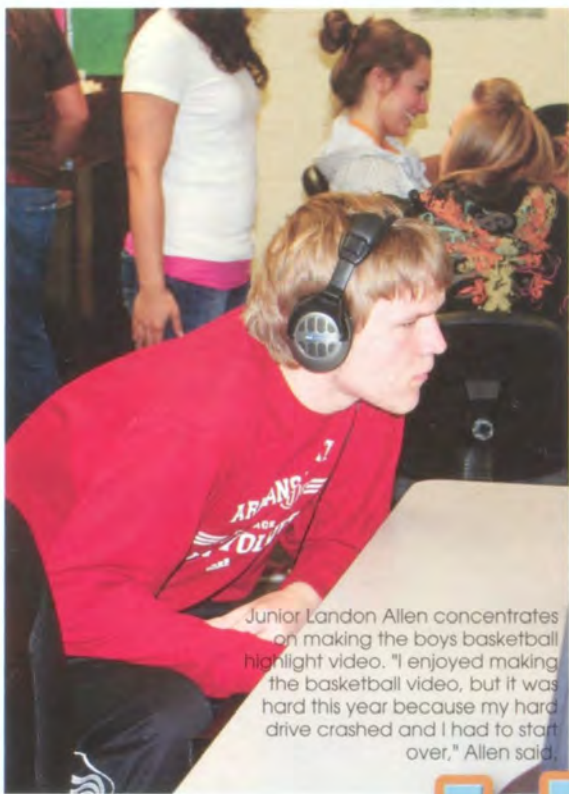
Seniors Maggie Gilmore, Malia Sisk, Cheyenne Davis, and Kayla Schmitz put their noggins together to come up with a new and improved style for the yearbook. That day was also hippie day during homecoming week. All of the girls pictured said, "We loved being hippies and in Journalism at the same time. It was totally groovy."



While on the Spanish field trip, sophomore Rachel Rush gulps down a bottle of Coca-Cola outside of the the Mexican restaurant.



Sophomore Skylar Crossland takes aim at senior Cameron Twombly while playing a mean game of dodgeball in strength and speed. "My favorite game to play in P.E. was dodgeball. I liked going to P.E. every other day," Crossland said.



Junior Landon Allen concentrates on making the boys basketball highlight video. "I enjoyed making the basketball video, but it was hard this year because my hard drive crashed and I had to start over," Allen said.



Life Skills

Computers FACS Art



Unleashing their creative sides, students work on projects involving videos, art pieces, and delicious food. Left: Sophomore Katie Folsom video tapes junior Taylor Martin for her Computer Apps II video. Middle: Freshmen Lucas Kuhn, Jordan Sellers, and Koby Scholz create scrumptious muffins in Foods class. Right: Working on her art project, freshman Chelsea Miller works with paper mache to show her creative side.

How do you express your creative side in class?



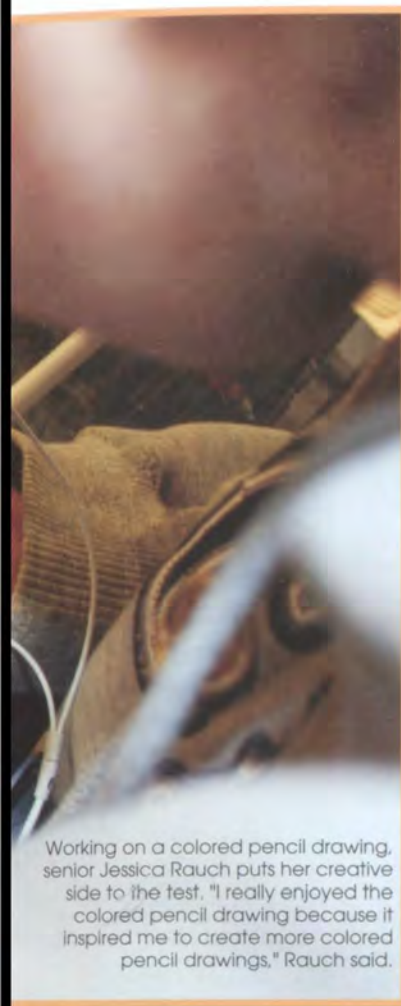
"In Computers you can create various projects that illustrate your creative side."
- Mollie Tharp, 12



"Being in food class is fun because you don't have to just take notes and you get to create delicious food."
- Maddi Libel, 9



"Art breaks up my day from being boring and lets me get creative."
- Savannah Stevens, 12



Working on a colored pencil drawing, senior Jessica Rauch puts her creative side to the test. "I really enjoyed the colored pencil drawing because it inspired me to create more colored pencil drawings," Rauch said.



Imitating the movie "Hangover," senior Lindsay Libel, sophomores Autumn Royer, Paige Ellis, and Emma-Leigh Herrs, pause in the school's elevator to reenact one of the scenes from the movie.

Junior Marshall Diveley carefully works on his metalsmithing project. "Sometimes metalsmithing requires you to get down and dirty," Diveley said.

Unleashing Creativity

Besides sitting at a desk and taking long, drawn-out notes, students can unleash their inner creativity by exploring classes such as Computers, FACS, and Art. Whether students are making art masterpieces, fun technology projects, or scrumptious food, these classes help students learn in fun and unique ways.

In Computers, students often make videos that deal with movies, music videos, or something of their choice. "I like being in computers and making videos because it's fun and different than sitting in a classroom," sophomore Emma-Leigh Herrs said.

In FACS, students are able to create delicious, mouth-watering food. While in Art class, students explore their artsy side and create beautiful and unique art projects. "Art allows you to use your imagination to create things that express who you are and it helps people think outside the box," senior Taylor Carwell said.

One Art class features paper mache which many students enjoy doing. "Paper mache was fun because it was different than most of the art projects we have ever done before," junior Ashlie Witham said.

Students can express their talents in so many ways, and creative classes are one way students can really show what they are capable of creating in life.



Tapping into her creative side, junior Taylor Martin uses colored pencils to draw a frog. "I wanted to draw a frog for my colored pencil drawing because the picture didn't have a lot of shading, and plus the frog was a cute tree frog," Martin said.



While attending the State Stars Events for FCCLA, FACS teacher June Roberts, juniors Landon Allen, Mackenzie Cunningham, and Valerie Neibling enjoy a stay at Wichita at the Marriot Hotel. "I thought the FCCLA trip was fun because that was the first time we have ever been, and Landon qualified for nationals," Cunningham said.

Full of Change

A fresh start,

A new year, a new teacher, a new choir, a new band. In the music department, change was found everywhere.

The band and choir started off the year with a new teacher, Harry Hamblin. Hamblin came off as exciting and fresh to the band. They thought that he seemed different from other teachers.

With eight students and one director, the band only had nine people to fill the room during rehearsals. Everyone rejoiced when Hamblin said there was not going to be a marching band.

"The most challenging thing was figuring out what I had to work with," Hamblin said.

With nine people total, the band even found it hard to march in the parades. For Homecoming, the band rode in the bed of a truck as they went down mainstreet.

On the other hand, Hamblin caused quite the uproar when meeting the choir. Hamblin had new ideas and wasn't fond of performing as a swing choir. After quite a bit of discussion, the choir got to do a swing choir show.

"I have never been involved with show choir before. I think that singing and dancing in musicals is enough. When I saw how important it was to the choir students, I changed my mind," Hamblin said.

The choir ended up doing a Christmas swing choir show. That way in the spring the choir could focus on their contest pieces.



From taking a stab at Matthew Henry to preparing for a concert at playing in pep band, the music department was always busy. There was never an end to time and commitment the music students put in.

"Between Aaron Halling, Kyle Cluck, and Chris Beagle there was never a dull moment. I'm just thankful they weren't all in the same class," Lisa Scholz said.

Top: Senior Band Students: Kyle Cluck, Chris Beagle, Matthew Henry, and Lisa Scholz.

Middle: First: Ashlie Witham, Lisa Scholz, and Aisha Diveley. Second: Shayln Fritch, and Terri Simmons. Third: Caleb Lackey, and Matthew Henry.

Bottom: Keshana Cook and Matthew Henry perform for the pep band during a basketball game.



Trying to keep in time, drummers Marshall Diveley and Kyle Cluck ignore the cold as they play in the pep band at a home football game.



Ready to go, Veronica Dickson and Brittany Rauch wait for the Night of the Arts concert to start.



Energy

Band Choir

What was the most challenging thing this year?



"The hardest thing was learning *Ach Veh Des Leiden*."
- Brittany Rauch, 10



"It was singing 'Can't Buy Me Love'; it was really hard."
- Caleb Lackey, 11



"The most challenging thing was getting a new director."
- Kyle Cluck, 12



"The hardest thing was finding music that would work for our numbers."
- Keshana Cook, 10



Right: First: Veronica Dickson, Matthew Henry, and Cecelia Wood. Second: Terri Simmons, Aaron Johnson, Caleb Lackey, and Michelle Johnson. Third: teacher Harry Hamblin, Jessica Rauch, Ashlie Witham, Keshana Cook, Aisha Diveley, Lisa Scholz, Shayln Fritch, and Leota Elder



First: Lisa Scholz, and Keshana Cook. Second: teacher Harry Hamblin, Ravan Kentzler, and Aisha Diveley. Third: Marshall Diveley, Kyle Cluck, Chris Beagle, and Matthew Henry.



The band marches down Main Street Highland during the primary and elementary schools' Halloween parade. Pictured are Chris Beagle, Matthew Henry, Kyle Cluck, Lisa Scholz, Marshall Diveley, Keshana Cook, Ravan Kentzler, Aisha Diveley, and director Harry Hamblin.



Junior Robyn Boos cracks up as she watches Senior Brennan Davis shovel food into his mouth during the National FFA Week eating contest.



Several FFA girls show off their push-up skills at the Army booth at the Career Show during National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. They won a t-shirt for doing the push-ups.

Seniors Kayla Schmitz and Brennan Davis, Junior Keaton Blevins, and seniors Courtney Langley and Brianna Cluck get caught up in the header of a combine during FFA Week. The students gave tours of combines to elementary students. The kids were so excited to get the chance to climb up into the combine and blow the horn.



Confidence

FFA



Snapshots from Barnwarming: Beau Derrick Hughes and Sweetheart Kayla Schmitz. Beau Candidate Jake Lee drools over dessert. Candidates Tanner Veach and Rachel Keller compete in a chore.

What was your favorite NEW experience of the year?



"National Convention because it was a lot of fun and I got to see a lot of different people and hang out with my peeps."

- Josh Van Laar, 11



"The combine tour because that's my forte. Both the kids and I got to learn from it."

- Brennan Davis, 12



"My favorite was announcing Barnwarming because it got to show everyone that I'm a cool person and a baller."

- Lindsay Libel, 12



Seniors Chris Simmons and Dyllon Butrick put their whole heart and body on the line for the senior team during the Case IH vs. John Deere tug-of-war contest. The contest was one of the many National FFA week activities that the FFA Chapter put on in February. They also did an eating contest, ice cream social, and scavenger hunt.

Freshman Kassiday Blevins tries her luck with the ticket machine at the arcade that FFA members went to during National FFA Convention. Members also played an exciting game of laser tag and many other arcade games like skeeball.

New Experiences The Doniphan West FFA

Chapter traveled far from the same old, same old this past year and ventured off into new territory.

For the first year ever, agriculture education had two FFA advisors. Elmer Schmitz, who has been around for about 25 years, was joined by KaCee Thompson, a recent KSU graduate that has a passion for teaching agriculture. She brought many innovative ideas for the program. Her Ag Business class started a salsa business that they sold at a football game. Thompson also singlehandedly started the middle school Ag Ed program.

Thompson, a past state officer candidate, mentored

senior Kayla Schmitz, who was in the process of running for state office, a first for the Doniphan West FFA Chapter.

Officers also took more of an initiative to accomplish new things. Senior Brennan Davis and junior Keaton Blevins drove their combines to school so they could show them to elementary kids during FFA Week. Also, a points system was started so FFA members who do a lot during the year can be rewarded. Members even took fun to a whole new level. During National FFA Convention they started some new traditions like going to laser tag and going to Comedy Sportz, a restaurant that serves up some hilarious dinner entertainment.

New experiences and new people: The Doniphan West FFA Chapter knows how to break the mold.



The Greenhands (or first year FFA members) that attended Greenhand's Conference: Front: Luke Twombly, Jordan Cluck, Abby Fee, Maggie Johnson, Gabby Speer, Clarissa Billups, Aaron Johnson, Jordan Sellers, BreAnne Caudle. Back: Chris Tygret, Derek Gibson, Koby Scholz, Kassiday Blevins, Aisha Diveley, Justin Simmons, Lucas Kuhn, Keaton Maxwell, Laura Rush.



Stepping out of her comfort zone, sophomore Jessica Pickman gives a shot to a pig. The Animal Science class traveled to a pig farm to learn more about hog operations. "It was pretty cool. It wasn't that gross," Pickman said.

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Dedication that Shows

Art & Drama Club, Forensics, and Scholars' Bowl team are avenues for students to express their talents.

After weeks of hard work and preparation the Art & Drama Club was excited to see the reactions on people's faces when they got a first glance at how the haunted house looked. With new rooms and more surprises the Fear Factory, which was at Sparks, left people unsure where to turn or what to do.

"I like being involved with the haunted house because it lets people act outside their normal personality," junior Katherine Rush said.

The Scholars' Bowl team consisted of a dedicated group of students who came in early morning and stayed after school to practice. Their coach was Brenda Diveley.

The Forensics team, coached by Stanley Thornton, was lead by three seniors.

Qualifying for state were juniors Caleb Lackey and Katie Crandall along with seniors Lindsay Libel and Matthew Henry.

"I believe that the Forensics team did very well this year. I'm glad that we all made it to state in our different categories," Lackey said.



Top: The Forensics team Matthew Henry, Lindsay Libel, Savannah Stevens, Katie Crandall, Caleb Lackey, and adviser Stan Thornton. "I thought the forensics team did very well this year. I thought it was fun and I really enjoyed making new friends," junior Katie Crandall said.

Middle: Taylor Carwell scares everyone that walks by as she pretends to escape the torture of being chained to a chair.

Bottom: Juniors Caleb Lackey and Katie Crandall perform their Forensics Duet about a big brother leaving for college.



Strapped down on an operating table, Terri Simmons pretends to try and get away from the evil doctor.



During Night of the Arts, senior Matthew Henry stops the bus to discipline junior Caleb Lackey as they reenact their improvised acting duet. Lackey played a boy with an imaginary friend and Henry played an adult who did not believe the imaginary friend Jeffrey existed.



Derek Gibson, Aisha Diveley, Lisa Scholz, Marshall Diveley, and Aaron Haling put on their bloody-best scary look for the Haunted House.



What was your favorite part about the haunted house?



"My favorite part was whenever we would first get all painted up and then make fun of each other or coming up with what we were going to do in the haunted house."

-Terri Simmons, 10

"My favorite part of the haunted house would be getting to scare little children."

-Caleb Lackey, 11



"Scaring college students to death was my favorite part."

-Matthew Henry, 12

"What I enjoyed the most about the haunted house was getting dressed up and getting ready."

-Karmen Mercer, 9



Inspiration

Art and Drama Scholars Bowl Forensics



Scholars' Bowl team: First row: Jessica Rauch, Terri Simmons, Aaron Johnson, Josh Van Laar. Second row: Keshana Cook, Alsha Diveley, Cheyenne Davis, Maggie Johnson, Kayla Schmitz. Third row: Marshall Diveley, Matthew Henry, Marc Ellis, Derek Gibson, Nick Johnson, Aaron Halling.



Creeping up out of nowhere, junior Caleb Lackey peeks through the bloody plastic--creeping out those that walk by during the haunted house.



Art & Drama Club president Lindsay Libel and junior Emily French lead the Art & Drama Club at the Halloween parade. They are followed by factory worker Geoffrey Hargis and zombie Chris Peuker. Throwing candy and acting their parts, the Haunted House crew were busy scaring people inside and outside the Haunted House.

FCCLA: (Front) Valerie Neibling, Lindsay Libel, Mackenzie Cunningham, Cassie Wilcox, June Roberts (Back) Brittany Kever, Jessica Gartner, Landon Allen, Amber Folsom.



The Link Leaders (in green) help the new freshmen do a silly ice-breaker activity during Freshmen Orientation Day.



Leadership

NHS Link Leaders STUCO FCCLA



For Freshmen Orientation day the Link Leaders and the freshmen dress up in crazy outfits to show their excitement about school. From left to right there were bodybuilders, country folk, and Hawaiians.

What is a Leader?



"They know how to deal with situations when they occur."
- Cassie Wilcox, 12



"Someone that has good character with the ability to lead others in a positive direction."
- Keshana Cook, 10



"A leader is a person that people will look up to. They will always make the right decision even if it's not the easy choice."
- Matthew Henry, 12

Link Leaders: First: Landon Allen, Malia Sisk, Lindsay Libel, Cameron Twombly. Second: Kayla Schmitz, Cheyenne Davis, Mackenzie Cunningham. Third: Tanner Veach, Emily French, Katherine Rush.



NHS Members: First: Emily French, Nick Johnson, Hannah Lackey, Valerie Neibling, Josh Van Laar, Ashlie Witham, Savannah Stevens, Katherine Rush. Second: Maggie Gilmore, Shayin Fritch, Cheyenne Davis, Kayla Schmitz, Lisa Scholz, Alaine Caudle, Keaton Blevins. Third: Marshall Diveley, Brianna Cluck, Malia Sisk, Matthew Henry, Geoffrey Hargis, Brennan Davis, Cameron Twombly, Marijke Fox. Their adviser was Kristin Demel.

Leaders Among Us

Leadership; an act or instance

of leading; guidance; direction. This is the dictionary definition of leadership but what does it truly mean to be a leader? What qualities of a person make him or her a leader? The students in NHS, Link Leaders, Student Council, and FCCLA truly exemplify what it means to lead.

This year NHS members became servant leaders. After every home basketball game, members sacrificed 5th Quarter and hanging out with friends to help the custodians clean up the bleachers.

Link Leaders became mentors to the freshmen at the beginning of the year with Freshmen Orientation day.

They showed up at school a day early to lead the freshmen in self-esteem building activities. They strived to help the freshmen get ready for the challenges they will face in high school.

The school would not function without the help of STUCO. These leaders planned all the Homecoming and Winter Royalty activities. There wouldn't be a parade, spirit week, or even crowning ceremonies if it weren't for STUCO members.

FCCLA, a fairly new organization at DWHS, is definitely making its mark. Landon Allen, junior, competed in an entrepreneurship contest and received 1st in his district, went to state, and qualified for nationals. His project was his D.J. service that he debuted to the school at the Winter Royalty Dance and a middle school dance with co-owner Caleb Lackey, also a junior.

Student Council: First: Michelle Johnson, vice president Courtney Langley, Rachel Keller, Aaron Johnson. Second: Malia Sisk, treasurer Nick Johnson, Maggie Johnson, Keshana Cook, president Maggie Gilmore. Third: Derek Gibson, secretary Emma-Leigh Herra, Emily French, Cameron Twombly.



Juniors Landon Allen and Caleb Lackey mix up some sweet tunes at the middle school Valentine's Day dance that they D.J.'d "My favorite part of being a D.J. is purchasing the new hottest music," said Allen. The DJ service was Allen's FCCLA project.

Getting ready to spike the ball down, sophomore Paige Ellis jumps up for the kill. "It always feels good to spike against the other team," Ellis said.



Showing some school spirit, seniors Korey Martin, Kyle Cluck, and sophomore Aaron Halling painted their bodies with school colors for a basketball game. "We like to show our school spirit to get the crowd pumping," Martin said.



Freshman Derek Gibson shoots over an Elwood opponent during a home game. "I really enjoy playing with the team," Gibson said.

Senior Morgan Helmstetter dances during a time out of the boys basketball game. "I like being on the dance team because I like showing off my sweet moves," Helmstetter said.

**Basketball Cross Country Volleyball
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"Easier Said than Done"



Running for a touchdown, senior PD Simmons carries the football to the goal. "I'm going to miss playing the game and being with my senior friends and teammates," Simmons said.

**Wrestling Track Football Cheer Dance
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Wrestling Track Football Cheer Dance**



Maggie Gilmore, senior, gallops just ahead of the JCN opponents at the Troy meet. "A song is normally stuck in my head, so I'm singing one verse from the song the entire time that I'm running in a race. They're usually songs that are repetitive like 'I Gotta Feeling' by the Black Eyed Peas or 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'," Gilmore said.

Junior Nick Johnson pushes onward as he inches closer to the finish of the Bulldog cross country trail. "When I'm running a race I think about passing the person in front of me and finishing. My favorite part of cross country were the bus rides home from the meets," Johnson said.



“Most people run a race to see who is fastest. I run a race to see who has the most guts.”

- Steve Prefontaine

REFLECTIONS

Reflective Vests and Pride

At 6 a.m. many people are just waking up, or at least won't get up for another hour. However, the cross country runners were in mid-practice at 6 a.m. every weekday morning for the duration of the cross country season.

Since it was still dark out while the team was practicing, the runners were forced to wear lime green reflective vests. The vests were meant to keep the team from becoming road kill, but the vests were very ugly. Maggie Gilmore said that she will certainly not be missing them.

Not only could reflective vests scare potential runners away but not many people would actually volunteer to run 2.5 to 3.1 miles in a race.

“Try XC, who knows, you may be good at it.”
Travis Arnold, junior

However, most students would be surprised at how great they could be at it. Travis Arnold, junior, joined cross country for the first time this year and ended up having a knack

for running. He gave cross country a chance and found out that he was pretty good at it.

“Try XC, who knows, you may be good at it,” Arnold said.

Coach Judy Twombly handled the team well, even though at times it was frustrating. At every practice there seemed to be a new obstacle to overcome; runners were quitting and others just didn't want to try.

However, the ending team pulled through and had their own sort of accomplishment. They did their best and finished the season proudly.

By The Numbers

Scores for Boys:

Wamego:	10th
McLouth:	6th
Troy:	2nd
Horton:	9th
Sabetha:	8th
Rim Rock:	5th
Jackson Hts.:	3rd
Washington:	---

Scores for Girls:

Wamego:	12th
McLouth:	5th
Troy:	3rd
Horton:	---
Sabetha:	7th
Rim Rock:	7th
Jackson Hts.:	---
Washington:	---

Honors

State meet participant:
Marc Ellis, 44th

All-League

Marc Ellis



The boys sprint off to a great start at the Troy meet. "When I'm running, the song 'Know Your Enemy' by Green Day gets stuck in my head," said junior Caleb Lackey. "I keep wondering 'When is it gonna be over?'" said junior Travis Arnold. "I liked talking to random people that I was running beside. My favorite thing was Nick's Velociraptor run," said freshman Aaron Johnson.



Hannah Lackey, junior, feels the heat as she stays just ahead of her opponents at Rim Rock Farm. "When I'm running I think about how much longer I have to run and tell myself it's not that bad. I also always seem to have the cheer D-up, D-up, D-up, in my head and I'm not really sure why," Lackey said.



Junior, Mackenzie Cunningham expresses great enthusiasm as she enters the last leg of the Jackson Heights race. "I was thinking about food or a song to sing while I was running. My favorite things from cross country were the sweet vests, the conversations while walking the courses, and finding random things like a guitar pick at Rim Rock," Cunningham said.

First Row: Valerie Neibling, Maggie Gilmore, Hannah Lackey. **Second Row:** Alaine Caudle, Mackenzie Cunningham, Caleb Lackey, Aaron Johnson. **Third Row:** Tyler Diveley, Nick Johnson, Marc Ellis - state qualifier, Travis Arnold, and coach Judy Twombly.



Sophomores Tyler Diveley and Marc Ellis burst towards the front of the pack at the start of the Jackson Heights race. "I think about where people are and if they are to catch me or not," said Diveley. Ellis said that doesn't think of anything while he's running.

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After taking a quick break to get a drink and instructions from Coach Martin, the boys put their hands together to break the huddle. "It was fun getting to finally play high school football. I'm really looking forward to playing more next year," freshman Jordan Sellers said.



Senior PD Simmons (3) runs the ball against Troy while fellow teammates Brett Dunlap (42), Keaton Blevins (10), and Derek Gibson (78) clear a path for him to go through. "When I run, all I think about is making a touchdown, and that's what I'm going to miss a lot next year." PD Simmons (12)



The band of brothers work together to bring down a Maur Hill player. The Mustangs beat the Ravens 27-0.

"When I went to tackle someone, I smiled because I thought it was fun and I'm going to miss being able to double-team people with Ethan," Ben Lock (12)



Sophomore Dusty Saunders prepares to go long for a pass from junior quarterback Keaton Blevins in the JCN game. When I got ready to run, I didn't really think of anything." Dusty Saunders (10)



First: Austin Veach, Keaton Blevins, PD Simmons, Adrian Duran, Brett Dunlap, Ben Lock, Tanner Veach, Ben Petrik. **Second:** Chris Peuker, Jake Lee, Aaron Halling, Zach Bokelman, Josh Van Laar, Dusty Saunders, Mason Rush, Marc Ellis, Tyler Diveley. **Third:** Coach Mark Martin, coach Adam Hooker, Keaton Maxwell, Jordan Sellers, Lucas Kuhn, Derek Gibson, Luke Twombly, Nick Schneider, Kyle Shannon, coach Rob Randall, and manager Nick Johnson. **Not Pictured:** Michael Hurd and Jordan Cluck.



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“It's all right. We're in a fight. You boys are doing all that you can do. Anybody can see that. Win or lose... We gonna walk out of this stadium tonight with our heads held high. Do your best. That's all anybody can ask for.”

-Coach Boone, from the movie "Remember the Titans."

By The Numbers

Maur Hill	27-0
JCN	6-7
P. Ridge	0-40
Horton	13-19
McLouth	33-0
Oskaloosa	0-0
Wathena	6-42
Troy	0-35
Centralia	14-46

Record 2-7

DVL Honors:

PD Simmons:
Honorable Mention
Offense

Brett Dunlap:
Honorable Mention
running back and
linebacker

Adrian Duran:
2nd team defensive
tackle

Dusty Saunders:
Honorable Mention
safety

Rearing to go on the line of scrimmage, the Mustangs prepare to beat the smiles off the faces of their Trojan rivals.

The senior leaders, Adrian Duran, PD Simmons, Brett Dunlap, and Ben Lock get one last group shot.

ENDURE

Overcoming Odds and Enduring

Small but mighty is just one way to describe the football team. Though the season did not go as planned, the team endured and overcame many obstacles that were in their way.

"Overall it was a good season, but hopefully we will learn that positive leadership and a lot of hard work is a must for us if we want to win," head coach Mark Martin said.

Size, strength, and speed were essentials the Mustangs had to do without. Yet, with the help of good leadership from the seniors, not only the coaches but also the young players were able to endure the season.

"Being able to watch Brett run over defenders, Adrian helping the young guys get better, Ben catching the ball and his reaction, and PD's determination to make big plays are things that I'll miss about these guys next year," Martin said.

"...positive leadership and a lot of hard work is a must for us if we want to win."

-Coach Mark Martin

Getting the pieces put together is something that Coach Martin is looking forward to next year. However, just like every season and team there are things that need to



be improved.

"Being able to get more commitment in the off season, becoming more physical on the field, and getting more student participation will help out greatly next year and in years to come," Martin said.



Sophomore Rachel Rush passes the ball towards senior Mariah Cunningham during a home game versus Elwood. "It always felt good to get a good pass to the setter," Rush said.

Seniors Lisa Scholz and Malla Sisk jump for the block while teammate Taryn Gibson, junior, covers the court during a match versus Bern. "It's really exciting when our team gets a block and makes the whole team feel good," Sisk said.



BELIEVE

6-3-1 Six Players - Three Touches - Won

Just a little confidence was the path to successfully completing this year's season for the volleyball players.

Working hard together as a team and building strong, team confidence was an important aspect for the whole team.

The year may not have ended ideally for the players, but their efforts and hard work paid off in the end.

Even though the final season ended in 11-25, the girls worked together as a team.

"Our volleyball season may not have been a winning one but we all stuck together and kept our hearts in it," senior Mariah Cunningham said.

"It was a tough season, but I feel we started a new tradition of confidence that will be used in future years."
senior Lisa Scholz.

There were also special memories shared and fun times remembered by the players.

"I always liked getting pumped up and ready with the team before a game and doing all the fun game rituals," sophomore Michelle Johnson said.

This volleyball season may not have been an easy one, but the players still had a great time playing with one another and sharing some great memories to last a lifetime.

"It was a tough season, but I feel we started a new tradition that will be used in future years," senior Lisa Scholz said.

“I've worked too hard and too long to let anything stand in the way of my goals. I will not let my teammates down and I will not let myself down.”

Mia Hamm

By the Numbers

Pleasant Ridge	18-25, 25-17, 25-17	W
Troy	25-17, 25-22	W
Nemaha Valley	6-25, 15-25	L
Troy	25-13, 25-18	W
KC Christian	16-25, 14-25	L
J. Hts	26-28, 22-25	L
Wathena	25-15, 18-25, 25-15	W
Oskaloosa	11-25, 18-25	L
Elwood	25-23, 25-18	W
Wathena	25-19, 25-16	W
Elwood	4-25, 21-25	L
Wathena	25-15, 25-16	W
Rock Port	21-25, 16-25	L
MHMA	25-15, 25-4	W
Atchison	10-25, 6-25	L
Elwood	21-25, 15-25	L
Vaileyville	15-25, 10-25	L
Valley Falls	25-16, 25-3	W
JCN	26-24, 22-25, 15-25	L
Elwood	20-25, 14-25	L
Wetmore	25-16, 25-15	W
IMAC	26-24, 17-25, 10-25	W
Wathena	9-25, 10-25	L
McLouth	23-25, 18-25	L
KC Christian	14-25, 13-25	L
Atchison	25-27, 22-25	L
Maur Hill	12-25, 14-25	L
Pleasant Ridge	17-25, 19-25	L
Hiawatha	21-25, 24-26	L
Horton	15-25, 12-25	L
Oskaloosa	9-25, 6-25	L
Troy	25-23, 25-22	W
J. Hts	7-25, 10-25	L
IMAC	21-25, 19-25	L
KC Christian	11-25, 17-25	L
J. Hts	12-25, 12-25	L

Honors: Ashlie Witham- All League
Lisa Scholz- Hiawatha All Tournament Team

Senior Amanda Pickman jumps for the kill to spike down on the opposing team's side. "When one of our teammates spikes the ball it pumps up the whole team," Pickman said.



Ahhh Boom! Teammates Rachel Rush, Lisa Scholz, Ashlie Witham, Mallia Sisk, and Amanda Pickman celebrate an awesome kill during a match against the opposing team.



Nice Tip! Junior Ashlie Witham gets off the floor for a quick tip over the net during a winning game versus Troy. "It always feels awesome to defeat our rivals," Witham said.

First Row: Taryn Gibson, Mariah Cunningham, Amanda Pickman, Mallia Sisk. **Second:** Abby Fee, BreAnne Caudle, Gabby Speer, Maddi Libel, Clarissa Billups, Emily Franken. **Third:** coach Bailey Lanter, head coach Marla Olson, Emma-Laigh Herra, Kassiday Blevins, Aisha Diveley, Haley Tilton, Katrina Miller, coach Kristin Demel. **Fourth:** Jessica Pickman, Laura Rush, Maggie Johnson, Katherine Rush, Ashlie Witham, Michelle Johnson, Rachel Rush, Nikki Boos.



Seniors Mallia Sisk, Mariah Cunningham, Amanda Pickman, and Lisa Scholz take one final pose before the end of their volleyball season.



Chanting "Let's go Mustangs," the cheerleaders try to pump up the crowd and lead the football team to victory. "Football season is better than basketball because we stunt more and get to be outside," Ashlie Witham said.



The spirit squads kick off the home football game by dancing to "Hey Song." "Dancing is fun and exciting. It takes your mind off of the regular school day," senior Malia Sisk said.



Getting pumped up, senior Maggie Gilmore puts on a smile. Gilmore is preparing herself to perform to the country song "Loud."



First: Alexis Simmons, Maggie Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Hannah Lackey, Kendra Lysacht, Aisha Diveley, Second: Courtney Langley, Morgan Helmstetter, Lindsay Libel, Kayla Schmitz, Maggie Gilmore, Third: Mariah Cunningham, Malia Sisk, Emily French, Shayln Fritch, and Ashlie Witham. Not pictured: Marijke Fox.

Cheering on the boys during the starting line up, Lisa Scholz, Aisha Diveley, and Hannah Lackey put Shayln Fritch into an elevator. "I love stunting because it makes me feel like a beast," Aisha Diveley said.



Dressed in jeans and cowboy hats, the dance prepares to walk out onto the football field and dance to "Loud." "When we line up to walk on the field I think 'Don't mess up!'," Kendra Lysacht said. In the foreground are Lindsay Libel, Kendra Lysacht, Courtney Langley, Morgan Helmstetter, Shayln Fritch, Marijke Fox, Emily French, and Malia Sisk.



“Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.”

-Martha Graham

"I love the fun sideline times with all the girls and the performances."
Emily French, 11

"Getting up in front of a big crowd is exciting and scary."
Maggie Johnson, 9

"My favorite thing about dance is performing at halftime."
Hannah Lackey, 11

"Performing in front of a crowd is scary and fun at the same time."
Alexis Simmons, 9

First: Courtney Langley. Second: Mollie Tharp, Shayln Fritch. Third: Maggie Johnson, Aisha Diveley, Lisa Scholz. Back: Hannah Lackey, Ashlie Witham, Mariah Cunningham. Not pictured: Marijke Fox.

SPARKLE

Don't Bother Me - I'm Dancing

With August full of practices, the cheer and dance squads prepared for to dance and cheer at every home game. The more experience they got the easier it became.

Lacking in underclassmen on the squads, the 11 seniors dominated and were joined by three juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen.

What was your favorite part of your dance?

"I love practicing on Saturdays at 8 am, JK, I just love being with the spirit squad," Mariah Cunningham said.

"I love performing in front of the big crowds; all the hard work pays off," Shayln Fritch said.

"My favorite part was hanging out on the east side with my homies pretending to be talk show hosts with funny accents," Maggie Gilmore said.

"My favorite part was getting to show off our sweet dance moves," Morgan Helmstetter said.

"I love the feeling of walking out to perform, knowing the crowd is excited to see us dance," Courtney Langley said.

"I love getting to spend time with Kelly and giving her good dance moves," Lindsay Libel said.

"I love hearing the crowd cheering like we are rock stars," Kayla Schmitz said.



"My favorite part was yelling for the guys and hanging out with friends," Lisa Scholz said.

"My favorite part was learning different dance routines and performing at basketball games," Malia Sisk said.

"I love all the performances we did," Mollie Tharp said.



Fighting for victory, sophomore Aaron Halling sprawls to avoid a takedown. "I'll miss jumping Brett at wrestling meets," Halling said.

Senior Kyle Cluck takes control of a Hiawatha wrestler by using a cross body ride.



CONTROL

Defeating Opponents with Pride

Controlling and pinning an opponent to the ground, wrestling takes strength, heart, and determination. Improving from the previous year, the wrestling team made many successful changes.

"We placed second as a team at the Pleasant Ridge JV Tournament, and brought home some hardware for the school trophy case," coach Carl Swendson said.

Many accomplishments achieved for the wrestling team. Senior Brett Dunlap made it to the state finals,

placing second, and freshman Gabby Speer was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Pleasant Ridge JV tournament.

"It was exciting defeating Onaga in a dual by a score of 36-24."

coach Carl Swendson

"Aaron and Gabe (Martinez from Troy) both won 11 more matches than last year, Austin improved by nine wins, Brett's number of wins increased by eight, and Tanner won

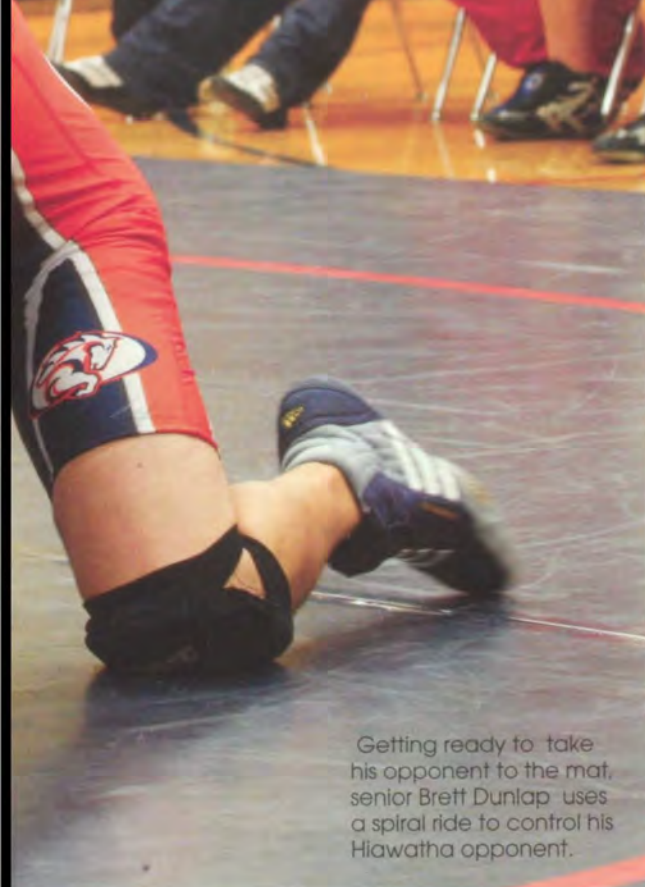
won six more matches than last year," Swendson said.

Overall, it was a great season for the wrestling team. Seniors Kyle Cluck and Brett Dunlap will be missed by the team. The wrestling team shared many exciting moments throughout the season and their hard work paid off in the end.

"It was exciting defeating Onaga in a dual by a score of 36-24," Swendson said. "We gave up forfeits at three weights, but we were able to beat them by getting six pins."

“More enduringly than any other sport, wrestling teaches self-control and pride. Some have wrestled without great skill - none have wrestled without pride.”

- Dan Gable



Getting ready to take his opponent to the mat, senior Brett Dunlap uses a spiral ride to control his Hiawatha opponent.

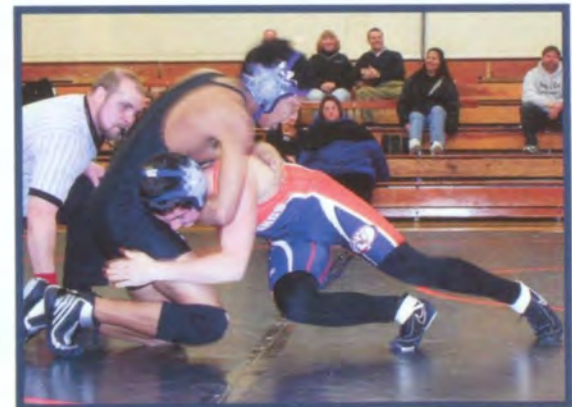
By the Numbers

Tournament Results:

Mission Valley-	
Brett Dunlap	1st
Tanner Veach	3rd
Austin Veach	3rd
Gabe Martinez	3rd
Onaga-	
Tanner Veach	2nd
Austin Veach	4th
Aaron Halling	3rd
Gabe Martinez	1st
Rossville-	
Brett Dunlap	2nd
Tanner Veach	6th
Austin Veach	5th
Gabe Martinez	3rd
Holton-	
Gabe Martinez	3rd
Wabunsee-	
Brett Dunlap	3rd
Aaron Halling	6th
Gabe Martinez	3rd
Gabby Speer	6th
Silver Lake-	
Brett Dunlap	5th
Tonganoxie-	
Brett Dunlap	1st
Aaron Halling	4th
Dylan Wood	6th
Gabby Speer	3rd
DVL-	
Brett Dunlap	1st
Kyle Cluck	4th
Tanner Veach	1st
Austin Veach	1st
Aaron Halling	1st
Gabe Martinez	2nd
Dylan Wood	4th
Gabby Speer	2nd
Junior Varsity:	
Holton JV-	
Kyle Cluck	5th
Austin Veach	1st
Dylan Wood	3rd
Gabby Speer	2nd
Silver Lake JV-	
Tanner Veach	2nd
Dylan Wood	1st
Gabby Speer	2nd
Pleasant Ridge JV-	
Tanner Veach	1st
Austin Veach	1st
Aaron Halling	1st
Gabby Speer	1st
Onaga JV-	
Dylan Wood	3rd
Honors:	
Tanner Veach- 1st team	
Brett Dunlap- 1st team, 2nd in State, 1st at Regionals	
Austin Veach- 1st team	
Aaron Halling- 1st team	
Gabby Speer- 2nd team	



Freshman Gabby Speer sprawls against her Royal Valley opponent. "My favorite thing about wrestling is after my matches I beat up and cry. It's so funny," Speer said.



Sophomore Dylan Wood takes control of his opponent using a double leg takedown against a Royal Valley opponent.

First Row: Tanner Veach, Gabby Speer, manager Mollie Tharp, Dylan Wood. **Second Row:** Kyle Cluck, Aaron Halling, Gabe Martinez (Troy). **Third Row:** head coach Carl Swendsen, Austin Veach, Brett Dunlap, assistant coach Frank Speer.



Using a double arm bar to try and turn his Royal Valley opponent, sophomore Austin Veach tries for a win.

Sophomore Tyler Diveley takes the ball baseline and heads toward the basket during the Maur Hill game. "I was happy that I got to play some varsity as a sophomore. It was good to see what varsity was really like," Diveley said.



Making a fast break, sophomore Marc Ellis drives around a Horton defensive player and lays in another two points for the Mustangs. "Whenever I drive the lane, all I hope for is that no one takes a charge," said Ellis. Ellis averaged 21 points a game.



Senior Adrian Duran dominates as post and stuffs the IMAC opponent. "Every time I block someone, it always gets my adrenaline going, and makes me want to get in the opponent's face and yell, 'Get some!'" Duran said.



Guarding Maur Hill, Paul Simmons, senior, shows great defense and anticipates his opponent's every move. "My goal while playing defense is to always be the faster guy," Simmons said.



First: Aaron Johnson, Josh Van Laar, Luke Twombly, Nick Schneider, Tyler Diveley, Chris Tygret, Jordan Sellers. **Second:** Travis Arnold, Nick Johnson, Cameron Twombly, Geoffrey Hargis, Adrian Duran, PD Simmons, Keaton Blevins, manager Amanda Pickman. **Third:** assistant coach Matt Ellis, Justin Simmons, Landon Allen, Derek Gibson, Marc Ellis, Benjamin Petrik, head coach Adam Hooker.

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“Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.”

- Michael Jordan

By The Numbers

Valley Falls	59-51
Pleasant Ridge	59-67
Horton	39-58
Maur Hill	38-53
McLouth	45-61
Horton	55-47
Oskaloosa	50-48
Imac	52-47
Wathena	40-47
Mound City	64-70
Bern	72-61
Elwood	69-79
Jackson Heights	49-68
Troy	39-25
JCN	42-53
KCC	44-70
Wathena	39-66
Imac	61-48
Valley Falls	38-55
McLouth	42-61
Pleasant Ridge	46-67
Washington	30-65
Record:	7-15

All league- Marc Ellis

Left: As Senior Cameron Twombly notices the Elwood defensive player behind him, he passes the ball to trailing Geoffrey Hargis, senior who scores a layup for the Mustangs. "You always had to be ready for Cameron's passes because they were lasers, and were always unexpected," Hargis said.

Below: Seniors Geoffrey Hargis, PD Simmons, Cameron Twombly, and Adrian Duran are ready to lead the team to victory.

TRADITION

Never Underestimate the Heart of a Champion

"Buy into the system, give everything you have, and always display character and integrity that's demanded," are just a few of the expectations that were wanted of the boys this year.

The goals of the season were to win all of the Doniphan County games, improve the record from last year, and to make a run at substate. Although this year's record did not improve, the team never gave up, and always gave it their all during each game.

Coach Hooker's proudest moments were when the team

weathered the storm and won the Oskie game, when they rallied around and honored the seniors, and when the boys finished off the season with pride.

"Buy into the system, give everything you have, and always display character and integrity." coach Adam Hooker

Captains were senior Cameron Twombly and sophomore Marc Ellis. "Being one of the captains made me feel like one of the team leaders," Ellis said.

Although the team did not have a winning season, many of the



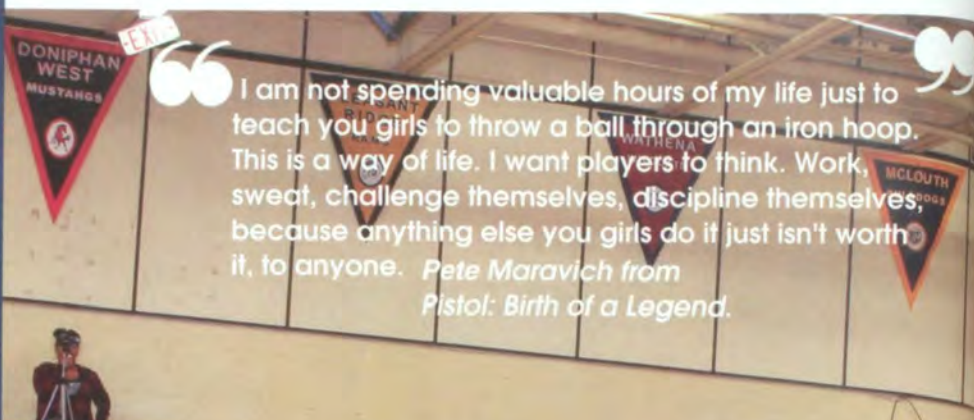
games were close, and the boys never hung their heads.

"I am really going to miss the seniors. They were such great leaders, and each one of them had a great sense of humor," junior Landon Allen said.



Driving past her defender and going for the layup, Malia Sisk for two while sophomore Rachel Rush looks for a rebound. The Mustangs lost 52-48 after a tough battle with the Lions. "The St. Joe Christian game was one of the most competitive games we played all year. It was a exciting game where the team showed what we could do. I'll miss being part of the team and playing this sport," Sisk said.

Lisa Scholz goes for a basket against P-Ridge during the DVL Tournament. Scholz said, "After 4 years of changing coaches I'm glad the girls finally have a good coach who will help take them somewhere. The team grew this year, and even though we lost we became better. I'll just miss not being able to play with them again because all these girls are great and they'll go far."



"I am not spending valuable hours of my life just to teach you girls to throw a ball through an iron hoop. This is a way of life. I want players to think. Work, sweat, challenge themselves, discipline themselves, because anything else you girls do it just isn't worth it, to anyone. Pete Maravich from Pistol: Birth of a Legend.



GROWTH

Growing Pains for Great Things

Three years, three different coaches. The toughest thing that someone can do to a growing basketball program... switch coaches; however, the Mustangs had a fighting chance to show everybody what they could do with the help from new head coach Troy Hoffman.

Even with the change from year to year, one constant for the girls was to always see the smiling and encouraging face of assistant coach Judy Twombly.

"At times it was scary because of the unknown,

but I got to know the new coaches and it worked out," Twombly said.

"Inexperience at all positions and injuries to key players were problems the girls faced this year," Hoffman said.

"Ballhandling, shooting, and doing both in a game situation is what needs to improve for us to win."

-coach Troy Hoffman

Even with so many girls not having a lot of varsity playing time, the girls grew with each game and became a close family.

It was a sad day for the seniors when it all came to an end because they knew something great was started at Doniphan West.

"Their willingness to sacrifice their personal desires and their great attitude is what will make me miss Malia, Lisa, Jessica, and Brianna. Never have I had a group of senior girls like this and I know they won't be forgotten," Hoffman said.

No matter what happened during the season every girl experienced growth, and that is the thing that will help them succeed next year.

By the Numbers

McLouth	32-59
P. Ridge	46-38
Valley Falls	28-23
Maur Hill	33-44
Horton	47-60
Oskie	38-57
Elwood	53-30
Mound City	32-46
St. Joe Christian	48-52
Bern	47-54
Elwood	53-48
KCC	45-57
Jackson Heights	37-46
Troy	35-48
JCN	36-69
Wathena	33-18
Immaculata	36-44
Valley Falls	33-36
McLouth	40-43
P. Ridge	43-42
Valley Heights	42-68

Record: 5-16

Honors:

Lisa Scholz: Elwood
All-Tournament Team

"This year I was devastated when I found out that I tore my ACL. Now I just have to work extra hard during the off season to get ready for next year!"
Ashlie Witham (11)

"Basketball this year was fun and eventful. I'm looking forward to being an upperclassman and working on getting to state next year!"
Michelle Johnson 10



Going up for the shot, Jessica Gartner releases up high against Bailey Morgan from Troy while teammate Michelle Johnson looks for the rebound. "This year's basketball season has been great! I feel as if we came together and that's what made the end of the season so hard. It will be tough not playing with them next year, but it's their time to shine."



Looking for an open teammate, senior Brianna Cluck dribbles down the ball during the Horton game. Cluck's season was cut short after a knee injury during the St. Joe Christian game. "Being a senior, I had high hopes for the season. Things started well but losing two varsity players is hard for any team. It was hard to sit back and watch my team struggle, but Coach Hoffman is a good coach and things will change in the future for the Lady Mustangs."



Blocking out for the starting tip-off from freshman Kassidy Blevins are seniors Brianna Cluck, Jessica Gartner, Lisa Scholz, and Malia Sisk. The Mustangs got the ball and scored the first two points of the game against Maur Hill. Blevins said, "The season was enjoyable and learning to play all the positions was very rewarding. I look forward to next year."



For the last time the seniors, Jessica Gartner, Malia Sisk, Brianna Cluck, and Lisa Scholz, take a picture together.

First: Abby Fee, Nicki Boos, Michelle Johnson, Rachel Rush, Clarissa Billups. **Second:** Tayrn Gibson, Brianna Cluck, Lisa Scholz, Jessica Gartner, Malia Sisk, Ashlie Witham. **Third:** manager Taylor Martin, Alaine Caudle, Jessica Pickman, Kassidy Blevins, Maggie Johnson, Valerie Neibling, and Robyn Boos. **Not pictured:** Marijke Fox.

Freshman Derek Gibson slides across the ring as he prepares to launch the shot put.



"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

- Coach Lou Holtz

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Below: Senior Lisa Scholz gets a running start before planting her foot and stretching her arm out to launch the javelin.



PERSEVERE

Optimistic coaches encourage participation, build team

A sport that requires agility, patience, and balance are just a few things that describe the skills needed when performing in track.

Joining the track team this year was head coach Troy Hoffman, who brought to the team a good work ethic and much experience.

With new techniques and warm-ups the student athletes started to rise to the challenges ahead of them. His encouragement on and off the track gave the team added

support and an overall boost.

For several years the track team had a decline in participation, but that wasn't the case this year;

"They realized that there is no substitution for hard work, enthusiasm, and a great attitude when in pursuit of their goals."
coach Troy Hoffman

over 40 students chose to be part of a tradition will hopefully continue to grow.

The track team had a number of other great coaches. Bailey Lanter assisted the runners and hurdlers. Chris Lackey assisted the jumpers and Kertis Keehn assisted the throwers. With a great bunch of experienced coaches the track team was sure that they were in good hands.

The team also received new windsuits for traveling gear which had the team looking very sharp. With high standards and a great attitude, the track team has a great future.



Freshman Jordan Sellers charges forward as sophomore Ben Petrik prepares to hand off during a pre-race practice.

TRACK RESULTS:

Elwood Relays:
Boys- 4th
Girls- 3rd

ACCHS:
Boys- 6th
Girls- 4th

Rock Creek:
Boys- 5th
Girls- 1st

DW Relays:
Boys- 5th
Girls- 1st

Don. C. Meet:
Boys- 4th
Girls- 3rd

Sabetha:
Boys- 9th
Girls- 8th

DVL:
Boys- 9th
Girls- 9th

New School Records

Robyn Boos
100m hurdles

Lisa Scholz
shot put

Chris Beagle
javelin

Geoffrey Hargis
110m hurdles



Junior Keaton Blevins closes his eyes to avoid the sand as he reaches forward in long jump.



Rachel Rush and Maddi Libel jump the hurdles during the Doniphan County meet. "Jumping hurdles was a good way to have fun and get good exercise," Libel said.



Senior Maggie Gilmore pushes her weight over the bar as she pole vaults during the D-West relays. "I liked pole vault because I didn't have to run distance and there weren't many girls to compete against," Gilmore said.



First: Mollie Tharp, Terri Simmons, Clarissa Billups, Maddi Libel, Aisha Diveley, Gabby Speer, BreAnne Caudle, Valerie Neibling, Second: Austin Ricklets, Maggie Gilmore, Emily Franken, Kassiday Blevins, Robyn Boos, Stephanie Scales, Hannah Lackey, Kyle Cluck, Third: Coach Bailey Lanter, Jessica Pickman, Amanda Pickman, Lisa Scholz, Ben Petrik, Caleb Lackey, Geoffrey Hargis, Travis Arnold, coach Kertis Keehn, Fourth: Jordan Sellers, Rachel Rush, Michelle Johnson, Paige Ellis, Nikki Boos, Kendra Lysaght, Cody Shiftlet, Chris Peuker, Fifth: Coach Chris Lackey, Aaron Halling, Landon Allen, Marc Ellis, Keaton Blevins, Nick Schneider, Chris Beagle, Derek Gibson, head coach Troy Hoffman.

Senior Chris Beagle shows the after effects of sticking his face in blue jello to find hidden gummy worms for a Winter Royalty pep rally. "I felt like a smurf for a few seconds when my face was covered with blue jello!"



Getting jiggy with it: at prom, many students and their dates bust a move. "Prom was a really pretty, and I had a blast. Good memories were definitely made," Aisha Diveley said.

Chris Peuker, Aaron Halling, Kyle Cluck, Caleb Lackey, and Korey Martin show school spirit at a basketball game.



Events



The plot thickens as Matthew Henry describes how somebody pushed him down a mountain during "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night." Other cast members include Lisa Scholz, Katie Crandall and Keshana Cook. Scholz said, "It was funny trying to teach Henry how to fist bump during the play!"



For the Homecoming Parade, Courtney Langley, Brett Dunlap, Cameron Twombly and Amanda Pickman ride down Main Street in the back of a Mustang. "I had a lot of fun cruising Highland in a Mustang," Pickman said.

**Homecoming Winter Royalty Winter Play
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"When all is said and done"



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Brett Dunlap, Mallie Tripp, Marijke Fox, Adrian Duran, and Chris Beagle race to beat the clock as they work together to cross the finish line for a pep rally game.

A HERO'S HOMECOMING

September 25

School is out! Or at least it was on the day of homecoming. On Friday, Sept 25, all classes were let out in order to enjoy a day of festivities. The excitement began at the beginning of the regular school day with volleyball games and a punt, pass, and kick contest. The games became intense as classes went head to head to reach the number one spot.

Once the sport competitions ceased, everyone gathered in the gym for hula-hooping, beanbag tossing, racing, and dancing contests. Cheyenne Kerns, freshman, said that she enjoyed the dance off because it was funny watching people try to dance. At the end of the competitions, the seniors came out on top with the most

"It was fun! I've never got to do that before, but I was a little worried because I didn't want him to take those class points for winning the float away." Rachel Keller, 11

class points won.

The parade was chock full of enthusiasm as adults and students alike joined in with school spirit as the band and spirit squad performed the fight song. The juniors won the float contest with their perfect depiction of a hero's homecoming. Onlookers screamed and cheered when Principal Chris Lackey got pried in the face by junior, Rachel Keller. "It was fun! I've never got to do that before, but I was a little worried because I didn't want him to take those class points for winning the float away," Keller said.

"A Hero's Homecoming" was the perfect theme as the students enjoyed the day of celebrations and saved school spirit.



The seniors didn't really decorate their hallway as told to. They more or less wreaked havoc in the basement with destruction. Kristy Denton and Mallie Sisk have a ball with their fellow classmates while struttin' their stuff on the cat walk.



Rusty Krantz, Aaron Halling, and Dylan Wood grin and bear it as they get a little too competitive at the pass, punt and kick contest.

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Q: What was your favorite spirit week day and why?



"Blue and orange day. It was cool I guess."
- Kyle Cluck, 12



"That day that I wore a Twinkie because I wore a Twinkie."
- Jacob Lee, 10



Brennan Davis pulled out his favorite tie and top hat just for Tacky Day. Doesn't he look dashing?



Savannah Stevens, Cheyenne Davis, and Taryn Gibson give their best depiction of ugly on Tacky Day.



Chris Beagle and Kyle Cluck throw on some war paint for Blue and Orange Day.



"My favorite day was cowboy day because nobody expected me to actually dress up."
- Taylor Carwell, 12



"Blue and orange day because I drew on my face with markers."
- Benjamin Petrik, 10



Caleb Lackey, Katie Crandall, and Travis Arnold eat apples on Cowboy Day.



A few freshmen get pumped for the parade and sport their hero and villain attire.



Michelle Johnson, Paige Ellis, Nikki Boos, Autumn Royer, and Terri Simmons show a glimpse of the gun show they're about to give at the pass, punt, and kick contest.

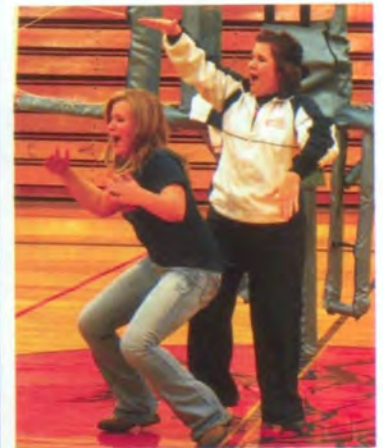


Principal Chris Lackey gets pied in the face by the juniors. Still, the show must go on! He kept on preparing the roaring crowd for the game to come.



Keshana Cook, sophomore, shows off her best Michael Jackson impersonation for Famous Person Day.

Above: Jacob Simmons, Lindsay Libel, King Cameron Twombly, Queen Amanda Pickman, Brett Dunlap, Courtney Langley, Brennan Davis, and Morgan Helmstetter. Crown bearer Riley Schunemann, flower girl Kallin Furr. The crowning was moved inside the south campus gym due to rain.



The dancing contest was a hit! The seniors, Kristy Denton and Lindsay Libel tear up the basketball court with their sweet dance moves.



Taylor Carwell



Alaine Caudle



Emily French

The 2010 Winter Royalty was Queen Maggie Gilmore and King P.D. Simmons. Simmons said the thought going through his mind as he was named king was, "OMG I can't believe this is happening."



Cupid's Chokehold

February 5

Worms, lion suits, big 80's hair, and a basketball game. These are just some of the elements that were thrown into the crazy mix during Winter Royalty 2010. Spirit week started off with favorite team day on Monday. The school was divided: K-State vs. KU, Broncos vs. Chiefs. Tuesday was a day full of ninjas, cow hats, and crayons as people participated in group day. On Wednesday the students participated fully in Blast from the Past day. There were a lot of people from the 80's, a couple of flappers, and even some vintage band geeks. Thursday was couple's day with pairs such as salt and pepper,

For couples day, senior Savannah Stevens goes all out by wearing her lion suit. Her other half was senior Maggie Gilmore, the lion tamer. Stevens was looking for a good excuse to wear her costume all week.



"Knowing that we had just stomped Troy made the dance that much more fun." - Ashlie Witham, 11

ketchup and mustard, and a lion and lion tamer. Friday was black-out day and almost every student participated. At the pep rally the royalty candidates participated in three contests, most of them including gummy worms. Winter Royalty night ended as Maggie Gilmore and P.D. Simmons were crowned during halftime. Then the basketball boys went on to beat Troy. The final part of the evening was the winter royalty dance in which Juniors Landon Allen and Caleb Lackey were the deejays. "Knowing that we had just stomped Troy made the dance that much more fun," junior Ashlie Witham said.

While participating in Blast from the Past Day during spirit week, Juniors Mackenzie Cunningham, Katie Crandall, and Katherine Rush would fit perfectly into a 1980's era high school with their bright sweaters and big hair.



Senior Mollie Tharp has a look of disgust as she spits out the mysterious liquid during one of the candidate games at the pep rally. The liquid was a mixture of gatorade, salt, lemon juice, and Sprite.



Practicing their swing dancing skills, senior Shaylin Fritch gets dipped by sophomore Aaron Halling during Fritch's calculus class that Halling was visiting. For Blast from the Past day Halling was dressed up as a caveman and Fritch was dressed up in her sister's old cheerleading uniform. "It was a lot of fun and he was a really good dancer," Fritch said. She had no idea where he got his dancing skills.



Winter Royalty candidates Geoffrey Hargis, P.D. Simmons, and Adrian Duran aren't afraid of getting a little bit slimy as they attempt to find worms in the Jello.



Senior and Winter Royalty Queen Maggie Gilmore shows off her best fish impersonation as she tries to catch the worm dangling from Geoffrey Hargis's fishing pole. Gilmore, who caught the worm before all the other contestants, said, "Afterwards I felt like an idiot because everyone else just kind of sat there while I attacked it like a fat kid on cake."

Q: What was your favorite spirit week day and why?



"The famous couples day because you can embarrass people by making them dress up."
- Terri Simmons, 10



"Couples day because I got to dress like the Big Bad Wolf."
- Ben Petrik, 10



"We liked couples day because it was easy to dress as salt and pepper and it was fun at the same time!"
- Kayla Schmitz & Malia Sisk, 12



"Blast from the Past because I felt like I was from the movie 'Grease.'"
- Cheyenne Davis, 12



The 2010 Winter Royalty candidates were Mariah Cunningham, Chris Beagle, Kristy Denton, Adrian Duran, Maggie Gilmore, P.D. Simmons, Mollie Tharp, and Geoffrey Hargis. The crown bearer was Creighton Johnson and the flower girl was Emma Albers.



Senior Lisa Scholz and freshman Alisha Diveley bring back that 1920's style with their flashy, blue flapper dresses for Blast From the Past Day during spirit week. "I got my dress on the last day I was in New York at Forever 21 for five bucks," Scholz said. Diveley's dress was a dance costume.



Left: Keshana Cook, Lindsay Libel, Cheyenne Davis, Emily French, Caleb Lackey, Matthew Henry, Aisha Diveley, Taylor Carwell, Aaron Halling, Katie Crandall, Lisa Scholz, and Savannah Stevens get a cast picture together after the first performance of the year.

COMIC MISCHIEF

December 4, 5, 6

Producing his third play, art and drama club sponsor Stanley Thornton directed "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night." Taking place on a mountain top in an old mansion, Aunt Maggity, played by senior Taylor Carwell, passes the time by writing horror novels. Rather than being alone, Maggity lives with her assistants Dreardon, a doorman played by Matthew Henry; Humphries, a butler played by Aaron Halling; Jenny, the new maid played by Emily French; and Amelia, a maid who has been working for Aunt Maggity for years played by Keshana Cook. When the time comes, Aunt Maggity is obligated to read her sister's will. After the arrival of her nieces, chaos breaks free in the mansion.



Junior Caleb Lackey has a discussion on the couch with senior Cheyenne Davis about finding a tranquilizer in her purse.

"I enjoy directing school plays. It allows students to show their creative side and I am able to gain more experience for future plays."

-Stanley Thornton, play director

The first niece to arrive is Lavinia, a junior CEO of an international pharmaceutical company played by Cheyenne Davis who brings along her fiance Richard, played by Caleb Lackey. Soon after their arrival, twin sisters Lola and Chloe, played by Lindsay Libel and Aisha Diveley, show up. Later comes the youngest of the nieces, Francine, played by Lisa Scholz and her tag along trainer, played by Katie Crandall. Along the way, a clown named Chuck, played by Savannah Stevens, is picked up. With a bit of suspense and questionable characters, the crazy plot untwists. At the end of the day, a crazy night full of mischief erupts at the mansion.



Reunited as mother and daughter, senior Taylor Carwell and junior Emily French grasp hands and talk about the past.

Q: What is your favorite memory of "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night?"



"I liked playing the part of a maid. I thought it was fun."
-Keshana Cook, 10



"When Caleb held his finger up in the air during the play, it was really funny."
- Aisha Diveley, 9



"Dancing backstage and not realizing that the audience could see me."
- Savannah Stevens, 12



"My favorite memory is dancing with Caleb behind the scenes!"
- Aaron Halling, 10



A proposal of marriage to Aunt Maggity, Taylor Carwell, is a daily routine for Humphries, Aaron Halling.

Discussing her career as a boxer, senior Lisa Scholz talks to her personal trainer, junior Katie Crandall.



While introducing herself as Chuck, Savannah Stevens shakes hands with Cheyenne Davis and Caleb Lackey.



Aisha Diveley and Lindsay Libel whisper to one another, gossiping about other people in the mansion.



While quoting Shakespeare's "Macbeth" during the play, Katie Crandall holds a skull up in the air.



"Appetizers anyone?" Caleb Lackey declines Emily French's offer as Matthew Henry stands near in order to listen in on the conversation.



A fight erupts between Emily French, Caleb Lackey, Keshana Cook, and Lindsay Libel.



Senior Matthew Henry, whose character pretends to be deaf, busts a move when everyone leaves the room.

The seniors get one last photo together for the fall play. They are Taylor Carwell, Matthew Henry, Lindsay Libel, Cheyenne Davis, Lisa Scholz and Savannah Stevens.



Getting a closer look at the appetizers at Aunt Maggity's house, Lisa Scholz realizes that they are actually live worms.

Cassie Wilcox

Kelly Ward

Christopher Simmons

Joey Scholz smiles big as he opens an example of feed that he fed his cattle during his Senior Project. "I learned a lot, but mainly I'm just thankful that it's THE END."



SENIOR PROJECT

second semester

Two dreaded words for a senior is Senior Project. This year, however, the seniors had even more pressure because instead of a whole year to complete it, they only had a semester.

"Putting a whole project into a semester made me feel like I didn't have enough time to do scholarships," Kayla Schmitz said.

Even though there were many problems with the semester long project, there were many interesting projects that the class presented.

"I think they learned many skills that they can use in the real world and also in college."

Kristin Demel, Senior Project co-teacher

From Jazz band to composing their own song, the senior class presented many new ideas to the community and they learned a great deal along the way.

"I think they learned many skills that they can use in the real world and also in college," Senior Project co-teacher, Kristin Demel said.

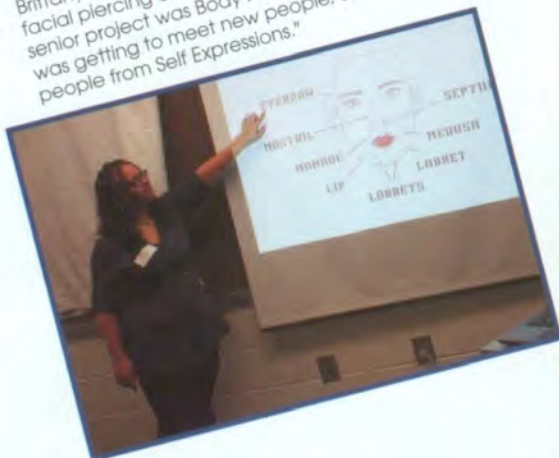
Even with hard work and great presentations all the seniors were glad to have the project done in the end.

"Having Senior Project done has given me more down time. I do feel as though I have accomplished something great in Senior Project," Cheyenne Davis said.

Shayln Fritch performs her "Imma Shine" number at her recital. For her demonstration of knowledge, Fritch choreographed and then taught several dances to five other students, who performed with her. "Working with the girls was so much fun. I loved seeing them stretch their comfort zone," Fritch said. "Although there was some stress, the laughs and good times definitely overpowered it."



Brittany Keever shows the different parts of facial piercing on presentation day. Keever's senior project was Body Piercing. "The best thing was getting to meet new people, such as the people from Self Expressions."



Showing a pamphlet about Registered Nursing, Jessica Hutchison explains what a nurse does and how much a nurse gets paid. "I enjoyed learning a lot about nursing."



Demonstrating how to properly make a floral arrangement, Mollie Tharp shows the judges and guests what she learned during her senior project. "I really enjoyed my senior project because it was hands on. The most important thing was how to present myself by using good speaking skills. After senior year, I will take away a great sense of pride."

Jacob Simmons poses with his Case skid loader, which was referenced during his speech to the judges. Simmons's Senior Project was Entrepreneurship. "My favorite thing was doing my Demonstration of Knowledge and talking to other business owners."



Dyllon Butrick takes a quick picture before starting his speech about how to do Custom Body Work on cars. "My Demonstration of Knowledge was the only fun thing I did."



Q: What was your favorite thing in your Senior Project?



"My job shadow because I got to go to the Omaha Zoo and go inside the penguin exhibit." -Kristy Denton



"Favorite thing would probably have been the band performance night for my D of K." -Matthew Henry



"My favorite thing was getting to work with animals. It was hands on and kept my interest all semester." -Brianna Cluck



"Field reserach and observation because I got to meet a famous band! (Flobots)." -Savannah Stevens



The proper way to massage someone is the demonstration Miranda Godfrey makes on fellow classmate Kristy Denton. Wanting to go into massage therapy in college helped Godfrey pick her senior project. "It was a blast and I loved everything about it."



Amber Folsom gets ready to present her speech to her panel of judges and guests about Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: The Miracle Weight Loss. "I learned a lot of skills which are important. The project would have been easier if I had learned things sooner, though."



The "Cupid Shuffle" does a great job of getting everyone on the dance floor to show off their dance moves.

Take My Breath Away

April 24, 2010

Having only four days to work on decorating for prom, the juniors had to kick it into high gear. Working Tuesday after school through late Friday night the juniors tried to take the breath away of anyone who walked into the gym. The colors for the elegant night were black, blue, silver and white. These colors played along with the wintery feel the decor gave off.

After pictures and once everyone was seated at their tables at approximately 7 p.m. dinner was served. The dinner consisted of a salad to start, brisket, twice baked potato, green beans, roll, and different flavors of cheesecakes were served for dessert.

"I really liked the way the small amount of decorations still filled up the space and made it gorgeous and glittery." Stephanie Scales, 11

Around 8 p.m. when everyone finished eating, they started to make their way into the gym for class pictures, and as soon as the pictures were over the dance began with the slow song by Jessica Simpson "Take My Breath Away."

"I really liked the way the small amount of decorations still filled up the space and made it gorgeous and glittery," junior Stephanie Scales said.

After-prom activities were at the South campus where the night was only going to get better. The activities planned consisted of a hypnotist, photo booth, basketball, and a lot of pizza. Donated prizes were received by juniors and seniors that were present.



Freshman Alyssa Halvorsen, Junior Ravin Walls, freshman Kendal Shrimpton, senior Brittany Keever, senior Kyle Cluck, freshman Gabby Speer, sophomore Brooke Fee, and senior Chris Beagle take a moment to get a quick photo of their table they sat at during the banquet of prom.



While swing dancing, senior Korey Martin pushes sophomore Terri Simmons around the dance floor.

Q: What was your favorite part of the Prom activities?



"The dance was pretty fun, and I really enjoyed listening to friends tell me about the hypnotist."

- Jessica Gartner, 12



"I really liked the hypnotist at after prom; it was really funny."

- Cameron Twombly, 12



"The hypnotist was really cool, and they had never done that before."

- Travis Arnold, 11



"I really liked the food that was served at the banquet--it was really good."

- Robyn Boos, 11



Junior Ravin Walls, freshman Alyssa Halvorsen, and sophomores Amber Stewart and Paige Ellis show off their moves on the dance floor. "My favorite song to dance to was the electric slide. It was really fun and got everyone dancing," Walls said.

Cheyenne Davis, Mallia Sisk, Savannah Stevens, Maggie Gilmore, Kayla Schmitz.



Sophomore Brook Fee and freshman Gabby Speer take a break to enjoy a quick refreshment of punch during the dance.

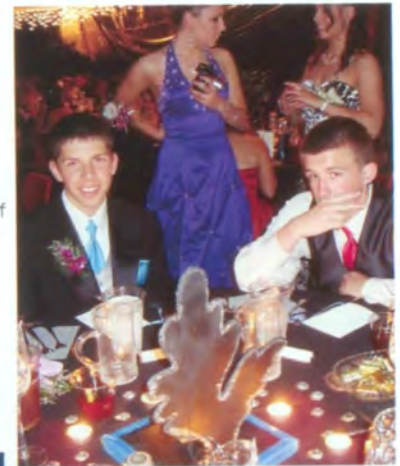


Rachel Rush, Hannah Lackey, Michelle Johnson, Jessica Pickman.



Alaine Caudle shows off her dance moves while dancing to the song "Telephone" by Beyonce and Lady Gaga. "Everytime this song comes on I jam out to it by singing Beyonce's rap part," Caudle said.

A group of the senior girls throw their hands in the air to the song "Ayer" by Flo Rida. "The dance was totally awesome, having a wide range of music that everyone was able to get down and boogie to!" Mollie Tharp said.



Juniors Nick Johnson and Josh VanLaar wait patiently to get their food during the prom banquet. "After our food finally came, I used my connections to get two pieces of cheesecake. It was pretty good," Johnson said.



Seniors Mallia Sisk and Maggie Gilmore dance the night away at prom. "I thought the dance was fun because everyone was having a good time while getting their groove on," Sisk said.

Dancing to the "Cha Cha Slide" Lindsay Libel, Kristy Denton, Brianna Cluck, Mollie Tharp, and Amanda Pickman get down with their bad selves.



Senior Jessica Hutchison enjoys the chocolate fountain and punch that were provided during the dance.



The Party Bus



Korey Martin

Conversing and enjoying a good meal, the kids enjoy their time at Joe's Crab Shack. "Getting to eat out with friends and then going and getting to jump waves on the beach was the best," Cameron Twombly said.

"Sneak was fun and putting my head in the hole at Joe's Crab Shack was something I did just to be funny, but it was fun too," Korey Martin said.



Shaylin Fritch

SENIOR SNEAK

May 9-13

Everything is bigger in Texas is what the seniors soon learned on their Senior Sneak to Texas. At 9 p.m. the school bus departed with 29 kids and three chaperones. After a long night and then a long morning, they arrived in San Antonio, their first stop.

Once off the bus, the first thing the kids did was jump in the hotel pool. Afterwards they headed to the River Walk.

Savannah Stevens said, "I thought sneak was great and I loved all the different cultures on the River Walk."

"The whole trip was fun, the ride was really long—probably too long for 29 kids on a bus—but once we got there, there was a lot to do if we had planned things better."

-Kertis Keehn, senior class sponsor

After San Antonio, the class headed to Galveston where they got to see much of the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. Shopping on a strip mall called the Strand, to relaxing on the beach, the class had a lot of time together which meant a lot of memories. By the time it was time to leave, everyone was ready to go home.

"The whole trip was fun, the ride was really long—probably too long for 29 kids on a bus—but once there, there was a lot to do if we had planned things better," said Kertis Keehn, the senior class sponsor.

Even with the really long ride and a few disagreements, everyone who went will always remember their trip to Texas because they made a lot of memories in just a few days.

Jessica Rauch imitates a "Baywatch" runner as she waits to get on the bus to go to the beach. "It was exciting and I loved it a lot. I hope to go back to the ocean again when I get older," Rauch said.



A group of senior girls run into the Gulf of Mexico as they enjoy the sun and the beach. "I thought the beach was very relaxing except for when salt got in my eyes and it burned," Maggie Gilmore said.



Together on their last night, the seniors take a picture in front of the Rainforest Cafe. The group ate a good meal and then many made memorable stuffed animals from the Build a Bear shop inside. Morgan Helmstetter said, "It was all a lot of fun, the only bad part was that the bus ride sucked."



Brennan Davis shows what it's like to be trapped in a cage as the group stopped at the convenience store Buc-ee's. The group stopped there in order to stretch their legs on their way to Galveston. Davis said, "Buc-ee's was the coolest place I've ever been in and the cage was sweet cause it caught bigger animals than me."



Some seniors get together for a picture while waiting for their food at Joe's Crab Shack. "I enjoyed sneak and getting to go to the beach and riding out the waves with everyone. Also my class members doing the "Cha Cha Slide" and Corey sticking his head through the hole at Joe's will always be some of my favorite moments," Mariah Cunningham said.

Q: What did you think of Senior Sneak?



"It was fun. I was glad to get away from home."
- Kelly Ward



"It was okay, much better than being at home."
- Chris Simmons



"It was fun but I wish that the class had planned things better."
- Jessica Hutchison



"I had a lot of fun, but I wish the class had gotten along better."
- Dyllon Butrick



The class takes a cool break in their San Antonio hotel pool after being stuck in a bus for 14 hours. "San Antonio was okay, but I wish we would have done more things there," Courtney Langley said.



Lindsay Libel talks to the fish as she waits with the rest of the class for tables at the Rainforest Cafe. "Sneak was awesome and I made the ocean look good. At the Rainforest Cafe, I asked the fishes if the water was warm and how they were doin. I also promised that I wouldn't eat them," Libel said.



The graduating class of 2010 takes one last picture together before getting ready to walk down the aisle.

GRADUATION

May 15, 2010

Now we are about to embark on a new chapter in our lives and go our separate ways. But before we do, I would like to reflect on the past few years. We have to admit our successes are due to several factors: the people in our lives, motivation, determination, and respect.

First, I want to remind you to thank the people in your individual lives, such as your parents, friends, family, teachers, and many others. These people push and encourage us to do our best in everything we do. They support us in numerous activities and decisions. And they look out for us, trying to make sure we make the right choices. Without these people in our lives, we may not have the motivation it takes to be successful. The people in our lives motivate us greatly, but they also help us find other factors that motivate us as individuals.

"Find people you can trust and rely on. And never forget to thank the ones that were always there for you. They are the ones who have impacted our lives greatly." Salutatorian Shayln Fritch

Motivation is what gives us the determination and strive to get things done. If you don't have any determination, you might not finish anything. As you go about your lives, never forget to respect those around you. Just like you they worked hard to get where they are.

When you respect others, you in turn will gain respect in anything you do. All these factors point back to one thing, the people in our lives. So as you go on with your lives to bigger and better things, I want to remind you how important it is to surround yourselves with good people. Find people you can trust and rely on. And never forget to thank the ones that were always there for you. They are the ones who have impacted our lives greatly.

-graduation speech given by salutatorian Shayln Fritch



The choir seniors Matthew Henry, Lisa Scholz, and Shayln Fritch sing "I'll Be There For You" by The Rembrants as their last performance together. The verses were able to be split evenly so all three got to sing a small solo. "It was great to sing one last time with the girls, and I'll miss being able to do that next year," Henry said.



Valedictorians Malla Sisk and Kayla Schmitz ask fellow senior Gary Keim what he's thinking at the graduation during their "news cast-theme" speech. Sisk said, "I thought it was different and more relaxing speech. It was also fun doing it with Kayla."

Q: What are you going to miss about high school?



Definitely my teachers and my friends. I'll also miss having computers with Mrs. Winchester and art with Mr. Thornton."
-Jessica Rauch

"My friends and being able to talk to them."
-Korey Martin



"Knowing everyone."
-Zach Baker

Hanging out with friends, playing basketball, and pulling pranks on Lisa."
-Jessica Gartner



Grad Dogs

Above left; Chris and Jake Simmons sport the "cool" look as they wear their sunglasses down the aisle of the graduation ceremony.

Geoffrey Hargis

Miranda Godfrey

Brianna Cluck

Kyle Cluck



Amber Folsom smiles big as she walks away with her diploma. "I'm going to miss being able to laugh at stupid things with people I wasn't very close to, but I'm looking forward to starting my own life, growing up, and making friends who will most likely stay in my life," Folsom said.



Kristy Denton and Miranda Godfrey give each other a friendship hug during the rose presentations to parents. "The rose ceremony was hard because I cried the whole time and it was a way to show my parents I'm all grown up. It's going to be hard not seeing my friends all the time next year, but that's what will make seeing them more fun when I do," Godfrey said.



Jessica Gartner, Jessica Hutchison, Miranda Godfrey, and Morgan Helmstetter show off their fancy designs on their hats.

"It was fun because me and Mir did it together and we knew that nobody else would have 'Let's party!' I'm just gonna miss some people that are going away for college and I won't be able to see them that much anymore," Helmstetter said.



At the end of the commencement ceremony, the 2010 class throws their mortarboards up in the air in celebration when Amanda Pickman ends her closing speech and tells them, "Hats off to you guys!"



Taylor Carwell receives her diploma and a hug from her dad and board member, Rod Carwell.

"I feel like I'm in a book and ending a chapter. I'm glad I got to share that moment with the most important person besides my mom. But I'll always miss the conversations seniors had at lunch no matter how awkward," Carwell said.



Gary Keim gives his mom a hug and a rose during the emotional time when graduates recognize their parents with flowers.



Marijke Fox

Marijke, I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You have a wonderful future ahead. Love you so much.
Debbie



"Congratulations"
We are proud of you. May all of your dreams come true as you journey into the world. And remember what your Nanny once said, "You are our precious."
Love,
Dad, Mom, Justin, and Calvin



P.D. Simmons

Amanda Kathryn Pickman

Wherever you go, go with all of your heart, and make all of your dreams come true.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Jessica,
and Jack



-Benjamin Edward Daniel Lock-

What can we say, you're Ben!



You're one in a million. Never change. We love you and are very proud.

Mom & Dad



"Congratulations, Blessing #7! We love you, Cam!"

- Gramma and Grampa

Cameron Twombly



Taylor-Abbott Carwell

Bunny,
You're a blessing to us. You've grown up so FAST! We are very proud of you!! Always keep God near and your bible close. We love you so very much!!
Love,
Mom and Dad



P.D. Simmons

You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. A poem that I did from me to your mom: Just yesterday you were here with me and tomorrow when you come home, step out of your car and step to the ground, you'll be wearing your cap and graduation gown. I'll hold these moments as hard as I can, because the next time I look, I'll see a man.
- Grandma Simpson

★ Kelly Ward ★



Congratulations!
With love,
Mom, Dad,
Kassy and Morgan



Brianna

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you much happiness and success!



Love,
Dad, Mom, Brandon, Bryson, & Brantley

Jacob,

You can do anything when you put your mind to it, so keep God in your heart and follow your dreams. We love you.



Love,
Dad & Mom



Lindsay

We are all so proud of you for all the hard work!

Love Dad, Dusty, Jessi, and Maddi



Brittney Keever
Britt,
We are so proud of you! Congrats!

Love you tons,
Mom & Dad



Brett

Congratulations!
You made it. We are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Garret,
Kayla, Thomas, Avery,
Hailee, & Derek



Mollie

May the Lord fill your heart and life with as much love as you have for fashion! Stay beautiful In & Out.

Love,
Dad & Mom
Natalie & Tim

Amber

From the moment you arrived to this day, you have never ceased to bring us joy. You are a beautiful young woman with an equally beautiful heart. We love you! Congratulations.



Dad, Mom, Gerald, Katie, and Rebekah



Letting the sparks fly, Jacob Simmons, Dillan Colborn, Chris Simmons, and Brennan Davis work on projects in Ag Mechanics class.



Brennan.
 You have made us so proud - always! The
 future is yours, reach for your dreams.

We love you more!
 Mom & Dad

Brennan Davis



Christopher

We are so proud of
 you! We hope your
 life is full of
 happiness and joy!

Love You,
 Dad, Mom,
 Shawna & Gracie



Chris Beagle



Cassie Wilcox

Cassie,
 Congrats! We are all
 so proud of you.
 Good luck in your
 future as a nurse.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad
 & Family

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Congratulations
 Zach,
 Love
 Grandma Rita



Lindsay Libel, Nikki Boos, Lacie Diveley, Rachel Rush, and
 Katrina Miller tend to some pruning, watering, and
 caring for plants in the Horticulture class greenhouse.



Kristy Denton

You are a beautiful
 person and a
 wonderful friend. I am
 proud to call you my
 daughter.

I hope everything you
 accomplish in life is
 "just what you wanted."

Love,
 Mom



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F R I T C H

Without regrets, I have
 greatly enjoyed watching
 you grow up. However, I
 feel as though we are at a
 bittersweet crossroad. I am
 anxious to watch you
 blossom into your career of
 choice, yet feel great pain in
 my heart to see you leave
 home. The one advice I
 would like to give you; keep
 looking towards God in all
 your decision makings.
 Love,
 Mom

Lisa Renee Scholz



*Delight yourself in the Lord. He
 shall give you the desires of
 your heart. Commit your way to
 the Lord and He shall bring it
 to pass. Psalm 37:4-5*

*We know where it started and
 are anxious to see where it
 takes you. We love you! You've
 always been ready to perform a
 new song.*

*Love always.
 Mom, Dad, and David*



Congratulations to all the graduates of 2010



Geoffrey Hargis



Mariah Cunningham



Cameron Twombly



Cheyenne Davis

Courtney:

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the biggest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known!

Congratulations Bug, I'm very proud of you!

Love you, Dad



Dear PD,

Where have the last 18 years gone? We loved and enjoyed you as a baby and we love and enjoy the young man you have become. It's not an easy world to live in sometimes, but always remember to think your best, act your best, do your best, and most importantly give God your best. We love you and wish you the best. Remember we are always here for you and hope you will always find a minute or two to spend with your Granny Grunt and Grouchy Gramps. We Love You! Grandma and Grandpa (at the farm)



Grandma would be so proud of you!
You're the best aunt ever!
Love Tucky

Lindsay Libel

Paul David a.k.a. "P"

I am so proud of the young man that you have become and even more proud to call you my nephew. If I were to give you some words of advice it would be to first of all put God first in all things because with Him anything is possible and you will come out on top no matter what. Secondly, follow your dreams and do not ever let anyone say you can't do something because with dedication, determination, and discipline you can. Congratulations and always remember that I am here for you. I Love You!



Aunt Paula



Mariah Cunningham

What I want most for you daughter is that you be alive to soar confidently in your own sky, whatever that may be.

I Love You,
Mom



Marijke

We are proud of you!
Congratulations!

Love,
Grandma Reynolds, Aunt Janet, Uncle Stanley, Jeff, Lisa, and Asbty



Cameron

From here your life is an exciting adventure...may you always find success, good health, and most of all happiness. We love you and are very proud of you! Dad, Mom, Seth, Luke, and Scotti

Twombly





Korey Martin and Geoffrey Hargis embrace their inner-child as they play in the water at the Galveston Beach during senior sneak.



Dyllon Butrick and Taylor Carwell head to their places during "Pomp and Circumstance."



Courtney Langley helps the kindergarten during Peer Tutoring, a new class added to this year's schedule.

Geoffrey Hargis

Congratulations
Geoffrey,
Keep smiling, and
you'll go far. We're
proud of you!

Mom, Dad, and Joshua



Jacob Simmons

Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Eric, Terri



Miranda Godfrey, Brittany Keever, Jessica Gartner, and Morgan Helmstetter wait for the ceremony to begin.



Kelly Ward signs Lisa Scholtz's autography dog.

Kyle Cluck



Kyle-
Can't believe how fast the time has gone by! There are no words to describe how proud we are of you and the young man you have become.

Never be afraid to take the road less traveled for it could be the ride of your life!!!
We love you very much,
Pat, Mom, Chels and Paiger

JESSICA SUE

Congratulations!
We are so proud
of you and what
you have
accomplished.

Can't believe how fast you have
grown up.
Good Luck at HCC next year.
We Love You!!!!
Love, Mom, Dad and Emily



DYLLON BUTRICK

Go confidently in the direction of
your dreams. Live the life you have
imagined.

Love, Mom and Dad



*"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and lean not on your
own understanding.*

*In all your ways
acknowledge him and
he will direct your
paths." Proverbs*

3:5-6

*We love you and are
very proud of you!*

Love,

Mom and Dad

Maggie Anne Gilmore



**You can BREATHE now!
You made it!**

Cheyenne Renee Davis



*Congratulations, we miss the
little girl but are very proud of
the young woman you have become.
Reach for the stars, follow your
dreams, and you will go far.*

We Love You ★ ★ ★ ★
Dad & Mom

Malia Elaine Fisk

*You have always been your dad's
sports girl and your mom's little
study girl. We are so proud of the
beautiful, strong young lady you
have become. Remember to
always dream big, and follow those
dreams.*

*Love and God Bless,
Mom, Dad, Casey and Brian*



Savannah Colleen Stevens

*"What lies behind us and
what
lies before us are tiny
matters
compared to what lies
within us."
— Walt Emerson*

Love, Mom and Dad



We are so proud of all that you have achieved!

Congratulations Kayla!

*Love, Dad, Mom,
and Brittany*

*"If you reach up
as far as you can,
God will reach
down the rest of
the way."*



**Good luck to a
fine young man.
Love,
Granny Blevins**



To Mariab

Y'know, going through school is the easy part. Moving on to the next step in life, however, is never as easy. You face it with courage as you always have with every obstacle you've come across. You've always been the bravest of the three of us and probably the most down to earth too (don't worry, I know there's a little bit of our insanity in there somewhere). We're like a lot of siblings in the the sense that we all have our strengths and our weaknesses. We aren't as tightly knit as some and we often don't agree, we're still there for each other when we need and as you move on to the next chapter in your life, that won't change. Your big brother and little sister are always going to love you, no matter what happens and as you open the next door, don't look back to make sure anyone is behind you. You already know that we are.

Best Wishes and Much Love,
Bry and Kenzie



**Kyle,
Eighteen years ago we
got word that we had
our 1st grandchild.
How proud we were of
you then and even
prouder of you now,
seeing what you have
accomplished.
Congratulations!
Love You,
Grandma Connie**



Kyle Cluck

Christopher Smith

Good luck in
the future
and may all
your dreams
come true.
Love You,
Mom, Dad,
and Sis



Morgan Marie Helmstetter

You have grown to be a beautiful and caring young woman. Always remember to be true to yourself, have fun, and that your family loves you and will always be behind you in whatever you do! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Aaron, Melissa,
and Kaitlyne



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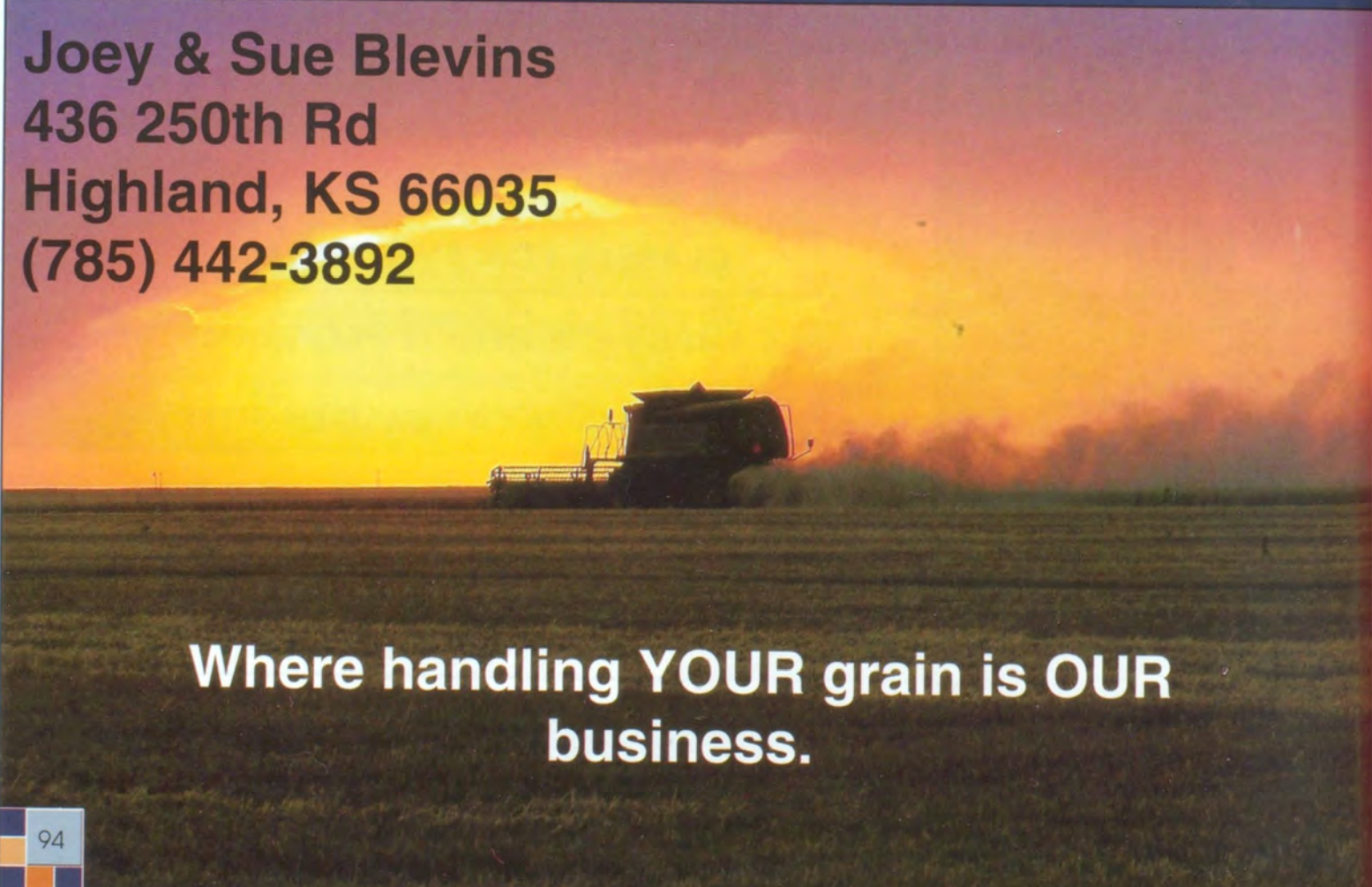
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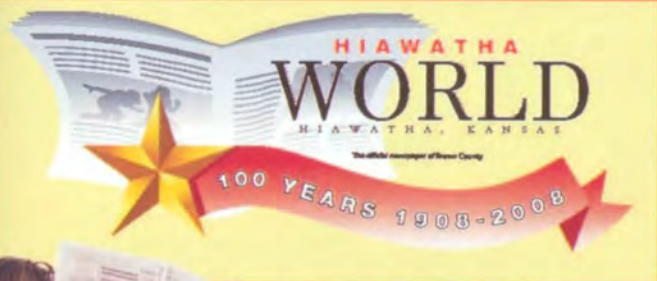
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➔ President Obama orders an increase in troops in Afghanistan with a goal of starting to withdraw forces from the country in July 2011.



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↓ Haiti's earthquake – with a magnitude of 7.0 – is declared by the United Nations as the worst disaster it has ever confronted. Aid pours in from the United States and around the world.

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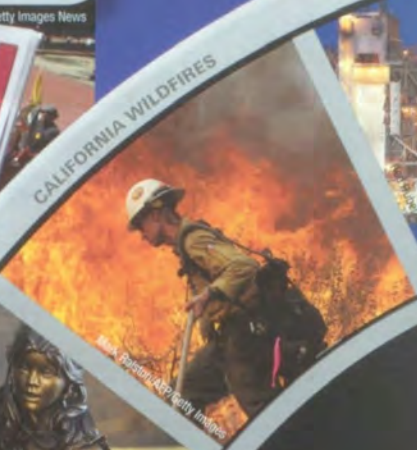


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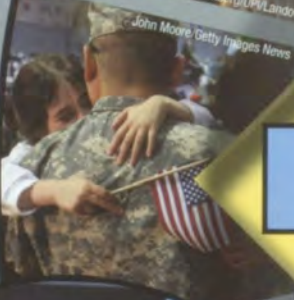
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H1N1



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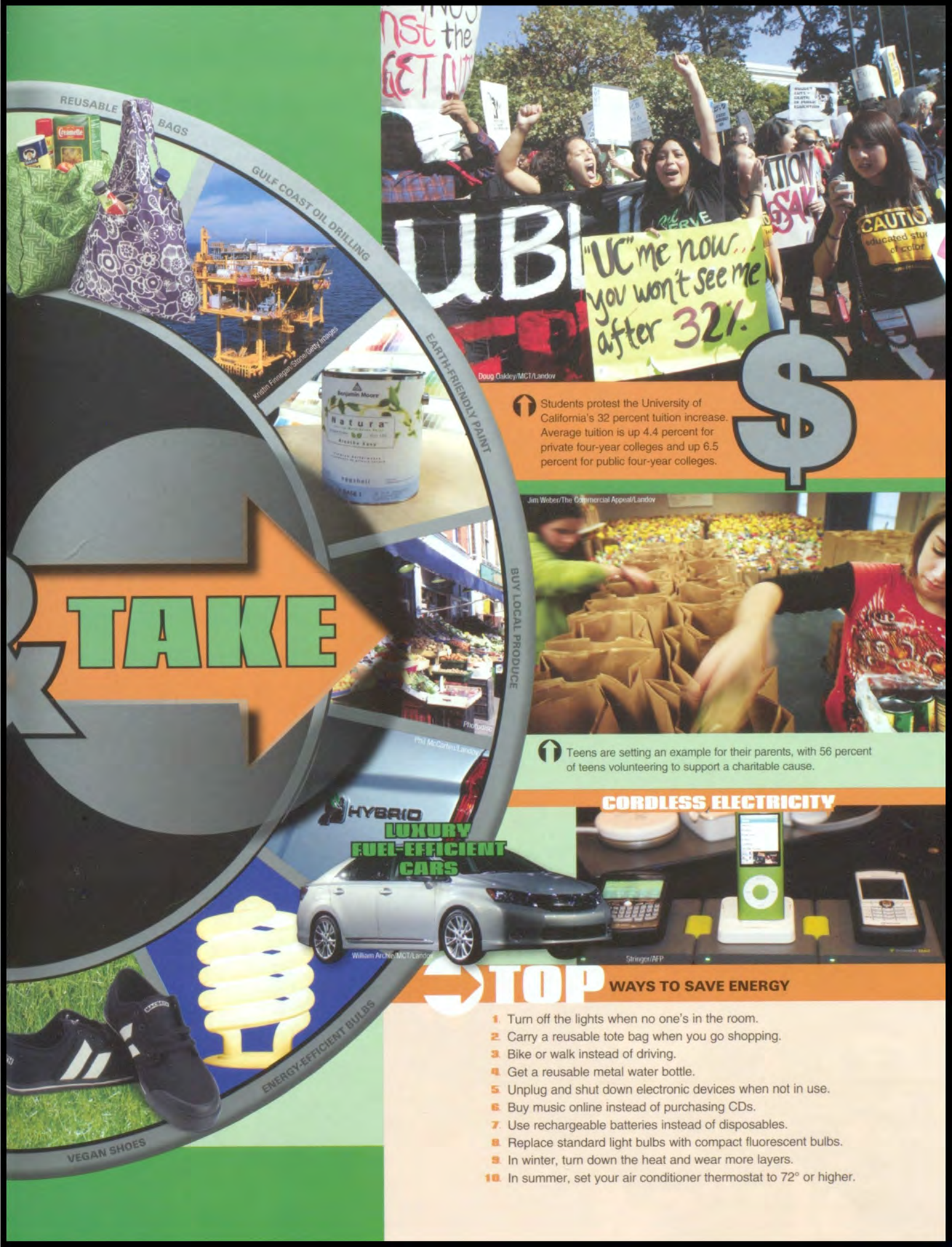


FAIR TRADE COFFEE

SHADE GROWN ALWAYS ORGANIC



WATER BANS



TAKE



Students protest the University of California's 32 percent tuition increase. Average tuition is up 4.4 percent for private four-year colleges and up 6.5 percent for public four-year colleges.



Teens are setting an example for their parents, with 56 percent of teens volunteering to support a charitable cause.



HYBRID LUXURY FUEL-EFFICIENT CARS



CORDLESS ELECTRICITY

TOP 10 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Turn off the lights when no one's in the room.
2. Carry a reusable tote bag when you go shopping.
3. Bike or walk instead of driving.
4. Get a reusable metal water bottle.
5. Unplug and shut down electronic devices when not in use.
6. Buy music online instead of purchasing CDs.
7. Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposables.
8. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
9. In winter, turn down the heat and wear more layers.
10. In summer, set your air conditioner thermostat to 72° or higher.

SPORTS

L.A. GALAXY



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STANLEY CUP

At the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide defeats the second-ranked Texas Longhorns to finish the Bowl Championship Series.

Sidney Crosby becomes the youngest captain to hoist the Stanley Cup as he leads the Pittsburgh Penguins to their third championship and first since 1992.

PHOENIX MERCURY WNBA 2009 CHAMPS

LAKERS 2009 NBA CHAMPIONS

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Team USA heads to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Winter Olympics. More than 200 athletes represent the United States at the XXI Olympic Winter Games.



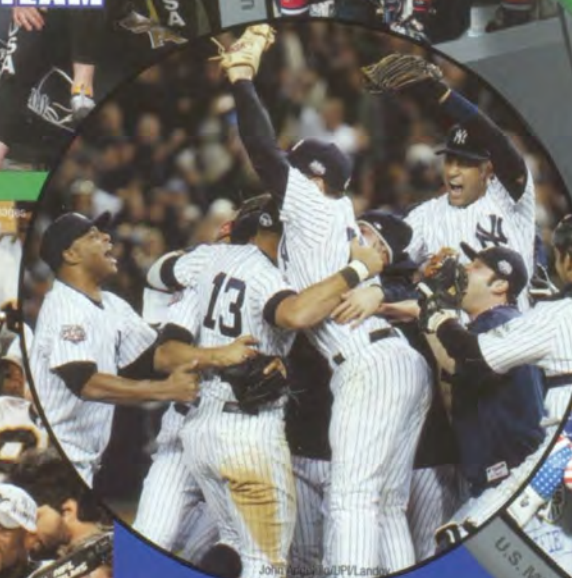
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U.S. MEN'S BOBSLEDDING TEAM

The New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV, their first championship title.



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The New York Yankees capture their 27th World Series Championship when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, four games to two.

TEAM

U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



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U.S. MEN'S SOCCER TEAM



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MICHELLE WIE

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LISA LESLIE RETIRES

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ROGER FEDERER

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STEPHANIE GILMORE

JIMMIE JOHNSON

Brett Favre retires from retirement to lead the Minnesota Vikings. At 40, Favre continues to rewrite the record books, including the most-consecutive regular-season games.

FAVRE

Jeff Higgins/Reuters/Landow



At the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Jamaican sprinter and three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt beats his own 100-meter and 200-meter world records.



Bob Maerz/Sports Illustrated/Getty Images

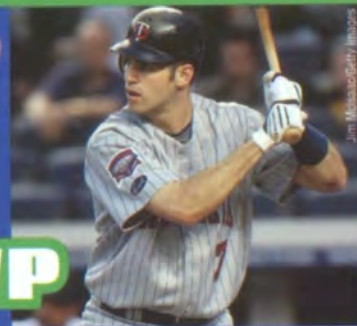
PLAYERS

Shaun White leads a talented roster for the 2010 Olympic Snowboarding Team that also includes fellow gold medalists Kelly Clark, Hannah Teter and Seth Wescott.

SHAUN WHITE

Minnesota Twins' Joe Mauer became only the second catcher in 33 years to win the American League Most Valuable Player Award, finishing first in a near-unanimous vote.

MVP



Jim Muesel/Getty Images

TOP GAMES/EVENTS OF THE DECADE

- 2008 Wimbledon final:** Rafael Nadal vs. Roger Federer
- Super Bowl XLIII:** Steelers 27, Cardinals 23
- World Series 2001, Game 7:** Diamondbacks 3, Yankees 2
- 2007 Fiesta Bowl:** Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42
- 2006 Rose Bowl:** Texas 41, USC 38

- 2008 Olympics:** 100-meter men's butterfly, Michael Phelps
- 2009 Big East tournament:** Syracuse 127, UConn 117 (6 OT)
- Super Bowl XLII:** Giants 17, Patriots 14
- 2002 NBA West finals, Game 7:** Lakers 112, Kings 106 (OT)
- 2005 UEFA Champions League final:** Liverpool beats AC Milan

MUSIC

Jun Sto/WireImage

Bob Diamond/WireImage

AVENTURA

Carles Benito/Reyes / Lambda

↑ After the release of their fifth studio album, the Black Eyed Peas launch The E.N.D. World Tour, with stops in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

↑ Mary Mary's album *Praiseworthy* reaches No.1 on *Billboard's* Christian & Gospel Album Charts, No. 2 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Chart and No. 7 on the *Billboard* Top 200.

➔ *Paramore* takes home the title of Favorite Rock Band at the MTV's People's Choice Awards. Lead singer Hayley Williams kept in touch by Tweeting with fans throughout the awards program.

↓ Taylor Swift has an amazing year with four CMA Awards and the Grammy for Best Album of the Year.



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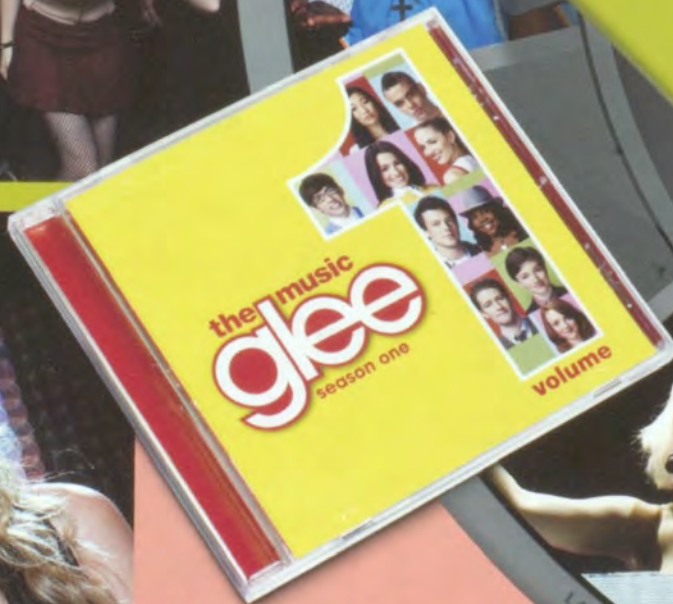


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MOVE



↑ *Glee* geeks go wild! Volume 1 of the *Glee* soundtrack features 17 songs from the hit Fox show about a struggling high school glee club.

LADY GAGA

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JASON DERULO



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KINGS OF LEON



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EMINEM



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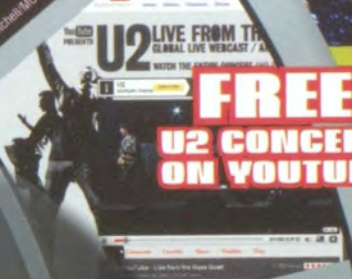
Justin Bieber parlayed YouTube fame into a record deal. A crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans forces him to cancel an appearance at a Long Island mall.



Robert Hoot/Landov

FREE U2 CONCERT ON YOUTUBE

Michael Jackson, the legendary King of Pop, dies unexpectedly at the age of 50, just weeks before his *This Is It* world tour is to begin.



Stephanie Wiegand

Suzan/PA Photos/Landov

GROOVE

MILEY CYRUS



Jim McLean/Getty Images/Entertainment

Alicia Keys guest stars on Jay-Z's album, *The Blueprint 3*. Their joint effort, "Empire State of Mind," is one of the most successful songs of the year.



LINKIN PARK

PA Photos/Landov

BEYONCÉ



Kevin Mazur/WireImage

Beyoncé broke the record for a female artist at the Grammys with six awards, including Song of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

TOP 10 TOP-SELLING ALBUMS OF 2009

1. *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
2. *I Dreamed a Dream*, Susan Boyle
3. *Number Ones*, Michael Jackson
4. *The Fame*, Lady GaGa
5. *My Christmas*, Andrea Bocelli
6. *Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack*, Hannah Montana
7. *The E.N.D.*, Black Eyed Peas
8. *Relapse*, Eminem
9. *The Blueprint 3*, Jay-Z
10. *Only By the Night*, Kings of Leon

Billboard.com

LADY ANTEBELLUM



Frank Ockenfels/Entertainment

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GREEN DAY



21st CENTURY BREAK

ENTERTAINMENT



↑ Tina Fey's acclaimed NBC comedy *30 Rock* receives a record 22 primetime Emmy Award nominations and wins five, including Best Comedy Series and Best Actor in a Comedy Series (Alec Baldwin).



↑ Reality TV shows like CBS's *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* continue to draw in viewers of all ages.

→ A new generation discovers the Fab Four. The Beatles: *Rock Band* is a smash hit among teens, parents and even grandparents!



↓ New Fox hit TV show *Glee* takes home the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy Television Series over such veteran shows as *The Office*, *30 Rock* and *Entourage*.



VAMPIRE DIARIES

THE BIG BANG THEORY

PROJECT RUNWAY

THE SIMPSONS

TOP CHEF

PSP GO

NAMES

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THE SIMPSONS

TOP CHEF

THE HILLS

3-D TV

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1969
2009

◀ Sesame Street, the legendary PBS children's show, celebrates 40 years of ABCs and 123s with the likes of Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch and Big Bird.

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1999
2009

◀ SpongeBob SquarePants celebrates 10 years on the air with the debut of *Truth or Square*, a Nickelodeon TV movie featuring celebrity guests and several shocking twists.

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GAMES

THE SHERRI SHEPARD SHOW

Carol Kaelson/DLPhoto.com
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LATE-NIGHT BATTLE

◀ After just seven months, Conan O'Brien receives \$45 million to surrender his position as host of *The Tonight Show* after NBC decides to return Jay Leno to his previous time slot.

Mitchell Haase/CNBC/courtesy Everett Collection



XBOX LIVE

MODERN FAMILY

Rob D'Avella/Honey Bee Television Group/Getty Images



TOP 10 TOP-SELLING VIDEO GAMES OF 2009

- 1. Wii Fit
- 2. Wii Play
- 3. Pokémon Platinum Version
- 4. Mario Kart Wii
- 5. Resident Evil 5 (Xbox 360)
- 6. Killzone 2
- 7. Call of Duty: World at War
- 8. Resident Evil 5 (PS3)
- 9. Halo Wars
- 10. Street Fighter IV

Source: cnbc.com

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

Tim Lincecum/PK Photo/Landov
Adam Carolla/477.com
Courtesy: Everett Collection

MOVIES



After two weeks of limited sold-out shows, 1 million moviegoers submit online requests that cause the nationwide release of *Paranormal Activity*.



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince raked in the biggest midnight earnings of all time, grossing \$22.2 million at the box office.



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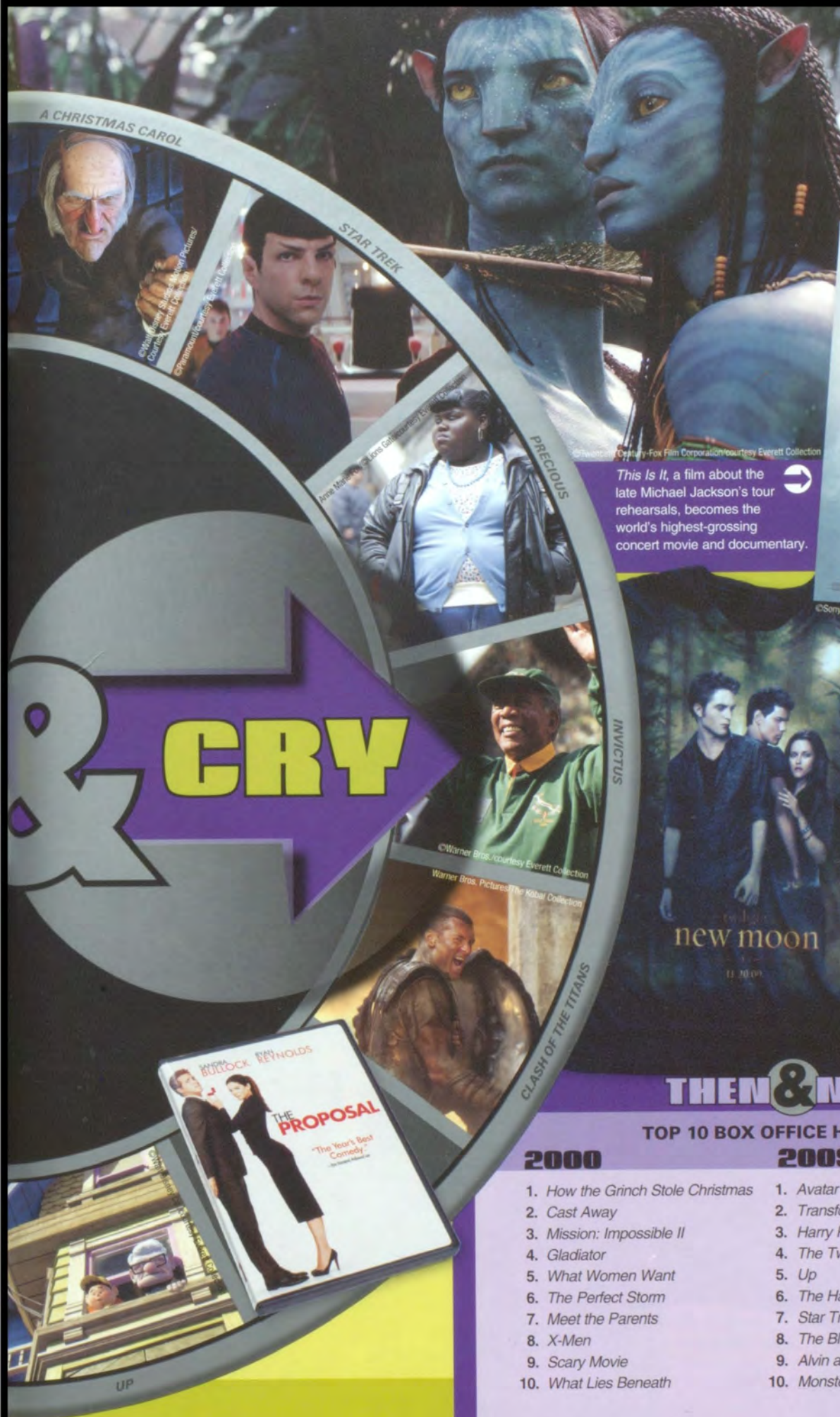
2012



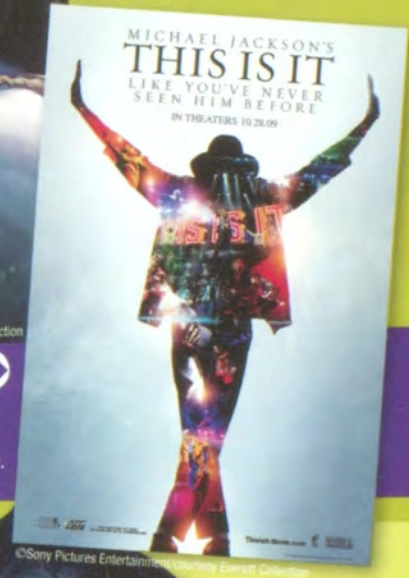
Sandra Bullock wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama for her performance in *The Blind Side*, based on the true story of Baltimore Ravens football player Michael Oher.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
 NINJA ASSASSIN
 TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN
 ZOMBIELAND
 VALENTINE'S DAY
 X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE

LAUGH



C In just 41 days, James Cameron's *Avatar* overtakes *Titanic* to become the highest-grossing movie ever worldwide at \$1.859 billion.



C *This Is It*, a film about the late Michael Jackson's tour rehearsals, becomes the world's highest-grossing concert movie and documentary.



TEAM JACOB
TEAM EDWARD

C Are you "Team Jacob" or "Team Edward"? "Twiwards" around the world swoon over the supernatural love triangle in *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*.

THEN & NOW

TOP 10 BOX OFFICE HIT MOVIES

2000

1. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
2. *Cast Away*
3. *Mission: Impossible II*
4. *Gladiator*
5. *What Women Want*
6. *The Perfect Storm*
7. *Meet the Parents*
8. *X-Men*
9. *Scary Movie*
10. *What Lies Beneath*

2009

1. *Avatar*
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
4. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*
5. *Up*
6. *The Hangover*
7. *Star Trek*
8. *The Blind Side*
9. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*
10. *Monsters Vs. Aliens*

TRENDS

**LAYERS
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The Blanket That Has Sleeves
Snuggie
Keeps You Warm And Your Hands Free

- Keeps Hands Free
- Super Soft Fleece
- One Size Fits All - Adult
- Machine Washable

Special Bonus!
Free Super Soft Fleece

↑ Snuggie, the blanket with sleeves, is a runaway hit. The company introduces versions for kids and pets and features designer styles in a fashion show.

NORTH FACE JACKETS

MUK LUKS

**RAIN
BOOTS**

OVERSIZED RINGS

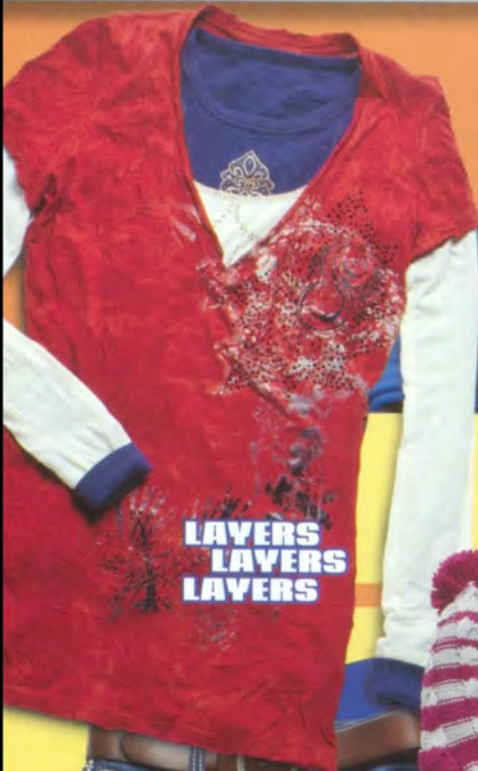
GIRLS

CARDIGANS

METALLIC NAIL POLISH

SCARVES

**UGG
BOOTS**



Graphic tees, worn alone or paired with zip-front hoodies, are a comfortable way to make a style statement, promote your favorite band and express your individuality.

BOAT SHOES

CARGO SHORTS

BASKETBALL SHOES

EARFLAP HATS

GUYS

GIRLS & BOYS PLAID SHIRTS

BASKETBALL SHORTS

WORK BOOTS

ENERGY DRINKS

TOP 10 FASHION TRENDS

1. Skinny jeans
2. Big '80s shoulders
3. Over-the-knee boots
4. Graphic tees
5. Hoodies
6. Animal prints
7. Rachel Roy bags
8. Ripped jeans
9. '90s grunge
10. Flared jeans

teenmag.com, teenfashion.about.com

LIFESTYLE



Jeremy Woodhouse/David J. Phillip



SOCIAL NETWORKS

↑ Quinceañeras, the Latin American culture's coming-of-age celebration on a girl's 15th birthday, are becoming larger and more elaborate like Sweet 16 parties.

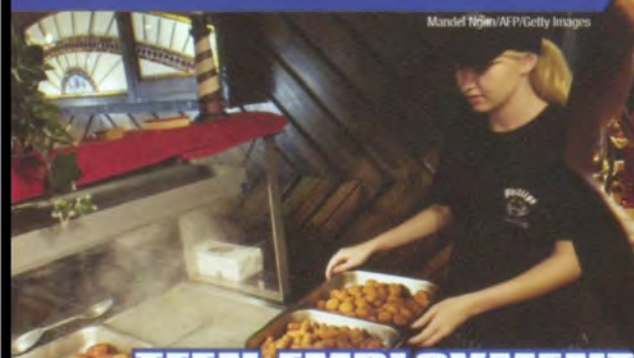
↑ More than half (55 percent) of Americans ages 12-17 use social networking websites.

→ Now you can carry a whole library in a device the size of a hardcover. Consumers crave readers like Amazon's Kindle and the Sony Reader.

Mike Sogor/Reuters/Landow



↓ In January 2010, teen employment rates hit a record low of 26.2 percent due to a lack of entry-level jobs available at the minimum wage.



Mandel Ngien/AFP/Getty Images

TEEN EMPLOYMENT



William Deshaizer/MCT/Landow

↑ Pass the potatoes, please. Busy families are cutting back on expensive take-out meals and making time to sit down together for healthier, home-cooked family dinners.

HOT



HAND SANITIZER



CELL PHONES

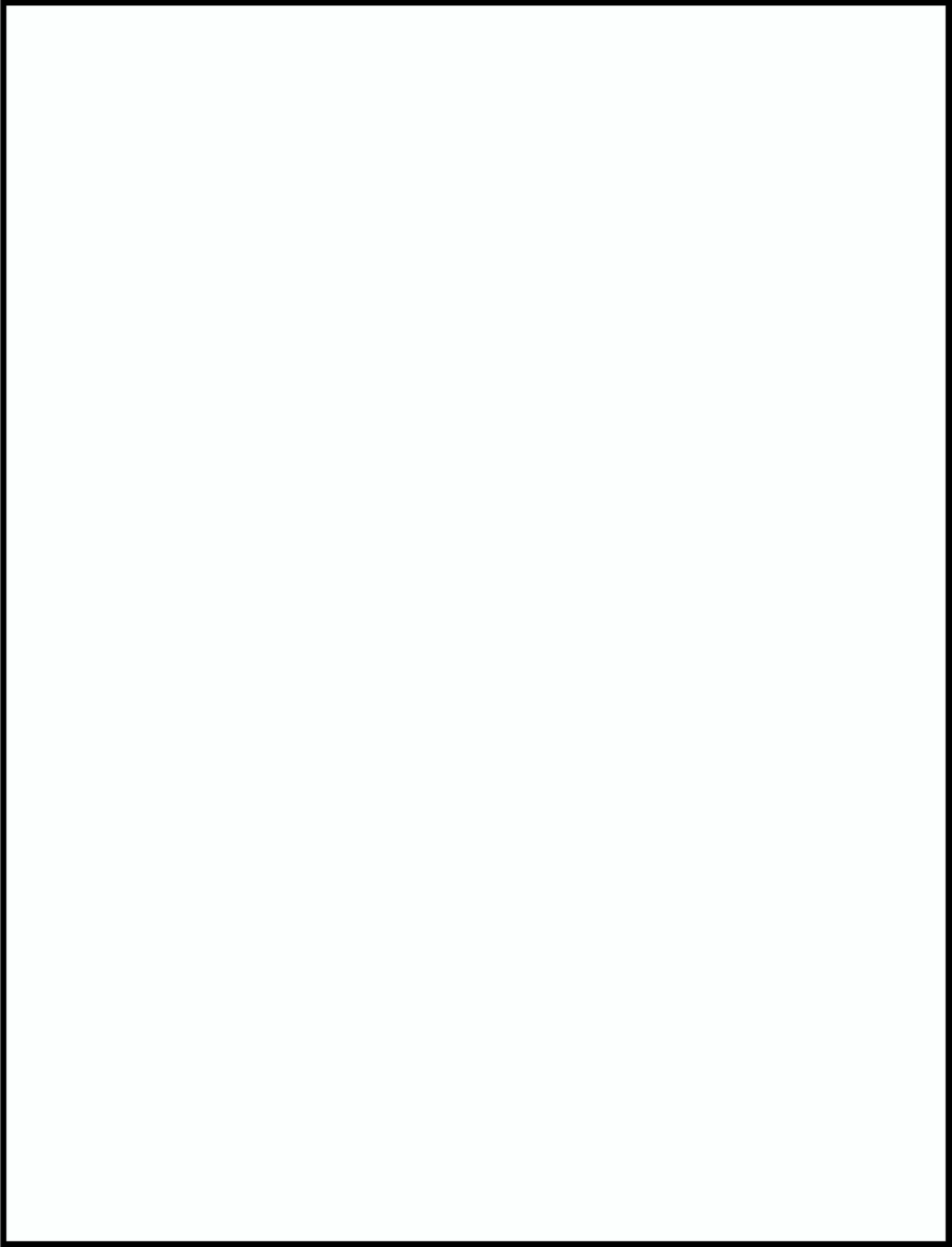


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The Final Word

The 2009-2010 Doniphan West Journalism 2 Class presents Volume VI of "Mustang Moments." Members of the class included seniors Cheyenne Davis, Shayln Fritch, Maggie Gilmore, Kayla Schmitz, Lisa Scholz, Malia Sisk; and juniors Landon Allen, Hannah Lackey, and Ashlie Witham. Their adviser was Marla Taylor.

"That's What We Said," the yearbook theme, was chosen by the Journalism class and they created the cover with ideas from a poster found in math teacher Carl Swendson's classroom.

Tyler Malins and Wally Malins were the Jostens yearbook representatives. Knowing pretty much what they wanted for the overall yearbook design, the Journalism class took a trip to Jostens Publishing Co. in Topeka, Kan. and worked with an artist to design the cover.

Body copy and captions were written in Avalon, scripts were written in Footloose, and headlines were written in Eras Ultra (BOLD). The dominant colors for graphics and theme were VT Navy, RF Peaceful, VT Mango, and VT Orange Yogurt.

The yearbook was produced using the Jostens online program Yearbook Avenue. Photos were edited using Adobe Pagemaker.

The Editor-in-Chief was Kayla Schmitz and the assistant editor was Maggie Gilmore.

"What's the best privilege you get in Yearbook?"



"Journalism is the ability to meet the

challenge of filling space,"

- Rebecca West

Landon Allen

Pages: 6, 7, 20, 21, 36, 37, 54, 57, 63, 66, 90



"The best privilege was the ability to work freely."

Cheyenne Davis

Pages: 2, 3, 10, 11, 58, 59, 64, 65, 81, 93



"The best privilege is keeping a huge secret that nobody else knows about what the yearbook looks like."

ShayIn Fritch

Pages: 8, 9, 24, 25, 32, 33, 48, 49, 77, 89



"The best privilege is getting to look through all of the pictures."

Maggie Gilmore

Pages: 28, 29, 42, 43, 60, 61, 74, 75, 87, 90



"What?!! I'm in Yearbook?! I thought this class was Computer Apps!! No wonder Mrs. Taylor always bugs me about making my deadlines."

Hannah Lackey

Pages: 12-23, 68, 69, 90, 91



"The best privilege was Mrs. Taylor bringing us goodies all of the time and that we got to pick what she brought."

Kayla Schmitz

Pages: 4, 5, 34, 35, 38, 39, 62, 63, 76, 79-82, 88



"I just really like it when Mrs. Taylor brings us food. Yep. That's about it."

Lisa Scholz

Pages: 43, 48, 54, 55, 66, 67, 70-73, 78, 92



"The best privilege was having her trust that we will get our assignments done."

Mailia Sisk

Pages: 30, 31, 40, 41, 46, 47, 50, 51, 83, 84



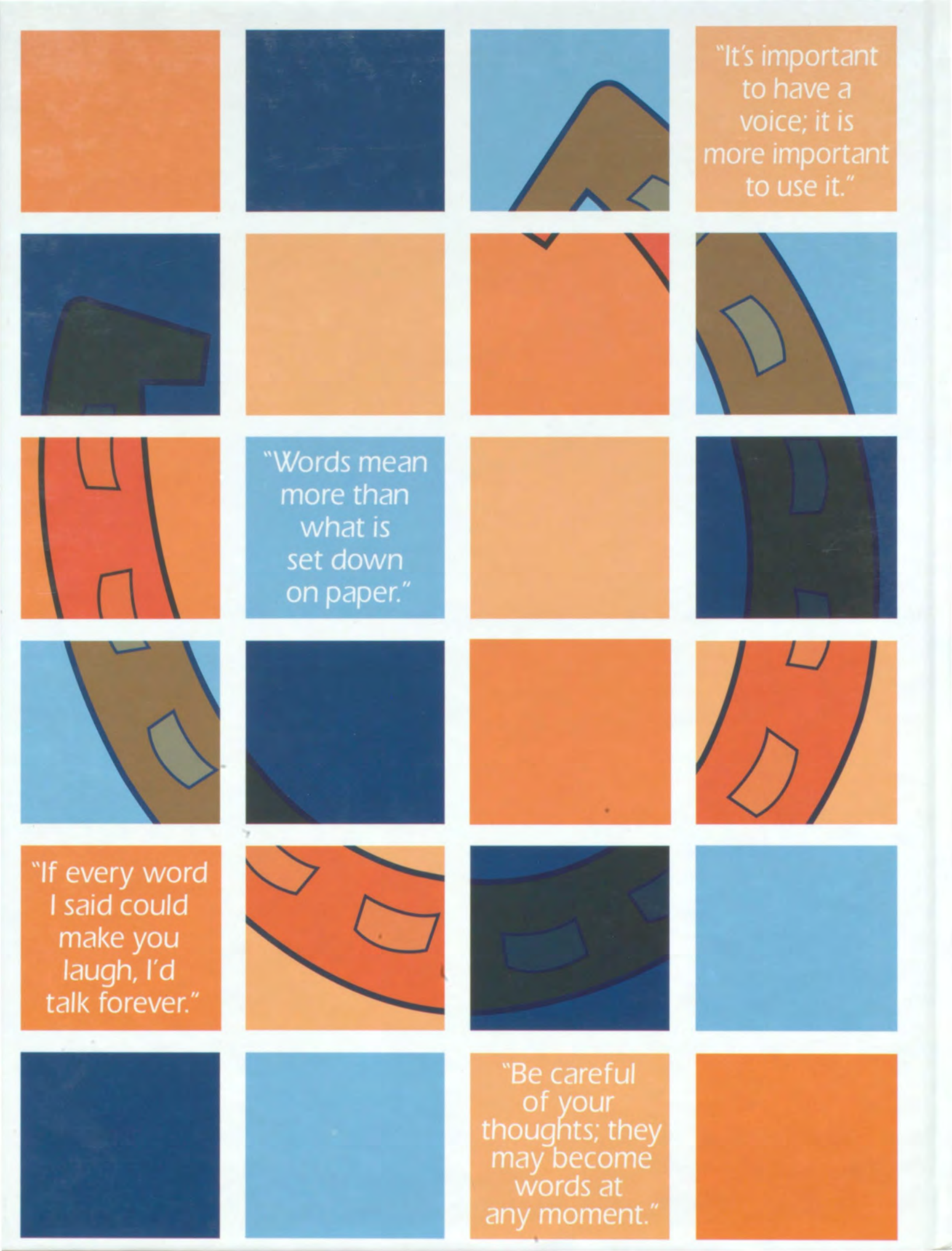
"The best privilege was getting to work with everyone and be a part of something really important for the school."

Ashlie Witham

Pages: 12-23, 52, 53, 94, 95



"The best privilege was getting to listen to Mrs. Taylor sing along with us to the iPod."



"It's important to have a voice; it is more important to use it."

"Words mean more than what is set down on paper."

"If every word I said could make you laugh, I'd talk forever."

"Be careful of your thoughts; they may become words at any moment."