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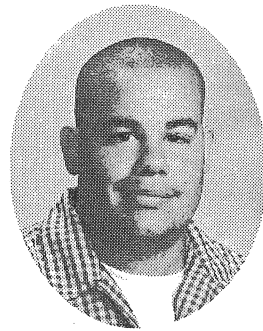
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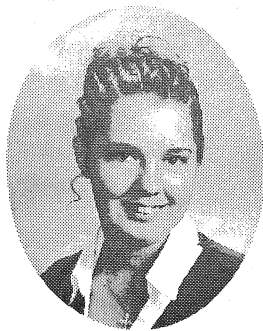
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Elwood High School

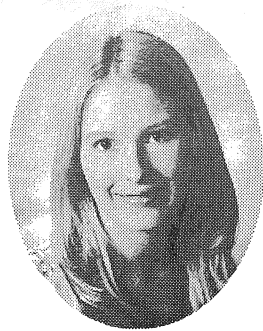
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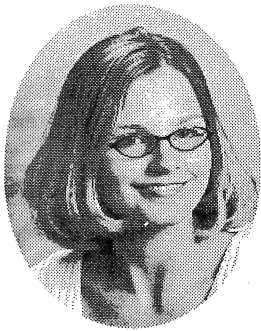
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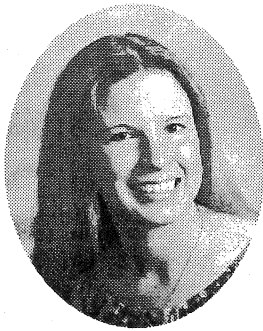
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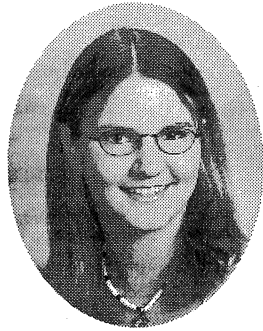
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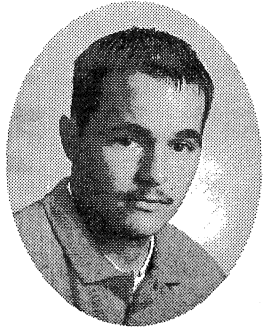
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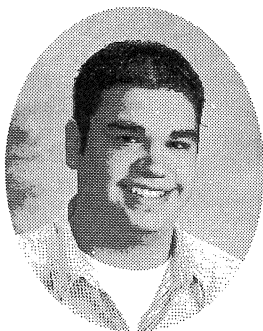
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Nathan Lewis Martinez



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Melody Christine Miller



Ashley Nichole Smith



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all the best
in the future!

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Elwood High School Commencement Exercises

Monday Evening, May 19, 2003, 8:00 p.m.
Elwood School Gymnasium

- Processional—"Pomp and Circumstance"..... Elgar
The Concert Band
1 Rating State Band Festival
(Audience, please stand for processional)
- Welcome Dr. Kay Schultz, Superintendent
- Salutatorian
- Valedictorian.....
- "Crest of Nobility" Sheldon
The Concert Band
Norman F. Burmont, Director
- Presentation of Speaker Jim Leatherman, Principal
- Address "Visions"
Jeremy Hunter, Class of 1990
- "Rites of Tamburo" Smith
The Concert Band
1 Rating State Band Festival
Norman F. Burmont, Director
- Presentation of Awards and Scholarships
- Presentation of the class of 2003 Jim Leatherman, Principal
- Presentation of Diplomas Jeff Murphy
President, Board of Education
- Memories of the Class of 2003 Video Presentation
- Closing Remarks Jim Leatherman, Principal
- Recessional—"Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
The Concert Band
(Audience, Please Stand)

Class Colors
Red & Black

Class Flower
Rose

Class Song
"Lean on Me"

Class Motto
"Do not go where the
path may lead,
go instead where there
is no path and
leave a trail"
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Senior Class Sponsors
Norman F. Burmont
Sue Burmont

Escorts/Candlelighters
LaToya Bushrod
Bryan England

EHS Memories

By Elwood High School Senior Class President Matthew Liechti


The Senior Class of 2003 has always been a very close knit-
ted group and have enjoyed so many experiences that will al-
ways remain vivid in our memories.

We have worked hard together in accomplishing our goals.
Of the 19 members of the graduation class, 10 of us have been
classmates since elementary school.

Our participation in school activities has been a source of
pride to us. Fifteen of us are currently members of the concert
band. Three of the five male members of the class were on the
football squad and four boys and three girls were on the basket-
ball teams. Four class members participated in the track pro-
gram, and the volleyball program had four of our young ladies
on its team. Our class has the reputation of being hard working
and responsible, and... very greedy, as evidenced by the amount
of money we have earned for our senior trip.

It is now time for each of us to go our own ways and I
believe that each of us will continue to be productive members
of this great country. My best wishes go with each of them.

*Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind,
filling it with a steady and perpetual serenity.*
--Joseph Addison



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Grads!!*

*We're proud of your accomplishments and
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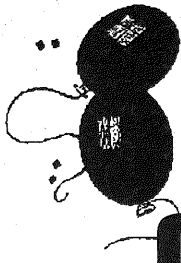
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Class of
2003!*

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you, Grads!**

City of Elwood
Governing Body
& employees

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Highland Community College Graduates

Highland Community College held its 145th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 3. Nearly 150 students received associate in arts, associate in science, associate in applied science, and associate in general studies degrees.

In what has become a new tradition at the College, The Pipers of the Plains, a bagpipe troupe from Topeka, led the HCC faculty and students across campus to Allen Field House where the commencement exercises were held. Emeritus faculty members James Thompson and Stanley Lewis led the faculty into the Field House, followed by Cheryl Rasmussen, vice president for student services, and Deborah Fox, dean of finance and operations, who led the graduates.

Under the direction of music instructor Brian Casey, the Lads and Lassies performed Casey's new arrangement of the HCC alma mater. The HCC Chorus presented "United We Stand," a collection of patriotic tunes.

Kim and Dan Gronniger, 1979 graduates of HCC who now live and work in Topeka, were the guest speakers. They spoke of humorous memories from their days at HCC, and provided the graduates with a list of important items to remember, noting that while they could remember who the speaker was when they graduated from HCC, they did not remember what was said.

HCC president David Reist presented psychology instructor Sharon Church with the annual Bruning Award, given each year to provide an HCC faculty member with a stipend for professional development. Church will be attending the second half of The Academy for Leadership and Development Training sponsored by the National Community College Chair Academy. Reist also recognized Jana Collins of Highland and Michael Lang of Quenemo as the recipients of the Student Services Award.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATING INCLUDE:

Associate in Arts	
Jana Leah Collins	Highland, KS
Laura Marie Covert	Robinson, KS
Bradley Michael Coy	Wathena, KS
Aaron DeWayne Dunn	Troy, KS
Colby Devin Earleywine	Horton, KS
Carol Marie Hoverson	Atchison, KS
Jennifer Yvonne Knudson	Leona, KS
Jenise E. Laipple	Wathena, KS
Michael Allen Lang	Quenemo, KS
Elizabeth Ann Losson	Troy, KS
Annabelle Caitlin Lucas	Hiawatha, KS
Clinton Douglas Meyer	Hiawatha, KS
Ryann Elizabeth Owens	Bendena, KS

Rebecca Jo Myers Parsons	Atchison, KS
Travis Jordan Peak	Highland, KS
Milia Marie Penrod	Atchison, KS
Lori Ann Peterson	Hiawatha, KS
Shelby Ray Scholz	Atchison, KS
Caroline Marie Sechler	Hiawatha, KS
James Miles Shufflebarger	Horton, KS
Andrew Duane Vernon	Bendena, KS

Associate in General Studies	
Elizabeth Ann Bannister	Hiawatha, KS
Jennifer Diane Cavin	Hiawatha, KS
Noah Michael Diveley	Severance, KS
Eric Wayne Fuhrman	Severance, KS
V. Denise Green	Everest, KS
Corinne Janell Ruhnke	Troy, KS
Brandi Lynn Studer	Wathena, KS

Associate in Science	
Roderick Leslie Baptisto	Horton, KS
Jana Leah Collins	Highland, KS
Shannon Marie Cross	Troy, KS
Aaron DeWayne Dunn	Troy, KS
Pamela Ann Lambert Gaskell	Hiawatha, KS
Brooke Lynette Harden	Everest, KS
Caleb Daniel McAfee	Horton, KS
Katherine Marie Miller	Atchison, KS
Ryann Elizabeth Owens	Bendena, KS
Milia Marie Penrod	Atchison, KS
Jennifer Marie Walsh	Denton, KS

Associate in Applied Science	
Jeremy David Blanton	Atchison, KS
Brandi J. Strong	Troy, KS
Kevin Eugene Thompson	Denton, KS



Members of the Pipers of the Plains lead the HCC faculty and graduating students in the traditional final walk across campus to the 2003 commencement exercises.

Best Wishes in the future!

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Best Wishes Graduates!

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Wathena High School Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 18, 2003, 5:00 p.m.
High School Gymnasium

**Processional*
"Pomp and Circumstance"..... Elgar
Concert Band
Opening Comments Sarah McMillan
"It's Hard to Say Goodbye"..... Besig
Mixed Chorus
Salutatorian Miranda Nolan
Valedictorian..... Leann Liechti
Presentation of Senior Awards..... Robert W. Blair, Principal
Jerry Burks, Counselor
Senior Video "Senior Memories 2003"
"Friends" Smith
Mixed Chorus
Presentation of Class Robert W. Blair, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas Dr. Kay Schultz, Superintendent
Pam Ryser, USD 406 Board Member
Reading of Class Roll Hillary Bauman
Closing Remarks Katie Leach
**Recessional*
"Tannhauser March"..... Wagner Henderson
Concert Band

*Congregation please stand at these points

Class Sponsor
Pamela Clark

Class Flower
Yellow
Ranunculus

Class Colors
Green/Silver

**We salute
you,
graduates,
for
a job well
done!**

**Mike Davis
Construction
& Materials**

**Good Luck
Grads!**
Special
congrats
to
Craig Ryser!

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Cellar**

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989-3490

**Congrats
Grads!**

**City of
Wathena**

Mayor Jim
McAnerney
Council:
Ivan Foley
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Bob Ryser
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& employees

Congratulations Grads!

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Schultz's

Class Motto
"Be who you are and say
what you feel because
those who mind don't
matter and those who
matter don't mind."
--Dr. Seuss

Class Officers
President
Hillary Bauman
Vice President
Miranda Nolan
Secretary
Leann Liechti
Treasurer
Mikel Rullman
Stuco Representative
Jonathan Cooper
Stuco Representative
Rachel Higdon

Junior Class Ushers:
Elise Nitz and
Jordan Bauman

Thank You, Wathena Community!

By WHS Senior Class President Hillary Bauman

As our days come to a close at Wathena High School, the class of 2003 would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, friends and the community for their many years of support.

We hope that the Wathena Community realizes the impact that they have had on each one of lives. Whether it was on the football field, volleyball/basketball court, a musical performance, or a fund-raising activity, we knew we could depend on this community for the help and support that we needed. Each of you played an important role in the success of the 25 graduates of this year's class.

As we embark on the next phase of our lives, we will be entering college, vocational school, the military or the workforce. We hope to make our families, friends and the Wathena community proud of our future accomplishments.

**On With the
Show Videos
and Entertainment**

Good Luck Grads!
Wathena, Ks. 989-4767

Good Luck Grads!

**Our Family
Tree**

Special congratulations to WHS Graduate Brianna Hrenchir

Natalie Richter & Family,
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Graduates!**

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Nicholas Adam Barker



Hillary Ellen Bauman



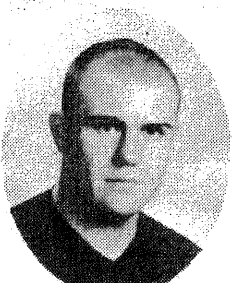
Steven Albert Boeh



Jana Elaine Brooks



Jonathan Russell Cooper



Troy Daniel Fansher



Rachel Lyuca Higdon



Brianna Jo Hrenchir



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Dr. Kay Schultz
Superintendent



Robert W. Blair
Principal



Pamela Clark
Sponsor



Krensna Kaye Juhl



Kyle Mathew Kaelin

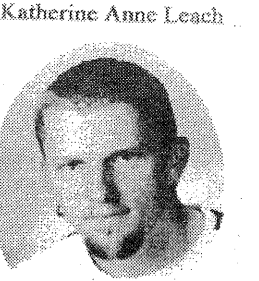
Wathena High School 2003



Katherine Anne Leach



Leann Thresa Liechti



Brandon Dominic Marshall



Sherry Ann McPee



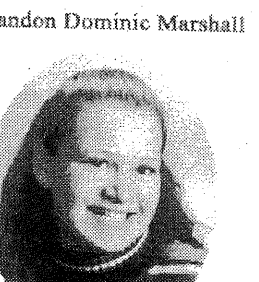
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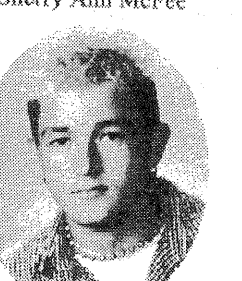
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Krystina Renee Mowry



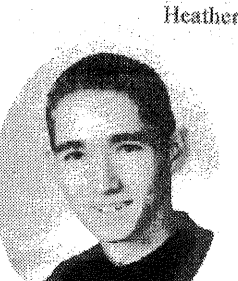
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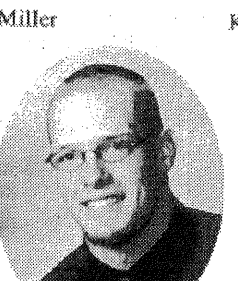
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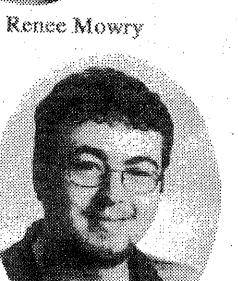
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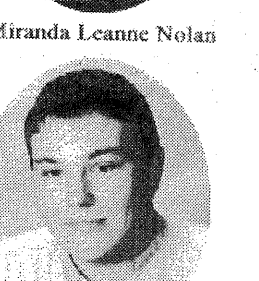
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Craig Alan Ryser



Jared Wayne Vincent



Aaron Lee Wisler

Midway High School Commencement Sunday, May 18, 2003 2:00 p.m.

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" High School Band By Elgar
Welcome	Dr. Wally Autem, Principal
Introduction of Parents	Dr. Wally Autem, Principal
Presentation of Flowers	"The Dance" By Garth Brooks
Graduates' Video Presentation	Selected Music
Salutatorian Address	Laura Albers
Valedictorian Address	Amanda Thompson
Musical Selection	"One Moment In Time" Laura Albers By Whitney Houston
Presentation of Class	Dr. Wally Autem, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Board of Education
Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance" High School Band By Elgar

MIDWAY SCHOOL BOARD

Doug Johnson - President
Al Fuhrman
Miriam Scholz
Galen Weiland
David Boos
Vicki Jones
Tom Halling

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Brandi Forney Stacey Halling
D.J. Becker David Scholz

PROGRAMS

Natalie Tharp Rick Hoffman

SPONSORS

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COLORS

Navy Blue
Silver

FLOWER

White
Carnation

CLASS MOTTO

"If what you're working for really matters, you'll give it all you've got."

Nido Qubein

MHS Graduates planning for the future

By Laura Albers

At Midway High School, the 2003 graduating class has been active in a variety of educational and athletic groups.

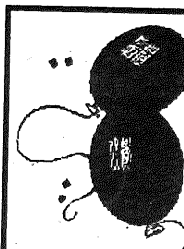
To begin with, Laura Albers, Amanda Thompson, and Brandon Winchester were involved in the school band and the Student Council along with Luke Lednicky. Laura Albers and Amanda Thompson have also been members of the National Honor Society and Albers has been active in the school plays. David Schmitt was a member of the Scholar's Bowl team that finished in the top half at State this year. A majority of the class attends Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison. They include Shawn Kuhnert, electrical; Luke Lednicky, electrical; Cohen Otte, electrical; Andrew Peuker, diesel; and Brad Scholz, welding.

This class has been active in sports over the past four years as well. Stephen Christopher, Luke Lednicky, Cohen Otte, David Schmitt, Brad Scholz, and Brandon Winchester have all participated in football and were involved in the State football game in 2000. Shawn Kuhnert, Luke Lednicky, Cohen Otte, Brad Scholz, and Brandon Winchester have been a part of the boys' basketball team at some point during high school and Winchester lead the team to Sub-State this year. The two girls, Laura Albers and Amanda Thompson have been active in volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading all four years.

Next year, the graduates will be

heading off on their own separate ways. Laura Albers and Stephen Christopher are going to be attending Highland Community College. Amanda Thompson will be at Benedictine College. David Schmitt is going to Kansas University. Brad Scholz will be finishing out the welding program at Northeast Kansas Technical College. Cohen Otte will begin working at Betts Electric. Shawn Kuhnert, Luke Lednicky, Andrew Peuker, and Brandon Winchester are still undecided.

Congratulations to the 2003 graduating class at Midway High School in all of your accomplishments and good luck!



Good Luck!

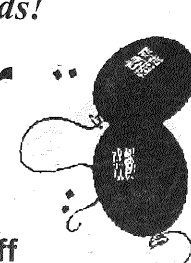
Robyn Johnson

attorney-at-law

J.D. Euler, counsel
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Troy
985-2121

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Best Wishes in
the future
2003 grads!

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Congratulations
Grads!!

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Happy Graduation Day!

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Mark Martin
Sponsor



George Pat McAfee
Superintendent



Wally Autem
Principal



Deanna Scherer
Sponsor

Midway

High School

Graduating

Class Of

2003



Laura Marie
Albers



Stephen Douglas
Christopher



Shawn Wayne
Kuhnert



Luke Michael
Lednicky



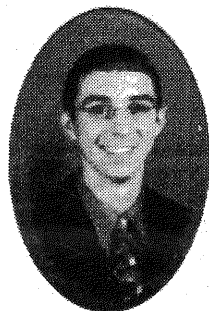
Cohen Joseph
Otte



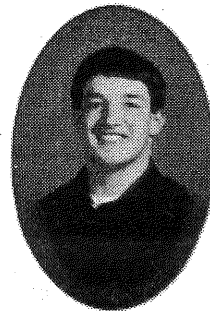
Andrew Steven
Peuker



Amanda Sue
Thompson



Brandon Lewis
Winchester




David Charles
Schmitt




Bradley Dean
Scholz

Celebrate

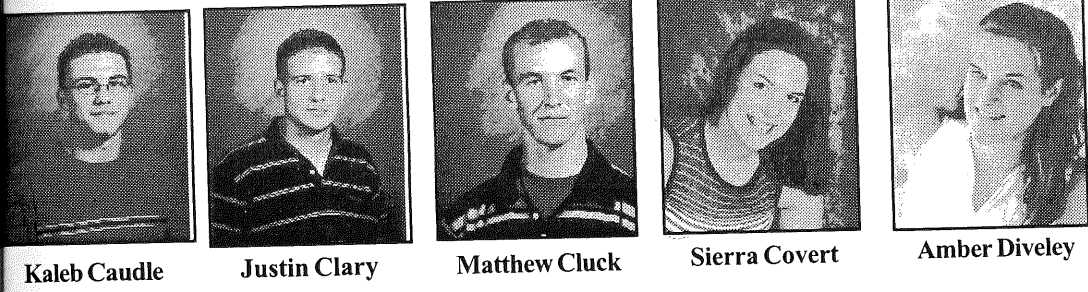
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Congratulations
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 and staff
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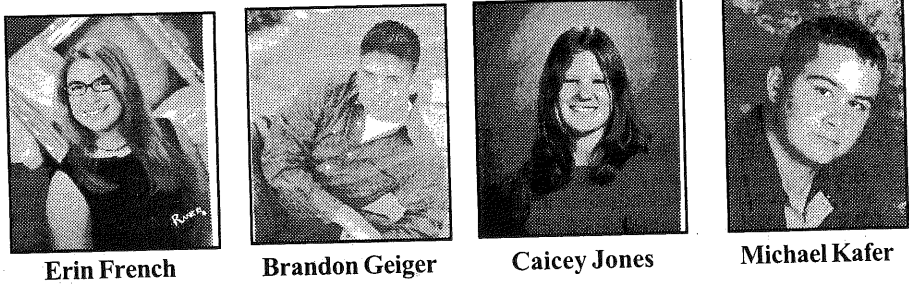
Congratulations, Graduates!

Bank of Denton
 Denton, Ks. 359-6533 Each Member Secured by FDIC


Congratulations!
Weiland's Grocery
 Ruth & Galen Weiland
 Bendena, Ks.


Congratulations Grads!!
Consumer Oil Co.
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**Highland High School
Graduation**
Saturday, May 17, 2003
2:00 p.m.

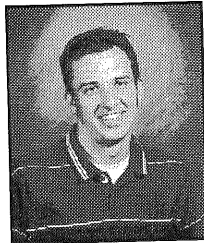


Farewell from Highland Seniors

By Kim McCauley,
HHS senior class president

The Highland high school Senior class has been very busy this year. Many students have done exceptionally well in the Fine Arts Program and have earned many awards at the Northeast Kansas art contests. The select music group has been blessed with good senior leadership to help them to state competition. A new addition this year was the spring play that brought a new experience to the participants and the community. Many seniors involved in FFA have excelled in contest and projects. As a graduation requirement, all of the seniors were required to complete a Senior Project. Though it was very difficult at times, it proved to be a wonderful experience to take with us. After all of the hard work a trip to Galveston, Texas was well deserved. The Highland high school seniors will be graduating May 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Highland High School Class of 2003

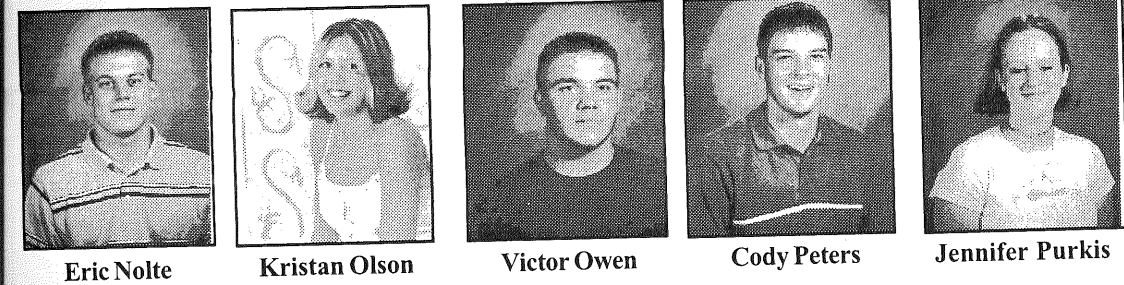


Brett Neibling

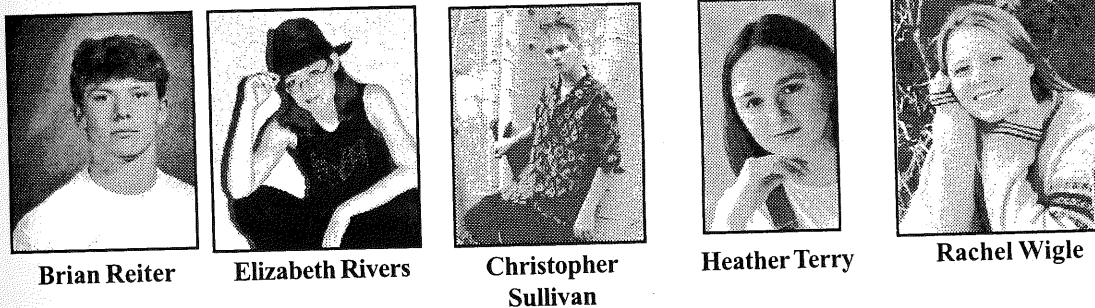



Congratulations Grads!
Best wishes for the future

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Happy Graduation Day!
Highland Community College





Congratulations Graduates!

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Best Wishes Grads!

Collins Law Office
Ted F. Collins, Attorney
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World-Class Graduates!
Congratulations to the Class of 2003. A world of opportunity awaits you, and we wish you all the best in the years to come.

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Highland Family Medical Center
415 W. Main Highland, Kansas (785) 442-3645



Congratulations on a fine achievement

Life is full of challenges, and as a high-school graduate, you've shown that you have what it takes to make the grade. Hard work and dedication have gotten you where you are today, and now your diploma is your passport to bigger and better opportunities. We hope you'll continue to follow your dreams and strive to achieve new goals in your education and career. After all, life is a learning experience - and this is only the beginning!

The Kansas Chief
staff and Foley family