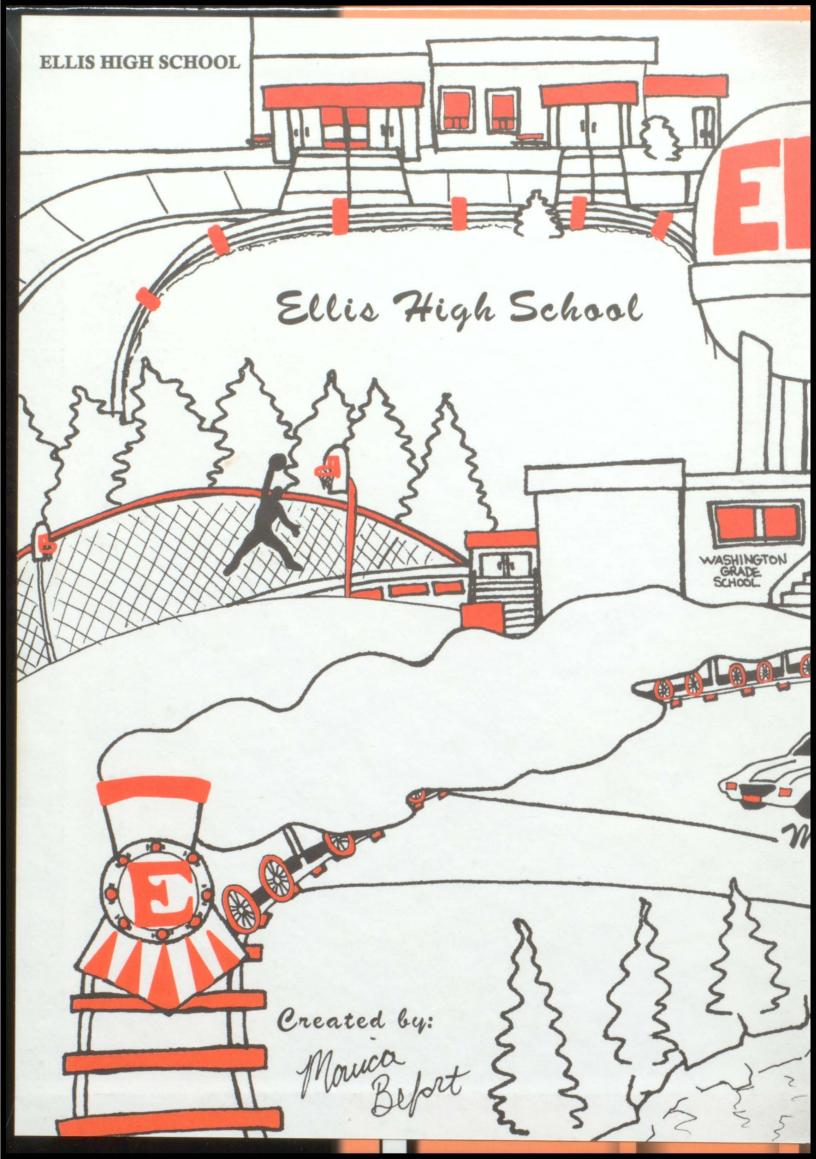
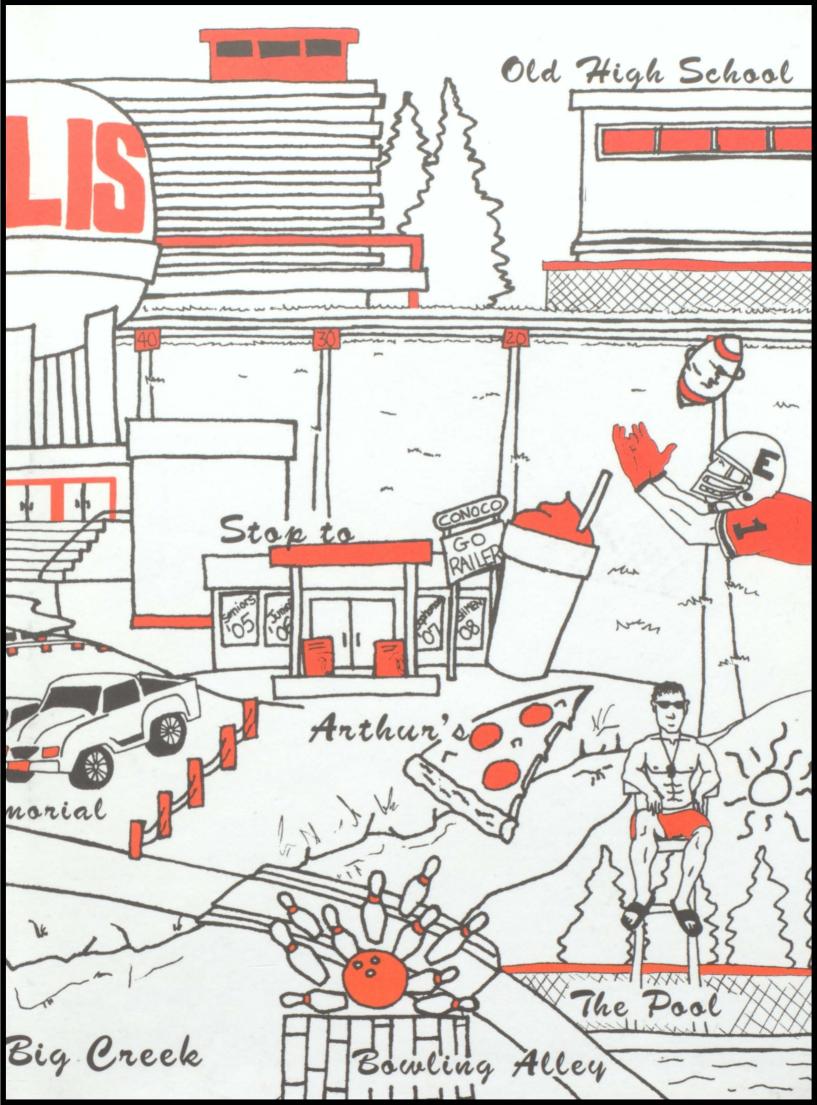
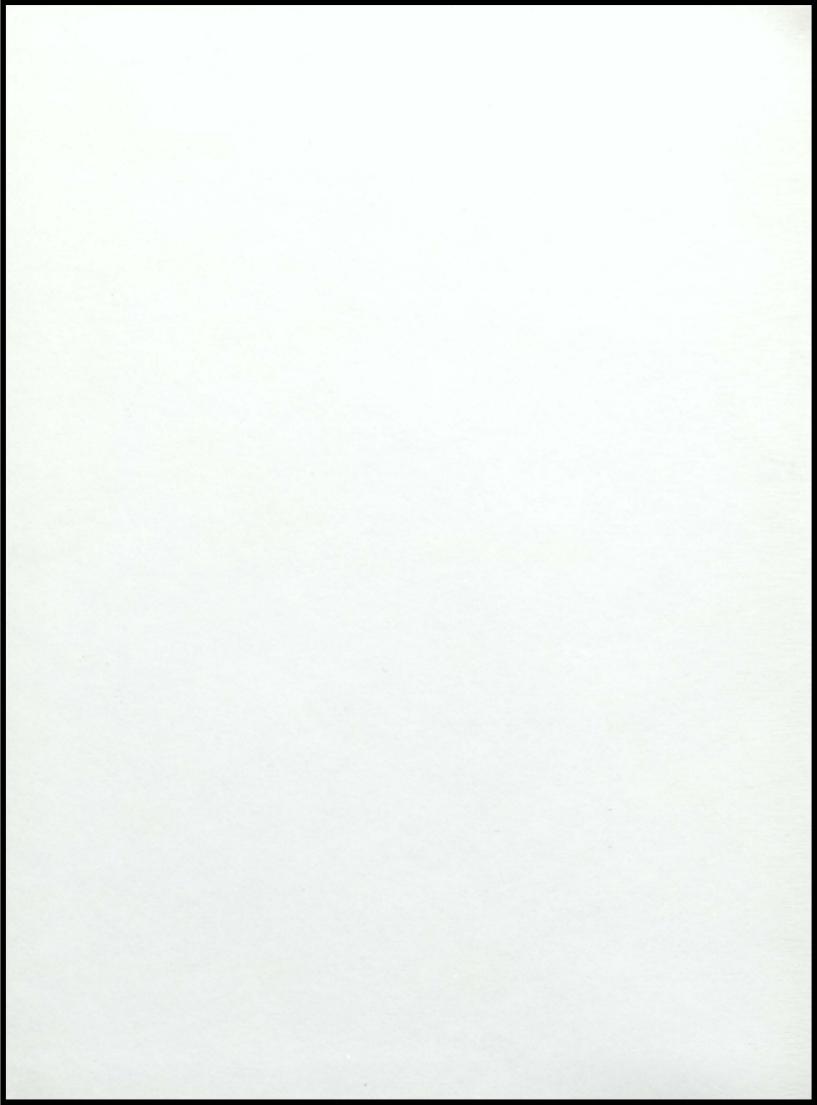


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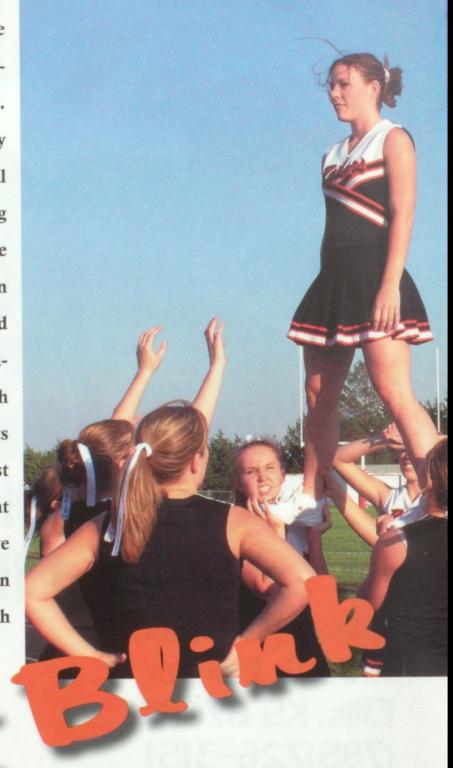


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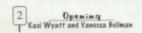
Clockwise from top left: Brett Mickelson'07, Ryan Gross'05, and John Tricks'08 mess around at Memorial, a hang out spot for students, on a Friday night. photo by Vanessa Beilman Hands in for the huddle, Lady Railers get ready for their first match at the Otis-Bison volleyball tournament. photo by Amanda Fischer Brittany Kroeger'07 bursts out of her blocks at the Trego JV Invitational. photo by Trista Fuchs Making a frame, Meggie Patrick'07 waits for the hammer during third hour applied arts.photo by Vanessa Beilman Finishing up her 500 meter swim strong, Jessica Hadley' spends her Saturday afternoon taking lifeguard training courses. photo by Vanessa Beilman With a clothespin on her nose, Vanessa Beilman'05 pretends that it is Trista Fuchs'05 who stinks. photo by Sheila Douglas Emily Keller'06 sews her project together as Amber Honas'06 seam rips a piece of material during Mrs. Sharla Albers' class.photo by Amanda Fischer

n Aug. 24 the road that would lead us to the end of the year seemed to go on forever. It was a journey that looked to be fairly predictable. When we walked

inside the school, we saw the same faces, the same classrooms, and expected the same events. Outside the school we saw the seemingly never-ending war in Iraq, a presidential campaign with John Kerry challenging incumbent George W. Bush, and the drought in northwest Kansas. But when the 2004-2005 school year came to an end and we had finally reached our destination, we realized that although much was the same, many unpredictable events also occurred. We also realized how fast it had passed by us. What we thought would take forever was over before we knew it. Like passing by the small town of Ellis, our motto for passing through the 2004-2005 school year became



OR YOU'LL MISS IT.



Flying high, Emily Keller'06 is lifted into a "prep" by fellow cheerleaders. "Flying is fun, but it's also really hard because you have to stay so straight and stiff, and you can't just depend on your base to keep you up," Keller said. photo by Vanessa Beilman



LLIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRAK

In his single life class, Zach DeBolt of fixes a hole in his quilt he made. "Making a quilt in Mrs. Albers' class was comparable to falling down an endless pit: just when you think it's over, it keeps going," DeBolt said.photo by Sheila Douglas



Academics 4-15

Using a creative twist to her Christmas presents, Brenda Gammon'08 hands out fake red roses to her friends while waiting for class to start. photo by Trista Fuchs



People 16-43

Four and a quarter inches shy of breaking his own EHS long jump record, Andrew Casey '07 jumps to a first place at the Ellis Invitational with a jump of 21'7". photo by Vanessa Beilman



Sports 44-67

Leaning on Cory Amrein'07's crutches, Whitney Lang'07 plays table tennis during the last fifth quarter.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Student Life 68-81

Points of Interest

"It was so funny when we dissected a clam and the juices flung all over Kassie Day."

Sammy Hook'07



"Every day in art is great because that class is so laid back."

Cole Weigel'06

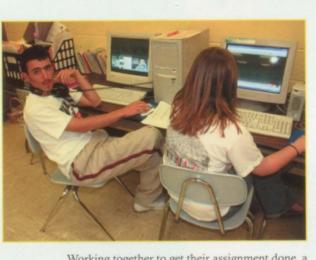
"I had a blast battling Mr. Mick in a vicious game of Taboo in advanced math."

Jenna Henrickson'05



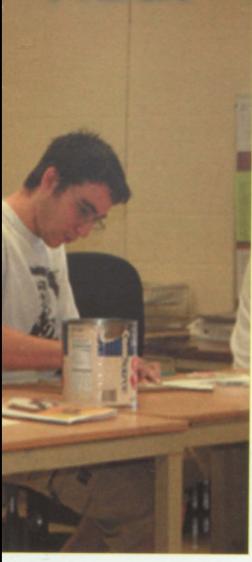
While listening to music, Erick Estrada 108 and Amber Ellis 1008 look up topics for their current event speeches. Occasionally speech students performed current event speeches, which ranged from one to two minutes, when they needed to fill time in class. photo by Vanessa Beilman

Working together to get their assignment done, a group of freshman boys gather on the floor during Algebra I. "I like to let students work together sometimes because it can be more beneficial for some to be able to ask their peers questions," said Mr. Butch Hayes. photo by Trista Fuchs





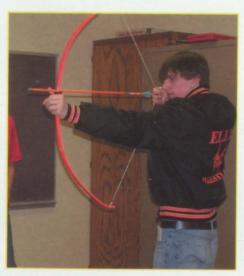
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN



Jenny Jones'05 and T.J. Lee'05 work to show their artistic ability with their paintings in art. The entire second semester in art classes was devoted to watercolor painting. photo by Sheila Douglas

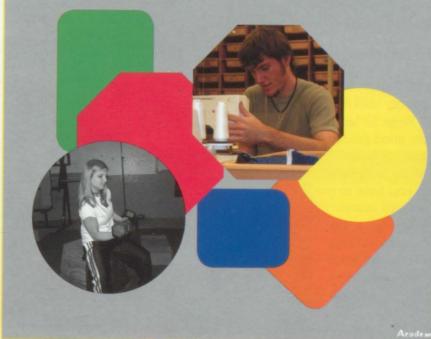
If you don't pay attention while you're driving, it is possible to get off course. It's exactly the same when it comes to academics. On the road that takes you through high school, there are many obstacles that may prevent you from reaching your destination. The key to success is staying focused on the task at hand and making sure you don't swerve onto the wrong path. To achieve your goal, study, take notes, keep track of homework, and always

remember to keep your eyes open.



During a lab in physics, Clay King '05 practices his form for shooting an arrow. "We do experiments in physics because it's a practical application of things we've learned," said Mr. Perry Mick. photo by Trista Fuchs

Top: Showing that sewing isn't just a girl's hobby, Travis Elder ⁰⁵ works on his quilt in single life. *photo by Sheila Douglas* Bottom: Becca Dinkel ⁰⁵ shows that she's just as tough as the boys while doing curls in GPD. GPD students were graded daily on two major lifts and any accessory lifts that they did. *photo by Kasi Wyatt*



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Making Due While most students wish they didn't, the fact remains that they did. Every student at EHS has classes they were required to take in order to graduate.

And, those were just the classes required by EHS in order to graduate. Regent universities also had their own curriculum needed for acceptance into these schools. Among these classes were some that prove to be very stressful for students.

"I don't like required classes because there's so much homework," John Mehl'05 said.

But, no matter how difficult these classes may be for students, they are still required to take them. The key is finding ways to deal with them.

"I just try to take a couple of easy classes too," Nicole Weigel¹⁰⁶ said. "That way my schedule stays balanced."

Some students find taking the classic approach is what helps them.

"I just make sure I study the night before and look over my notes before a test," Alyson Bollig said.

While students have found ways to make their required classes easier, they still had to work hard

Under pressure, Jenna Henrickson'05 tries to beat the clock while Vanessa Beilman'05 makes sure she doesn't mess up. Students in Mr. Mick's math class got to enjoy ice cream and games while the juniors took the Kansas State Assessment tests. photo by Kasi Wyatt



to keep up their grades in these classes since they were required to pass them. Some students have found different ways to motivate themselves.

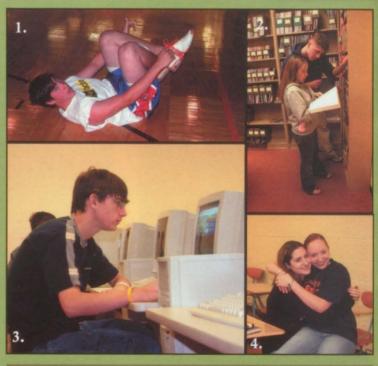
"I always put my tests on my fridge when I get a good grade," Paige Helget said, "so then I'll want to keep getting good grades."

Whether students enjoy being in required classes or not one thing is certain: required classes are like relatives, you have to put up with them, like it or not. Using markers and poster board, Jessica Spinelli⁰⁵ creates a poster for the senior class after a lesson in her constition class. The senior class were asked to label their classmates in different categories such as most successful and smartest. photo by Trista Fuchs

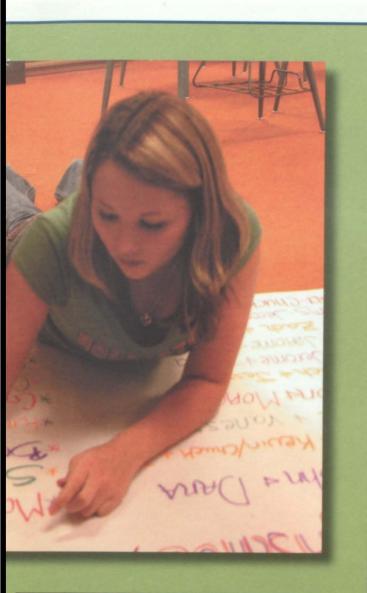
Ew! Courtney Schartz^w and Sammy Hook^w try not to touch their clam as they work to dissect it. The clam was one of the seven different dissections biology students had to do during the year.photo by Sheila Douglas

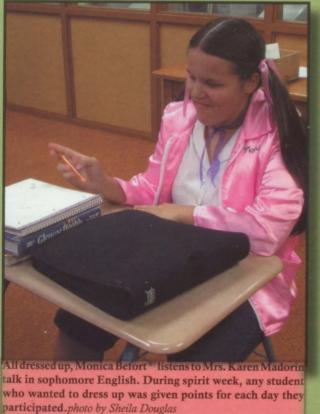






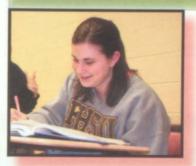
1. John Tricks ¹⁰⁸ prepares to do some crunches during P.E. photo by Amanda Fischer 2. Working together, Amanda Yanda ¹⁰⁶ and Julian Beggel ¹⁰⁶ research their topics for English. photo by Vanessa Beilman 3. Listening to Mr. Hayes, Lenny LaBarge ¹⁰⁷ waits for instructions. photo by Kasi Wyatt 4. Dana Armbrister ¹⁰⁵ and Rebecca Augustine ¹⁰⁵ use free time in constitution to have fun. photo by Kasi Wyatt





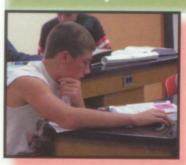
What class do other students need to keep an "eye" out for?

Jenna Henrickson'05



"John's class has always been hard because you really have to study in order to get a good grade." photo by Kasi Wyatt

Glenn Lacy'07



"Geometry. There are too many rules and numbers and equations to remember." photo by Vanessa Beilman

Jessie Pfeifer'05



"Advanced composition. Be ready for a lot of homework and your term paper too because it's bigger than anything we've written before." photo by Kasi Wyatt

Amber Ellis'08



"I would say physical science because you really have to pay attention in class and study for the tests." photo by Vanessa Beilman

Ashley Hejny'06



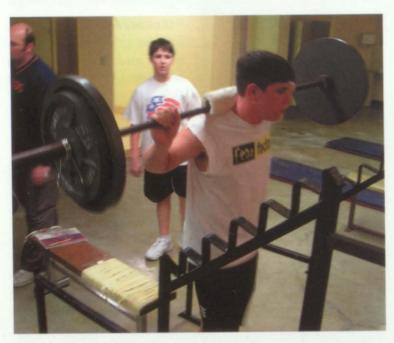
"Junior English because you get a lot more work than you're used to, and you really have to start diagraming sentences." photo by Vanessa Beilman

Casey Cross '06 spends his hour of English in the library thinking about his topic for his paper. Junior English students were required to write mini-term papers to prepare them for their senior year. photo by Vanessa Beilman

prepares to squat during P.E. Freshmen were required to participate in weightlifting for five weeks during the school year. photo by Amanda Fischer



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Inbiologyclass, Jared Deutscher 107, shows Mr. David Wildeman the different parts of a worm. Students were graded by how many parts they could identify photo by Sheila Douglas

Goofing off, Chuck Parks of gets himself stuck in a recycling box during free time in government. The class of 2005 was the last senior class John Kolacny taught at EHS before retiring. photo by Trista Fuchs





What was Eye thinking?

by Cole King 05

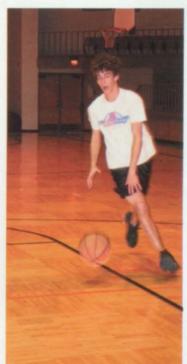
What do I regret doing in high school? Well, I probably shouldn't have talked as much in Comp 1, and I probably shouldn't have run out of classes just for fun as much as I have. For me though, I usually regret the things that I didn't do more so than the things that I did do. I really wish that I would have developed some sort of study habit, and I mean that. I realize now that if I would have put forth more effort to keep my grades higher, I probably would have had more scholarships. But hindsight is 20-20, and you learn from your mistakes...hopefully.



Warming up for P.E., Michael Young '08 and Kevin Urban'08 do pushups with each other. Freshmen did pushups and other activities to get warmed up and also had pushup testing every nine weeks. photo by Amanda Fischer

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Rowdy Wichman^{'06} and Elexx Feyh^{'06} take time out of working on the board to construct their own artwork. Math students were sometimes able to work their lessons on the board. photo by Amanda Fischer

Going for a layup, Ryan Bittel ¹⁰⁸ shoots hoops during freshman P.E. Students occasionally got "free" days to play basketball or another activity of their choice. photo by Kasi Wyatt

Is was straight ahead. If elective classes were the only classes you had to have to graduate, what would students do? They would be stuck doing the same homework every day for the same class.

It is really up to the students taking the classes to decide what courses they take. But the counselor tries to point them in the right direction.

"I choose by what I thought I would enjoy the most," Katie Zahn'06 said.

Preparing for the future should be one of the first thoughts for students going through high school.

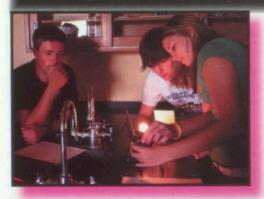
"If it prepares them for schooling after high school, it should be their first priority; then look at courses that may benefit them for jobs and career opportunities," Mr. Troy Dale, student counselor said.

Teachers and staff members agree that elective classes are there for opportunities for the students.

"Many students benefit from the elective classes, because of the hands on experiences," Mrs. Sharla Albers said.

Students are offered around 35 electives each year.

Working on angle of incidence and angle of refraction during physics class, Blake Connelly'05, Clay King'05, and Jessica Spinelli'05 adjust the mirror and amount of light to find the focal length. "I really enjoyed taking physics, because it taught me a lot of new and interesting things," Connelly said. photo by Trista Fuchs



Normally freshmen get at least two electives on their schedule, sophomores get two or three, juniors get two or three, and seniors get three or more.

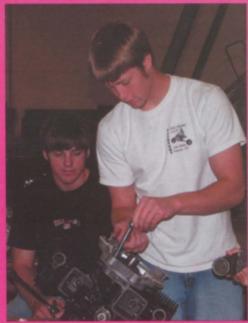
"My favorite elective class is art because I like letting my creative side show. We do lots of fun things in there," Alyson Bollig'06 said.

Some students take elective classes because that is what interests them, and others take them for an easy ride through school.

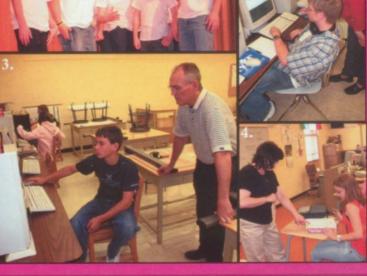
"I tried to decide what classes I would like the most, but also which ones would be helpful once I got to college," Kasi Wyatt'05 said.

Making a peace sign, Clay King'05 shows how the three primary colors separate during physics. "To understand one's self, one must understand physics. To understand physics, one must take physics. Moral of the story: take physics," King said. photo by Trista Fuchs

Working on his project during engines class, Jordan Mattheyer'06 tightens a bolt. "Engines class is my favorite hour because I get to show Eldon how much I know about engines," Haas said.photo by Amanda Fischer

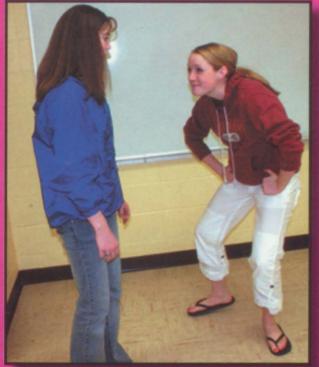






1. The Railairres sing the Grease Medley during dress rehearsal. photo by Vanessa Beilman 2. Getting help on his web page, Jon Hejny'05 listens to Mrs. Linda Riedel's instructions. photo by Vanessa Beilman 3. Daniel Gottschalk'08 shows Mr. Terry Zerfas what he has finished so far on his blueprint.photo by Vanessa Beilman 4. Kayla Hollern'08 checks her answers on an assignment during Spanish I class. photo by Vanessa Beilman





Kristen Weber ¹⁰⁰ and Meggie Patrick ¹⁰⁷ pretend they are going fishing and catching fish with a stapler. "It took a lot of concentration and dedication to pull off making it to state champs," Weber said. photo by Vanessa Beilman

What elective class is appealling to your eye?

Paige Helget'05



"Ilike Advanced Foods class because I have learned a lot about cooking that will help me in the future and I also get to eat in class!" photo by Sheila Douglas

Amber Ellis'08



"I enjoy mini-course with Mr. Terry Zerfas because I like messing around with wood and enjoy doing mechanical drawings." photo by Vanessa Beilman

Katie Zahn'06



Ilike art class because I enjoy painting and drawing and it helps to relax me. It makes me feel creative." photo by Amanda Fischer

Rebecca Augustine'05



"I like webpage because you get to design your own pages and put your creativity to the limit! Having Mrs. Riedel as a teacher is really awesome." photo by Sheila Douglas

Jennifer Jacques'06



"I like psychology because you get to learn how the mind functions and it's really interesting." photo by Vanessa Beilman Getting it done right the first time, Jerome Gottschalk 05 compares the length of his end table legs. "I was helping Terry build an end table for mini course as a prototype," Gottschalk said. photo by Sheila Douglas

Julian Beggel of and Sheila Douglas of serve cake and chili to Ellis residents at Pac-the-Place night. The journalism class made approximately \$400, which helped defray the cost of the yearbook. photo by Cindy Hertel



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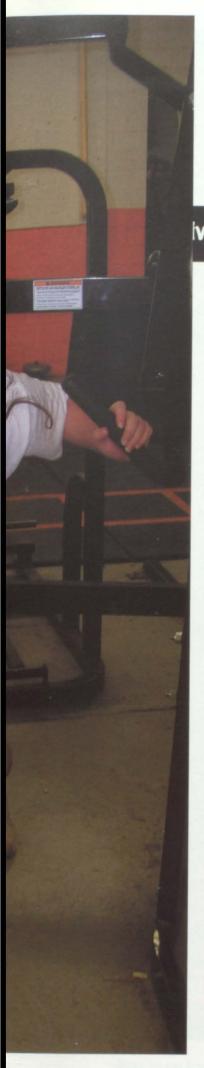




Jennifer Jacques of looks at her vial to determine what kind of reaction it had. "People used to tell me how hard chemistry was, so I was scared going into class. It's not what it's made out to be; it's actually kinda fun," Jacques said. photo by Vanessa Beilman

Performing a rep on the jammer, Elexx Feyh'06 does a whole body work out. The jammer was one of the many accessory lifts the GPD students could do after completing their main lifts. photo by Trista Fuchs





What was Eye thinking?

Ve By Vanessa Beilman

How could I ever forget the day we learned the law of conservation of momentum in physics class. SOME-HOW I was talked into sitting on a spinning stool Indian style while holding two objects. Well, in order to make yourself go faster, you have to take the two objects and bring them to your chest. So I did. Little did I know I wasn't sitting completely on the stool and I started spinning so fast that I flew off the stool and onto the ground. Lucky for me, Trista Fuchs had a camera available and got a picture to forever remind me of this embarrassing moment for the rest of my life. Thanks Trista, I owe you one.



During Mrs. Sharla Albers class, Cody Carlisle 6 and Cody Mickelson 8 make a red beard for Carlisle to wear so he could imitate fellow student, Chuck Parks 6 photo by Amanda Fischer

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After falling off a stool doing an experiment in Mr. Perry Mick's class, Vanessa Beilman¹⁰⁵ gets help from Mick. The physics class completed around 40 experiments during the year. photo by Trista Fuchs

Practicing his swing, Justin Gnad '08 golfs during fourth hour. Playing golf is one of the many activities that freshmen do in P.E. throughout the year, "I was practicing the technique; it's all in the hips," Gnad said photo by Amanda Fischer

Not just about music Every year there are lots of students active in band and choir. But have you ever thought about why so many students are involved in music?

If you don't understand much about music, you probably think "It's a lot of work. Why would somebody do that anyway?" But it's more than just about music.

"Music is probably the most intentional and important thing in my life. Music can make me or break me," Bill Hankins of said. He plays bass clarinet, contrabass clarinet, and bass guitar in the pep band. "Band and choir is a time where I can focus on me for a while and express my feelings in another way. It's different than other classes."

Music can affect different aspects of life. Most of the band students agreed that being part of the band was a lots of fun, although there was usually a lots of practice, work, and time involved.

Some students enrol in music to help them in other classes and to prepare them for their future. "Music helps me concentrate harder and complete more things in life," Brenda Gammon'07

Dana Armbrister'05 and Bill Hankins'06 sing "Babe, I Got You Babe" at the 2005 Dinner Theatre. "Railairres is a great experience. I enjoy being on stage and performing to show everyone our talent," Hankins said.photo by Vanessa Beilman



said.

In addition Gammon said music might help her get into college. Dana Armbrister ¹⁰⁵ agreed.

"Being in music helps me in college because I'm minoring in music," Armbrister said.

Some students, however, took music because it adds variety to their class schedule.

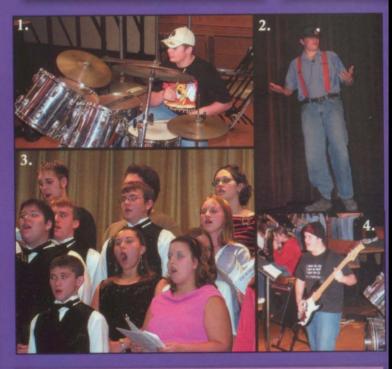
"I love it because we perform, and we don't have any homework. It, compared to other classes, is just great," Krista Connelly of said.

Jaymi Riedel'06 plays at the EHS Christmas concert in December. "I've been in choir since fifth grade because it helps me release frustration," Riedel said. She played tenor saxophone and also sang in choir. photo by Amanda Fischer

Playing the piano during the 2004 Christmas concert Mrs. Amanda Pfenninger leads the choir as Mrs. Renetta Dawson assists. The only song the choir sang with piano was "Sing Joy." photo by Katie Zahn







1. Playing the drums, Ryan Grogan'07 plays pep band at a home basketball game.photo by Julian Beggel 2. Singing "Big John," Aaron Herl'07 performs at the Dinner Theatre.photo by Vanessa Beilman 3. For the Christmas concert, the choir sings "Sing Joy." photo by Katie Zahn 4. During pep band, Josh Guise'08 plays the bass guitar. photo by Julian Beggel





Marching in the parade, the band plays pep songs for the

bystanders for entertainment. "It was a windy day out

and the wind blew my notes away. So, I had to memorize

them," Aaron Herl'07 said. photo by Smoky Hill

Krista Connelly'07



"I love being on stage. I think I perform better there than anywhere else. It's really exciting, everyone is watching you and you know you can't mess up." photo by Julian Beggel

Ryan Bittel'08



"I feel usually very uncomfortable performing in front of people. I'm afraid if you mess up that others will notice." photo by Julian Beggel

Jennifer Augustine'06



"We must strive to perform to the best of our ability because everyone's focus is on us." photo by Julian Beggel

Sheila Douglas'06



"I feel horrible, and I get really nervous. The last concert we had, my shoes made really loud noises so everyone laughed at me." photo by Julian Beggel

Travis Elder'05



"I think it's fun, and I enjoy performing in front of people because I like being in the spotlight." photo by Julian Beggel

Points of Interest

"I really got to know all the girls in my class when we practiced for our air band."

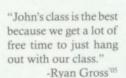
-M.J. Gnad'06



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"It was fun getting served by the teachers for our pizza party that we got for doing well on the state assessments."

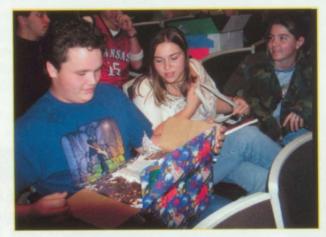
-Laura Redden^{'06}







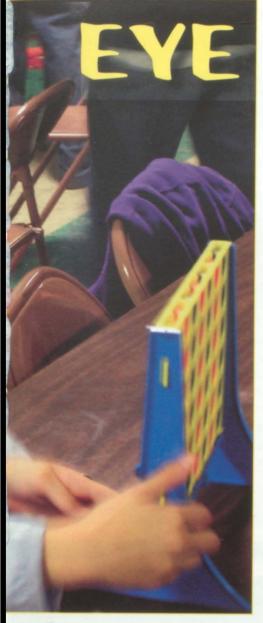
During the Kayette food box auction, Josh Guise 08 protects his food while Laura Redden 06 tries to catch a glimpse of what food he has to offer. Guise ended up sharing his \$20 box with his friends. photo by Vanessa Beilman



Participating in one of the games taking place during the Homecoming dance, Dusty Unrein'07 and Jenna Henrickson'05 are coached on by the rest of the students. Henrickson received a medal and five dollars for winning the game.photo by Cindy Hertel







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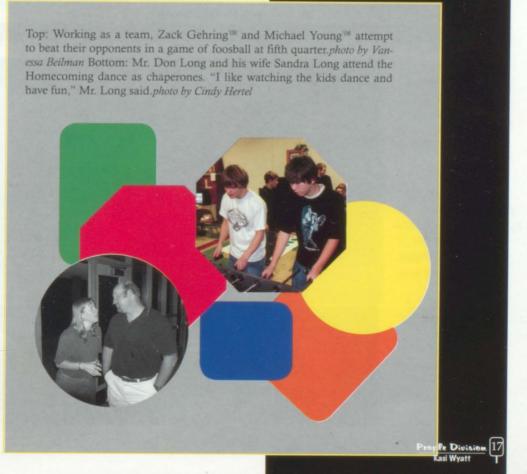
game of Connect Four. Lauren Wheeler'08 strategizes her next movewhile entertaining herself during fifth quarter. "I really liked fifth quarter because of the free food." Wheeler said. photo by Vanessa Beilman

On your journey through life, you cross paths with many people. Some of those people you won't remember, but some will be unforgettable. That's what's great about a small high school: everyone knows who you are. In the halls you see familiar faces, and teachers actually know your name.

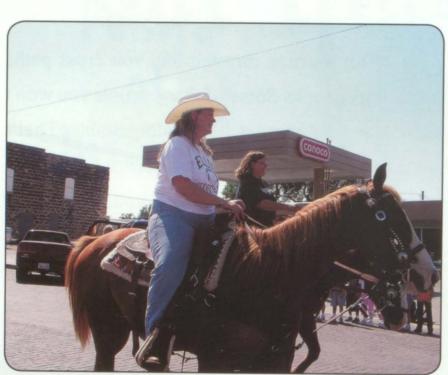
After high school some may move on to other places, but they will always be able to come back to Ellis, see their old friends, and say, "Hey, eye know you."



Attempting to score, Brett Mickelson ¹⁰⁷ serves the ball while playing ping pong during fifth quarter. Many different games were offered to give students something to do after home football games, photo by Trista Fuchs



Keeping them in line



EHS cook Barb Rupp enjoys riding her horse as part of the Homecoming parade. "I have always ridden with my daughter in the parade, but this year was special because my daughter was Ellis County Rodeo Princess," Rupp said. photo by Sheila Douglas

Students get tips from teachers about how to handle life's obstacles

Imagine you're in your car going seventy mile an hour and suddenly you see a flagger on the road ahead. When you stop, he tells you to slow down and watch out because the condition of the road gets worse. Teachers often act as flaggers, preparing their students for college and life ahead.

Teachers are always there when a student or ever another faculty member needs advice.

Mrs. Sharla Albers tells her students, "You should always work hard and take advantage of the opportunities you have."

Sometimes students listen to the advice the teachers give them but don't really take it to heart and use it in their every day lives.

Eric Gaschler'06 said, "It depends on the teacher who gives me advice."

Listening to teachers' advice is one thing but obeying it is another. That is every students' choice.

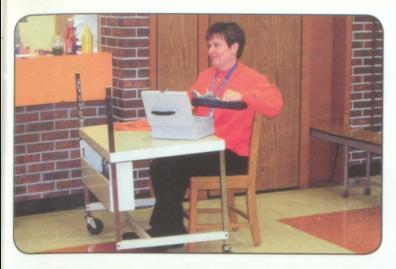
"Ilisten to their advice," said Jaymi Riedel, "because they are a lot older and have been through all of that already."

Sharla Albers Lyndell Barton Kerry Bittel Joy Chretien Troy Dale Renetta Dawson

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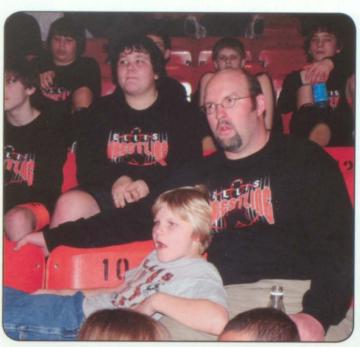
Show me the money. Mrs. Sharla Albers helps the concession stand workers by taking money. "We make around \$6000 per year. This money is used for Prom and class expenses," Albers said. photo by Julian Beggel

Waiting for the next Ellis dual, junior high wrestling coach Don Long sits next to his son Brock. "I like teaching at the high school and coaching at the junior high because it gives me a good chance to know the kids before they go to high school," Long said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

How Well Do You Know the Faculty See if you can match the item or quote to the faculty member

- 1. "It's Friday!"
- 2. "What's up?"
- 3. "In that respect..."
- 4. "In all honesty..."
- 5. "Truly, this is huge."

5) Mrs. Hertel Answers: 1) Mr. Hayes, 2) Mrs. Riedel, 3) Mr. Kolacny, 4) Mr. Romine,





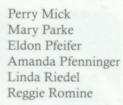


















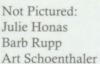






Chris Rorabaugh Charlie Waldschmidt Dorothy Waldschmidt David Wildeman Jack Wolf Bob Young





During Fifth Quarter, Daniel Gottschalk ¹⁰⁸, Zach Gehring ¹⁰⁸, and Ryan Bittel ¹⁰⁸ play "Go Fish." Fifth Quarterprovided high school students with drug-free place to have fun. Prizes at Fifth Quarter were donated by businesses around the area. photo by Trista Fuchs

Ready to eat, Vanessa North 108 makes her way through the lunch line. On a typical day, roughly 120-130 students signed up for lunch. "The students' favorite meal is probably chicken nuggets," cook Julie Honas said. photo by Cindy Hertel





How Well Do You Know the Class of 2007 See if you can match the item or quote to the student

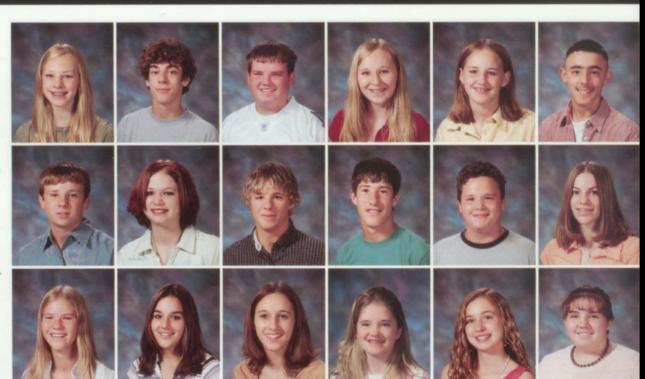
- 1. Owns 45 pairs of shoes
- 2. Was adopted as a baby
- 3. Has dyed her hair more than 10 colors
- 4. Is the youngest person in the class
- 5. Moved to Ellis from Fowler

Answers: 1) Rachel Lantis, 2) John Tricks, 3) Brenda Gammon, 4)
Bailey Deutscher, 5) Erick Estrada

Kylie Best Ryan Bittel Danny Desaire Bailey Deutscher Amber Ellis Erick Estrada

Todd Flinn Brenda Gammon Zach Gehring Justin Gnad Josh Guise Kayla Hollern

Deana Hunsicker Katelyn Keller Meredith Keller Jessica Lacy Rachel Lantis Tracy Lechliter



Boilding For The Fotore



Class of '08 constructs sturdy base for upcoming high school experience



With the help of Justin Gnad'08, Katelyn Keller'08 examines her purchase at the Kayette Food Box Auction. Although she didn't make a box for the auction, Keller still participated by buying a box.photo by Vanessa Beilman

New rules, new teachers, new people, new friends. One of the most challenging parts of being a freshman is adapting to all the changes in routine.

During the freshman year, students enter a building period during which they learn the guidelines for high school survival. Some of these lessons come easily.

"It's not that hard because the upperclassmen are helpful; they give really good hints," Vanessa North'08 said.

But sometimes students have to learn the hard way, through personal experience.

"If you mess up in this school, it is your responsibility, but in grade school you were just scolded until you did your work," Josh Guise'08 said.

Picking up the school routine is one thing, but learning to obey social rules is another. Incoming freshmen don't always know how to act or what to expect.

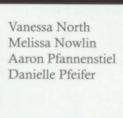
"I've learned to be a lot nicer to people and how to respect them more," Deana Hunsicker'08 said.

With everything to learn, the freshman year can be a little overwhelming, but that's just part of being "under construction."

















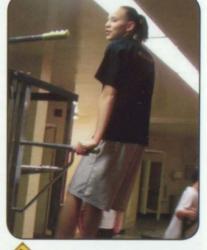












Toning her triceps, Danielle Pfeifer'08 builds strength by performing some dips. All freshmen were required to participate in the weight lifting section of freshman P.E. photo by Amanda Fischer

Cory Amrein Adam Augustine Laura Augustine Monica Befort Andrew Casey Krista Connelly

Emily Cox Kassie Day Jared Deutscher Cole Erbert Rvan Grogan Scott Gugler

Randy Hamel Christopher Hazen Aaron Herl Michael Hiss Samantha Hook Brian Keller



Tapping On The Brakes

that they still have to yield to juniors and seniors The sophomores entered the halls with a step above

the rest. Well, maybe not the rest, but above one class: the freshmen. Everyone knew that even though sophomores were

ahead of one class, it doesn't mean that they rule the school. They still had to yield to the upperclassmen.

"It was nice to feel like we weren't considered 'young' anymore by the upperclassmen," said Brittany Kroeger'07, "but we still have to let them cut in front of us in the lunch line."

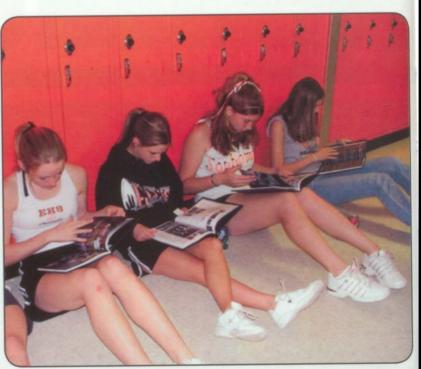
The seniors and juniors had more then just the power to cut in front of the underclassmen in the lunch line. When it came to sports, they had a lot of the authority too.

"You know not to run to the back of the bus on the way to athletic events. The seniors have the back of the bus," Whitney Lang'07 said.

As for the class of '07 taking advantage of their power to have some authority, they didn't take up the offer.

"We didn't really pick on the freshmen," Adam Augustine'07 said.

Although the sophomores had the right to have some authority, they always knew they had to slightly tap their brakes before crossing an upperclassman.



V Meggie Patrick'07, Brittany Kroeger'07, Laura Augustine'07, and Whitney Lang'07 browse through 2003-2004 yearbook during lunch hour.photo by Trista Fuchs

Class of '07 discovers



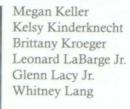


































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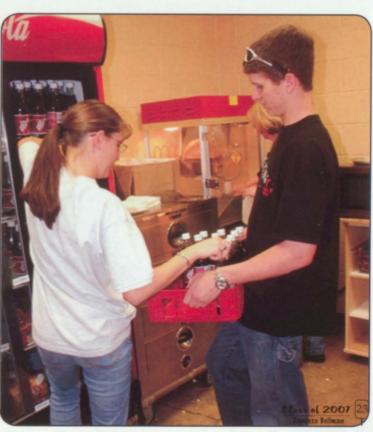
Bring it on, American Idol. Scott Gugler⁰⁷ and Dusty Unrein⁰⁷ dress up like girls and dance to the song "It's Raining Men" during the Homecoming week air band contest. "We made up the routine on the spot and ended up getting first," said Unrein⁰⁷.photo by Trista Fuchs

Working concession stand for junior high wrestling, Adam Augustine and Emily Cox put away the sodas. Sophomores had to work at least three concession stands in order to be nominated for Prom server. photo by Vanessa Beilman

How Well Do You Know the Class of 2007? See if you can match the item or quote to the student.

- 1. Mother has a British accent
- 2. Very artistic
- 3. Dad is a local cop for Ellis
- 4. "Do you have any tape? 'Cause I'm ripped"
- 5. An all- American cheerleader for the 2004-2005 year.

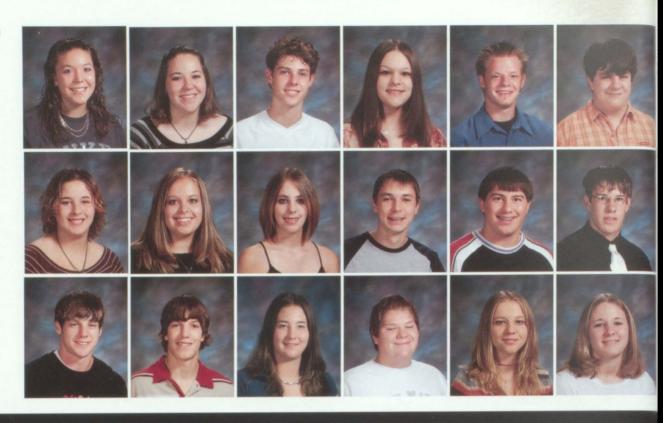
Answers: 1) Dusty Unrein, 2) Monica Befort, 3) Glenn Lacy, Jr., 4)

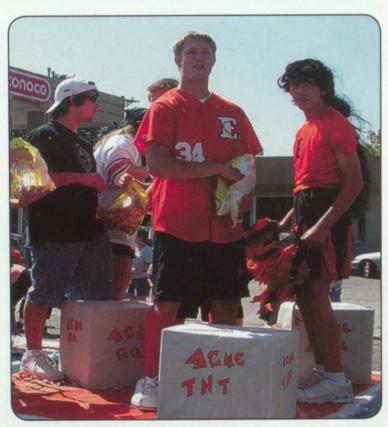


Jennifer Augustine Mindi Baldwin Julian Beggel Alyson Bollig Codey Carlisle Casey Cross

Sheila Douglas Elexx Feyh Amanda Fischer Austin Fox Eric Gaschler M.J. Gnad

Daren Haas Slade Hackney Jessica Hadley Bill Hankins Ashley Hejny Amber Honas





How Well Do You Know the Class of 2006?

See if you can match the item or quote to the student.

- 1. Loves Ducks
- 2. Drives a Flamin' 'Burban
- 3. Provides food for the needy
- 4 "Tike Whatever"
- 5 Painthall Warrior

Lejny, 5) Rowdy Wichman

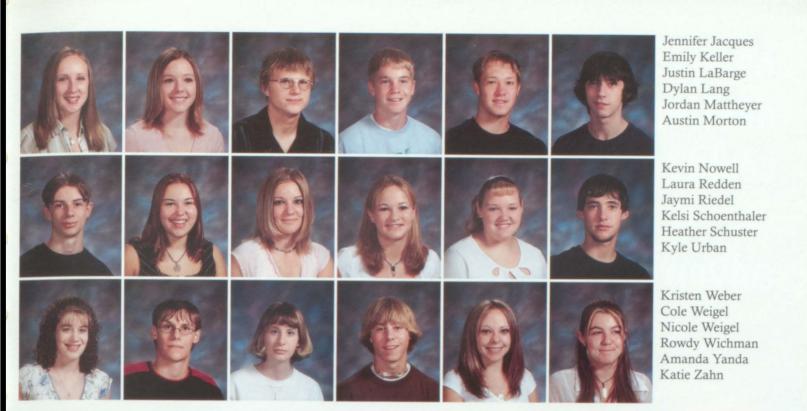
Throwing candy from the junior float, Kyle Urban⁰⁶, Jordan Mattheyer⁰⁶, and Austin Morton⁰⁶ aim to win the class float competition. The junior float won third place. photo by Sheila Douglas

Dennifer Augustine 6 and Laura Redden 6 work on Indesign lessons in 4th hour desktop publishing. The class curriculum switched from PageMaker to Indesign to keep pace with technology. photo by Katie Zahn



24 Class of 2006
Amanda Fischer

Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable. -Royce and Lisa Morton



Looking Fown The Road

Class of '06 learns there is no turning back, prepares for the future

Junior class play. Prom. Chemistry. ACTs. These are just a few of the things that students at EHS participate in their junior year. Most of these activities are fun experiences that allow juniors to come together with their classmates. Taking the ACTs, on the other hand, strikes fear in the heart of some juniors.

The junior class has never been known to be nervous or scared, but when faced with the ACTs some quivered with fear.

"I wasn't really scared until I got in the room and sat down with my calculator and my no.2 pencil. Then I was a little nervous about getting a bad score," said Eric Gaschler^{'06}.

Elexx Feyh'06 agreed that taking the ACT test was stressful.

"I was in a small, brown room with one tiny window, and I was claustrophobic," Feyh said.

Scared or not, most students realize the importance of doing well on the ACT test. They also realize that taking the ACT is the point when graduation and life after high shool is right around the corner.

"Taking the ACTs made me realize that I'm much closer to being out of high school. It's like now I can't turn back," said Amanda Yanda '06.



Kristen Weber¹⁰⁶, Amber Honas¹⁰⁶, Emily Keller¹⁰⁶, and Jaymi Riedel¹⁰⁶ give a thumbs up to the great food they were given during lunch. The junior class was awarded with a pizza party for meeting the Standard of Excellence in math on the Kansas State Assessment. photo by Cindy Hertel

May 21, 2005. The date was set. Their destination was finally close enough they could see it. But, when they finally reached it, they realized that it was the adventure along the way that made the trip worthwhile.

"Being able to return to school after being told I would need to be in a life facility for a year or more."



Dana,
Keep your eyes open and your
goals focused and you'll find
all your dreams can come
true.

We Love You, Dad, Mom, Randy, Grandma and Grandpa A., Grandpa Dice, Lucille, Brian, Joan, Tanner, and Ryan



Dana Renee Armbrister

"My favorite moment in high school was finding out that I made the cheerleading squad and all the memories from cheerleading, including pac-the-place dance!"



Rebecca,
You have filled our lives
with so much happiness.
May you achieve all your
dreams. We'll always be
there for you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Denise



Rebecca Lynn Augustine



Colton,
Congratulations!! We are all
very proud of you and all you
have accomplished thus far.
Keep working hard and you
will have success in whatever
you choose to do.

GO CHIEFS!!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Clay



"I had a really good time helping to build our Homecoming float every year."

Colton Barton



Vanessa,
I can't believe you are a senior already! I'm going to miss watching you play sports! You'll be great at whatever you choose to do! And remember-I'll always be the #1 fan of your life!

Congrats!

Love always,
Mom, Mindy, Caroline, and
Fea



"My favorite memories are after Prom my sophomore year, going to Hays all the time with my friends, and playing sports."

Vanessa Marie Beilman



Lacie,
As you prepare to enter college, we wish you much happiness and success. You have made us very proud.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Logan



"Being Selected to dance at state wrestling was an awesome honor.
All in all, cheerleading has given me a lot of memories I'll never forget."

Lacie Ann Bittel

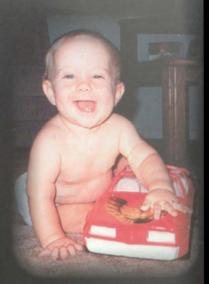


"Going to state Forensics my sophomore and junior years."



Dear Blake;
Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you! Keep your smile and upbeat attitude as you work towards your goals and progress through life - you can do it!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Krista



Blake R. Connelly

"Going to the G.P.D. powerlifting competition in Trego my senior year."



Zach,
With your future so
bright, you gotta wear
shades.
Good Luck
Mom, Dad, Josh, and
NaNa



Zachany Andrew DeBolt

"When I was crowned to be Homecoming queen because I know my dad was looking down on me smiling."



Don't you ever stop dancing.
You are just starting a new part
of your life, and you have so
much to live for. Your
Daddy-O will always be
watching over you and will
lead you on every dance you

We love you very much.
Dad, Mom, Daniel, Jerica,
Brit, and Hailey

take on.



Rabecca K. Dinkel



Travis,
With your kindness,
enthusiasm, and faith,
you will go far in life!
We are so proud of you
and honored to be your
parents!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamie, and
Emily



"The night before graduation!"

Travis Elder



We're so glad you're
here.
What would life be
without you?
Hold onto your smile,
your sparkle, and your
dreams.
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Derric,
Gideon, and Logan



"The bus ride to and from substate volleyball my senior year."

Trista N. Fuchs



Jerome,
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
If we had another son,
I'd pick one just like
you.
Get R Done!
Love Mom, Dad, and
Kimberly



"Playing at the state basketball tournament at the K-State coliseum."

Jerome Got tschalk

"All the funny times in Mrs. Hertel's class junior year."



Ryan,
With the sparkle in your
eyes and a smile on your
face, your dreams are
waiting to be achieved.
Love,
Mom and Jim



Ryan Gross

"Everything that went on in John's class. There were some moments in the 6th hour class that will live forever."



We never thought he'd make it, but he did, and we are so proud of him.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Ashley



Jonathan Hejny

"Dancing at state wrestling and hanging out with my friends."



Paige,
You danced into our world and
filled our hearts with gladness.
We so cherish your gentle presence and your pleasant semblance of the kind and the good.
We hope for you all the joy you can carry as you dance into other hearts and into other worlds where you will, undoubtedly, dwell gracefully.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Jordan, and Marty



Paige Olivia Helget





Jenna,
We are so proud of you!
We wish you happiness
always. Remember we
love you and will always
be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, and
Justin



"All of our 'operations' (pranks) we pulled our senior year."

Jenna Lynn Henrickson



Jennifer,
Where have the years
gone? You're still our
little girl. We love you.
Congratulations.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chelsea, Ben,
Grandma and Grandpa



"My whole freshman Homecoming was the best."

Jennifer Lynne Jones



Kevin,
We pray all of your
dreams come true and
wish you a happy life.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Nicholas and Brian



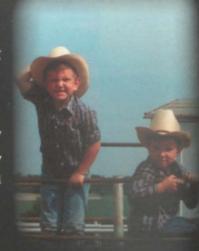
"FFA State Convention."

Kevin L. Keller

"Definitely
Trista's barn
and our float
against all the
other classes
our freshman
year for
Homecoming!"



Clay,
How bad do you want
it?!?!
Love,
Dad,Mom,Chase,Calvin,
Dionna, Ethan, Casey,
Deena, Haley, and Raiya



Clay Douglas King

"Junior class play practices, playing sniper in the halls, and building our float our freshman year."



Cole,
How bad do you want
it?!?!
Love,
Dad,Mom,Chase,Calvin,
Dionna, Ethan, Casey,
Deena, Haley, and Raiya

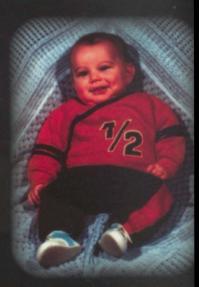


Cole Alan King

"Building the float our freshman and senior years and airband senior year."



T.J.,
Congratulations and good luck in the future.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Mary, and
Christopher



Thomas James Lee

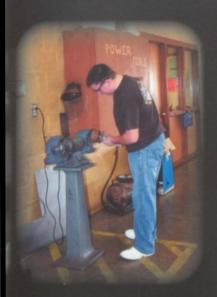


Thomas,
We are all proud of the person
you have grown up to be.
With your winning smile and
caring ways, you will
accomplish and succeed at
whatever you choose to do.
We all love you,
Dad, Mom, Samantha, Jesse,
Junior, and Vicki



"When Cody, Jerome, and I came out in dresses during the junior class play."

Thomas McElroy



Way to go, John!



"The night I graduated."

John Mehl



Cody,
Well, you finally made it!
Remember, the future has a lot to offer, so give your best, and the best will come back to you.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Shane, and
Eric



"The night before graduation when there wasn't anymore school."

Cody Mickelson

"My greatest memories are from my freshman year. All of my friends and my boyfriend were still here with me, but senior year made its own memories also!"



First day of preschool to last day of high school...

As you go off to college, reach high, work hard, stay focused.
The world is your pearl.
Nothing is impossible. We love you, Lollipop!
Mom, Sean, Grandma,
Dad (Brian), and the whole family!



Mongan Menedith Munphy

"My most memorable moment was 'We are Family' airband because the whole class participated, and it had a great vibe."



Willie P.,
You are truly a blessing and our inspiration. Shoot for the stars and follow your dreams. This is your time to shine, and we are so proud of the young man you have become.

Congratulations!
Love,
Dad and Mom
P.S. Thank goodness you didn't
turn out to be a couch potato.



Willam Charles Parks

"Being the fat girl in the junior class play."



We love you, Jessie. May all yourhopes and dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ernie, and Nicole



Jessica Pfeifen





Jessica,
Our little swimmer is all
grown up.
Best of luck always.
Mom, Dad, Stephanie,
and Christen



"I'll never forget managing boys substate my sophomore year. Everyone was so excited when we won. Kasi and I were going crazy on the bench, and Kasi almost cried!"

Jessica Marie Spinelli



Kasi,
You've come so far. We're
so proud of you. Good
luck with everything you
do in the future.
Love,
Mom, Steve, and
Korwin



"Spirit week all four years was really fun. It was a time when we really got to come together as a class."

Kasi Nicole Wyatt

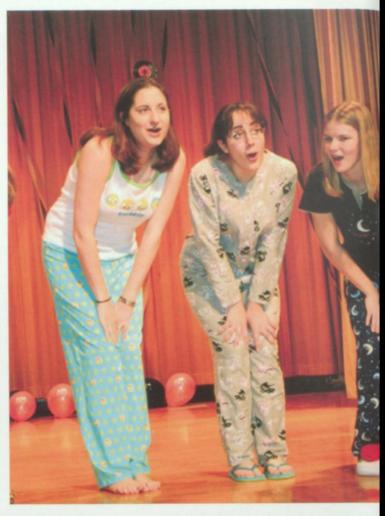


On orange and black day during spirit week, the senior class gathers in front of the school for a class photo. The class won the overall 2004 Homecoming competition. During Physics, Trista Fuchs'05 demonstrates Conservation of Angular Momentum. "I started with my arms extended, so I wasn't spinning that fast, but when I brought my arms in, the rotational speed increased so much I thought I was going to fall off the stool," Fuchs said. photo by Vanessa Beilman

Big girls don't cry, or at least that is what Dana Armbrister was singing at her "slumber party" with fellow Railairre members during Dinner Theatre rehearsal. The Railairres practiced every day after school the whole week before Dinner Theatre to make sure it was perfect. photo by Vanessa Beilman

Jon Hejny ⁰⁵ puts some finishing touches on one of his web pages during 5th hour. Hejny was in charge of the FCCLA page and the car page "My car page is my favorite one because you can see different cars the high schoolers drive and what is new in the parking lot at EHS," Hejny said. photo by Cindy Hertel

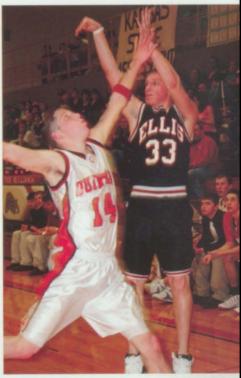


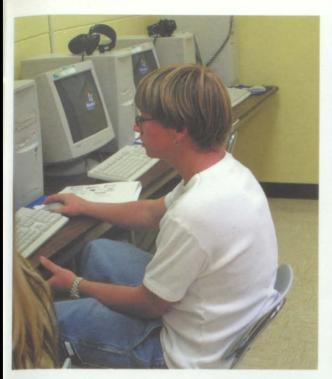


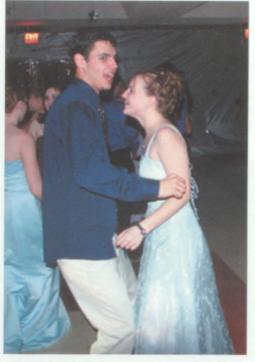


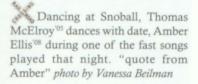
Showing his Homecoming Spirit, Zach DeBolt'05 expresses his creativity as a wad of bubble gum stuck to the bottom of a shoe. DeBolt's costume consisted of pink attire and a shoe tied to the top of his head. photo by Sheila Douglas

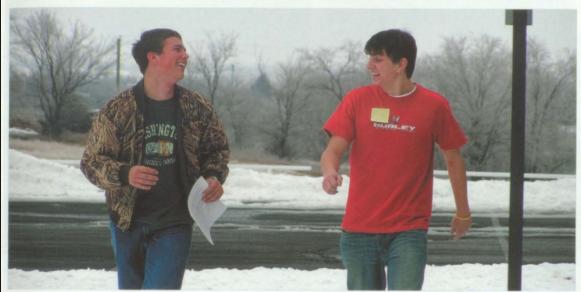
Shooting through the Quinter Bulldogs defensive hands, Jerome Gottschalk ⁰⁵ makes the three-pointer in the second quarter of the basketball game. *photo by Vanessa Beilman*











ColeKing'05 and Blake Conelly'05 walk back to their classmates after retrieving the arrow they shot for a physics experiment. The physics class, who were studying the energy conservation theorum, calculated the velocity of the arrow by measuring the distance and force used to pull pack on the bow string. photo by Trista Fuchs

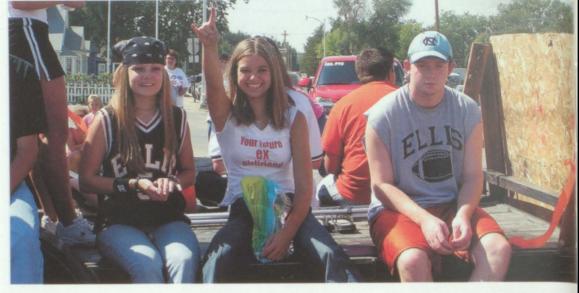




Keeping the rhythm during band practice, Rebecca Augustine'05 waits for her cue to join the rest of the band.photo by Vanessa

Lacie Bittel'05, Paige Helget'05, Becca Dinkel'05, and Jessica Spinelli'05 sit down to eat at Wendy's before heading home after visiting the FHSU library.photo by Cindy Hertel

Riding the senior float during the Homecoming parade, Morgan Murphy'05, Vanessa Beilman'05, and Ryan Gross'05 display their senior spirit by throwing candy. "It's been a tradition since freshman year that Morgan and I do all our Homecoming activities together," Beilman said. photo by Sheila Douglas



Jenny Jones of adds a few soft strokes to her watercolor of a wheatfield and fence. For the assignment, art students used several techniques, such as dry-brushing and flat washes. photo by Amanda Fischer

Wearing their caps for fun during their Advanced Composition class, Kasi Wyatt^{'05} and Jenna Henrickson^{'05} wait for the bell to ring before Sustained Silent Reading. EHS implemented SSR time in 2002 to improve reading scores on the Kansas State Assessment tests. photo by Cindy Hertel



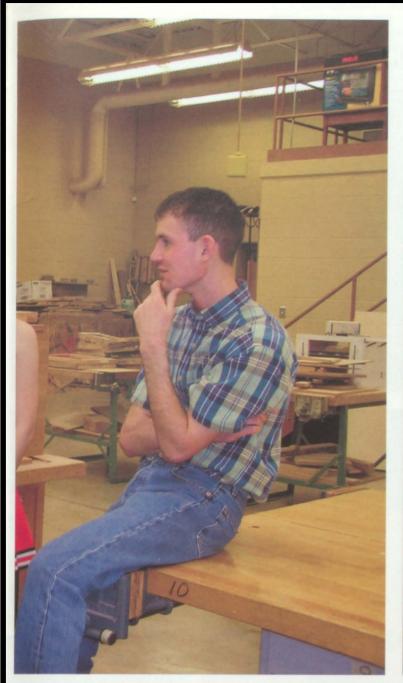




Paige Helget of waits for her veins to dilate before giving blood at a Red Cross blood drive. photo by Kasi Wyatt

At 5th quarter, Travis Elder of and Ryan Gross of enjoy free food and games. "Elder and I were having fun playing a game of poker," Gross said. Photo by Trista Fuchs





While waiting for his screenprinted license plate to finish drying, Kevin Keller'05 kills time in Mr. Terry Zerfas's mini-course. Zerfas had students work on mechanical drawing and screen-printing during his mini-course.photo by Sheila

Becca Dinkel'05 dances with Chuck Parks'05 during the royal dance at Snoball. Dinkel was nominated for both Homecoming and Snoball royalty. She was selected as the Homecoming Queen.photo by Vanessa Beilman







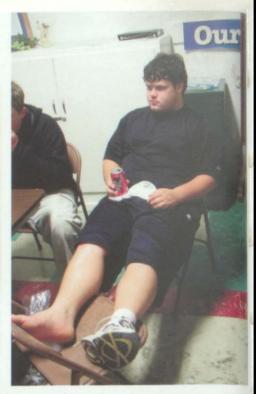
During Homecoming Week, Clay King'05 shows a peace sign as he sits down and gets ready for Advanced Composition class. Clay and Cole King'05 were both nominated for Homecoming royalty. photo by Trista Fuchs

Taking a break during Mr. John Kolacny's class, Jessie Pfeifer'05 and John Mehl'05 lie down on the floor and gossip. After being a teacher for 33 years at Ellis High School, Kolacny decided to retire in 2005.photo by Kasi Wyatt

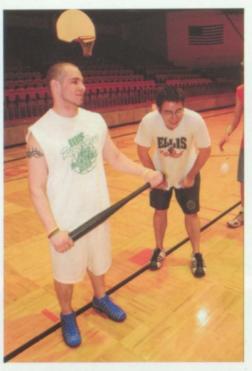
During third hour, Kevin Keller of works out the dents as Colton Barton holds onto the piece of metal. Barton brought in his tractor to work on as his project for the year. photo by Vanessa Beilman

the footgame against Smith Center. Although they lost the game, EHS was the only MCL League team to score against Smith Center. photo by Vanessa Beilman







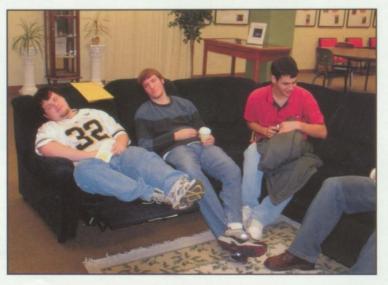




Sporting lots of green, Jenna Henrickson⁰⁵ and Becca Dinkel⁰⁶ go all out for St. Patrick's Day. Also on St. Patty's Day, the Kayettes played a game called "Lucky Charms" in which the girls were not allowed to talk to the boys or else they would lose their "lucky charms." photo by Vanessa Beilman

Showing off a food box during the auction, Lacie Bittel of worked as one of Santa's little helpers while Jessie Pfeifer portrayed the character of Santa. The auction raised \$867 and the Kayettes were able to donate to six different organizations. Photo by Vanessa Beilman

Thomas McElroy '05, Travis Elder'05, and Cody Mickelson'05 wait for the bus to arrive at the FHSU library so they could go eat. Students in Mrs. Riedel's English IV class had to get one source while at the library. photo by Cindy Hertel



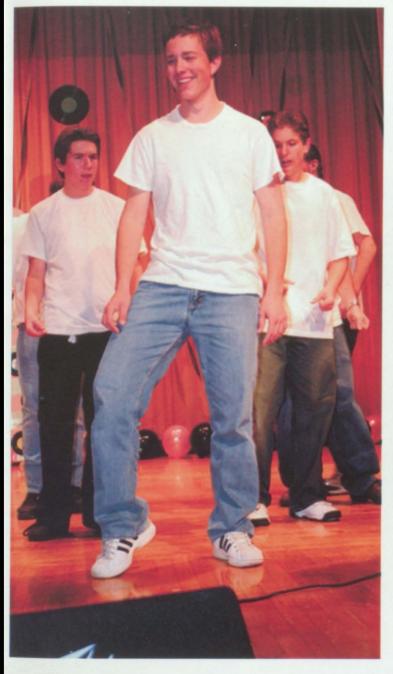
Laughing about a mere accident that involved Mr. Long, Amanda Yanda's '06 foot, and a whiffle ball, Zach DeBolt '05 and TJ Lee '05 wait for everything to blow over so they can begin their game again. "The incident had to be THE funniest thing that has happened all year in GPD," Lee said." photo by Vanesssa Beilman



Preparing for Snoball right after the home basketball game against the Victoria Knights, Jessie Pfeifer'05, Jenna Henrickson'05, and Rebecca Augustine '05 photo by Vanessa

Rising to the challenge to see who could flick their fly the farthest, Vanessa Beilman'05 gets herself into a winner's stance to shoot hers off the desk.photo by Cindy Hertel







Practicing Dinner Theatre one last time before the big debut, Blake Connelly'05 sings along to the last song, Grease Medley. "I had a good time with all the other Railairres and I felt that this year's Dinner Theatre was awesome," Connelly said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

Running down the field in the Homecoming game against the Phillipsburg Panthers, Jerome Gottschalk'05 catches the kickoff and starts off the third quarter of the game.. photo by Smoky Hill Photography



Senior Activities



Dana Armbrister> Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 2; Track Manager 1,2,3,4; State Band 2,3; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Historian 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 3; Stuco 3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4

Rebecca Augustine> Web Page 3,4; Wrestling Manager 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Secretary 2; Forensics 3; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 4; Flag Team 4; Student Forum 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 4; Band 1,2,3,4; SADD 3,4; SADD President 4

Vanessa Beilman> Honor roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; All-League 2nd Team Volleyball 4; MCL Track 1st Place High Jump 2; High Jump State Qualifier 2; Forensics 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 3,4; Stuco Officer At Large 3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 2,3; Choir 1; Prom Server; SADD 3

Colton Barton> National Honor Society 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Reporter 3; FFA Sentinel 4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 1

Lacie Bittel> National Honor Society 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2; Forensics 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Stuco 4; Stuco Vice President 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Treasurer 3; Kayette Vice President 4; Class Secretary 4; Choir 1,2,4; Band 1; Flag Team 2; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,2,3; Homecoming Royalty

Blake Connelly> National Honor Society 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; KMEA Band 1,2; KMEA Choir 4, District Band Solo Contest 1,2,3; District Choir Solo Contest 3; State Band Solo Contest 3,4; State Choir Solo Contest 3; FFA 3; FCCLA 1; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Forensics State Qualifier 2,3,4; Class President 2,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Vice President 3; Band President 4; Prom Server; Math Relays 1, 4; Homecoming King

Zachary DeBolt> Football 1, Track 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1

Rabecca Dinkel> Honor Roll 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4, Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1, Wrestling Manager 2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom Server; Homecoming Queen; Snoball Royalty 1,3,4

Travis Elder> Cross Country 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,4; Track 3; Choir 1,2,4; Railairres 1,4; Student Forum 4

Trista Fuchs> National Honor Society 3,4; All A Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Girl's State 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Journalism 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Track State Qualifier 1,3; FFA 1,2; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleade 1,2,3,4; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Stuco Vice President 3, Stuco Treasurer 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Points Chairman 4; Kayette Board Member 2,3,4; Class President 1; Choir 1,2; Band 1,2; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,2,3,4; Snoball Royalty 4; SADD 2,3; DARE Role Model 4

Jerome Gottschalk> Web Page 3,4; State Web Team 4; Football 1,3,4; Bi-District Football 3,4; Bas ketball 1,2,3,4; State Basketball 2; Golf 1,2,3,4; State Golf 2; All-League Honorable Mention Football 4; Coaches All-State Tight End Football 4; FFA 1; Jr. Class Play; Choir 1

Ryan Gross> Web Page 2; Football 1; Cross Country 2; Basketball 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Choir 1 **Paige Helget>** Honor Roll 4; Volleyball 1; FCCLA 1; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Cheer-

leading Captain 4; Stuco 3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3; Prom Server; Homecoming Royalty; Snoball Royalty 1,2

Jenna Henrickson> Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Football Manager 4; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1,2,3; FCCLA 1,3,4; Forensics 1,2,3; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 4; Class Treasurer 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Snoball Royalty 1

Jonathan Hejny> Honor Roll 3; Basketball 2,3; FCCLA 2,3; Jr. Class Play

Jennifer Jones> Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Journalism 2; Volleyball 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4; MCL Track 1st Place Triple Jump 3; FCCLA 1; Forensics 1; Jr.. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,3,4; Snoball Royalty 2; Snoball Queen 4

Kevin Keller> Perfect Attendance 1,2; Track 1,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Secretary 2; FFA Sentinel 3; FFA Vice President 4; State Band 1, 3; Jr. Class Play; Band 1,2,3; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,2; Snoball Royalty 3,4; Snoball King 4

Clay King> Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3,4; Journalism 3; Football 1,3,4; Cross Country 2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; All-League Honorable Mention Defensive Back Football; FFA 1,2,3,4; Chapter President 3,4; Jr. Class Play; Choir 1,2; Band 1,2; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,4; Homecoming Royalty; Snoball Royalty 1,2

Cole King> Honor Roll 1,2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3,4; Journalism 3; Football 1,3,4; Cross Country 2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; MCL 2nd Place Wrestling 3; MCL 4th Place Wrestling 4; 2nd Place Regional Wrestling 3; State Qualifier Wrestling 3; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Chapter Officer 3; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Stuco President 4; Class Vice President 1; Class Treasurer 3; Choir 1,2,3; Railairres 1,2,3; Prom Server; Homecoming Royalty; Snoball Royalty 1,2,3

Thomas Lee> Honor Roll 2; Photography 3; Cross Country 1,2,4; Basketball 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; FFA 3; Jr. Class Play

Thomas McElroy> Jr. Class Play

John Mehl> Track 3,4; FFA 3,4; SADD 1

Cody Mickelson> Football 1,3,4; Track 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Treasurer 4; Jr. Class Play

Morgan Murphy> Journalism 3; Volleyball 1; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4

William Parks> Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Web Page 3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-League 2nd Team Basketball 4; Track 1,2,3; Class Vice President 2; Choir 2,3,4; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty

Jessica Pfeifer> Perfect Attendance 1; Web Page 3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Points Chairman 2; FCCLA Vice President of Public Relations 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette President 4; Kayette Board Member 3; Class Secretary 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; SADD 2,3,4

Jessica Spinelli> National Honor Society 3; All A Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism Editor 3; State Qualifier Journalism 3; State Semi-Finalist Forensics 2,3; Web page 3; Volleyball 1,2; Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 2; Track Manager 1; Forensics 1,2,3,4; State Qualifier Forensics 2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 2; Class Secretary 3; Class President 4; State Qualifier Band 1,2; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,2,3,4; SADD Vice President 3

Kasi Wyatt> Honor Roll 2,3,4; Journalism Editor 4; Football Manager 4; Volleyball 2; Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 2; Track 2,3; Track Manager 1; FCCLA 2; Forensics 2,3; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Officer 4; Choir 1,2,3; Snoball Royalty 2,3; SADD 2,3,4; Student Forum 2,3,4

Class of 2005

Points of Interest

I went out for volleyball this year because it keeps me in great shape, and it's also a great sport to be in.-I love it!

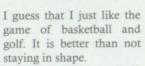
-Meggie Patrick'07





I really enjoyed breaking down the huddle before every basketball game.

-Elexx Feyh'06



-Kristen Waldschmidt'07

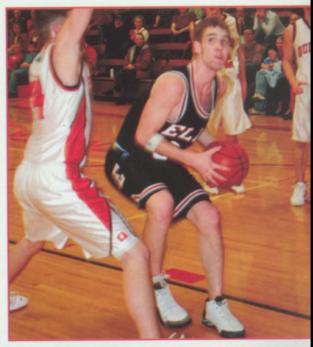


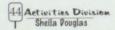


Going over the top. Katie Zahn'06 works on her high jump techniques. Track practices started the week before spring break on March 14.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Maneuvering past a Quinter opponent, Chuck Parks'05 looks to score. Parks was named to the boys' basketball MCL all-league second team. Parks was the leading scorer during the game against Quinter with a total of 17 points. photo by Vanessa Beilman



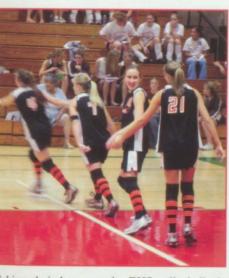


YE IN TEAM

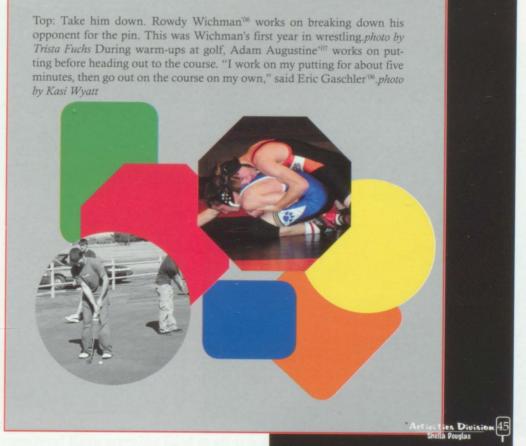


Using their teamwork tactics, Brett Mickelson'07(56) and Cole Erbert'07 (12) try to take down Stockton football player Luke Kriley(44) with. Ellis won both the games they played against Stockton during the 2004 season. photo by Smoky Hill Photography

No matter which sport, no matter which season, all sports have one thing in common: teamwork. Teamwork is the quality necessary to overcome the many road blocks that are encountered throughout the season. Sports aren't about individual achievement, but an individual can help strengthen the team for the journey. Winning isn't everything. Knowing your team put everything they had into working together is what it's all about. After all, there's no "eye" in team.



Taking their last run, the EHS volleyball players prepare take on the Osborne Bulldogs in the semi-finals of the substate volleyball tournament. Photo by Lucy Beilman



Going to State

The famous astronomer Galileo once said, "You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself." Help is exactly what Scott Gugler'07 got.

After winning second at the MCL meet in Phillipsburg, Gugler went to state in Wamego and placed 48 out of 100. Gugler was the first Ellis runner to compete at the state meet within the past four years.

"It was nice to see him go because last year he missed state by half a second," Coach Casey Dinkel said.

Although only one runner made it to the state meet, Gugler admitted that it was a team effort. Although the rest of the team could have quit practicing after the regional meet, the other seven team members continued to practice for an additional week in order to prepare Gugler for his state appearance.

"We got a good head start

on him and made him catch up so he had to run even faster," TJ Lee '05 said

The pre-race jitters aren't uncommon especially when the last EHS runner at state was BJ Hill in 1997 which added a lot of pressure on Gugler.

"I concentrated on the race on the ride down and saw myself running the best I could," Gugler said.

Gugler had teammate Colton Barton os, cheering him from the sidelines.

> "It felt good to watchhimbecause he worked hard

a 1 l year and deserved to go," Barton said.

Also watching from the sidelines was teammate Blake Connelly 05.

"It was good to see him at state because I'm pretty sure he will be there for the next

couple of years," Connelly said.

Scott Gugler ⁰⁷ runs at Wheatland. Gugler took thirteenth place at the Wheatland meet with a time of 19:17. photo by Julian Beggel

Signs
You're An
EHS Cross
Country Runner

- 1 "You're insane." -Krista Connelly^{'07}
- "You know what Scott does after a meet. He goes chick hunting."

-Julian Beggel'06

"You feel you can bring competition."

-Keric Smith'07

"You're not sure why, but you like it."

-Rachel Thompson '07

"You think it is fun and it gets you in shape."

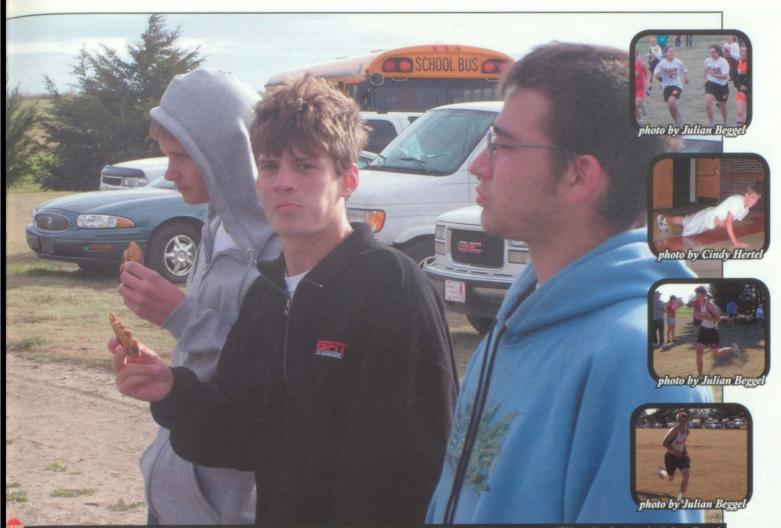
-Blake Connelly'05



Snacking by the suburban, Krista Connelly '07 and Rachel Thompson'07 don't notice Coach Dinkel hiding behind Blake Connelly '05. "We were definitely cold at that meet and were eating cookies," Connelly said. photo by Julian Beggel

Team members TJ Lee'05, Blake Connelly'05, Colton Barton'05, Rachel Thompson'07 and Krista Connelly'07 stretch before the meet starts. photo by Julian Beggel





Colton Barton '05, Scott Gugler'07, and TJ Lee'05 eat cookies while watching the girls on the team run at Wheatland. photo by Julian Beggel-Captions top to bottom: 1. Rachel Thompson'07 and Krista Connelly'07 talk while they run at Wheatland. 2. Keric Smith'07 does a pushup furing practice. The team ran an average of three miles each day at practice. 3. Running his race at Hill City, Colton Barton'05 keeps up a steady pace. Barton had a time of 21:18 4. Keric Smith'07 runs his hardest and received a time of 21:00.

SCOREBOARD

Overall Team Best Times

 Krista Connelly 107
 15:55

 Rachel Thompson 15:09
 15:09

 Scott Gugler 107
 19:12

 Keric Smith 107
 20:33

 Julian Beggel 106
 21:46

 Colton Barton 105
 21:05

 Blake Connelly 105
 24:28

26:15

TJ Lee 05









Beggel was a foreign exchange student from Germany. photo by Krista Connelly 2. Before going out to run, Scott Gugler'07 and TJLee'05 compete in a pushup contest. photo by Cindy Hertel 3. Krista Connelly'07 runs at Wheatland. photo by Julian Beggel 4. Sitting on the sidewalk, Rachel Thompson'07, Krista Connelly'07, TJLee'05, Scott Gugler'07 rest before their races photo by Julian Beggel



The JV bench and Coach Kerry Bittel cheer for their players during the tournament in Plainville. photo by Trista Fuchs Captions top to bottom: 1. Emily Keller'06, Amber Honas'06, and Jessica Hadley'06 watch their teammates play during a JV game. 2. Kristen Weber'06, Amber Honas'06, and Kristen Waldschmidt'07 warm up for a JV game. 3. Smiling for the camera, seniors Lacie Bittel, Becca Dinkel, and Jenny Jones wait for the beggining of a varsity game. 4. Jaylen Reed'07 shows her teammates how good she is at blowing bubbles.







1. Coach Kerry Bittel gives the varsity team the last instructions before a game. photo by Vanessa Beilman 2. The varsity team raise their hands to the ceiling in a huddle during a game against Smith Center. The Railers finished the game losing 15-25,23-25. photo by Katie Zahn 3. Coach Perry Mick wraps Jaymi Riedel's 60 ankle during the MCL tournament in Plainville. photo by Trista Fuchs 4. Right back at ya! Meggie Patrick 60 skies to block the ball while Kristen Weber covers a deflection. photo by Trista Fuchs



SCOREBOARD

	ENS	Opp.
Hill City	18,25,16	25,19,25
Ralco	25,25	21,14
Plainville	25,23,25	21,25,15
Plainville	15,25,25	25,23,22
Victoria	16,25,17	25,19,25
Otis-Bison	21,25,25	25,23,13
LaCrosse	8,20	25,25
Tri-plains	27,25	25,12
LaCrosse	20,18	25,25
Smith Center	15,23	25,25
Victoria	17,18	25,25
The	17,21	25,25
Western Plains	17,13	25,25
Osborne	20,20	25,25
Phillipsburg	14,25,21	25,23,25
Quinter	25,25	14,16
Ransom	14,15	25,25
Ness City	25,25	22,12
LaCrosse	25,14,21	17,25,25

Consistency. It's probably the one word to describe the 2004 volleyball season. The question is "consistent at what?" The answer would be momentum or sometimes the lack of it.

You see, time after time, the team "killed" their opponents in the first game, got beat pretty bad in the second game, and played the opponent close in the third game.

"We could focus and play with confidence and skill during the first and then fall apart on the second," Coach Kerry Bittel said.

One of the best examples is the game against LaCrosse, which they lost by 25-17,14-25,21-25.

"We went from being supercharged to nothing. That was horrible," Trista Fuchs'05 said.

Most of the time the team discussed what they needed to do and how they had to play to win the third.

"I usually react in a fairly Let's go team! The 2004 volleyball team consisted of eight freshmen, eleven sophomores, positive manner. We usueleven juniors, and five seniors. Trista Fuchs'05 ally teased about the fact

they wanted to play three because they like playing the game so well," Bittel said.

Although the Lady Railers, who finished the season with a record of 7-12, had problems with their second game momentum, the team played excellent defense.

"Most of our games we held because of our defense," Bittel said.

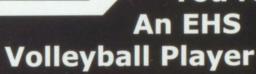
The players learned a lot during the 2004 season, most importantly what they need to do to keep the 2005 pattern from repeating itself.

"I've learned that we have to come out stronger. We just need to have our mind set and ready," Jaymi Riedel'06

There are a few things the girls need to do differently.

"We have to try to keep the team's spirit and to go always for gold," Jennifer Jacques'06 said.

Top **Five** Signs You're



- When the day before a tournament, you stand on the side of the court and practice your strut."
 - Vanessa Beilman'05
- 'If you saw someone singing or dancing on or off the court then it was most likely one of us.'
 - Jennifer Jacques'06
- 'We were very fast because we did football drills.'
 - Whitney Lang'07
- You know what fluff is." - Elexx Feyh'06
- When you know how to practice

- Danielle Pfeifer'08

Volleyball





Setting up a hitter during the substate game against Lakeside in Smith Center, Trista Fuchs '05 and her teammates won the game 25-16,25-14. Also playing are Becca Dinkel'05, Vanessa Beilman'05, Jennifer Jacques'06, Jaylen Reed'07, and Brittany Kroeger'07.photo by Shelly Fuchs

a four-year member of the team, was the varsity

setter. photo by Shelly Fuchs

Becca Dinkel gets ready to pass the ball at the Otis-Bison\LaCrosse tournament. The EHS girls finished the tournament 2-3. "I remember when we were playing against Lacrosse. It was the first time we beat them," Dinkel'05 said.photo by Amanda Fischer

s Beat Osborne In The District

Scrappy: an insult or compliment? When

said by the 101.9 radio station, it was supposed to be an insult. Saying that the Ellis Railroader team had no talent and was a bunch of scrappers and that Osborne was extremely talented compared to EHS only made the team want the win that much more. They just decided to play their game and prove the radio station's predictions wrong.

"It was funny," said Eric Gaschler'06 referring to the radio station's comments. "All I thought was we better win."

Well, they did. With a score of 21-28, the Ellis Railroaders pulled off the win even though they were just "scrappy" according to the station.

"I'd rather be scrappy and playing," Cole King'05 said, "than talented and sitting at home," which is exactly what the Osborne Bulldogs did after their loss. They sat at home.

The game was close the whole way, and it was of minutes. The pick-off by Clay King'05 which was later run in for a touchdown by Cole Erbert'07 pulled Ellis into the lead. "It was cool that a senior got the opportunity to

get us into the playoffs," Erbert said. To ensure the win, Justin LaBarge'06 got an interception to completely shut down any possibility of Osborne winning the game.

This was the second year in a row that the football team has made it to the playoffs.

"We've made it to the playoffs. Now we just need to get a little more games in the playoffs," Coach Don Long said.

Although they only lost four players for the 2005-2006 season, the team will have to make up for the positive attitudes and determination to win that the seniors had. "I wish the four seniors could come back for another year because they made practices enjoyable,

> and they had a lot of leadership on the field," Erbert said.

Cole King'05 throws up an X Factor during Homecoming week. During football games won in the last couple if the boys did something good, they would throw up this gesture to pump up the crowd and team. photo by Linda Riedel

Five Signs You're

Top

An EHS **Football Player**

"When you drive to practice and look at the bank temperature gauge to see how hot it is outside."

-Cody Mickelson'05

"When you see Mr. Hayes do the gorilla breakdown' after a game."

-Justin Gnad'08

"When you throw up an X factor." -Cole Erbert'05

"When you see Mr. Hayes do a Tiger Woods arm action on the sidelines." -Justin LaBarge'06

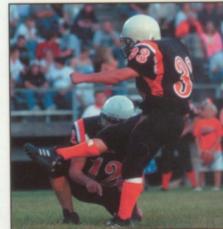
"When you run 20 greenbays in one season."

-Jerome Gottschalk'05



At the line of scrimmage, the Ellis Railroaders get ready for their offensive play. "Although our offense struggled at times, our defense kept us in the games," said Adam Augustine'07. photo by Smoky Hill

It's good! Making the field goal Eric Gaschler'06 kicks the ball while Cole Erbert'07 holds the ball steady. In kick offs, Gaschler averaged 38.3 yards in the 2004 season. photo by Vanessa Beilman

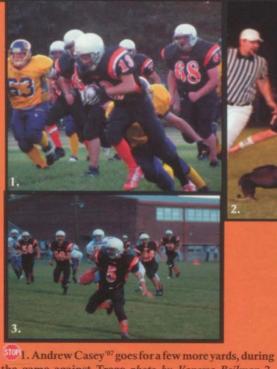


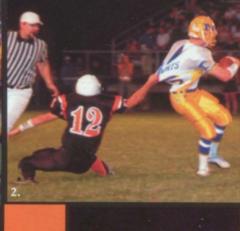


Hands in. Breaking the huddle before the third quarter against Hill City, Coach Art Schoenthaler gives a motivational speech. photo by Smoky Hill. Captions top to bottom: 1. Justin LaBarge'06 takes a drink of water during the JV football game in Ellis against Hill City. 2. Trying to gain a few more yards before being tackled, Dylan Lang'06 runs the ball against the Trego Eagles. 3. Going for the tackle, Adam Augustine'07 pulls down his opponent. 4. During a break in the JV game, Coach Schoenthaler gives coaching tips to Jared Deutscher'07.

SCOREBOARD

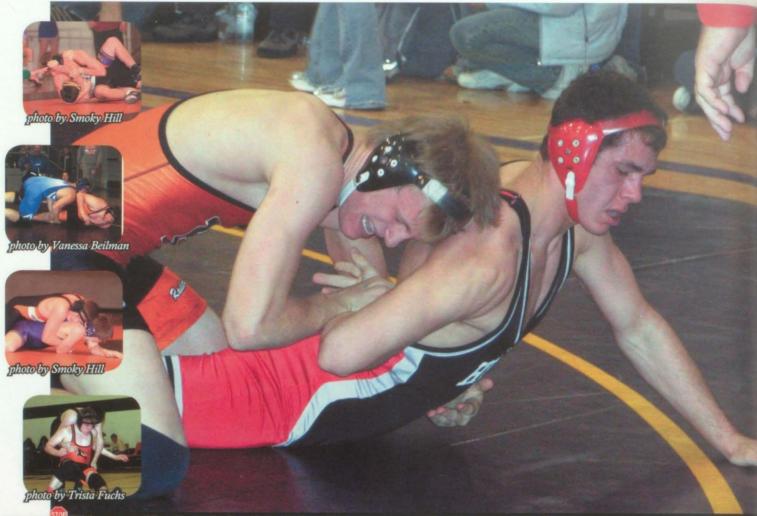
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Phillipsburg	6	48
Quanter	10	0
Tiego	0	27
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Plainville	31	22
District Games		
Smith Center	6	58
Osborne	28	21
Hoxie	14	54



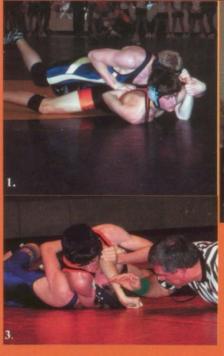




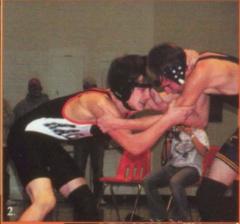
the game against Trego.photo by Vanessa Beilman 2. Pulling the Norton player to the ground, Cole Erbert 107 gets the tackle for the Railroaders.photo by Smoky Hill 3. Running the ball down the field, Daren Haas 108 tries to avoid the Stockton defense.photo by Smoky Hill 4. Jerome Gottschalk catches the pass during the game against the Norton Bluejays.photo by Smoky Hill

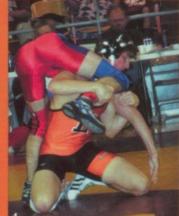


With state qualification on the line, Justin LaBarge'06 wrestles against Matt McGintley from Hoxie at the regional tournament. LaBarge, who ended the season with a record of 22-11, won four out of six matches at regionals to take fourth place and qualify for state. photo by Trista Fuchs Captions top to bottom: 1. Going for a pin, Zach Gehring'08 squeezes his opponent's shoulders to the mat. 2. Michael Hiss'' fights to stay off his back. 3. Trying to score, Glenn Lacy'07 works to execute a move. 4. Chris Hazen'07 tries for a reversal or escape.



1. Cole King'05 works to regain control of his arms and keep from getting rolled over.photo by Trista Fuchs 2. At one of Ellis's two home duels, Kevin Urban'08 ties up with his opponent.photo by Vanessa Beilman 3. Tightening his grip, Austin Morton'06 squeezes his opponent's shoulders to the mat for a pin.photo by Trista Fuchs 4. To complete a take-down, Clay King'05 flips his opponent.photo by Vanessa Beilman





Roster 2005

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Nineteen guys, one small room, and a whole that having a large group was a lot of sweat. Thanks to a large group of under- positive factor, despite the close quarters. classmen, the 2004-2005 wrestling roster was the fullest it had been in years.

With so many wrestlers and not much space Kevin Urban'08 said. to practice in, the team had to make a few adjustments.

"We had to learn to not kick each other when we were wrestling and not get mad if someone accidently kicked you," Austin

Morton'06 said. The increase in numbers was also challenging from the

coaches' perspective.

"The room was crowded. [It

was] tougher to get around and help kids on Glenn Lacy'07 said. each move," head coach Casey Dinkel said.

wrestlers had to make the best of their jam-tling program. packed situation.

"We just had to be aware of where everyone learn, but in a few years, we're going to have

us," Justin LaBarge'06

Most of the team agreed

"It's good to have a full roster because then the team doesn't lose points for all of the opens,"

In some ways, having a congested practice room was a small price to pay for the benefits of having more wres-

"I think it is better because we have a variety of people to wrestle and [do] not have to wrestle the same person every

time,"

Minneapolis wrestler. Unrein, who weighed

roughly 112 lbs, had to wrestle 119s most of

the year because it was the closest available

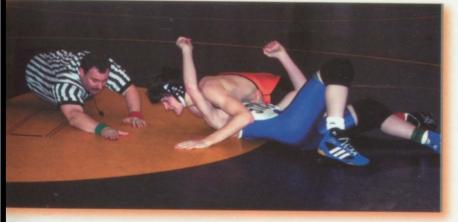
weight class. photo by Trista Fuchs

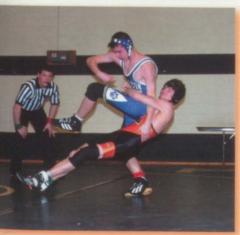
If the number of wrestlers remains high, it Even though it was difficult at times, the could have a positive effect on the EHS wres-

"We're a young team, and we've got a lot to

was at and not let it bother Dusty Unrein'er tries to escape the grip of a a bunch of older, experienced wrestlers," Dusty Unrein'07 said

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SMACK! The official slaps the mat as Brian Keller'06 pins Tad Miller at the MCL tournament. MCL was held in Trego, and Keller, who took fourth place, was one of five EHS wrestlers who placed at MCL.photo by Trista Fuchs

Using his body weight, Scott Gugler'07 tries to throw Stockton wrestler Michael Baxter back to the mat. Gugler was wrestling in the Phillipsburg JV Invitational, which was held in a separate gym the same day as the Phillipsburg Invitational.photo by Trista Fuchs

An EHS Wrestler

"You let a bad word slip, and you're doing pushups."

- Clay King'05

"You really know if your grades are slacking because you'll have to pay up for it."

- Austin Morton'06

"You wrestle because you honestly love the sport."

- Zach Gehring'08

"If someone is wrestling, the rest of the team is down by the mat cheering him on."

- Kevin Urban'08

"You don't have any enemies on your team."

-Rowdy Wichman'06

Wrestling



Stepping Up Start

"And for the Railers, a 5'8" freshman, Danielle Pfeifer." That was a common name heard at any Ellis Lady Railer basketball game.

"I feel the season went well, and we played and performed as a team. It was hard starting varsity as a freshman, but with the help of upperclassmen, I feel I played pretty well," Danielle Pfeifer." 5 said.

Pfeifer was the leading scorer for the EHS girls' basketball team. She had 305 points, averaging 14.5 points per game. She also shot 49 percent from the two-point range, 38 percent from the three-point range, and 58 percent from the free-throw line.

Sometimes it is difficult for younger players to break into the

ranks of veteran players, but that was not the case with the 2005 Lady Railers.

"They see that she is a good player and are happy for her contributions," Coach Perry Mick said.

Pfeifer's teammates agreed with their coach.

"It was nice to have Danielle on the team and do that good when she was so young. When I was that young, I was scared. She was bold and was always doing her best," Jaymi Riedel^{'06} said.

One of the biggest compliments came from senior Vanessa Beilman'05, who compared Pfeifer to 2000 EHS standout Emily Edmonds. Edmonds, who went on to play basketball at Seward Community College and the University of Texas/Houston, scored 1791 points in her career at Ellis.

"I was extremely proud of her. Having someone, especially Pfeifer, stand up and lead the team is

> something Ellis hasn't seen since Emily Edmonds," Beilman said.

Five
Signs
You're

An EHS Girls Basketball Player

When you see the whole team drinking root beer floats after practice.

-Coach Perry Mick

You can't wait to see Mr. Mick doing Hammer-Time.

-Trista Fuchs'05

When you laugh about the "odd" sounds your shoes make on the court.

-Jaymi Riedel'06

When you walk past the locker room and hear the "Final Count Down" being played and a few players acting as the condutors, pianist, and cymbals.

-Jennifer Jacques'06

When you give people nicknames like "Tinkle" and "Squeaky."

-Vanessa Beilman'05



Going for the layup, Katelyn Keller'08 beats the Trego Eagle player down the court during the C team game in Ellis. During the game against Trego, Keller led the team in steals with six. photo by Katie Zahn

Going for the layup, Danielle Pfeifer'08 races

Frego player Michele Ummel to the goal. In

the game against the Trego Eagles, Pfeifer was

one of the leading scorers with eleven points.

photo by Smoky Hill

With her hands up, Vanessa Beilman^{'05} waits for the ball to be thrown to her. "We ran a new offense called rover, and it really got Jennifer Jacques and me open," Beilman said. photo by Cindy Hertel



54 Gints' Basketbatt
Sheila Pouglas



Waiting for the shot to go up, Jennifer Jacques'06 and Whitney Lang'07 look to the basket during a free throw.photo by Sheila Douglas Captions top to bottom: 1. Kristen Waldschmidt'07 shoots over Brooke Newcomer. 2. Stretching before the game, Kristen Weber'06 and Laura Augustine'07 stand at half court. 3. Avoiding the trap, Jaymi Riedel'06 looks to pass in the game against the Osborne Bulldogs. 4. Vanessa Beilman'05 looks to the basket before stopping to shoot. Beilman scored eight points during the game against the Trego Eagles.

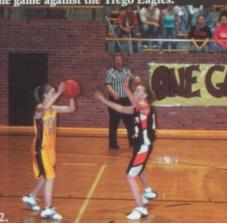
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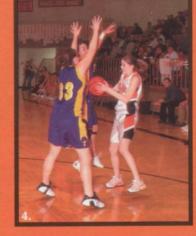
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Quinter	45	64
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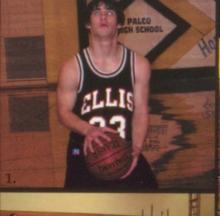
shooting.photo by Kasi Wyatt 2. At the game against Victoria, Danielle Pfeifer guards a Victoria player. photo by Cindy Hertel 3. A treat from Coach Perry Mick, Jaymi Riedel 66 eats pizza with her team one day after practice.photo by Vanessa Beilman 4. Whittany Lang 77 keeps a tight grip on the ball while waiting for a chance to throw.photo by Smoky Hill







Taking the shot, Chuck Parks'05 scores against the Ness City Eagles. photo by Vanessa Beilman Captions top to bottom: 1. Andrew Casey practices his three pointers during half time of the JV girls' game. 2. Boxing out a Trego Eagle player, M.J. Gnad'06 looks for the rebound during the semifinals of substate. 3. Adam Augustine'07 looks toward the basket for the make or miss during the game against Phillipsburg a Gross Memorial in Hays. 4. Going for the layup, Eric Gaschler'06 drives past Stockton Tiger defenders during the first round of substate.





1. Shooting a free throw during the Palco game, Kyle Urban looks to the basket to score. photo by Vanessa Beilman 2. Taking his time, Colton Barton shoots his free throws during the game against Palco. photo by Vanessa Beilman 3. Zach DeBolt '05, Cody Mickelson'05, and Casey Cross'06 dress up for the boys' first round sub state game against Stockton. photo by Vanessa Beilman 4. Making the shot and receiving the foul, Dylan Lang'06 drives the lane against the Ness City Eagles. photo by Vanessa Beilman





SCOREBOARD

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Phillipsburg	45	44
Oakley	55	62
Triplains	94	15
Wheatland	52	45
Ralco	67	55
Osborne	52	64
Stockton	84	37
Trego	33	49
HIII City	50	33
Victoria	61	57
Plainville	60	57
Quinter	43	61
Smith Center	47	45
Ness City	63	62
Victoria	78	46
Norton	48	79
St. John	65	73
Sub State		
Stockton	65	64
Trego	17	38

Stalling. Everyone can remember the basketball game against the Trego Eagles when that was all Ellis did. Trego was ready for the Railroaders to do it again, but the team had something else up their sleeve: a ball game.

"I was pumped for the game against WaKeeney," Jerome Gottschalk'05 said, "because no one thought we could stay with them. We came out though and gave them a run for their money."

With a score of 33-49 the Railroaders made it a struggle for the Trego Eagles to take the win.

Chuck Parks'05 said, "We stuck with them the whole game, but our fourth quarter offense didn't pull through."

The basketball team didn't think they would have to face the Trego Eagles again after the first match-up in January, but they ended up playing the Eagles again in the semi-finals of substate in Smith Center. The plan, how-Shooting over Trego Eagle Mark Aschen-

ever, for this game ran a little different than the first game.

thought," Gottschalk said. "We were

You're





Breaking the huddle before going back onto the court, the Ellis Railroaders prepare for the fourth quarter against the Victoria Knights. The Railroaders beat the Victoria Knights twice, once at home and once at Victoria.photo by Vanessa Beilman

brenner during Pac-the-Place night, Daren Haas'06 looks to score for the Railroaders. The Railers finished their season in the semifinals of substate against Trego, photo by Vanessa

> Avoiding the defensive player, Jerome Gottschalk'05 takes the shot against the Trego Eagles in the semifinals of substate. "We only shot under 30 percent from the field twice this year," Gottschalk said. "Both games were against WaKeeney." photo by Vanessa Beilman

An EHS **Basketball Player**

"When you are out to win every single game."

-Jerome Gottschalk'05

"When you get pumped about beating Plainville, because they've beat us every year since we were in biddie basketball."

-Dylan Lang'06

"When the first week is over, and you're still alive."

-Brett Mickelson'07

"When you have to run timed lines with the fast group."

Eric Gaschler'06

"When you drink a red bull before every game." -Austin Fox'06

Boys' Basketball 57

Eaces Possible Loss Of Long-Tripped Band Dealing With Change Band

23 years. Some would consider this a short amount of time, students see it is more than their lifetime, and for John Kolacny it is the amount of time that he has coached golf. That's how many years John Kolacny has been coaching golf at EHS. With that in mind, it was fairly easy to see how different the golf season would be without him. But students may have to face this change in the 2005-2006 school year. During the 2004-2005 school year, Kolacny announced his retirement from teaching at EHS. As a result, future golfers may also have a retired coach. Current team members said that golf will be very different without Kolacny coaching.

"I like how laid back golf is with John," Austin Fox 66 said. "I don't

think we'll have that with another coach."

Another student, Kevin Nowell'06, said, "If John Kolacny isn't the coach, I probably won't go out next year."

The retirement of Kolacny will obviously have a huge effect on current and future golfers. Kolacny, who initially started coaching golf because of his love for the game, had his own moments he'll miss if he no longer coaches golf.

"I'll just miss working with the players and helping them improve their game," Kolacny said.

Undoubtedly the 2005-2006 school year will be a struggle for EHS golfers should Kolacny not be their coach. However, as many people know, events in life can change in the blink of an eye, and it might be found that no one can truly replace Kolacny as a golf coach. In the end, it might turn out that Kolacny may still be coaching during the 2005-2006 school year after all.

Coach John Kolacny teaches golfers the correct way to swing their clubs. In order to go to tournaments, golfers competed against each other, the students with the lowest scores were selected. photo by Kasi Wyatt

Five
Signs
You're
An
EHS Golfer

"When even the coaches from other towns comment on John's bad driving."

-Jordan Mattheyer'06

When you show up to practice before four."

-Kyle Urban'06

"You stop on the side of the road to pick up loose golf balls."
-Michael Young'08

"You laugh when someone says 'Jump for Jesus."

-Rowdy Wichman'06

"When you have to ride in the suburban and listen to Rowdy."
-Eric Gaschler'06



Warming up together, Brett Mickelson'07 and Rowdy Wichman'08 swing their clubs in unison. Although golfers were not required to attend practice, many did in order to prepare for tournaments. photo by Kasi Wyatt

Jerome Gottschalk digs through his golf bag to find his ball and club. Golfers usually began their practices by practicing putting, then going to the driving range and around the golf course. photo by Kasi Wyatt



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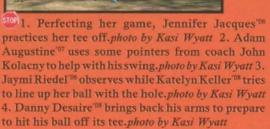


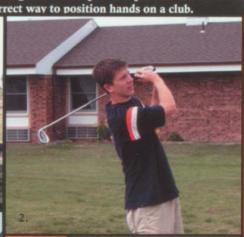
While catching some shade, Chris Hazen'¹⁰⁷ takes a break from practice. photo by Kasi Wyatt Captions top to bottom: 1. Showing team spirit, Austin Morton'¹⁰⁶ practices his putting with an orange golf ball. 2. With his goal in sight, Ryan Gross'¹⁰⁵ prepares to tee off during practice. 3. John Tricks'¹⁰⁸ goes over his options while he tries to decide which club to use. Each golfer was required to provide his/her own clubs. bag, and golfballs. 4. Giving a demonstration. Coach John Kolacny goes over the correct way to position hands on a club.

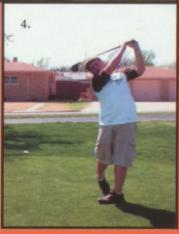
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MCL	6-man 4-man 2-man	6th 7th 6th
Regionals at Kinsley		5th











Going over the bar, Meggie Patrick'⁰⁷ clears five foot at the Victoria Invitational. photo by Trista Fuchs Captions top to bottom: 1. Running the 4 x 8, Krista Connelly'⁰⁷ finishes her first of two laps. They placed fourth at the Ellis Invitational. 2. Nicole Weigel'⁰⁶ hands of the baton to Rachel Thomson'⁰⁷ during the 4 x 8. 3. Clearing the hurdle, Kayla Hollern'⁰⁸ goes for the finish 4. Trying to beat her best time Ashley Hejny'⁰⁶ paces herself around the track. "Running the 800 was a good practice race before the 4 x 8," Hejny said.



Victoria Invitational. photo by Trista Fuchs 2. Katie Zahn'06 clears 4'8" at the Victoria Invitational. photo by Trista Fuchs 3. Getting ready for the 4x1, Amber Honas'06 has Kelsi Schoenthaler'06 hold her starting blocks. "It was tough getting it together sometimes. We stuck as a team and got it done," Honas said. photo by Sheila Douglas 4. Pushing for 30' in triple jump, Sammy Hook'07 tries her hardest at the track meet in Victoria. photo by Trista Fuchs

Roster 2005

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Vanessa Beilman	Senior
Trista Fuchs	Senior
Jenny Jones	Senior
Jessie Pfeifer	Senior
Ashley Hejny	Junior
Amber Honas	Junior
Kelsi Schoenthaler	Junior
Katie Zahn	Junior
Nicole Weigel	Junior
Krista Connelly	Sophomore
Emily Cox	Sophomore
Sammy Hook	Sophomore
Brittany Kroeger	Sophomore
Whitney Lang	Sophomore
Meggie Patrick	Sophomore
Rachel Thomson	Sophomore
Bailey Deutscher	Freshman
Brenda Gammon	Freshman
Kayla Hollern	Freshman
Deana Hunsicker	Freshman
Rachel Lantis	Freshman
Vanessa North	Freshman
Danielle Pfeifer	Freshman
Denise Totten	Freshman

The EHS girls' track team took competing very seriously. The seriousness led to

sweaty palms, butterflies in their stomach, and getting hungry. All were symptoms the EHS girls' track team got

track team got before competing.

"Competition just makes you nervous. You want to win and the thought of losing makes you nervous," Vanessa Beilman'05 said.

There were many different ways the girls prepared themselves for competing, like stretching out, eating, and doing warm ups.

"I get so nervous that I get really hungry, so my mom and I started a tradition of bringing beef jerky and olives to every track meet," Beilman said.

There were events that the girls got more nervous about than others because they had just started or because it was tough

competition.

"I get more nervous in shot put because I did well in it when I started out this year, and I was a little ways away from going to regional," Amber Honas'06 said.

Not all of EHS girls' track members let the competition stress them out. Some didn't get nervous at all. They said they really didn't have reason to get nervous, having competed in the same event every year.

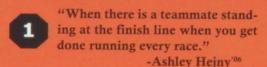
"I really don't get nervous.
It's just another run,"
Krista Connelly 107
said.

Whether the team got nervous or not, they had one goal in mind: stay cool and

get it.
done no
matter
what is
takes.

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Five Signs You're In EHS Girls'Track



"We always sit away from other camps at all track meets."
- Nicole Wiegel'06

"When your spikes are worn to pieces."

- Meggie Patrick'07

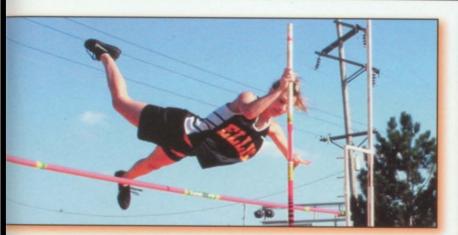
"When one person's food is the whole track team's food."

- Katie Zahn'06

"If you're a pole vaulter, you always stay and practice way longer than the rest of the team."

-Trista Fuchs'05

Ginls Track 61
Shella Pouglas





Brittany Kroeger of easily clears the bar in pole vault at the Trego Fr-So meet. Kroeger cleared her personal best of 7'6" at this invitational and then went on to clear it again at MCL. photo by Trista Fuchs

Starting the race at Trego, Whitney Lang'07

shoots out of the blocks during the 100 meter

at the Ellis Invitation. Lang ran it in 14.66. She

also ran the 4x4 and competed in triple jump.

photo by Trista Fuchs

Triple jumping at the Victoria Invitational, Vanessa Beilman⁰⁵ pushes for a couple more inches into the sand. "I just learned how to triple jump, and when I got first place three times, I was pretty excited," Beilman said. photo by Trista Fuchs

Throwing 159' in the discus at regionals ensured Cole Erbert's'07 ranking in state to be a confident one. Being ranked second in the discus and second in the shot put only put more pressure on Erbert to succeed in both events and not

let down his team. "It's a lot of pressure," Erbert said, "but it's all worth it. I love throwing."

Not only did Erbert have to impress his team, but he also had to impress his throwing coach, who happened to be his father, Steve Erbert.

"Having my dad as my throwing coach is great. We spend a lot of time together and it's nice because he's at all of my meets supporting me

as a coach and father," Pushing himself to throw farther than his Erbert said.

It's not just natural

talent that ranked Erbert second in state. He has worked extremely hard to get where he is.

"It's no accident where he's at. He's been throwing since he was seven and he has not only worked hard, but he has also studied the throws," Steve Erbert said.

The coaches all have high expectations for Erbert not only at state, but also in the future to succeed and to also stay a leader.

"Not too many athletes have both athletic ability and leadership qualities," said coach Butch Hayes, when you get one that has both it's special."

> Erbert has a promising future in sports, especially track.

"He very well could be

state champ this year in events and if not this year, both then next year he will be. The kid has

talent," head coach Jack Wolf said.

Top **Five** Signs You're In EHS

Boys' Track

"When you push yourself at every meet to place."

-Lenny Labarge'07

"When you get to throw water balloons at the girls and coaches on Fun Monday."

-Coach Jack Wolf

"When everyone is at the finish line cheering on the person who is running."

-Andrew Casey'07

"When you run the 4x4 relay against your will and win the meet because of it."

-Justin Gnad'08

"When you get to eat pizza during practice!"

-Erick Estrada'07



competition, Cole Erbert'07 throws the shot put

at the MCL track meet. Erbert placed second

in discus and eighth in shot put at state track.

photo by Trista Fuchs

STOP Hanging out at the Victoria track meet, Lenny Labarge'07, Kevin Urban'08, Todd Flinn'08, Justin Gnad'08, and Andrew Casey'07 wait for the next relay to start.photo by Trista Fuchs

Finishing first in his heat during the preliminaries of the 100 meter dash for MCL, Andrew Casey'07 receives a time of 11.6 seconds. "Competition brings out the best in Andrew, he challenges himself to win each event he competes in," coach Butch Hayes said.photo by Vanessa Beilman



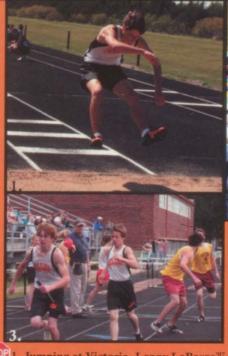


1. Pole vaulting at the MCL track meet, Brian Keller'07 clears the bar. Keller received sixth place at MCL.photo by Trista Fuchs Captions top to bottom: 1. Justin Gnad'08 finishes out strong while running the 100 meter dash at the Ellis Invitational. Gnad ran it in 12.56 seconds. 2. Codey Carlisle'06 clears the high jump bar during practice. 3. Maneuvering to clear the bar at 8'6", Kevin Urban'08 pole vaults at the Ellis Invitational. 4. Putting all his strength into it. TJ Lee'05 throws the shot put at the Victoria Invitational.

Roster 2005

Ryan Bittel
Todd Flinn
Justin Gnad
Josh Guise
Kevin Urban
Cory Amrein
Andrew Casey
Jared Deutscher
Cole Erbert
Erick Estrada
Aaron Herl
Randy Hamel
Michael Hiss
Brian Keller
Lenny LaBarge
Glenn Lacy
Keric Smith
Dusty Unrein
Julian Beggel
Codey Carlisle
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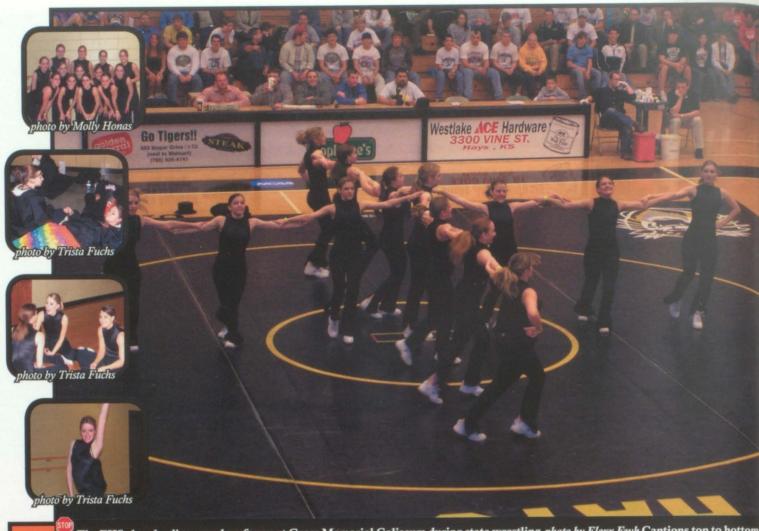
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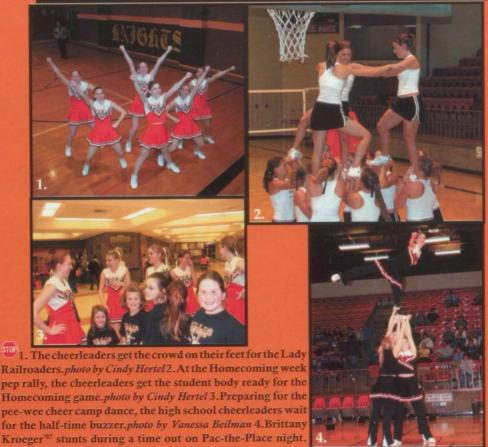
a couple more inches in triple jump.photo by Trista Fuchs
2. Julian Beggel'06 and Ryan Bittel'08 hang out at Victoria.
photo by Trista Fuchs 3. Handing off the baton to Jared
Deutscher'07, Kevin Urban'08 finishes off his part of the
mile relay.photo by Vanessa Beilman 4. Erick Estrada'07
runs his hardest during a relay at the Ellis Invitational.
photo by Sheila Douglas







The EHS cheerleading squad performs at Gross Memorial Coliseum during state wrestling. photo by Elexx Feyh Captions top to bottom: 1.EHS cheerleaders pose for a group photo before dancing at state wrestling. 2. Waiting for the next match, Kayla Hollern'08, and Amber Honas'06 hang out at state wrestling. 3. Paige Helget'05 puts makeup on Megan Keller'07 while Rachel Thomson'07 waits for her turn. 4. Meggie Patrick'07 gets ready for the squad's routine at state wrestling.



Cheerleaders Paige Heiget - Captain 4 years - senior Lacie Bittel - Co - Captain 4 years - senior Trista Fuchs 4 years - senior **Rebecca Augustine** 1 year - senior (elsi Schoentha 3 years - junior Emily Keller 3 years - junior Amber Honas 2 years - junior Jaymi Riedel 2 years - junior Brittany Kroeger 2 years - sophomore **Rachel Thomson** 2 years - sophomore Meggie Patrick 1 year - sophomore Kayla Hollern 1 year - freshman

The last time the EHS cheerleading squad danced at the state wrestling championship the year was 1996. Nine years later Paige Helget'05. captain, and Lacie Bittel'05, cocaptain, decided that it was time

again for the EHS cheerleaders to bring the squads talent to the "Big Show."

"We decided that this year we

deserved to dance at state because we worked really hard the whole year," Bittel said.

To be considered for the position, the squad had to fill out an application and send it to the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

The squad was one of two cheerleading squads chosen out of 3-2-1A Kansas schools.

Once the squad found out that they would be dancing at state wrestling.

they realized that they had to spend more time practicing.

"We had been practicing this dance since November for Pac-the-Place, but after we

danced

it. We

Cheering loud and kicking high, Lacie Bittel'05

motivatesthe crowd during the Railers' game

against Victoria. The entire squad was required

to cheer at home games, but only six or seven cheered at away games.photo by Cindy Hertel

at Pac-the-Place, we changed had to practice the new way four times a week for at least a month." Kelsi Schoenthaler'06

When state wrestling finally rolled around, the squad had practiced for weeks, days, and hours. They were ready.

'The part that was the most intimidating was when the whole crowd does the wave and the stomp-clap and you are like 'Oh Wow!' I'm dancing at state wrestling. Once we started dancing. the tension goes away because your doing the same thing you've practiced for so long" Schoenthaler said.

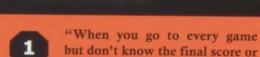
So did practice make perfect? No. There was a small glitch in the music but the squad perservered.

"We managed to get ourselves back

together and pull our performance together," Megan Keller'07 said.

HERRIEDAING **Talent Revealed At State**

Top **Five** Signs You're An EHS Cheerleader



who won."

-Amber Honas'06

"When you watch someone fall out of the suburban after every away game."

-Brittany Kroeger'07

"You like to start cheer wars." -Trista Fuchs'05

"When you are constantly doing dances and cheers in class." -Kayla Hollern'08

When you lift Meggie, and she doesn't fall."

-Rachel Thomson'07





R-A-I-L-E-R-S. Showing off their homemade tattoos, the EHS cheerleaders root on the basketball team at substate. The cheerleaders forgot their posters for substate and improvised by making the tattoos. photo by Kylie Best

Kayla Hollern'08 goes into an arabesque during cheerleading practice. The cheerleading squad had practice on Thursday nights throughout the year. Hollern was the only freshman on the squad.photo by Amanda Fischer

Turned Quit Sums Up How the Season

Getting up on stage can make anyone a

little nervous, but realize Mrs. Linda Riedel expects the best possible. The best sometimes means going to the state competitions, which was the case for fifteen EHS students.

Taking sixth out of 39 schools at state champs at Bethel College in Newton on May 7, Blake Connelly'05 placed highest on the team taking third place in extemporaneous speaking.

"I had to take a few deep breaths to calm myself before going on stage," Connelly said.

Also competing in the extemp category at state champs was Jessica Spinelli'05.

"I feel like Mrs. Riedel has high expectations and I don't want to

disappoint her," Spinelli said.

Semifinalists were Spinelli in oration and

Connelly and Aaron Pfannenstiel'08 in extemp. Other Finalists were Kristen Weber'06 and Meggie Patrick'07, who took

sixth in Improvised Duet Acting, and Dusty Unrein'07 and Rachel Thompson'07, who took fifth in Improvised Duet Acting. Kelsey Kinderknecht'07, Megan

Keller'07, and Kylie Best'08 also went to state champs but did not place. While at state champs Reggie Romine took the members of the team to the broadway musical "The Sound of Music."

State Festival took place in Salina the same day as State Champs. The team members that went to this all performed in Improvised Duet Acting. Stephanie Spinelli or and Brittany Kroeger'07 received a one rating. Jessie Pfeifer'05 and Krista Connelly'07 received a two rating. Michael Young'08 also qualified for state festival.

> Riedel contributes their success to two things.

"We have very talented people and we eat a lot," Riedel said.

Signs igns You're An EHS **Forensics Member**

"You're insane. You know it, and you don't care.'

Laura Redden'06

"You treat every meet like a Thanksgiving celebration."

Megan Keller'07

You're saying for the season is, "Ain't no thang but a chicken wing.

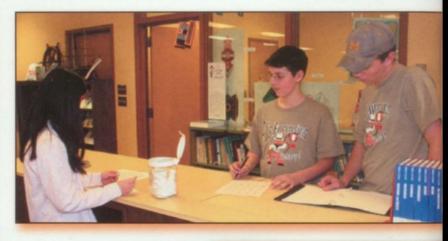
Danny Desaire'08

"You're not nervous or embarrassed to be yourself."

Vanessa North'08

"You wake up at five in the morning just to get ready for a meet."

Tracey Lechliter'08



"Stop that kid! He has my watermelon!" Kylie

Best'08 said. This statement introduced her per-

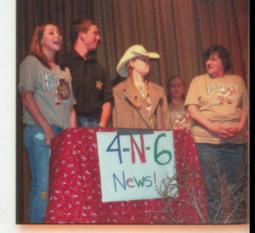
formance of her poetry piece at forensics night.

Best went to state championships in Newton

on May 7. photo by Linda Riedel

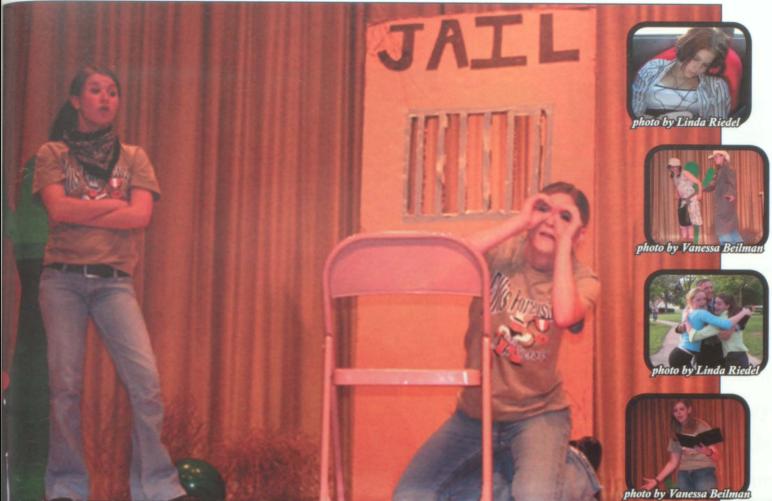
At the forensics meet Aaron Pfannentsiel'08 and Blake Connelly'08 help out with the extemp drawing. "Going to a tournament is fun, but working a tournament shows how forensics really works," Pfannenstiel said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

The three seniors announce Reggie Romine as their assistant coach and bring him down to the stage to accept an award of thanks. Romine went with the team to State Champs.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Top

Five



Peeping through Jason's window, Brittany Kroeger'07 crouches behind a bush during her IDA performance on forensics night. Stephanie Spinelli'07 looks on from a distance and disagrees. Captions top to bottom: 1. While listening to music on the way to a meet, Brenda Gammon'08 falls asleep. 2. Durning forensics night Krista Connelly'07 portrays an old lady skiing, and Jessie Pfeifer'05 is a waitress snowboarding. 3. Meggie Patrick'07, Kristen Weber'06, and Blake Connelly'05 let off a some stress with a goofy picture at State Champs in Wichita. 4. Reading poetry

during forensics night, Kelsey Kinderknecht'07 entertains the audience with "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Scoreboard

Decatur	2nd
Hill City	2nd
Norton.	3rd
Dighton.	3rd
Hays High	1st
MCL	1st
Colby	2nd
Smith Center	2nd
Quinter	2nd
State Champs	6th



perform IDA at forensics night.photo by Vanessas Beilman

Points of Interest

"It was hilarious seeing Jessie Pfeifer'05 dressed as Santa for the food box auction."

Jennifer Augustine'06



"Forensics was really fun because I got to broaden my horizons by meeting so many new people."

Brenda Gammon'08

"When the gumps came in at the beginning was the best part of the junior class play."

Heather Schuster'06

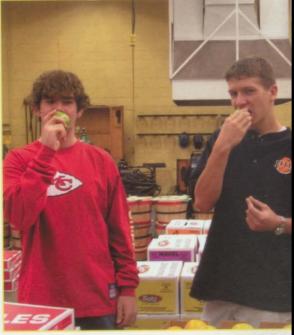




Hanging out at Memorial on a Friday night, EHS students crowd on top of Whitney Lang's or car for a group photo. "Memorial is fun because I get to hang-out with my friends," Michael Hiss or said. "It's a sweet place to be on the weekends." photo by John Tricks



Checking the quality of their fruit, Cory Amrein'07 and Adam Augustine'07 eat FFA apples. After two weeks of fruit sales, the FFA member with the most sales got a prize of \$50.photo by Linda Riedel



THROUGH OUR EYES

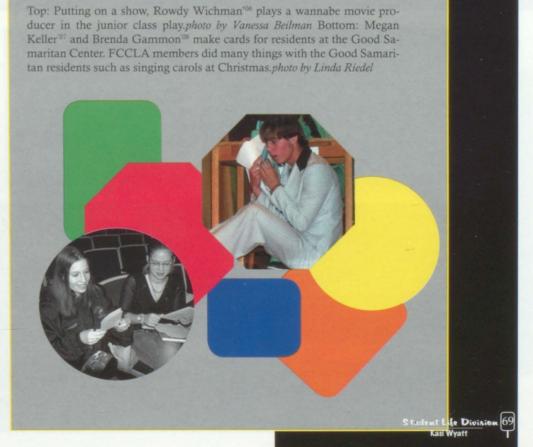


Attempting to drop a whipped cream grape into Trista Fuchs'05 mouth. Morgan Murphy'05 covers Fuchs in whip cream. Each senior received \$185 worth of gifts for attending project graduation. photo by Vanessa Beilman

If you haven't made the trip to Ellis, it might be hard to understand how a small school works. Since there isn't much to do in a small town, students are able to be involved in many of the different organizations at EHS. Here individuals come together as a group and drive together to make a difference. Students work to help each other stay on the right road. To fully understand student life at EHS, you have to come and see it through our eyes.



Amanda Fischer of and Elexx Feyh 6 polka to the song "Roll Out The Barrel" at Prom. "We knew we were from Kansas when not only could we polka, but we also knew the words to the song." Fischer said. photo by Vanessa Beilman



From mEYE Point of View

What do you think needs to be changed about Homecoming Week?

- "I think that we need to have more pep rallies. The pep rallies really pump us up."

 - Jennifer Jacques 06
- "I think that we should do more to recognize alumni."
 - Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan



EHS students cheer for a team victory at the bonfire. The bonfire was held on the Thursday night before the Homecoming game. photo by Smoky Hill



Displaying EHS proudly on their chests Travis Elder'05, Zach DeBolt'05, and Chuck Parks'05 cheer on the football team at the Homecoming game. "The best part about Homecoming was bonding with my class in Becca's backyard practicing airband," Parks said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

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photo by Sheila Douglas



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photo by Vanessa Beilman



photo by Smoky Hill



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1. Aboard the freshman float, Jessi Lacy'08, Bailey Deutscher'08, and Kevin Urban'08 toss out candy to little kids watching the parade. 2. Homecomin Queen and King, Becca Dinkel'05 and Blake Connelly'05, stand in the middle of the field after the crowning ceremony. 3. Senior Homecoming candidates Cole King, Paige Helget, King Blake Connelly, Queen Becca Dinkel, Clay King, and Lacie Bittel. 4. Justin LaBarge'06, Chris Hazen'07, and Scott Gugler listen during the StuCo meeting on Old School Day. 5. EHS Students get pumped up during the bonfire at the fairgrounds. 6. Brittany Kroeger's Whitney Lang'07, and Courtney Schartz'07 stand by the door to cool off during the Homecoming dance, which lasted from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Vaiting for his cue, Clay King'05 ances around the stage. The enior boys dressed up as the pice Girls and did a rendition of Wannabe." photo by Trista Fuchs



Singing. Dancing. Mini skirts. The airband, along with class competition, were ones that were taken away in 2001 because of inappropriate behavior during Homecoming week. Reluctantly, the privileges were given back as a chance to let the students redeem themselves. They did.

"Air band is awesome; I love it. I didn't understand why they took it away in the first place," Jessica Spinelli'05 said. "The next year after the mishaps they were just like, 'Oh, no airband."

Airband is not only just about having a good time performing, it is also a time for the classes to get together as a whole and make up a lip sync and dance routine.

"I loved air band this year because our class got to bond during airband rehearsal in Becca's back yard. We had a great time and it was funny to watch also," Rebecca Augustine'05 said.

The class of 2005 was the only class that got to participate in an airband in high school. So not knowing how it worked, the other classes had to figure something out quick.



In the Homecoming spirit, Rachel Lantis'08 dresses up as a movie star for Costume Day. The freshmen class took fourth place in the class competition. photo by Sheila Douglas

"It would have been more fun if the boys in our class would have participated more instead of just M.J.," Elexx Feyh'06 said, "but it's nice to not just have to sit in the cafeteria during Homecoming week anymore like we used to have to do."

Students take Stage

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Cole King '05

"The dance was pretty fun. I think everyone was having a great time, as much fun as you can have after getting smoked at the game."

"The dance was my favorite part of Homecoming week. It was just what I expected."







Emily Cox '07

"After the game I had a great time boogying down at the dance. The music and the company were great - a night that will never be forgotten."

"We had a lot of fun putting together airband and getting up there and performing it."

Kelsi Schoenthaler





Jenny Jones '05

"The bonfire was awesome this vear."



After receiving the gavel from FFA president Clay King'05, Brian Keller'07 takes over . King was president for the 2004-2005 school year, and he passed the duties to Keller during the installation of new officers. photo by Trista Fuchs

Tradition: an inherited pattern of thought or action. Although sending members to compete in state FFA or FCCLA hasn't been the tradition of late, a few EHS students could be starting a new trend.

For the first time in almost ten years, FFA had members who did well enough at contests to compete in the state contest.

The team, consisting of Colton Barton'05, Kevin Keller'05, Clay King'05, and Cole King'05 placed 11th out of roughly 30 teams in the crops division. Individual members placed 48th, 98th, 21st, and 44th, respectively.

In the Poultry division, the team placed 27th out of about 41 teams, and the individuals placed 39th, 114th, 93rd, and 97th, respectively.

FCCLA also sent students to compete in state for the first time in several years. Jessica Hadley'06 and Laura Augustine'07 entered the "Chapter Service Display" category of Star Events with their project, "Act On Aging."

The duo took first place at Districts, which allowed

them to take their project to compete at the state meeting. There, they won a gold award and took second place, which made them the runner-up to go to nationals in California.

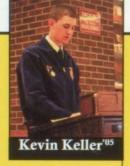
Although it takes more than a year to start a tradition, new standards have been set, and hopefully future members will continue to compete in state competitions.

Before the banquet begins, Case Cross'06 straightens Justin Gnad's tie. The FFA officers got to wea their official FFA jackets and ties f_0 the banquet.photo by Trista Fuchs



Setting New Standards

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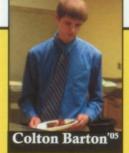


"I had a lot of fun at state, but AG mechanics is still my favortie."

"It was fun getting prepared and neat getting the chance to perform at state."

Laura Augustine'07





"It was the first time we'd gone to state, so we didn't know what to expect, but it was a good experience."

"It [state] was a new experience that I had never tried before."

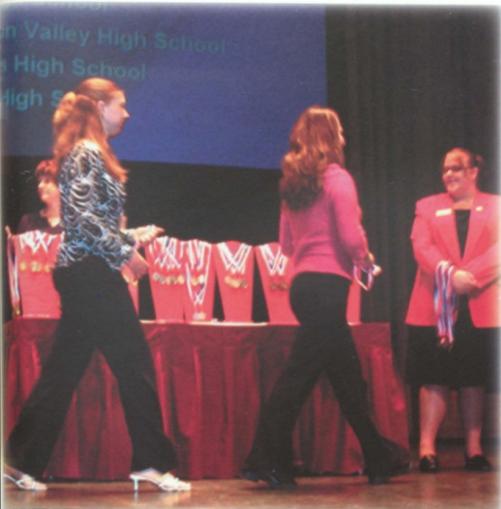
Jessica Hadley'06





Cole King'05

"State was a really good experience because I'd never been before, and it was a lot of fun."



Medalists Laura Augustine¹⁰⁷ and Jessica Hadley¹⁰⁶ walk off stage after receiving their award for 2nd Jace in their Star Event. "Act on Aging" was a year-long project in which they organized activities for FFCLA members to participate with residents at the Good Sam.*photo by Rhonda Hadley*

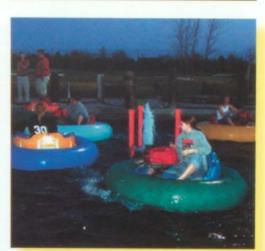
From Point of View

What is it like to join a club that is mostly the opposite gender?

"It's difficult to be in a club that's mostly girls, but it's a good way to stand out."

- Aaron Pfannenstiel

"It's different. I wish there would be more girls
who would join FFA."
- Nicole Weigel



The group who attended state FCCLA ride bumper boats at All Sports. They also rode gocarts and went shopping during their free time before the meetings.photo by Rhonda Hadley

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photo by Clay King



photo by Jessica Hadley



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L. While attending a farm safety awareness program, FFA members check out the display of four-wheelers. 2. Participating in "Act On Aging," Ashley Hejny'06 sings with a resident at the Good Samaritan Center. 3. The FFA officers sit at the head table during the FFA banquet. 4. Cody Mickelson'05 fries eggs for the annual FFA breakfast, which is held before school for FFA members and faculty. 5. Jenna Henrickson'05, Jessie Pfeifer'06, Jaymi Riedel'06, Rebecca Augustine'05, and Dana Armbrister'05 sack out for the night in their hotel room while attending the state meeting. 6. To prepare for their presentations, Heather Schuster'06, Jon Hejny'05, and Ashley Hejny'06 review their notes on the podium.

From mEYE Point of View

In your opinion, what was the funniest or most memorable part of the Jr. Class Play?

"Bill dancing around the stage with his giant teddy bear was a very funny part." - Julian Beggel 06

"Amanda Yanda 'midgeting' around the stage with a beard to circus music." - Rowdy Wichman 06



Budding rock star Beef Burgundy grooves to the line, "I ain't nothin' but a chihuahua, yeah mamma!" The Elvis-impersonator was played by Dylan Lang'06. photo by Vanessa Beilman



Responding to praise from their producer, hillbillies Tammy-Mae Gump (Kelsi Schoenthaler'06) and Granny Gump (Jennifer Jacques '06') conclude that their show, "The Beverly Billygoats," is successful. "The whole experience was Great! Great! Great!" Schoenthaler said. photo by Vanessa Beilman

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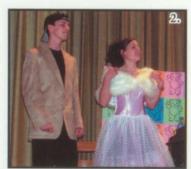


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1. Lilliputian teenagers played by Slade Hackney'06, Jennifer Augustine'06, and Amanda Yanda'06 prepare to sing the Lilliput National Anthem. 2. Because they're desperate for a job, actors Rex Leech (Austin Morton'06) and Delores Del Pompadour (Emily Keller'06) plead with their producers for one more chance. 3. Rif Lewis (Austin Fox'06) and Sir Wendell Pipps (Justin LaBarge'06) discuss the abnormal number of visitors on the island of Lilliput. 4. Sheila Stone (Heather Schuster'06) attempts to collect money from Larry Kirkwood (Rowdy Wichman'06). 5. The entire cast of the jr. class play pose after their matinee performance. 6. Big-time producer Linus Hoople (Bill Hankins'06) and the hillbillies dance to "I'm too sexy."

anouncing the arrival of Queen ona, Lady Featherhead (Jessica (adley'06) sounds her horn. The een was rarely seen without her ttendant.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Afterhours of hard work and struggle, forgotten lines and ad-libs, the juniors aced their final performance of their play, "Small Wonder."

"It was very nerve racking because the practices weren't going well and some people didn't know their lines," Jaymi Riedel'06 said.

The juniors wanted the play to be a success. but they were having a hard time staying focused.

"We've [the junior class] always been somewhat good at slacking off, and we did. We never even got completely through dress rehearsal," Jennifer Jacques'06 said.

Although the matinee was far from a disaster. the juniors weren't satisfied with their performance.

"It was terrible. We had people run off the stage because no one could remember their lines, and one time we were so messed up that I just said something to catch everyone up," Elexx Feyh'06 said.

Those setbacks just made the juniors more determined to perfect their final show.

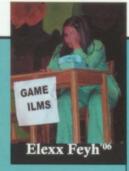
"The night performance went much better than during school. People knew their lines and covered for each other if they didn't," Amanda Yanda '06 said.

Too kind, too kind. Thank you, thank you. Too kind. Long live Lilliput!" exclaims Queen Oona (Laura Redden'06). Queen Oona faked her own death to see how her kingdom would endure without her.photo by Vanessa Beilman

Despite all the mistakes leading up to the big night, the final production was almost flawless. "The final show ended up all right because that's one thing we [the junior class] will always be good at, is procrastinating to perfection," Jacques said.

Perils of Procrastination

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"We completely ignored the fact that our matinee was a complete disaster and concentrated on having fun."

"We said to each other that it [the night performance] could not go as bad at the first one."

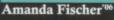




Amber Honas'06

"After the day performance we were all kinda bummed out, so we staved after school to practice lines. We stuck together and got it done."

"Individually, I went home and practiced my lines for the last scene, and as a class we yelled at each other to get stuff done."







Kristen Weber'06

"I tried to be a leader to make people learn their lines. I also tried to make it a fun experience for the whole class."



Pretty in pink, Jenny Jones'05 spends her last Prom getting crazy on the dance floor. "Having the casino at Prom was good because there was something to do between pictures and the dinner," Jones said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

The Pink Flamingo. Tropicana. Hard Rock Cafe. Stratosphere. Sahara. When you see these sites, you know you're one of two places: the Las Vegas strip or the 2005 Ellis High School

During the afternoon on Friday, May 13, the juniors turned the lobby into Las Vegas, complete with famous casinos, famous people, and a game

"We built an awesome casino, a chapel, and a skyline of Vegas," Elexx Feyh'06 said.

But the school wasn't just decorated. The juniors also offered Las Vegas typical games like Roulette, Baccarat, Craps, and Blackjack.

"Blackjack was awesome and I liked playing it. I lost all my money though," Eric Gaschler'06 said.

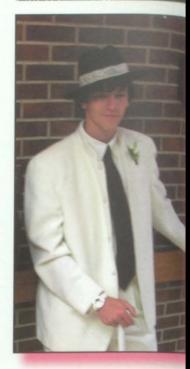
Roulette was also played by many the of the 2005 Prom attendants. Lisa Morton, a parent who organized the casino games said they chose it because "roulette is easy to learn and it's fun to play."

Everybody who entered the game room got \$20,000 to start with. The player who won the most money at the casino earned more tickets, which

were drawn throughout the evening for door prizes.

Slade Hackney'06, who won most of his money playing Craps, was one of the winners. "I put just \$1,000 in and won \$180,000. I ended up winning a Vegas shirt and a big red domino pillow. I liked going to Prom because of the gambling and Vegas scene," Hackney said.

Austin Morton'06 watches people playing in the casino. "The bes part of Prom by far was the casin because it gave us something to do before the dance," Morton said photo by Julian Beggel



Show Me the Money

Let the Good Times Roll Let the Good Times Roll Let the



"I spent \$140 for the limo, \$109 for my tux, \$14 for flowers, \$20 for food, and \$8 for my date. Going to Prom was expensive this year."

"I spent \$90 for my tux, \$15 for flowers, \$ 20 to eat at Village Inn after the dance, and \$20 on gas."







"The tux was \$50, and the flowers were \$20."

"My dress was only \$100, the shoes were \$20, jewelry \$30, boutineers \$18, hair \$30, and gas





"The tux was \$170, flowers were \$28, pictures \$6, and to get my date in \$8."

incipal Mr. Reggie Romine dances the song "YMCA" with his students who dedicated this song him. Romine, who was appointed as Assistant Executive Director of the Kansas State High chool Association, left EHS after 21 years of service.photo by Vanessa Beilman

From mEYE Point of View

Po you think EHS should have Prom royalty?

No. It's for the whole senior class and you are honoring all of them, not just one or two.

Mrs. June Howard

'No. All this would be is a popularity contest. Snoball and Homecoming royalty are enough.

- Amber Honas '06



All glammed up, Juniors Jennifer Jacques, Amanda Fischer, and Jaymi Riedel take time away from eating for a picture.photo by Julian Beggel

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I. Seniors Becca Dinkel, Kasi Wyatt, Morgan Murphy, and Paige Helget wait for the dinner to be served. 2. Amanda Fischer'06 and Vanessa Beilman'05 dance to DJ Cain's music. 3. M.J. Gnad'06, Cole Erbert'07, and Kylie Best'08 try their best to win. 4. Heather Schuster'06, Nicole Weigel'06, and Bill Hankins'06 rented a limousine for Prom. 5. Jerica Garrard'06, Jessie Pfeifer'05, Brenda Gammon'07, and Rebecca Augustine'05 dance to the "YMCA" song. "It was fun dancing with Mr. Romine," Garrard said. 6. Justin LaBarge'06, Jennifer Jacques'06, and Daren Haas'06 paint at Prom work night. "It was not all work because we painted on each other. We also stole everyone's cars without permission and went for a joy ride," Jacques said.

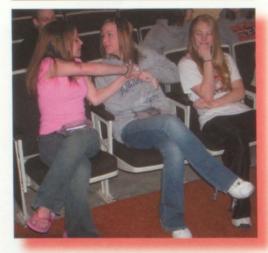
From mEYE Point of View

What do you think about the fact that some boys will never get to go to Snoball because they are never asked?

"Sometimes it is a fact of life if you don't get asked to a dance, but it is such a big event in a small town it is noticable if you are not asked, there has to be a different way to handle it ."

- Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan

' I think we should not discriminate against gender and everyone should just get to go." - Amanda Fischer **



It's mine! Fighting over the bubble wrap that protected the Snoball picture frames, Emily Keller'06 struggles to hold onto them as Amanda Yanda'06 tries to pop some bubbles during a meeting.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Waiting in eager anticipation to see who won the America's Next Top Kayette contest, Rebecca Augustine'⁰⁵ and Jessie Pfeifer'⁰⁵ hold hands and wait for the judges to pick who won. "Being a senior in Kayettes meant you had to do a lot of skits," Augustine said.*photo by Vanessa Beilman*

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1. Seniors Jessie Pfeifer'05, Jenna Henrickson'05, and Rebecca Augustine'05 help set up the night before Snoball. 2. Paige Helget'05 and Cheryl Helg have a good time hanging out during the Mother-Daughter tea party. 3. Showing off their moves, the cheerleaders do their pac-the-place dance at Snoball. 4. Discussing what to do in their group for Kayettes, Rachel Lantis'08, Jesse Lacy'08, Brenda Gammon'08 and Nicole Weigel'06 decided on doing a canned food drive. 5. All eight candidates chosen for Snoball royalty pose for a group photo during the Snoball dance. 6. Danielle Pfeifer'08, Kayla Hollern'08, Kylie Best'08, and Brenda Gammon'08 wait in line to sign up for the Kayette during the meeting in March.

Playing on her blow-up guitar, Katelyn Keller'08 rocks out to a ock song during Snoball. The Kavettes decided to send a song ist to the DJ prior to the dance o he knew what they wanted to ear.photo by Trista Fuchs



When thinking about organitations that help out the community, nation, and world; the first word that comes to mind is Kayettes.

Kayettes have been known to hold the Snoball dance every year for Ellis High School, but they should be known for a lot more than just holding a dance every year. Kayettes is an organization dedicated to helping out the community, nation, and world.

"For the community, we brought in items for the Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. and we also bought baby items to donate to the Mary Elizabeth Home in Hays." Jessie Pfeifer'05, Kayette president, said.

For the Nation, the Kayettes donated \$144 a piece to the Ronald McDonald house and the Breast Cancer Awareness Association.

"We donated to the Tsunami Relief through Red Cross when an earthquake and tsunami destroyed parts of South and South East Asia in December for one of our world projects. We also sent a cow to



Dressed as cupid and looking for her arrows during food box auction, Jenna Henrickson'05 gets on the ground searching for the stolen item. Kayettes put on a skit every year during food box auction. photo by Vanessa Beilman

Africa again this year for our second world project," Pfeifer said. All the money that was made at the food box auction was used for all the charity organizations that the Kayettes donated to. "I thought that all the projects we did this year were really beneficial, and they should help all the charities out greatly," Jennifer Augustine'06 said.

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Lacie Bittel'05

"Kayettes was really fun this year. I love being in Kayettes because they help out a lot of organizations."

"I joined Kayettes because I enjoy going to the

Kassie Day'07





Krista Connelly'07

"I really love being in Kayettes because you get to help out so many organiza-

"It is fun being in you get to participate in Snoball."

Meggie Patrick'07





Bailey Deutscher

"I joined Kayettes to see what it was all about. 1 really enjoyed it.'



Reaching to pick up another article of clothing, Cody Mickelson'05 races against the senior girls' team. Project graduation was organized by the senior class parents.photo by Vanessa Beilman For the first time ever, graduation commencement exercises were held on a Saturday instead of the usual Wednesday. The decision was made by the board of education because some community members thought it would be a good idea to try having graduation on Saturday.

The change in date also allowed the seniors to get out of school earlier, but this meant taking finals earlier, too.

"I liked having graduation on Saturday but taking our finals was really weird. We had to take them in a normal class hour, and they were still the same length as when we got an hour and a half. It was hard to get some of them finished," Kasi Wyatt^{"05} said.

Having seniors and underclassmen during the same class period was different for some teachers.

"I had one class of eleven seniors and ten juniors, but the seniors taking finals on a different day wasn't really a problem. I wish I could have been there if they had any questions, but they are seniors and have bigger vocabularies. I think they did fine," Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan, language and psychology teacher, said.

Because graduation was on Saturday, students had more family from out of town attend their graduations because it was on a Saturday.

"Since most of my family has to drive five to seven hours to get here, it was much easier for them to come on the weekend when they don't have to take off work," Trista Fuchs 105 said.

Having graduation on a Saturday was better for the senior class because after a night full of fun at project graduation they

didn't have to return to school the next day to clean out their locker or check in their books.

"I think the biggest advantage of having graduation on Saturday was the people who had to work project graduation didn't have to get up early the next morning and go to work. Overall having graduation on Saturday wasn't much different than having it on Wednesday. It still presented the same conflicts," principal Reggie Romine said.

Mrs. June Howard pins Colton Barton's'05 corsage to his gown before the graduation commencement exercises, which began at 7:30 p.m.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Saturday Graduation

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"Project graduation was fun, especially dropping whipped cream grapes into people's mouths." "Graduation was really sad, but I think I'm ready to move on in my life."

Paige Helget'05

Travis Elder'05

"High school was fun, but I'm glad it's over." "Project graduation was really cool because our whole class got together and everyone participated."





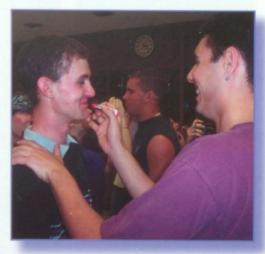
"High school was really a blast. We had some fun times. Now we are going on to bigger and better things."

Irista Fuchs⁶⁶ receives her diploma from USD 388's superintendent Lyndell Barton. Fuchs⁶⁶ was o-valedictorian along with Jessica Spinelli⁶⁶. Fuchs and Spinelli gave speeches about their past

From mEYE Point of View

What is your opinion about having graduation on Saturday as opposed to Wednesday?

- "I think that having graduation on Saturday was great because I had more time to get ready and didn't have to stress about going to work."
 - Mrs. Robin Armbrister
- " I liked having graduation on Saturday because we got out of school earlier than everyone else."
 - Pana Armbrister 05



Entrusting Thomas McElroy's' cosmetic talent, Kevin Keller' lets him apply lipstick to his lips at project graduation. photo by Vancessa Reilman

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dass memories and future aspirations.

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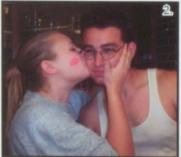


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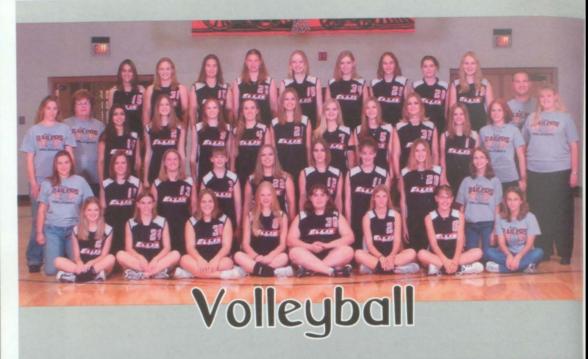
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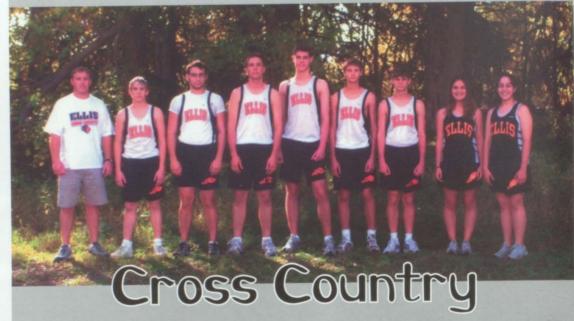
Mrs. June Howard and Mr. John Kolacny escort the class of 2005 to their graduation commencement. 2. Jessie Pfiefer kisses T.J. Lee during a game at project graduation. 3. Getting down, some seniors do the chicken dance at Memorial park. The seniors also did the Cotton-Eyed Joe and the Macarena. 4.Clay King of looks full after eating chocolate pudding, melted gummy worms, and a shot of pickle juice. 5. John Mehl attempts to drop a grape dipped in whipped cream into Rebecca Augustine's mouth during project graduation. Project graduation lasted from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. after graduation excercises. 6. Looking cool in their shades, Dana Armbrister's and Vanessa Beilman's wait for graduation to begin.

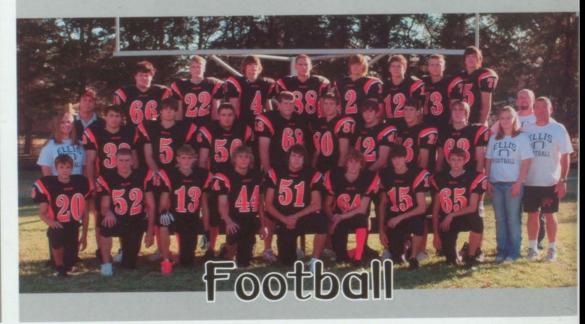
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Coach Casey Dinkel, Keric Smith, T.J. Lee, Blake Connelly, Julian Beggel, Colton Barton, Scott Gugler, Rachel Thomson, Krista Connelly. photo by Smoky Hill Photography

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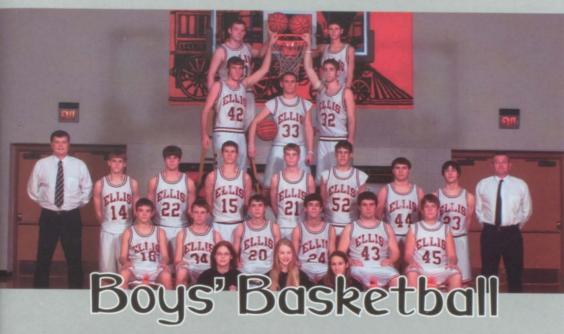




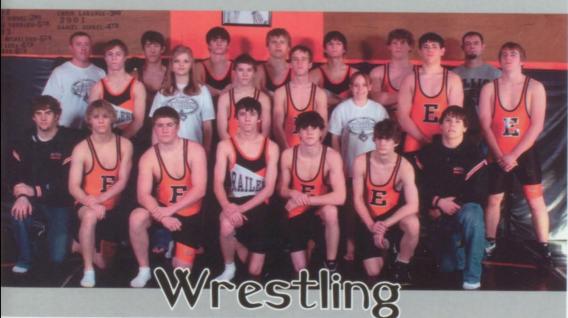




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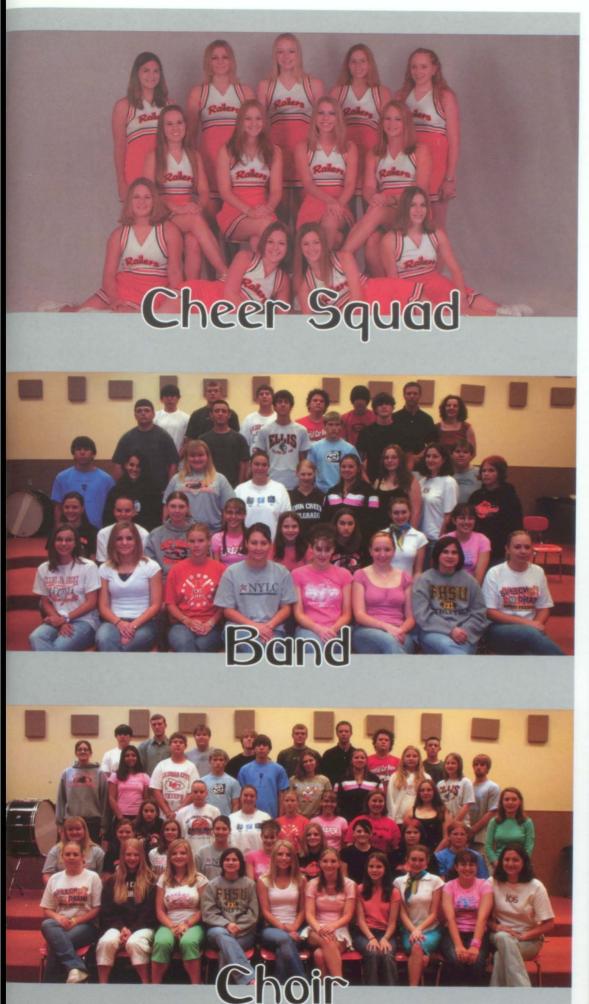
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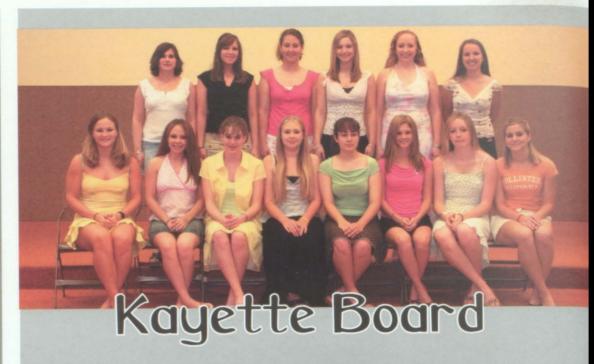
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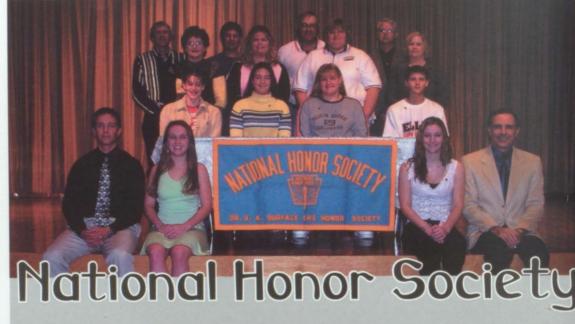
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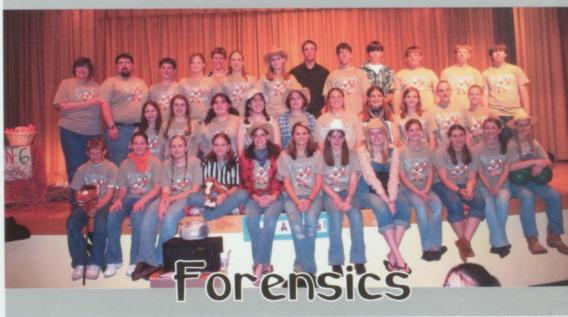
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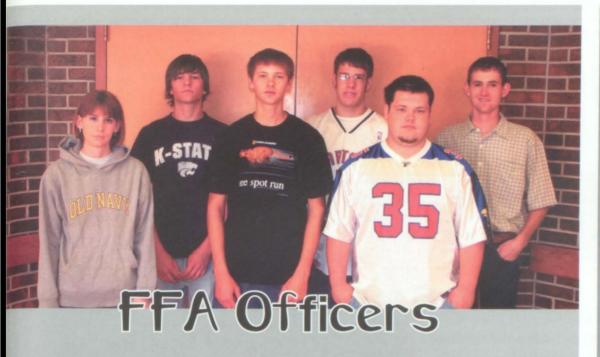
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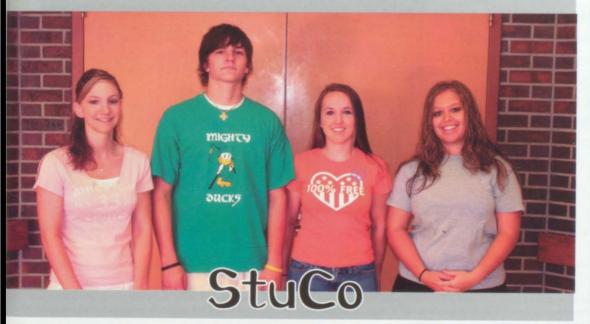




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USD 388 School Office: Judy Tway-Cross kept track of the employee records and monetary transactions while Connie Waldschmidt handled other secretarial work. This was Lyndell Barton's fourth year as superintendent of USD 388. photo by Katie Zahn





USD 388 School Board met every second Monday of the month to discuss educational issues. Front: Gail Brack, Gayla Wichman, and Cheryl Helget. Back Row: Marty Hollern, John Walz, and Art Honas. photo by Katie Zahn

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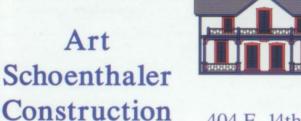
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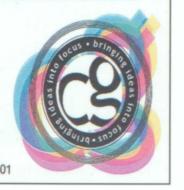
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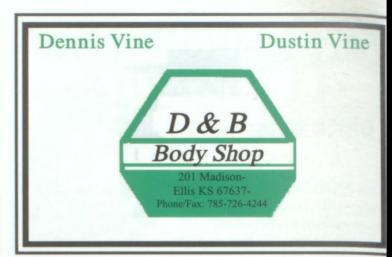


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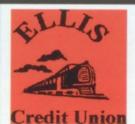
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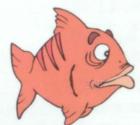
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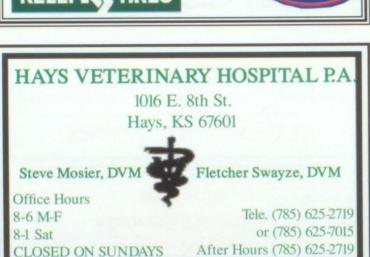
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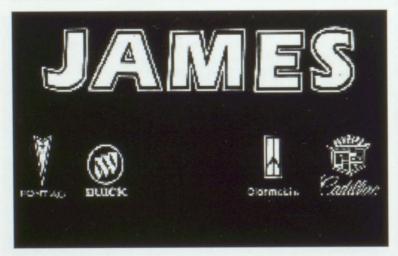








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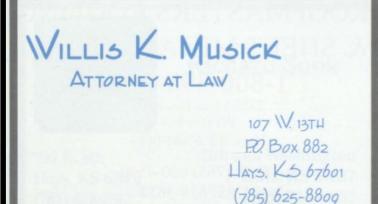
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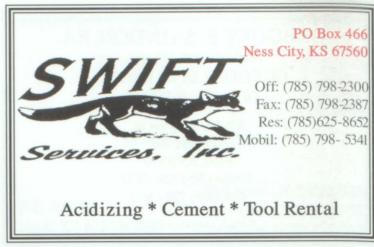
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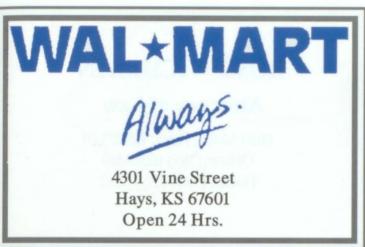


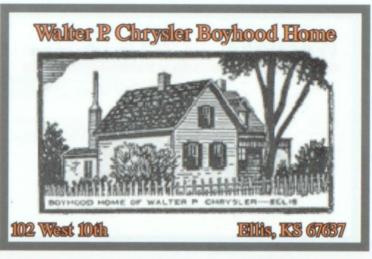




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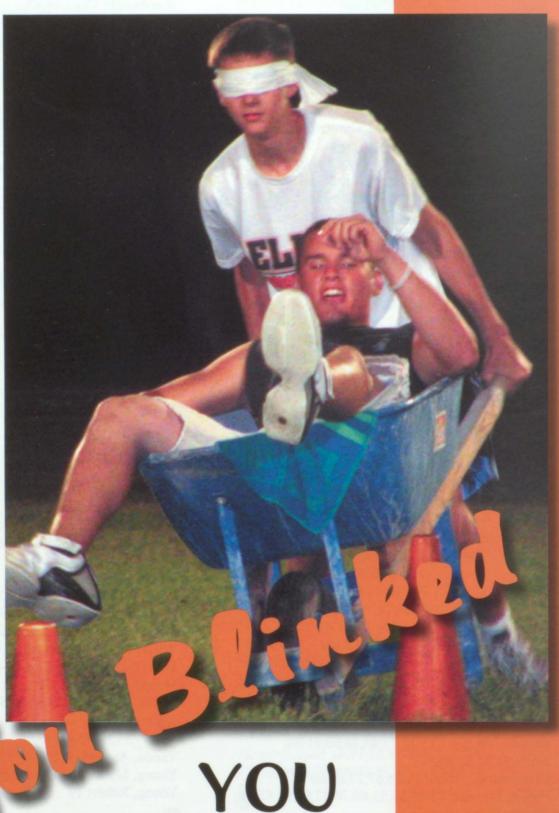
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Weaving through the cones blindfolded, Colton Barton ¹⁰⁵ pushes Jerome Gottschalk ¹⁰⁵ on a wheel barrow during project graduation. Every year the seniors retreat to the high school after their graduation receptions for a funfilled night with their classmates and parents until five in the morning. photo

of the change that would follow in the next year. Along with the loss of familiar faces, we also lost an old and familiar establishment when the bowling alley closed. When President Bush won the presidential election, we saw a familiar face, but another four years that were sure to be filled with change. The tsunami in the Indian Ocean in December showed us how one event can create extreme devastation. This was also evident with the April death of Pope John Paul II. Our year turned out to be anything but predictable. In fact, with all the events that occurred throughout the year, we realized



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