



Ellis High School 1706 S. Monroe Ellis, KS 67637 (785)726-3151 www.usd388.k12.ks.us enrollment: 132 classification: 2 A

Clockwise from top left: Brett Mickelson ${ }^{107}$, Ryan Gross ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, and John Tricks ${ }^{\text {'08 }}$ 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 FischerBrittany Kroeger ${ }^{107}$ bursts out of her blocks at the Trego JV Invitational. photo by Trista Fuchs Making a frame, Meggie Patrick ${ }^{107}$ waits for the hammer during third hour applied arts.photo by Vanessa Beilman Finishing up her 500 meter swim strong, Jessica Hadley' ${ }^{\circ 6}$ spends her Saturday afternoon taking lifeguard training courses.photo by Vanessa Beilman With a clothespin on her nose, Vanessa Beilman ${ }^{\text {os }}$ pretends that it is Trista Fuchs ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ who stinks. photo by Sheila Douglas Emily Keller ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ sews her project together as Amber Honas ${ }^{\text {'06 }}$ seam rips a piece of material during Mrs. Sharla Albers' class.photo by Amanda Fischer

0n 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


Flying high, Emily Keller" ${ }^{\text {"0 }}$ 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


## Points of Interest

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

Sammy Hook ${ }^{07}$

"I had a blast battling Mr. Mick in a vicious game of Taboo in advanced math." Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{\text {05 }}$

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

Cole Weigel ${ }^{106}$



While listening to music, Erick Estrada ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ and Amber Ellis ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ 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



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

If you don't pay attention while you're driving,

Jenny Jones ${ }^{05}$ and T.J. Lee ${ }^{\text {'05 }}$ 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 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.


Malding 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 ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ 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 Weigel ${ }^{106}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {'05 }}$ 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.


Alldressedup, Momica Befort ${ }^{\circ}$ listens to Mrs. Karen Madorin talk in sophomore English. During spirit week, any student who wanted to dress up was given points for each day they participated.photo by Sheila Douglas

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

## Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{105}$


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

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

## Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{\text {05 }}$


"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 ${ }^{\text {06 }}$


"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
4. Casey Cross ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ 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
\# Getting pumped up, John Tricks ${ }^{\text {0s }}$ 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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M Inbiologyclass, JaredDeutscher ${ }^{\text {07 }}$, shows Mr. David Wildeman the different parts of a worm. Students were graded by how many parts they could identify.photo by Sheila Douglas
8 Requined Classes
Kasi Wyatt
(1) Goofing off, Chuck Parks ${ }^{05}$ 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


Espe straight ahheab 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 ${ }^{106}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, Clay King ${ }^{05}$, and Jessica Spinellios 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. "Tounderstand one's self, onemust 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 ${ }^{\text {0\% }}$ tightens a bolt. "Engines class is my favorite hour because I get to show Eldon how much Iknow 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 ${ }^{\text {os }}$ 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 ${ }^{008}$ checks her answers on an assignment during Spanish I class.photo by Vanessa Beilman

"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 ${ }^{38}$


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


Kristen Weber ${ }^{\omega 0}$ and Meggie Patrick ${ }^{07}$ 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

Ilike art class because Ienjoy 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 ${ }^{\text {06 }}$


"I like psychology because you get to learn how the mind functions and it's really interesting." photo by Vanessa Beilman
（1）Gettingitdone right the first time， Jerome Gottschalk ${ }^{00}$ compares the length of his end table legs．＂I was helping Terry build an end table for mini course as a prototype，＂Gott－ schalk said．photo by Sheila Douglas
華Julian Beggel ${ }^{10}$ and Sheila Doug－ las ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ 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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苜JenniferJacques ${ }^{\circ \text { ® }}$ looks athervial to determine what kind of reaction it had．＂People used totell 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

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A 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


Notsjustboutmusio 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 ${ }^{06}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {07 }}$

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 ${ }^{05}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {07 }}$ said.

Jaymi Riedel ${ }^{106}$ 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 ${ }^{107}$ plays pep band at a home basketball game.photo by Julian Beggel 2 . Singing "Big John," Aaron Herl ${ }^{107}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {'08 }}$ 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 ${ }^{107}$ said.photo by Smoky Hill

How do you feel when you are on stage and all eyes are on you?

## Krista Connelly ${ }^{\mathbf{0 0 7}}$


"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 ${ }^{108}$


"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 ${ }^{\text {06 }}$


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

## Sheila Douglas ${ }^{106}$


"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 ${ }^{06}$

"It was fun getting served by the teachers for our pizza party that we got for doing well on the state assessments." -Laura Redden ${ }^{106}$
"John's class is the best because we get a lot of free time to just hang out with our class."
-Ryan Gross ${ }^{\text {05 }}$


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 ${ }^{07}$ during the Homecoming dance, Dusty Unrein
and Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{05}$ are coached on by the rest of the students. Henrickson received a medal rest of the students. Henrickson received a medal
and five dollars for winning the game.photo by Cindy Hertel




During a game of Connect Four, Lauren Wheeler ${ }^{08}$ strat egizes 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 ${ }^{07}$ 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

Top: Working as a team, Zack Gehring ${ }^{08}$ and Michael Young ${ }^{088}$ attempt to beat their opponents in a game of foosball at fifth quarter.photo by Vanessa Beitman Bottom: Mr. Don Long and his wife Sandra Long attend the Homecoming dance as chaperones. "I like watching the kids dance and have fun," Mr. Long said. photo by Cindy Hertel



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

Imagine you're in your car going seventy mile an hour and suddenly you see a flagger on the roa ahead. When you stop, he tells you to slow dow and watch out because the condition of the road gets worse. Teachers often act as flaggers, preparin 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 oppor tunities you have."
Sometimes students listen to the advice the teach ers 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 teache who gives me advice."
Listening to teachers' advice is one thing but obey ing 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

Casey Dinkel Steve Erbert Sherri Faulkender Stan Faulkender Jacqueline Grogan Butch Hayes

Janetta Heronome Cindy Hertel June Howard John Kolacny Don Long Karen Madorin



4Show 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

4 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."


Perry Mick Mary Parke Eldon Pfeifer Amanda Pfenninger Linda Riedel Reggie Romine

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


Terry Zerfas

Not Pictured:
Julie Honas
Barb Rupp
Art Schoenthaler

During Fifth Quarter, Daniel Gottschalk ${ }^{08}$, Zach Gehring ${ }^{08}$, and Ryan Bittel ${ }^{08}$ 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 ${ }^{08}$ 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



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


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


(1) With the help of Justin Gnad ${ }^{\text {ºs }}$ Katelyn Keller ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ 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 suryival. Some of these lessons come easily.
"It's not that hard because the upperclassmen are helpfut; they give really good hints,' Vanessa North's 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 ${ }^{\text {"08 }}$ sard.

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 avotnicer to people and how to respect them more," Deana Hunsicker ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ said.
With everything to learn, the freshman year can be a little overwhelming, but that's just part of being "under construction."



Kevin Urban Lauren Wheeler Michael Young

Not Pictured: Daniel Gottschalk

Vanessa North Melissa Nowlin Aaron Pfannenstiel Danielle Pfeifer



Toning her triceps, Danielle Pfeifer ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ 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 Ryan Grogan Scott Gugler

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


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Class of ' 07 discovers 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.

$\boldsymbol{\nabla}$ Meggie Patrick ${ }^{07}$, Brittany Kroeger ${ }^{07}$, Laura Augustine ${ }^{077}$, and Whitney Lang ${ }^{07}$ browse through 2003-2004 yearbook during lunch hour. photo by Trista Fuchs


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 20042005 year.
$\boldsymbol{\nabla}$ Bring it on, American Idol. Scott Gugler ${ }^{\circ 0}$ and Dusty Unrein ${ }^{17}$ dressup like girls and dance to the song "It's RainingMen" during the Homecoming week air band contest. "We made up the routine on the spot and ended up getting first," said Unrein" ${ }^{\text {m/ }}$, photo by Trista Fuchs

V Working concession stand for junior high wrestling, Adam Augustine ${ }^{107}$ and Emily Cox ${ }^{07}$ 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


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

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Throwing candy from the junior float, Kyle Urban ${ }^{06}$, Jordan Mattheyer ${ }^{106}$, and Austin Morton ${ }^{106}$ aim to win the class float competition. The junior float won third place.photo by Sheila Douglas
(9) Jennifer Augustine 06 and Laura Redden ${ }^{106}$ 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


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 neryous 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 ${ }^{\text {o0 }}$.

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 ${ }^{106}$.

(A) Kristen Weber ${ }^{06}$, Amber Honas ${ }^{066}$ Emily Keller ${ }^{06}$, and Jaymi Riedel ${ }^{06}$ give a thumbs up to the great food they were given duringlunch. Thejunior 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 olose 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 acility for a year or more.'

Dana, Keep your eyes openand 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 Remee Anmbristen

My favorite moment in high school was finding out that I made the cheerleading quad 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 Lymn Auqustine

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


## Coltom Banton



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'llalways 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.

## Vamessa Manie Beilmann

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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


## Lacie Amm 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 upbeatattitude as you work towards your goals and progress through life - you can do it!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Krista
Blake R. Commelly


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

## Zachany Andrew DeBolt

## Becca,

"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 arejuststarting 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 take on.
We love you very much.
Dad, Mom, Daniel, Jerica, Brit, and Hailey


## 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

## Travis Elden

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


## 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

"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 Gress

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



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

## Jomatham Hejmy



## 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

## Paiqe Olivia Helqet

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.

## Jemma Lymm Hemnickson

Jennifer, Where have the years gone? You're still our little girl. We love you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chelsea, Ben, Grandma and Grandpa


## Jemmiten Lymme Jomes

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


## Kevin L. Kellen

"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
"Junior class play practices playing sniper in the halls, and building our float our freshman year.' <br> \title{
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Cole,
How bad do you want it?!?!
Love,
Dad,Mom,Chase,Calvin, Dionna, Ethan, Casey, Deena, Haley, and Raiya

## Cole Alam Kinq

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!



## 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


## 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!

## Monqam Meredith Murphy

"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 Chanles Parks

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


We love you, Jessie. May allyourhopesand dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ernie, and Nicole

## Jessica Pleiten



## Jessica Marie Spinclli

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


## Kasi Nicole Wyat t


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

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 ${ }^{105}$ 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
e9 $0^{5 / 4}$ 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

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$e^{50 \%}$ Jon Hejny ${ }^{105}$ puts some finish ing 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

8. Dancing at Snoball, Thomas McElroy ${ }^{05}$ dances with date, Amber Ellis ${ }^{108}$ during one of the fast songs played that night. "quote from Amber" photo by Vanessa Beilman
". ColeKing ${ }^{05}$ and BlakeConelly ${ }^{05}$ 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
thi Lacie Bittel ${ }^{05}$, Paige Helget ${ }^{05}$,
8) Becca Dinkel ${ }^{\text {105 }}$, and Jessica Spinelli ${ }^{05}$ sit down to eat at Wendy's before heading home after visiting the FHSU library.photo by Cindy Hertel
${ }^{5} 0^{0}$ Riding the senior float during - the Homecoming parade, Morgan Murphy ${ }^{05}$, Vanessa Beilman ${ }^{105}$, and Ryan Gross ${ }^{\circ 5}$ 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," Beilmansaid.photoby Sheila Douglas
©igit Jenny Jones ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ 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

$\times$Wearing their caps for fun during their Advanced Composition class, Kasi Wyatt ${ }^{\text {es }}$ and Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{\text {005 }}$ 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


${ }^{4}{ }^{4}$ Paige Helget ${ }^{05}$ waits for her 8 veins to dilate before giving blood at a Red Cross blood drive. photo by Kasi Wyatt
" ${ }^{*}$ At 5th quarter, Travis Elder ${ }^{05}$ $8^{\circ} 940$ and Ryan Gross ${ }^{05}$ enjoy free food and games. "Elder and I were having fun playing a game of poker,"' Gross said.photo by Trista Fuchs


Shella Pouglas


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

By Becca Dinkel ${ }^{105}$ 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 ${ }^{\circ}$ Clay King ${ }^{105}$ 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

4 Taking a break during Mr.
8 © 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

PB During third hour, Kevin Keller ${ }^{\text {os }}$ works out the dents as Colton Barton ${ }^{105}$ holds onto the piece of metal. Barton brought in histractor to work on as his project for the year. photo by Vanessa Beilman

F \& ankle after injuring it in 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




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Ehewing off a food box during the auction, Lacie Bittel ${ }^{05}$ worked as one of Santa's little helpers while Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{\text {os }}$ portrayed the character of Santa. The auction raised $\$ 867$ and the Kayettes were able to donate to six different organizations.photo by Vanessa Beilman

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Thomas McElroy ${ }^{\text {0s }}$, 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

$8^{5} 0^{5} 0^{\circ}$ Sporting lots of green, Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{105}$ and Becca Dinkel ${ }^{10}$ go all out for St. Patrick's Day. Also onSt. Patty'sDay, 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 $b$ ) Vanessa Beilman

> Lubghing about a mere accident that involved Mr. Long, Amanda Yanda's ${ }^{06}$ foot, and a whiffle ball, ZachDeBolt ${ }^{05}$ and TJLee ${ }^{05}$ wait for everything to blow over sothey can begintheirgame 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 ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{05}$, and Rebecca Augustine ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ photo by Vanessa Beilman

Ro the challenge to see ${ }^{\circ}$ who could flick their fly the farthest, Vanessa Beilman ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ gets herself into a winner's stance to shoot hers off the desk. photo by Cindy Hertel

$0^{\circ}$ Practicing Dinner Theatre one last time before the big debut Blake Connelly ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ 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

Eve 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

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## 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 ${ }^{07}$


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

I really enjoyed breaking down the huddle before every basketball game. -Elexx Feyh ${ }^{\text {06 }}$

I guess that I just like the game of basketball and golf. It is better than not staying in shape.

- Kristen Waldschmidt ${ }^{27}$



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



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

Using their teamwork tactics, Brett Mickel$\operatorname{son}^{07}(56)$ and Cole Erbert ${ }^{107}$ (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. $\longrightarrow$ TEA AN



Top: Take him down. Rowdy Wichman ${ }^{06}$ works on breaking down his opponent for the pin. This was Wichman's first year in wrestling.photo by Trista Fuchs During warm-ups at golf, Adam Augustine ${ }^{\text {'07 }}$ works on putting before heading out to the course. "I work on my putting for about five minutes, then go out on the course on my own," said Eric Gaschler ${ }^{06}$. photo by Kasi Wyatt


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 ${ }^{107}$ 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 appear-

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

1 "You're insane."
-Krista Connelly ${ }^{\text {007 }}$
"You know what Scott does after a meet. He goes chick hunting."
-Julian Beggel ${ }^{406}$
"You feel you can bring competition."
-Keric Smith ${ }^{67}$
4 "You're not sure why, but you like it."
-Rachel Thompson ${ }^{67}$
"You think it is fun and it gets you in shape."
-Blake Connelly ${ }^{\text {405 }}$


STOF Snacking by the suburban, Krista Connelly ${ }^{07}$ and Rachel Thompson ${ }^{107}$ 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

STOFTeam members TJ Lee ${ }^{\text {os }}$, Blake Connelly ${ }^{05}$, Colton Barton ${ }^{05}$, Rachel Thompson ${ }^{07}$ and Krista Connelly ${ }^{.07}$ stretch before the meet starts.photo by Julian Beggel
on him and made him catch up so he had to run even faster," TJ Lee ${ }^{\text {'05 }}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {² }}$, cheering him o n from the sidelines.
"It felt good to watchhimbecause he worked hard
a 11 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.
 iuring practice. The team ran an average of three miles each day at practice. 3. Running his race at Hill City, Colton Barton ${ }^{65}$ keeps up a steady pace. Barton had a time of 21:18 4. Keric Smith ${ }^{077}$ runs his hardest and received a time of 21:00.

## SCOREBOARD

Overall Team Best Times
Krista Connelly ${ }^{\text {mo }}$ ..... 15:55
Rachel Thompson ..... 15:09
Scott Gugler ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ ..... 19:12
Keric Smith ..... 20:33
Julian Beggel ${ }^{6}$ ..... 21:46
Colton Barton ${ }^{\text {E/5 }}$ ..... 21:05
Blake Connelly ${ }^{\text {es }}$ ..... 24:28
THLee ..... 26:15


STOP ${ }_{1}$. Julian Beggel ${ }^{106}$ runs to overtake an opponent. Beggel was a foreign exchange student from Germany. photo by Krista Connelly 2. Before going out to run, Scott Gugler ${ }^{\prime 07}$ and TJLee ${ }^{105}$ compete in a pushup contest.photo by Cindy Hertel 3.Krista Connelly ${ }^{077}$ runs at Wheatland. photo by Julian Beggel 4 .Sitting on the sidewalk, Rachel Thompson ${ }^{107}$, Krista Connelly ${ }^{107}$, TJLee ${ }^{105}$, Scott Gugler ${ }^{107}$ rest before their races photo by Julian Beggel

(5TOP) 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 ${ }^{\circ 06}$, Amber Honas ${ }^{\circ 06}$, and Jessica Hadley ${ }^{006}$ watch their teammates play during a JV game. 2. Kristen Weber ${ }^{\circ 66}$, Amber Honas ${ }^{966}$, and Kristen Waldschmidt ${ }^{\circ 77}$ warm up for a JV game. 3. Smiling for the camera, seniors Lacie Bittel, Becca Dinkel, and


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 volieybail team conpositive manner. We usually teased about the fact
sisted of eight freshmen, eleven sophomores, elevenjuniors, and five seniors. Trista Fuchs ${ }^{\text {"05 }}$, a four-yearmember of the team, was the varsity setter. photo by Shelly Fuchs
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 ${ }^{706}$ said.
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 ${ }^{106}$ said.



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 ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ 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 ${ }^{066}$ runs the ball against the Trego Eagles. 3.Going for the tackle, Adam Augustine ${ }^{077}$ pulls down his opponent. 4. During a break in the JV game, Coach Schoenthaler gives coaching tips to Jared Deutscher ${ }^{07}$.

SCOREBOARD

| Billcity | 27 | 0 |
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| Stockton | 21 | 6 |
| Phillipsburg | 6 | 48 |
| Qufinter | 10 | 0 |
| Trego | 0 | 27 |
| Norton | 0 | 14 |

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STop 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 ${ }^{108}$ ties up with his opponent.photo by Vanessa Beilman 3.Tightening his grip, Austin Morton ${ }^{106}$ squeezes his opponent's shoulders to the mat for a pin.photo by Trista Fuchs 4. To complete a take-down, Clay King ${ }^{\text {0s }}$ flips his opponent. photo by Vanessa Beilman

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Roster-2005
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Weight Class

Nineteen guys, one small room, and a whole that having a large group was a lot of sweat. Thanks to a large group of underclassmen, the 2004-2005 wrestling roster was the fullest it had been in years.
With so many wrestlers and not much space 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. positive factor, despite the close quarters. "It's good to have a full roster because then the team doesn't lose points for all of the opens," Kevin Urban ${ }^{108}$ said.
In some ways, having a congested practice room was a small price to pay for the benefits of having more wrestlers.
"I think it is better because we have a variety of people to wrestle and [do] not have to wrestle the same
"The room was crowded. [It was] tougher to get around and help kids on Glenn Lacy ${ }^{\prime 07}$ said. each move," head coach Casey Dinkel said. Even though it was difficult at times, the could have a positive effect on the EHS wreswrestlers had to make the best of their jam- tling program. packed situation.
"We're a young team, and we've got a lot to "We just had to be aware of where everyone learn, but in a few years, we're going to have
was at and not let it bother us," Justin LaBarge ${ }^{06}$ said.
Most of the team agreed

Dusty Unrein ${ }^{07}$ tries to escape the grip of a 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
a bunch of older, experienced wrestlers," Dusty Unrein ${ }^{107}$ said.

Top Five Signs You're An EHS Wrestler

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

- Clay King ${ }^{\text {05 }}$
"You really know if your grades are slacking because you'll have to pay up for it."

Austin Morton ${ }^{106}$

"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 ${ }^{\text {08 }}$

"You don't have any enemies on your team."
-Rowdy Wichman ${ }^{106}$


## Top Five Signs You're <br> 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 ${ }^{\text {os }}$
When you laugh about the "odd"
sounds your shoes make on the court.
-Jaymi Riedel ${ }^{\text {06 }}$
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 ${ }^{\text {"06 }}$
When you give people nicknames like "Tinkle" and "Squeaky."
-Vanessa Beilman ${ }^{\text {05 }}$
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"And for the Railers, a $5^{\prime} 8^{\prime}$ 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 ${ }^{05}$ 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 freethrow line.

Sometimes it is difficult for younger players to break into the

"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 ${ }^{106}$ said.
One of the biggest compliments came fromsenior 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.



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 ${ }^{\text {0s }}$ 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- brenner during Pac-the-Place night, Daren Haas ${ }^{\text {0 }}$ looks to score for the Railroaders. The Railers finished their season in the semifinals of substate against Trego. photo by Vanessa Beilman
ever, for this game ran a little diffenent than the first game.
"It wasn't stalling like everyons thought," Gottschalk said. "We were in a really spread out offense. We were just trying to slow down the tempo of the game."

But in the end, the team ended up finishing their season with a loss against the Trego Eagles. Compiling a 13-9 season record was a huge improvement compared to the 2003-2004 season.

The team really came together as a whole in the 2004-2005 season. No one was out for themselves; everyone passed the ball.
"We're not selfish this year. If someone has a better shot, we'll give them the ball," Ryan Gross ${ }^{105}$ said.

Top Five Signs You're An EHS Basketball Player

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

Jerome Gottschalk ${ }^{\text {0 }}$
"When you get pumped about

beating Plainville, because they've beat us every year since we were in biddie basketball.'
-Dylan Lang ${ }^{06}$
3 "When the first week is over, and you're still alive."
-Brett Mickelson ${ }^{107}$
"When you have to run timed lines with the fast group."

Eric Gaschler ${ }^{06}$
5
"When you drink a red bull before
every game" every game."

Austin Fox ${ }^{06}$
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## Top Five

 Signs You're An EHS Golfer think we'll have that with another coach."1 "When even the coaches from other towns comment on John's bad driving." -Jordan Mattheyer ${ }^{\text {06 }}$

2 "When you show up to practice before four."
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3 "You stop on the side of the road to pick up loose golf balls." to pick up loose golf balls."
-Michael Young ${ }^{\text {os }}$
"You laugh when someone says 'Jump for Jesus.'"
-Row
-Rowdy Wichman ${ }^{\text {06 }}$
"When you have to ride in the suburban and listen to Rowdy."

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\text { -Eric Gaschler }{ }^{\circ 06}
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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 ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ said. "I don't

Another student, Kevin Nowell ${ }^{106}$, 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 cerrect 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

500.) While catching some shade, Chris Hazen ${ }^{077}$ 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 ${ }^{\circ 05}$ prepares to tee off during practice. 3. John Tricks ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ 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 Kolacnv goes over the correct wav to position hands on a club.

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 to hit his ball off its tee.photo by Kasi Wyatt


The EHS girls' track team took competing very seriously. The seriousness led to sweaty palms, butterflies in their stomach, and getting hungry. A11 were symptoms the EHS girls' track- team got before competing.
"Competition just
makes you nervous. You want to win and the thought of losing makes you nervous," Vanessa Beilman ${ }^{\text {ºs }}$ 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.
"Iget morenervous 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 ${ }^{066}$ 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," said.
Whether the team
got nervous or not, they had one goal in mind: stay cool and

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 $4 \times 4$ and competed in triple jump. photo by Trista Fuchs

Connelly ${ }^{07}$ get it
done no matter what is takes.

## "When there is a teammate stand-

1 ing at the finish line when you get done running every race."
-Ashley Hejny ${ }^{\text {ºb }}$
2 "We always sit away from other camps at all track meets."

- Nicole Wiegel ${ }^{106}$

3 "When your spikes are worn to pieces."

- Meggie Patrick ${ }^{007}$
"When one person's food is the whole track team's food."
- Katie Zahn ${ }^{\text {º }}$
"If you're a pole vaulter, you always stay and practice way longer than the rest of the team."
-Trista Fuchs ${ }^{\text {05 }}$



S10P 1. Pole vaulting at the MCL track meet, Brian Keller ${ }^{077}$ clears the bar. Keller received sixth place at MCL.photo by Trista Fuchs Captions top to bottom: 1. Justin Gnad ${ }^{\text {088 }}$ finishes out strong while running the $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ meter dash at the Ellis Invitational. Gnad ran it in 12.56 seconds. 2. Codey Carlisle ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ clears the high jump bar during practice. 3. Maneuvering to clear the bar at $8^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$, Kevin Urban ${ }^{\text {'08 }}$ pole vaults at the Ellis Invitational. 4. Putting all his strength into it. TJ Lee ${ }^{\text {os }}$ throws the shot put at the Victoria Invitational.

## Roster 2005

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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 ${ }^{105}$, 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.

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
"We had been practicing this dance since November for Pac-the-Place, but after we danced at Pac-the-Place, we changed it. We had to practice the new way four times a week for at least amonth,"Kelsi Schoenthaler ${ }^{06}$ id.
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.

## Top

 Five Signs You're An EHS
## Cheerleader

"When you go to every game but don't know the final score or who won."
-Amber Honas ${ }^{\text {º6 }}$
2 "When you watch someone fall out of the suburban after every away game."
-Brittany Kroeger ${ }^{07}$
3 "You like to start cheer wars."
-Trista Fuchs ${ }^{\prime 05}$

"When you are constantly doing dances and cheers in class."
-Kayla Hollern ${ }^{\text {08 }}$

When you lift Meggie, and she doesn't fall."
-Rachel Thomson ${ }^{102}$
$\underset{\text { Amanda Fischer }}{\text { Cheenfeading }} 6$

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

Connelly and Aaron Pfannenstiel ${ }^{108}$ in extemp. Other Finalists were Kristen Weber ${ }^{\circ 06}$ and Meggie Patrick ${ }^{\circ 07}$, who took sixth in Improvised Duet Acting, and Dusty Unrein ${ }^{107}$ 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 ${ }^{07}$ and Brittany Kroeger ${ }^{507}$ received a one rating. Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ and Krista Connelly ${ }^{\circ 07}$ received a two rating. Michael Young ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ also qualified for state festival. disappoint her," Spinelli said.
Semifinalists were Spinelli in oration and

| "Stop that kid! He has my watermelon!" Kylie |
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| Best ${ }^{\text {os }}$ said. This statement introduced her per- | Best ${ }^{088}$ said. This statement introduced her performance of her poetry piece at forensics night. Best went to state championships in Newton on May 7. photo by Linda Riedel

Riedel contributes their success to two things. "We have very talented people and we eat a lot," Riedel said.

## An EHS

## Forensics Member

"You're insane. You know it, and 1. 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 ${ }^{\text {08 }}$
"You're notnervous or embarrassed to be yourself."

Vanessa North ${ }^{\text {08 }}$
"You wake up at five in the morning just to get ready for a meet."

Tracey Lechliter ${ }^{08}$
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Katie Zahn

STOPAt the forensics meet Aaron Pfannentsiel ${ }^{108}$ 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 STOP 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

 lion nelli ${ }^{077}$ looks on from a distance and disagrees. Captions top to bottom: 1. While listening to music on the way to a meet, Brenda Gammon ${ }^{10}$ aills asleep. 2.Durning forensics night Krista Connelly ${ }^{077}$ portrays an old lady skiing, and Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{05}$ is a waitress snowboarding. 3.Meggie Patrick ${ }^{\circ 07}$, Kristen Weber ${ }^{\circ 66}$, and Blake Connelly ${ }^{\circ 05}$ let off a some stress with a goofy picture at State Champs in Wichita. 4.Reading poetry during forensics night, Kelsey Kinderknecht ${ }^{077}$ entertains the audience with "Jack and the Beanstalk".

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| Norton | 3rd |
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| MCL | 1st |
| Colly | 2nd |
| Smith Center | 2nd |
| Quinter | 2nd |
| State Champs | 6th |

## 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 ${ }^{00}$


Hanging out at Memorial on a Friday night, EHS students crowd on top of Whitney Lang's ${ }^{077}$ car for a group photo. "Memorial is fun because I get to hang-out with my friends," Michael Hiss ${ }^{07}$ 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 ${ }^{\circ 07}$ 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




Amanda Fischer ${ }^{106}$ and Elexx Feyh ${ }^{06}$ 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

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.


Top: Putting on a show, Rowdy Wichman ${ }^{306}$ plays a wannabe movie producer in the junior class play.photo by Vanessa Beilman Bottom: Megan Keller ${ }^{07}$ and Brenda Gammon ${ }^{08}$ make cards for residents at the Good Samaritan Center. FCCLA members did many things with the Good Samaritan residents such as singing carols at Christmas.photo by Linda Riedel

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From mEME Point of View
What do you think needs to be changed about Homecoming Week?

II 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 ${ }^{05}$ chee 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

## Hometown Celebrities Hometown Celebrities Hometow


 Queen and King, Becca Dinkel ${ }^{005}$ and Blake Connelly ${ }^{055}$, stand in the middle of the field after the crowning ceremony. 3 . Senior Homecoming candidate Cole King, Paige Helget, King Blake Connelly, Queen Becca Dinkel, Clay King, and Lacie Bittel. 4. Justin LaBarge ${ }^{\omega 6}$, Chris Hazen ${ }^{\text {77 }}$, 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 Whitney Lang ${ }^{077}$, and Courtney Schartz ${ }^{077}$ stand by the door to cool off during the Homecoming dance, which lasted from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Naiting for his cue, Clay King ${ }^{05}$ ances around the stage. The anior boys dressed up as the pipe 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; Ilove it. Ididn'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.
"It would have been more fun if the boys in our class would have participated more instead of just M.J.," Elexx Feyh ${ }^{\text {106 }}$ 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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"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 ${ }^{47}$
"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."


"The bonfire was awesome this year."

## Jenny Jones ${ }^{\text {s }}$

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Ater receiving the gaveliromFFA president Ciay King ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, Brian Keller ${ }^{077}$ 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 and inated peum - 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 ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, Clay King ${ }^{05}$, and Cole King ${ }^{05}$ placed 11 th 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 ${ }^{106}$ and Laura Augustine ${ }^{107}$ 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 begms, case Cross ${ }^{106}$ straightens Justin Gnad ${ }^{3}$ tie. The FFA officers got to wea their official FFA jackets and tiesfof the banquet.photo by Trista Fuchs


## Setting New Standards

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Medalists Laura Augustine ${ }^{0 \prime}$ and Jessica Hadley " walk off stage after receiving their award for 2 nc place in their Star Event. "Act on Aging" was a year-long project in which they organized activities or FFCLA members to participate with residents at the Good Sam.photo by Rhonda Hadley

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1. While attending a farm saicty awareness program, FFA members check out the display of four-wheelers. 2. Participating in "Act On Aging," Ashley Hejny ${ }^{\text {066 }}$ 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 ${ }^{055}$ fries eggs for the annual FFA breakfast, which is held before school for FFA members and faculty. 5. Jenna Henrickson ${ }^{05}$, Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{106}$, Jaymi Riedel ${ }^{066}$, Rebecca Augustine ${ }^{\text {05 }}$, and Dana Armbrister ${ }^{05}$ sack out for the night in their hotel room while attending the state meeting. 5. To prepare for their presentations, Heather Schuster ${ }^{206}$, Jon Hejny ${ }^{055}$, and Ashley Hejny ${ }^{060}$ review their notes on the podium.

## From mEME 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 ${ }^{\text {"06 }}$.photo by Vanessa Beilman

Responding to praise from their producer, hillbilies Tammy-Mae Gump (Kelsi Schoenthaler ${ }^{\circ 0}$ ) an Granny Gump (Jennifer Jacques"0) conclude that their show, "The Beverly Billygoats," is successful. "The whole experience was Great! Great! Great!" Schoenthaler said.photo by Vanessa Beilman

## ve Show Goes On The Show Goes On The Show Goes On



1. Lilliputian teenagers played by Slade Hackney ${ }^{\mathrm{UJ}}$, Jennifer Augustime ${ }^{\mathrm{Nos}}$, and Amanda Yanda ${ }^{\mathrm{Vo6}}$ prepare to sing the Liliput National Anthem. 2 . Because they're desperate for a job, actors Rex Leech (Austin Morton ${ }^{\circ 00}$ ) and Delores Del Pompadour (Emily Keller ${ }^{\text {00 }}$ ) plead with their producers for one more chance. 3. Rif Lewis (Austin Fox ${ }^{06}$ ) and Sir Wendell Pipps (Justin LaBarge ${ }^{\text {"66 }}$ ) discuss the abnormal number of visitors on the island of
 play pose after their matinee performance. 6. Big-time producer Linus Hoople (Bill Hankins") and the hillbillies dance to "I'm too sexy."

Innouncing the arrival of Queen iona, Lady Featherhead (Jessica iadley ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ ) sounds her horn. The ueen was rarely seen without her tendant.photo by Vanessa Beilman

A fterhours of hard work and AIC 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 ${ }^{106}$ 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, thejuniors 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 ${ }^{106}$ 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 ${ }^{066}$ said. 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. <br> Perils of Procrastination

## The Show Goes On The Show Goes On The Show Goes C


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


Amber Honas ${ }^{\text {"16 }}$
"After the day performance we were all kinda bummed out, so we stayed after school to practice lines. We stuck together and got it done.

"100 kind, too kind. Thank you, thank you. Too kind. Long live Lilliput!" exclaims Queen Oona (Laura Redden ${ }^{\text {º6 }}$ ). Queen Oona faked her own death to see how her kingdom would endure without her.photo by Vanessa Beilman



Pretty in pink, Jenny Jones ${ }^{\text {wis }}$ 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

ThePink 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 Prom.

During the afternoon on Friday, May 13, the juniors turned the lobby into Las Vegas, complete with famous casinos, famous people, and a game room.
"We built an awesome casino, a chapel, and a skyline of Vegas," Elexx Feyh ${ }^{\text {06 }}$ 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 ${ }^{106}$, 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. Iliked going to Prom because of the gambling and Vegas scene," Hackney said.

Austin Morton ${ }^{\text {vo }}$ watches peopl playing in the casino. "The bes part of Prom by far was the casin because it gave us something to d before the dance," Morton said whoto by Julian Begeel


## Show Me the Money

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

$$
\text { tux, } \$ 14 \text { for }
$$ 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."


"Thetux was $\$ 50$, and the flowers were $\$ 20$."
"My dress was only $\$ 100$, the shoes were $\$ 20$, jewelry $\$ 30$, boutineers $\$ 18$, hair $\$ 30$, and gas \$32."


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

Prome Julian Beggel

From mEVE Point of View

Do 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 ${ }^{06}$

fincipal Mr. Reggie Romine dances the song "YMCA" with his students who dedicated this song 0 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

All glammed up, Juniors Jennifer Jacques, Amanda Fischer, and Jaymi Riedel taketime away from eating for a picture.photo by Julian Beggel
ood Times Roll Let the Good Times Roll Let the Good Tin


1. Seniors Becca Dinke, Kasi Wyatt, Morgan Murphy, and Paige Herget wait for the dinner to be served. 2. Amanda Fischer ${ }^{06}$ and Vanessa Beiman ${ }^{\omega 6}$ lance to DJ Cain's music. 3. M.J. Gnad ${ }^{\circ 66}$, Cole Erbert ${ }^{\circ 07}$, and Kylie Best ${ }^{\circ 88}$ try their best to win. 4. Heather Schuster ${ }^{\circ 06}$, Nicole Weigel ${ }^{106}$, and Bill lankins ${ }^{06}$ rented a limousine for Prom. 5. Jerica Garrard ${ }^{06}$, Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{05}$, Brenda Gammon ${ }^{07}$, and Rebecca Augustine ${ }^{05}$ dance to the "YMCA" ong. "It was fun dancing with Mr. Romine," Garrard said. 6. Justin LaBarge" ${ }^{\text {"66 }}$, Jennifer Jacques ${ }^{\text {"06 }}$, and Daren Haas ${ }^{\text {"06 }}$ 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 mEYEPoint of View

What do you think about the fact that some boys will never get to go to Snoball beeause 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 frogan I think we should not discriminate against gender and everyone should just get to go. Amanda Fischer ${ }^{06}$


## It's mine! righting over the bubble wrap

 that protected the Snoball picture frames, Emily Keller ${ }^{066}$ struggles to hold onto them as Amanda Yanda ${ }^{106}$ tries to pop some bubbles during a meetingophoto by Vanessa Beilman

Waiting in eager anticipation to see who won the America's Next Top Kayette contest, Rebecca Augustine ${ }^{\text {'05 }}$ and Jessie Pfeifer ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ 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

## Helping the Needy Helping the Needy Helping the Need


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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 ${ }^{\text {08 }}$, Brenda Gammon ${ }^{088}$ and Nicole Weigel ${ }^{\text {08 }}$ 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 ${ }^{088}$, Kylie Best ${ }^{088}$, 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 Kayettes decided to send a song list to the DJ prior to the dance so he knew what they wanted to hear.photo by Trista Fuchs


When ${ }_{\text {zations that }}^{\text {thinking }}$ about organicommunity, 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 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 ${ }^{\text {'06 }}$ said.

## Oodles of Offerings

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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."



Krista Connelly ${ }^{07}$
"I really love being in Kayettes because you get to help out so many organizations.' $\qquad$



## Reaching to pick up another article of ciothing, Cody Mickelson ${ }^{05}$ races against the senior girls' team. Project graduation was organized by the senior class parents.photo by Vanessa Beilman

For${ }^{\text {the first time ever, graduation commencement }}$ 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 ${ }^{\text {05 }}$ 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 ${ }{ }^{\circ 5}$ 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 Corton Barton's'05 corsage to his gown before the graduation commencement exercises, which began at 7:30 p.m.photo by Vanessa Beilman


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## National Honor Society




Front Row: Nicole Weigel, Colton Barton, Cody Mickelson, Row 2: Clay King, M.J. Gnad, Kevin Keller.photo by Cindy Hertel

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