

YOU HAD TO BE THERE

FALL BACK
ON YOUR
MEMORIES

2009 RAILROADER

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A 2A CLASS OF 140-154 STUDENTS 45

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FACULTY MEM-

YOU HAD TO BE THERE

2009 RAILROADE

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SNOW PLACE LIKE EHS

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SPRING FEVER

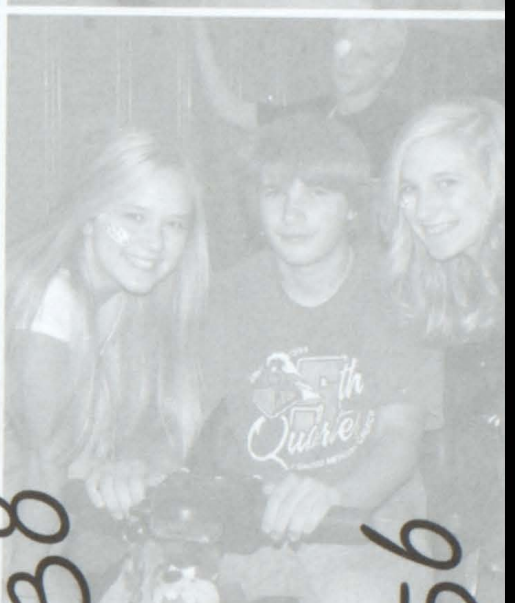


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It's your

LIFE



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Every school year is like a game of Jenga. You have to achieve the perfect balance, or everything will all topple over and leave you with a jumbled mess of chaos. Build the foundation with your required courses, an hour of Qual Labs with Mr. Wildeman wedged between Romeo and Juliet with Mrs. Madorin and a spring solstice lesson during Algebra II with Mr. Mick. Stack on a few hours of creating the Big Show, the pandemonium of Journalism, and running copies for the office. After that throw on some pizza and intense air hockey games at Fifth Quarter, Friday nights at the games, and scaring tractor drivers while shooting the Senior Video. Add on too many nights at Memorial Park or one too many activities and everything starts to topple. Take out an essay on First Impressions or an afternoon practicing on the diamond, and things become shaky and unbalanced. One minute everything is in place and working out, but at times, no matter how careful you are, things start to get a little wobbly. You try to fix it by making the right moves, then all of the sudden your tower you worked so hard to build comes crashing down. Yet you can't be afraid to make that first move because if you never play the game you'll never win. I guess what it all comes down to is...



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OPENING

1

BROOKE GRAVES

YOU HAD TO BE THERE

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The Hands Have It

They were there to draw a pink flamingo, to snap a picture of an alpaca, and to smudge a mirror.

2008

Must Haves

For Fall

CROSS COUNTRY
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HOME COMING
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JOURNALISM
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ECO-TEAM
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The Twilight Saga

1

I heard someone talking about Twilight, and it seemed interesting, so I decided to read it. It turns out it's an AWESOME book, and I think everyone should read it. Not to mention that Edward is pretty much every girl's dream guy.

Jamie Durham



Chapstick



Breanna Ellison

Chapstick, preferably the unflavored/uncolored kind, is a necessity for all weather, not just fall and winter. I use it to keep my lips moist during the cool weather by applying it every day and practically every hour.

2

Football

3

I've been playing nose guard ever since fourth grade. Football is important to fall because in some ways a town is represented by how well their athletes perform, especially in football. Not to mention that fall is the best time to play football with its 50 degree weather and occasional windless days.

Scott Fuller



Holiday Food



Heather Hollingshead

I like both Halloween and Thanksgiving, but Halloween is my favorite because not only do you get candy, you get to dress up funny. Thanksgiving is nice, though, because you get to be with your family. Plus, I love the pies!

4

Without them we wouldn't even have this page.

STARTING WITH A SNORT

UPPERCLASSMEN WELCOME FRESHMEN

I swear I'm not a pig, but I can't resist letting out a good SNORT! I pull myself up to full height, towering over the innocent freshman and emit a guttural snort. He shivers with fear from the mighty sounds released from my nasal cavities, then bursts into laughter. I turn to my next victim only to find Kara [Hackney]. I prefer snorting terror into the hearts of freshmen, but I rise to the challenge of taking down a fellow senior. Glowering, I release the first snort. The supreme authority of that snort would knock out any freshman, but Kara is unfazed. Instead, she snorts back bringing her scrunched, piggy nose inches from mine. Finally, Kara burst into giggles. I turn to face my next opponent.

- Ciara Hespe



You Had to Be There

I swear I'm not a pig, but I can't resist letting out a good SNORT! I'm not the tallest person out there, but I try to make my five feet, one inch seem intimidating. Little did I know, I had two seniors at my side; Chase [King] on my left and Ciara [Hespe] on my right. At first, it was no big deal. I figured I could take 'em, but after awhile the snorting took its toll. My throat started hurting, making the game more tense, but I wasn't about to let that get in the way. I heard a low grunt come from my right. I turned, ready to retaliate. I took in a breath in preparation for a pig-like snort, but as I opened my mouth, all that came out was a burst of laughter. I had just been defeated.

- Bernadette Frickey



1. SLEEPING BAG SLEEPING Jenny Hollern holds on for dear life as Riley Hunsicker pulls her along.

2. STARTING OFF RIGHT Sierra Shore studies her schedule during NHS Jump Start.

3. SLEEPING RIVALS Lyle Fischer snorts at his older sister, Sarah, at LINK Crew orientation.

4. DANCE QUEEN Riley Hunsicker and JJ Hernandez strike a pose at Freshman Fun Night.

5. VIBES Bernadette Frickey and Isaac Henman discuss the first days of school at NHS Jump Start.

6. GUESTS 4 LIFE Jenny Hollern and Bernia Rodriguez gender bend at FCCLA Freshmen Fun Night.



Photo by J. Hernandez

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DYLAN WEARS PRADA Dylan Krause struts his stuff at FCCLA Freshman Fun Night while the FCCLA officers and other participants hoot with laughter. "I was amazed by how well he could walk in heels," Brooke Graves said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



SLOW SPINNING

Brandon Hespe tries to keep from getting too dizzy as he spins around a bat during the FCCLA Freshman Fun Night's obstacle course. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



SNORTIN' SENIOR

Link Crew Leader Chase King snorts himself to a second place victory in "The Snorting Game" during LINK Crew Orientation. Photo by Jill Wood



HE'S BRINGIN' SASSY BACK

Kyle Hadley takes a break from his runway walk to pose at FCCLA Freshman Fun Night. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

WELCOME BACK

5



"It was amazing coming back to school! I was so happy to be able to see my friends again."

- Jessica Estrada

"I'm not very strong, so my strength let everyone down, literally!"

- Christina Unrein



I'M A RAILER

I may be on the sidelines, but I'm still part of the game. During the game, I'm all over the place talking to my teammates. All around me is the big field. The excitement in the air is thick. All I can hear is the crowd shouting, the coach's calls and teammates cheering for each other. My favorite part of the game is when we win. It's a great feeling. Just being part of the team gives me a sense of accomplishment. Not everybody gets to be part of a team that's 10-2. Being there was awesome, and I'll always remember how much fun I had this season.

-Phoenix Jenkins



You Had to Be There

I may be on the sidelines, but I'm still part of the game. While the battle is brewing on the field, I spend my time leaning against the railing whilst attempting to keep my velvet cape from being snagged on its metal teeth. When I look around, I see a great deal of activity. I hear the fight song played by the band. I feel that band itself contributes to games by adding a bit of musicality to the athletic atmosphere. I'll always remember marching band. "Ellis High School, marching twenty strong!" I yell. I conduct. I wear white gloves. I am a drum major.

-Breanna Ellison



KICK OFF The Junior Varsity Railer's kick off after scoring a touchdown. Photo by Rachael Haines



1. SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Seniors lead the 'We Ready' chant as the team comes onto the field.

2. **NUMBER ONE** The Railer's hold up their District Champion plaque after a 42-0 win against Oberlin.

3. **TAKE DOWN** Brandon Geschwenter pulls down his Smith Center enemy.

4. **WIDE RECEIVER** Phoenix Jenkins pushes his defender away while running the ball against Smith Center.

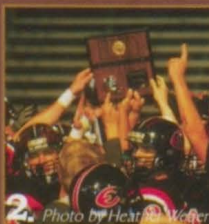
5. **CONCENTRATION BEFORE DOMINATION** Captain Gideon Fuchs leads the team in stretches before the Trego game.

6. **ABOUTDOWN** Dillon Kinder knechts celebrates a touchdown in the victory against Norton, 20-0.



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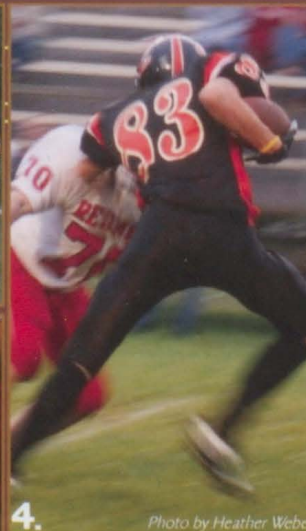
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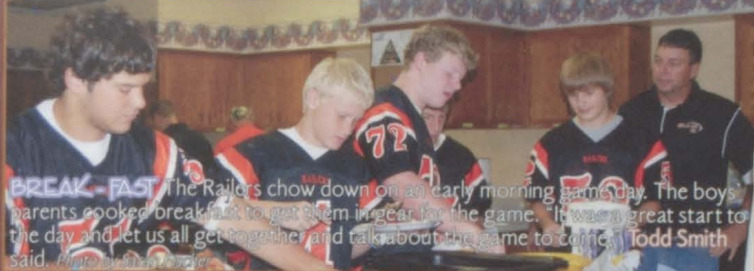
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Photo by Heather Weber



BREAK-FAST The Raiders chow down on an early morning game day. The boys' parents cooked breakfast to get them in gear for the game. "It was a great start to the day and let us all get together and talk about the game to come," Todd Smith said. Photo by Kelsey Gehler



CLEAR THE WAY Quarterback Chase King leads the Raiders on the field after halftime. King was named the MVP of the team.

Photo by Kelsey Gehler

YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOW TO KICK A FIELD GOAL

Kicking the extra point in football does not come as easy some believe. It takes correct positioning, timing, and form. But how exactly do you do it?

STEP 1: Have the holder kneel on the opposite side of the ball from where you'll be running, and place the football with the laces toward the goal and the ball almost perpendicular to the ground, but angled slightly toward the kicker. The holder should place either his palm or the tips of his index and middle fingers on top of the ball, applying pressure to hold it in place.

STEP 2: Take three steps back. When kicking with your right foot, take two and a half steps to the left.

STEP 3: Run toward the ball, starting with the foot you won't be kicking with.

STEP 4: Plant your nonkicking leg firmly about 1 foot to the side of the ball, your foot pointing in the direction in which you want the ball to go.

STEP 5: Power through the ball with your kicking foot, making contact about one third of the way above the ball's lower tip.

STEP 6: Follow through as much as your flexibility will allow.

Source: www.ckhow.com

The first time I didn't know how to kick a field goal, but I practiced a lot and now I'm the guy that kicks the extra point.

—MANUEL RODRIGUEZ

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Oakley 21-14

Hoxie 49-14

Norton 20-0

Trego 36-14

Washington Co. 42-28

Bi-Districts

Meade 8-20

Sectionals

10 wins

2 losses

twood 12-6

Osborne 22-0

Smith Center 0-40

Plainville 28-0

Oberlin 42-10

Districts

EllSaline 36-8

Regionals

MC ALL LEAGUE HONORS

Chase King - 1st Team QB & DB
Matt Erbert - 1st Team T & DT
Jacob Kinderknecht - 1st Team WR
Clay Barton - 2nd Team G & DE
Gideon Fuchs - 2nd Team LB
Dylan Pfeifer - 2nd Team RB

MC ALL LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION

Kyle Hadley - TE
Gideon Fuchs - RB
Dylan Pfeifer - LB
Jacob Begler - T
Jacob Kinderknecht - DB
Scott Fuller - G
Manuel Rodriguez - K

ALL STATE HONORS

Chase King - Honorable Mention QB
Clay Barton - Honorable Mention DE
Matt Erbert - 1st Team Tackle
Dylan Pfeifer - Honorable Mention B
Gideon Fuchs - Honorable Mention LB

ALL STATE COACHES

Clay Barton - 1st Team DE
Chase King - 1st Team DB

HAS SUPER 1 ALL AREA TEAM

Matt Erbert

A SPIKE IN SPIRIT

THROUGH THE FIRE AND FLAMES

After a big 42-10 victory against Oberlin in football, I was pumped and ready for the sub-state volleyball tournament on Saturday. We met Saturday morning to prepare for our big game against EllSaline. It didn't really seem to take too long to get there; my music and *Twilight* helped calm my nerves. However, by the time I stepped off the bus, I got really nervous. We all knew that if we lost, we were done. I think it was particularly hard for us seniors, knowing it could be our last game of volleyball...forever. Unfortunately it was, as our season ended right then and there after three close matches.

-Heather Weber



You Had to Be There

After a big 42-10 victory against Oberlin in football, I was pumped and ready for the sub-state volleyball tournament on Saturday. About 13 other guys and I met around 11:30 A.M. to head over to Salina for the game. We really thought our girls would come out with a big win, but I know the girls played as hard as they could. I decided to support the girls this year because they show a lot of support for our football team, and it's a lot of fun to cheer them on. I really get into the games, especially when I get the chance to yell "Kill, kill, kill!"

- Dylan Pfeifer



SOPHOMORE STANDOUT Courtney Waldschmidt serves during the Norton match. Waldschmidt was the only sophomore on varsity. Photo by Sarah Fischer.



1. A Flower For Me Whitney Taylor receives her flower on Senior Night.

2. Kill, Kill, Kill Varsity players celebrate a team point.

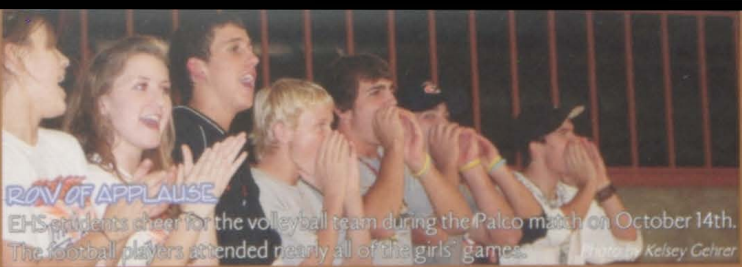
3. Huddle Up! C- team players get together before their game.

4. Serious Vertical Kayla Jacques exercises her ups as she spikes the ball over the net.

5. Rise Up to the Net Stepping up to the challenge, Alicia Lang earns another kill for the team. Lang averaged twelve hits per game.

6. Up and Over Katie Parson, who only missed six serves the entire year, makes yet another over the net.





ROW OF APPLAUSE

EHS students cheer for the volleyball team during the Palco match on October 14th. The football players attended nearly all of the girls' games.

Photo by Kelsey Cehrer



SIGNATURE POSE First-year coach Alice James gives last minute instruction to varsity substitutes during the intense, second match against LaCrosse. "Coach James was always on the edge of her seat, nervous with anticipation," Chelsea Leiker said. Photo by Sarah Fischer

YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO ACHIEVE "THE KILL"

Achieving "the kill" in volleyball does not come as easily as some may believe. It takes correct positioning, timing, and form. But how exactly do you do it?

STEP 1: Position yourself approximately three or four strides away from the net.

STEP 2: Anticipate the ball's path so that you can prepare to spike the ball with the palm of your hand extended above and slightly forward from your head.

STEP 3: Step with your right foot (if you are right-handed) and raise both hands in front of your torso.

STEP 4: Next, take two more steps (left, right) to get your feet beneath you. Slightly bend your knees and swing your arms behind you.

STEP 5: Now jump and swing your arms in front of you.

STEP 6: As you explode, swing your right hand behind your head, keeping your palm facing up.

STEP 7: Line your left hand up with the ball and forcefully hit with your right hand.

STEP 8: Now allow yourself to receive the praise of your teammates as the ball hits your opponent's floor and you correctly achieve "the kill!"

Source: www.ck12.org



Photo by Rachael Hamel



Photo by Christina Unrein

Spiking is my favorite part of the game because when you kill it, you know for a fact that you scored. It's a fantastic feeling.

— Bethany Polifka
2nd Team all-MCL

volleyballvolleyballvolleyball

LaCrosse
25-16, 25-22
Plainville
25-16, 25-18

Smith Center
10-25, 20-25
Victoria
25-22, 25-15

Osborne
16-25, 16-25
Phillipsburg
18-25, 17-25

Quinter
25-08, 25-23
Western Plains
25-18, 25-17

Natoma
27-25, 25-09
Palco
25-09, 25-18

SubState
EllSaline
24-26, 25-10, 23-25

18 wins

Hill City
25-16, 25-23
Palco
25-03, 25-09

LaCrosse/Otis Bison Tourn.
Otis Bison
25-14, 25-15
Clafin
26-28, 8-25
Tri-Plains
25-18, 22-25, 13-25

Stockton
25-22, 25-21
Trego
25-23, 20-25, 25-20
Western Plains
25-15, 25-13

Ellis Invitational - 1st Place
Palco
25-19, 25-6
Tri-Plains
25-23, 18-25, 25-21
Northern Valley
25-11, 27-29, 25-9

Plainville
(Semi-Finals)
25-23, 25-18
Tri-Plains
(Finals)
25-16, 25-19

MCL Tourn.
Norton
21-25, 26-28
Smith Center
10-25, 16-25
Trego
26-24, 9-25, 13-25

9 losses

Cross Country DAYLONG JOURNEYS

IT ALL BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP

The first meet of the year snuck up on me. After two and a half weeks of practice, I was ready. The trip was long, but it was over by the time I woke up from my nap. I stepped out of the suburban and got a boost of confidence. When I looked at my competition, all I saw were a bunch of skinny nerds in short shorts. My nerves finally got to me as I was warming up. This is my third year in cross country and it can't be taken lightly. You have to give it your all or you're just wasting your time. Standing on the starting line, I couldn't believe how nervous I got in such a short amount of time. I didn't have time to think before the gun went off. In twenty minutes, it will all be over.

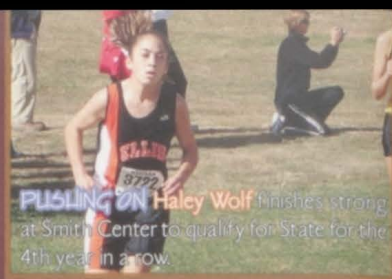
- Ryan Weber



You Had to Be There

The first meet of the year snuck up on me. I still didn't feel ready, even after two and a half weeks of practice before. On the ride up to Norton, it was really quiet. I figured listening to music would help calm my nerves. We were there before I knew it. I took a step out of the suburban but almost fell. My legs felt like jelly under me. It was my first meet ever and I could barely stand. Great! Looking at the course ahead of me, I couldn't help but think of how nervous I was. Warming up didn't help. My heart was beating faster than I could keep up with. It kept that same pace, even when I was standing on the starting line. The gun went off. It's go time.

- Maggie Zody



PUSHLING ON Haley Wolf finishes strong at Smith Center to qualify for State for the 4th year in a row.



1. City Day The team eats after a meet at Quinter.

2. Almost There First-year runner Isaac Henman keeps up his pace at the Hill City meet.

3. Mad Dash Ryan Weber tests his endurance at Hill City's course.

4. In It To Win It Nate Townley rushes to finish 8th in the Junior Varsity competition at Hill City.

5. Close on the Prize William Poland strides towards the finish line at the Wheatland meet. Poland finished with his best time of the year, 22:35.

6. Success! Kyle Weber celebrates his 7th place finish in the Junior Varsity division at Quinter.





TAKE THE LEAD Firsttimers Maggie Zody and Kyle Weber head toward the finish line during the Wheatland Invitational.

YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO STRETCH BEFORE A RUN

It's important to warm up the legs. Even though you don't use your arms much, it's important to warm them up so you aren't tight. To stretch, you just do some basic stretches.

STEP 1: Stand up straight, then bend down and touch your toes.

STEP 2: Do the calf stretch. Find a wall. Put the ball of your foot against the wall, but leave your heel on the ground. Slowly begin to lean towards the wall. Repeat with the other leg.

STEP 3: Move up to your quads. Stand up straight again, then lift your leg up behind you. Grab your foot and gently pull up. Do the same to the next leg.

STEP 4: Warm up your legs by starting with the karaoke. After that, move on the "leg swing." That's where you walk like normal, but with every step, swing your leg as far behind and above your waist as possible. Keep your leg straight. Finally, to make sure you're warmed up, jog a little. It doesn't have to be a lot, just enough to get your legs moving.



Photos by Paige Reilly

If you don't stretch properly, then you'll become tight during the race, and you won't perform at your maximum potential.

— Haley Wolf
3rd at Class 2A State

KEEP ON KEEPING ON
Nearing the finish line, Kyle Weber pushes himself during regionals at Smith Center. "This was one of the hardest races of the year. I took 31st," Weber said.

crosscountrycrosscountrycrosscountry Best Times

Haley Wolf
16:12 at Wamego (State)

Ryan Weber
20:41 at Norton

William Poland
22:17 at Wheatland

Nate Townley
22:09 at Quinter

Maggie Zody
20:19 at Wheatland

Kyle Weber
21:08 at Quinter

Isaac Henman
28:09 at Quinter

PLAYING WITH FIRE

HOMECOMING ENDS IN A SPLASH

It was my senior year and I wanted to go out with a bang. I saw everyone standing around listening to music by the fountain when I had an idea. Just as a joke, I decided to start picking up the cheerleaders and pretending to throw them in. When I picked up Breanna, she started fighting me, and we both ended up in the water. The water was extremely cold, making me shiver as the wind whipped around me. Although the cheerleaders didn't appreciate the icy bath they got, it was definitely a high school memory I won't forget.

- Monte Honas



You Had to Be There

It was my freshman year and I wanted to go in with a bang. I was just standing around listening to music when some of my friends walked over by the fountain. Of course I followed, since I wasn't really sure what was going on. After all, it was only my first year. Out of nowhere, I felt someone pick me up and take me closer to the fountain. I knew exactly what was going to happen next. I started screaming at the top of my lungs for help but it was no use—I got thrown into the ice cold water. It was definitely a high school memory I won't forget.

- Breanna Kroeger



1. BURNING EHS SPIRIT

"I think the burning EHS got everyone really excited and made the bonfire a lot of fun!" Danielle Weber said.

2. SECRET TALENT Riley Hunsicker shows off his cheerleading abilities during the homecoming pep rally.

3. SENIOR HILL The senior class poses with the decorated hay bales.

4. ROCKIN' RECREATION Kelsey Gehrer and Brittany Elliot ride their class float during the homecoming parade.

5. FRODO FRENZY Chase King baptizes Danielle Weber in the fountain at Memorial.

6. GROOVY MOVIES Brandon Hespe shows his skills at the dance.



Photo by Chelsea

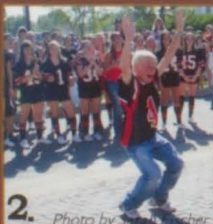


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SENIOR SPIRIT
Kerry Robb shows his school spirit by cheering during the Homecoming Pep Rally. "Homecoming week, I believe, unites the past and the present and should always be looked back upon," Robb said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



DRAMATIC DISGUISE

Alex Lovato dresses the part on "Fake an Injury" day during spirit week. The sophomore class finished 3rd overall. "It took me about five minutes to get ready, and it was the only day that I dressed up because all the other days just didn't have the 'cool' factor," Lovato said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



PICTURE PERFECT

The queen candidates, Kara Hackney, Whitney Taylor, and Christina Unrein, and king candidates, Kyle Hadley, Brandon Geschwenter, and Chase King, pose with flower girl, Kaleigh Weber, and the crown bearer, Jaryn Wildeman, prior to the Homecoming game. Photo by Sarah Fischer



FIRE D UP

Getting in the spirit, Ryan Weber shows Railer pride during the homecoming bonfire. "You only have four years at Ellis High School, so make the best of it and don't leave any regrets," Weber said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Homecoming

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Kelsey Geirer



"I love the movie '101 Dalmations,' so when I found out we were having Disney day, I knew exactly who I wanted to be-Cruella De Vil."

- Bernadette Frickey

"Although the t-shirt was cold, I came out on top!"

- Justin Henrickson



Photo by Kelsey Geirer

MEET YOUR MAKERS

INTRODUCING THE YEARBOOK STAFF

This class is bananas. At first, I didn't like it because of ad sales, but I started really getting into it after that part was over. It got fun once we started doing things like taking pictures and writing stories. I don't think other students realize how much work it is for just one yearbook. Now I know what it takes to make the yearbook, and I appreciate it. Through all the pain and tears and ad sales, in the end, it's worth it.

-Paige Reilly



You Had to Be There

This class is bananas. At times, I want to dropkick the laptop across the room, but in the end, it's rewarding. The whole class is geared towards one project, so it's fun to see the finished product. I like designing the layouts and showing my creativity through said outlet. Being one of the editors makes the stress go up. I'll certainly die at an early age.

-Brooke Graves



Courtesy Photo



Photo by Jill Wood

On Camp Sporting their new staff shirts, the yearbook staff poses at the KSPA Fall Conference at FHSU. Students gathered new yearbook ideas in the different sessions offered throughout the morning.

Write On Brooke Graves writes captions for a fall workshop session. **Graves** placed 1st in Yearbook Layout and 4th in Theme Development at the KSPA Regional Journalism contest.



Photo by Jill Wood

OMG Heather Weber, Kara Hackney, and Rachael Hamel discuss themes at the Jostens workshop. Later in the year, **Hackney** qualified for state in 5 events at the KSPA Regional Yearbook Contest.

Just Do It During the Jostens workshop, the J-staff performs a yearbook cheer to announce their presence. They won free endsheets from the Jostens judges for their creativity and energy.

Time Capsule

2004



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Looking at colored pictures in the yearbook is nothing new, it's just what's expected. However, the yearbook wasn't always colorful like it is now. For a long time, the Ellis yearbook was done in black and white. The only colored pages in the whole book were the senior pages. The 2004 yearbook, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," was the last of the traditional black and white yearbooks.



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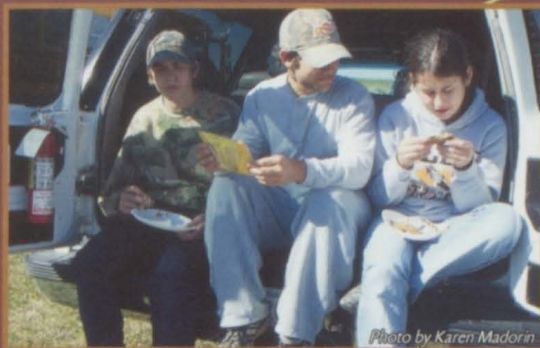


Photo by Karen Madorn.

Museum At Lunch

Eco-Team members take a break from a hard day's work. "Eco-meet was an excellent gathering of people who like to eat outdoors," Zody said.

Wilson Lake

Alesha Brenner shows off her knowledge of grasses. "This year's meet was more exciting because I placed in all of the tests," Brenner said.



Photo by Karen Madorn.



Skits Surprise

Todd Smith, Dylan Krause, and Derek Kvasnicka perform their skit at the meet. Smith portrayed a coyote, Krause was a possum, and Kvasnicka played a vulture.

In Perfect Eco-Harmony

After the skit, Stephanie Young, Maggie Zody and Alesha Brenner get a break before the next event. The skit's theme was online dating for insects and animals.



OUT TO PASTURE



Eco-team is all about the environment. At the meets, I participate in the skits and the tests. This year there were tests on Invertebrates and Tall Grass Prairie. I placed 2nd in the Invertebrates test and was 16th out of the 100 at the State meet. It was fun to meet people and travel to Quivira National Park. Something I'll always remember was the scavenger hunt at the Wilson Eco-Meet. Derek [Kvasnicka], Dylan [Krause] and I decided to get a better score so we picked up some buffalo grass to pass off as certain types of plants. You do what you gotta do at Eco-Meet.

Todd Smith

You Had to Be There

Eco-team is all about the environment. It was pretty fun this year on Eco-Team. During the meets we usually have a skit, a scavenger hunt, and two tests. I've had a lot of memorable moments this year. One I'll always remember was when we did a skit about a roadkill café. For the skit, Todd was a coyote, Dylan [Krause] was a possum and I was a vulture. In the end, Dylan ran away with Todd [Smith] chasing after him. It was pretty hilarious. Through it all, we got to teach others about plants and animals in a fun way. All in all it was a pretty good year.

Derek Kvasnicka



Time Capsule

October 2008

Eco-team is new to EHS, this being only the second year the team has competed. This year, Derek Kvasnicka, Todd Smith, Alesha Brenner, Stephanie Young, Maggie Zody and Dylan Krause traveled to Wilson Lake for the Eco-Meet. Smith went on to the state competition at Quivira National Park. "At state, the tests we had to take were almost three times as hard as the ones at the Wilson Lake meet," Smith said.



AFTER VISITING FIVE STATES AND DOING A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING ALONG THE WAY, THE ELLIS FFA CHAPTER RETURNED HOME TO HAVE A

GATEWAYS & SPEEDWAYS

I will never forget this year's National FFA Convention.

While we were there, we went to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. I was enjoying the bus tour when I got a call from Riley [Hunsicker] asking where we were. We realized we had left him behind, and everyone started laughing! The tour was fun and I enjoyed taking a lap around the track. I think the speedway really added to the enjoyment of the trip.

Justin Henrickson



You Had to Be There

I will never forget this year's National FFA Convention. We

went to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Everyone got on the tour bus, but I was still looking for a camera. I finally found it only to find that everyone was gone! I called Justin but it was too late...they had left. Later, I got to go on the tour by myself. The driver let me walk all over the bus and take pictures. The trip ended up being a lot fun.

-Riley Hunsicker



Photo by Kara Hackney

The Trip

Advisor Mr. Kohman prepares to test the go-carts in Louisville. The chapter toured Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory.



A Full House

Maggie Zody and Nate Townley observe the crowded Opening Session of the convention. Each session averages around 10,000 members.



Photo by Barbara Rigg

Two is Better Than One

Members stop near the Mississippi River for a quick picture. They were able to take two suburbans for the first time this year, allowing more to experience the convention.

Way up High

Joey Augustine, William Poland, Ethan Cox, and Austin Bittel gaze at the Gateway Arch's immense size and beauty. Standing 630 feet tall, the Arch was built within 1963-1968.



Photo by Kara Hackney

Time Capsule

1980



Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, long-time advisor of the Ellis FFA Chapter, poses near the FFA Sweetheart poster. In 1980, the Barnwarmer and the FFA-FHA Sweetheart dance were combined, with Chris Honas and Mary Kay Riedel winning king and queen. Pfeifer retired from teaching in 2006 after 29 years in Ellis.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

DRESSIN' UP TO GET DOWN

HALLOWEEN DANCE

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CHLOE LEMKE



Photo by Sarah Fischer

Respect Your Elders
Brandon Geschwentner helps lead Joey Augustine to get his 2nd place prize. "I was convinced that he was my grandmother," Geschwentner said.

Strike Your Groove Time
Debra Massier gets funky as she shows off her moves. Profits from the dance went to the Good Samaritan Society to buy a Nintendo Wii for the residents.



Photo by Sarah Fischer



Photo by Sarah Fischer

Why So Serious?
Kayla Jacques jokes around with Kerry Robb as he makes his arrival fashionably late. Robb placed first in the costume contest with his Joker impersonation.

Like Dancin'
Bailee Bittel, Kara Hackney, Christina Unrein, and Kimberly Gottschalk dance to Good Time. "Bailee and I used to practice this dance in art," Gottschalk said.



Photo by Sarah Fischer



Finding a costume is tricky. I didn't plan on wearing a costume because I was more interested in seeing what other people were wearing rather than spending money on a costume of my own. Instead, I just wore jeans and a cute shirt. I laughed when I saw Breanna [Ellison] and her boyfriend dressed as Brangelina. Kerry [Robb]'s costume was really good, too. Overall, the costumes were pretty impressive. I might dress up next year, we'll see.

- Erin Groff

You Had to Be There

Finding a costume is tricky. I trusted my mother with the task of finding me a costume for the dance. She returned home with a large pile of clothing, hoping to transform me into the Joker. The night of the dance, I felt quite studly as I walked through the doors, hoping Batman would be there. I wanted my appearance to honor the late Heath Ledger's performance in "The Dark Knight." Ladies and gentlemen, let's put a smile on that face.

- Kerry Robb



Time Capsule

October 1991

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" Halloween may not be the biggest holiday of the year, but it's definitely the sweetest. High school students enjoy dressing up and getting candy just like the younger kids, but this isn't a new thing. They have been dressing up for Halloween since before we were born. These students from 1991 show off their Halloween fashions.





BLOOD, SWEAT & FEAR

SIGN UP, SIGN IN, SAVE LIVES

This wasn't my first time giving blood, and it won't be my last! As I walked into the gym, I was nervous. I didn't want to be one of those people who passes out. I had to sit and wait for about half an hour and was starting to get a bit anxious. I just wanted to get it over with! When it was finally my turn, I had to look away as the needle pierced my skin. That was the worst part. After the blood started flowing I couldn't help but watch it fill into the bag sounds weird, but it looked really cool. Thankfully, I didn't faint and I saved lives, making the experience amazing.

-Kayla Casey



You Had to Be There

This wasn't my first time giving blood, and it won't be my last! Going into the gym, I felt pretty good. I didn't have to wait too long, fortunately. When they actually started drawing the blood, I was pretty calm since I've donated blood before. Mostly, I was just hoping they wouldn't miss the vein. Overall, it was a great experience because you can do something that isn't that hard and you get the chance to help save lives of many other people.

-Patrick Dreilling

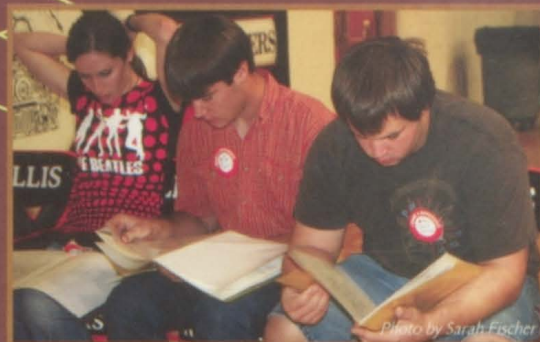


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Junior Doctors

Kayla Jacques, William Poland, and Patrick Dreilling read an information book as they wait to donate. The reading was required before they could give blood.

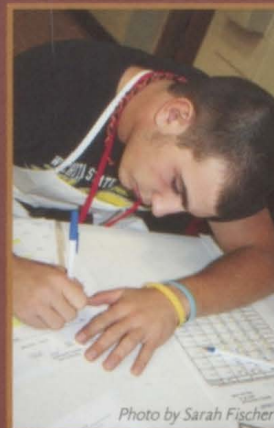


Photo by Sarah Fischer

The Sign Doctor

Chase King signs people in as they arrive to donate blood. About 65 EHS students helped with the Blood Drive throughout the day.



Photo by Sarah Fischer

Pumping Blood

Whitney Taylor receives instruction while waiting to donate blood. Taylor donated a pint of blood in 3:38, beating her personal record.

Snack Pack

Stephanie Young and Natasha Hollingshead distribute snacks and juice to everyone who donated blood. Donors were advised to have a snack before they left the gym.

Time Capsule

April 2004



Photo by Kim Kevier

Steve Erbert, Grade School custodian and high school track coach, donates blood at the K of C Hall while joking around and having a few laughs with the Red Cross staff. "I rarely miss an opportunity to donate blood. It's one of those things that I really feel good about doing," said Erbert.



Photo by Sarah Fischer

SERVICE BY THE DOZEN

SUCCESS, ONE HOUR AT A TIME

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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PAIGE KELLY

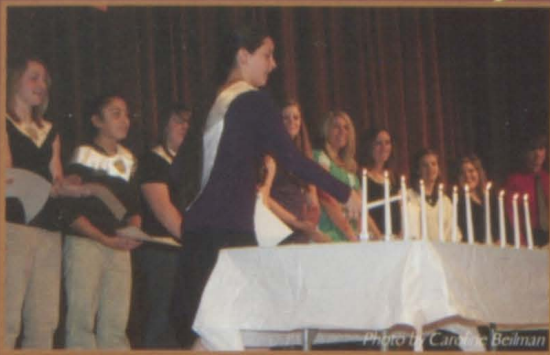


Photo by Caroline Beilman

Beginning to End

President **Breanna Ellison** lights the last candle at the NHS Induction. "Being the NHS president is fun, but sometimes I have to get my hands dirty," **Ellison** said.

Words of Applause

NHS sponsor **Janetta Heronome** talks to NHS students at the end of the induction. Mrs. Heronome has been NHS sponsor for the last three years.



Photo by Caroline Beilman



Photo by Caroline Beilman

Taking the Cake

After the induction ceremony, **Heather Weber** cuts the cake for her fellow NHS members. The members celebrate with cake after every induction each year.

Line of Duty

The 12 new members give themselves a round of applause after receiving their NHS awards. Each member is required to have 40 hours of community service.



Photo by Caroline Beilman



This year's National Honor Society Induction was a memorable event. I walked confidently up the stairs to shake Mr. Burton's hand as my name was called. I lit my candle and stood in line, watching the others take their places beside me. Just then, as Haley [Wolf] walked away, I saw her candle begin to tip over. She quickly corrected the candle and took her place on the stage. I'll never forget that moment.

-William Poland

You Had to Be There

This year's National Honor Society Induction was a memorable event. I heard Mrs. Heronome call my name and sighed with relief. I walked up the stairs to the table where the candles were lit. I picked up the candle, lit it, and started to walk away when I noticed that the candle was severely unstable. If I hadn't reached that falling candle faster than the speed of light, the table (and possibly the auditorium) would have caught on fire. Other than that, it was a special moment honoring those who are inducted into National Honor Society.

-Haley Wolf



Time Capsule

October 1989

Natalie Seibel carries on the tradition of lighting one of the many candles included in the induction ceremony. National Honor Society recognizes students who are successful with their academics. Lighting the candles during the induction represents leadership. This is still done at all induction ceremonies today.

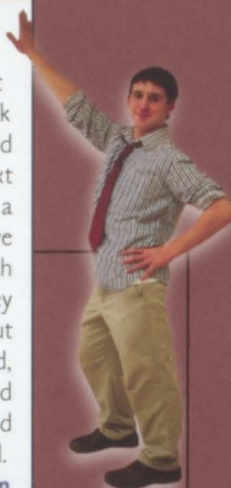


SWITCHING PRINCIPALS

A RIPPIN' GOOD TIME

We had a ripping good time at the play this year. I played the part of the school counselor who wore really tight pants. The auditorium was pitch black and the play was ready to start. I moseyed onstage to the couch and took a seat next to Kelsey [Gehrer]. As I sat down, I heard a huge ripping noise. I knew it couldn't have been good, but I thought it was the couch making sounds. I scooted closer to Kelsey and discovered it was NOT the couch but my PANTS that ripped! I wasn't too worried, unlike everyone else. We improvised and worked in a scene where I bent over and ripped my pants. It worked out quite well.

-Matt Cunningham



You Had to Be There



We had a ripping good time at the play this year. I was sitting on the couch minding my own business before the play started. Matt came over and sat down next to me. He asked me to hand him a yearbook and as I did he says, "OMG, I think my pants just ripped!" Then right on cue, the lights came on and the play started. There was nothing we could do! We darted to the office after our scene to attempt to fix the butt of his pants. It didn't work. At that point there was nothing to do but try and work our situation into the play. When we went back on stage Matt bent over and acted like his pants ripped and played it to his advantage. It was hilarious!

-Kelsey Gehrer



1. TIME OUT Matt Cunningham and Kayla Jacques wait for their cues while the play goes on.

2. KISS THIS Flattered by her suggestive personality, Ryan Weber welcomes Kelsey Gehrer with a kiss.

3. D'S COMPANY Patrick Dreiling, Shelby Gottschalk, and Chantel Gabel try to persuade the principal to have a teacher's auction.

4. GIVE SOME TUNE Playing her part to a T, Caroline Beilman tells Ryan Weber how it is.

5. MIND FREAK Ryan Weber tries his hardest to read Chelsea Leiker's aura.

6. CLEAN SWEEP Erin Groff portrays Mrs. Quonset, the principal's school janitor.



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CAST

GEORGE THURLOW

-Ryan Weber

MADGE JUKE

-Danielle Weber

ABIGAIL TROTTER

-Kayla Jacques

AMOS WHOMPERS

-Matt Cunningham

CONSTANCE THURPP

-Kelsey Gehr

JAKE HURLEY

-Matt Erbert

MYRON THURPP

-William Poland

DUTTON RILEY

-Dylan Pfeifer

MOM

-Paige Reilly

SUE YARNDELL

-Kiley Wayman

EMMA CLONK

-Caroline Beilman

JUNE HENKLESTON

-Kayla Casey

MRS. QUONSET

-Erin Groff

JAY BLOUGH

-Gideon Fuchs

ONNA NILES

-Jennifer Kinderknecht

PRINCIPAL DARLING

-Dillon Kinderknecht

DONNA FLAGSTONE

-Chelsea Leiker

TERRI LINTON

-Patrick Dreiling

GYNDI SOMERS

-Chantel Gabel

MARLA BURNS

-Shelby Gottschalk

JUDITH LIGHTOWER

-Nicole Pfeifer

PHANTOMS

-Kyle Fox

-Aaron Gnad

STAGE

-Bethany Polifka

LIGHTS

-Jacob Begler

-Garrett Vandenberg

SOUND/STAGE

-Staci Bittel

DIRECTOR

-Isaac Robbins

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

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CHRISTINA LINREIN

LOUD MOUTH George Thurlow (Ryan Weber) blocks the sound of Onna Niles' (Jennifer Kinderknecht) bloodcurdling voice when the two meet for the first time.

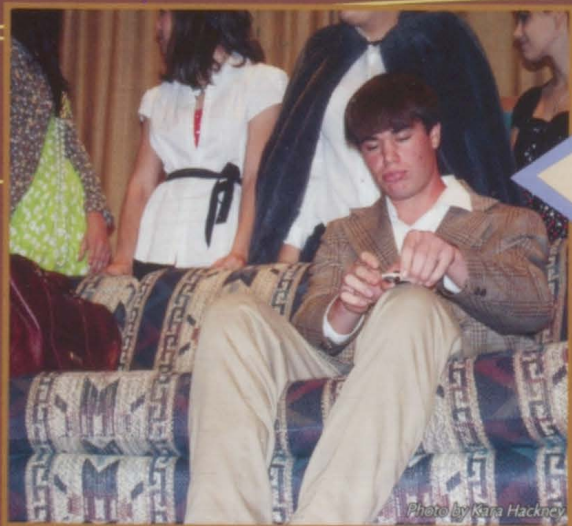
Photo by Kara Hackney



LURING LAUGHS

The phantoms of the play, Kyle Fox and Aaron Gnad, read a newspaper on stage to get a laugh or two from the crowd. The two piddled around on stage during random scenes and never failed to get the crowd roaring.

Photo by Heather Weber



"I had a fun character that made it more enjoyable. I had no problem hamming it up a bit."

-William Poland

"Our play turned out ten times better than any of us had ever expected. I think everyone was pretty happy with the end results."

-Danielle Weber



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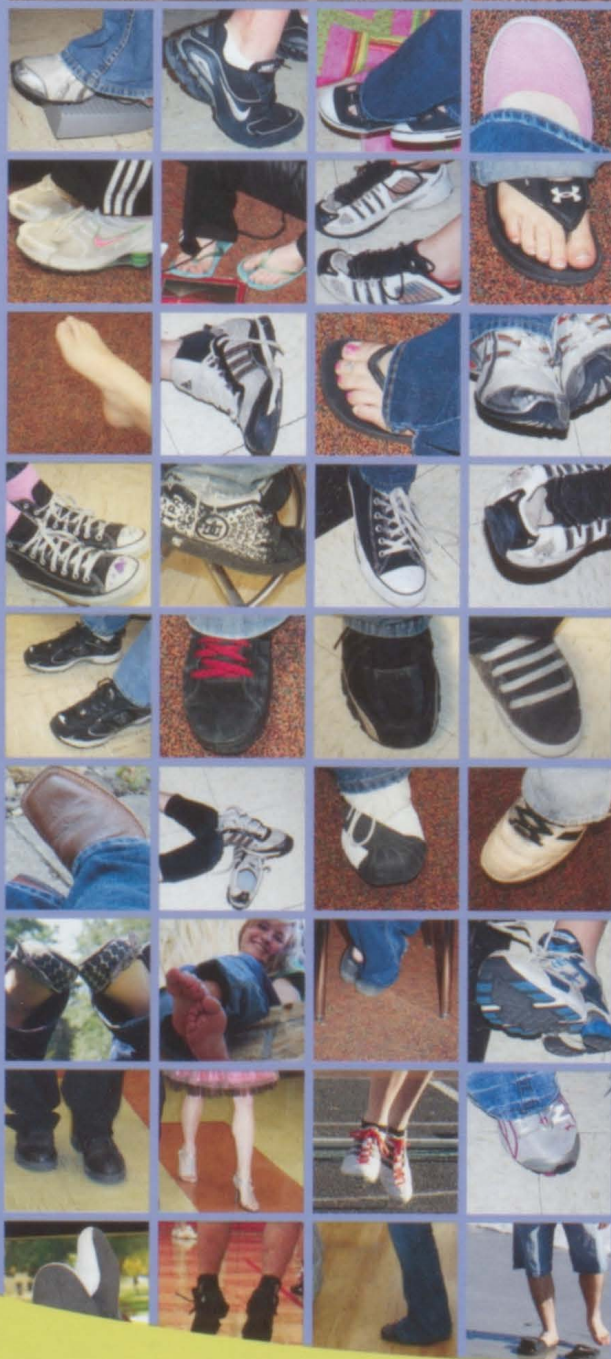
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GIRLS BASKETBALL
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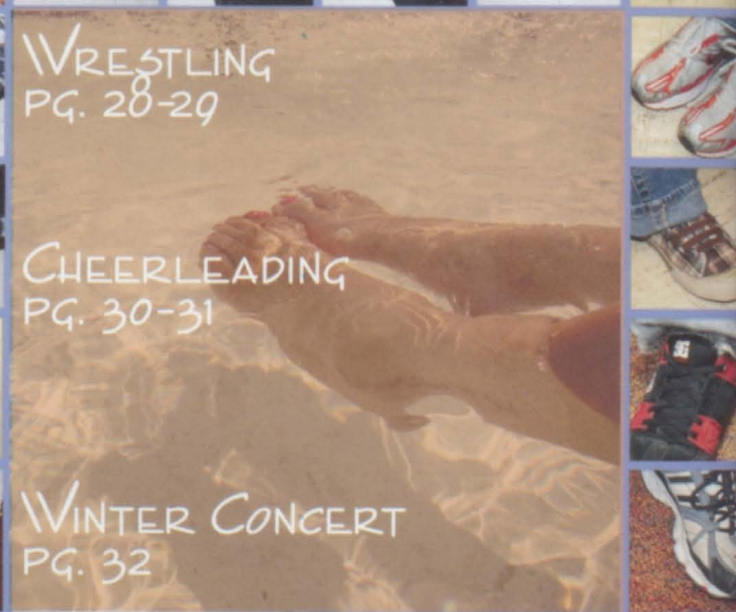
BOYS BASKETBALL
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WRESTLING
PG. 28-29

CHEERLEADING
PG. 30-31

WINTER CONCERT
PG. 32



It's what moves you

Cover them with everything from high heels or cowboy boots to flats and sneakers, either way

2009

Favorite Memories

For Winter

Christmas

1

I loved Christmas most because I got to spend it with my family and Caleb, my son, actually knew how to open presents this year. It was adorable!

Kelsey Noble



Getting Stuck



I got stuck in the middle of the field in my truck up to the frame. Harold Honas, Monte's dad, had to come pull us out.

Tanner Cugler

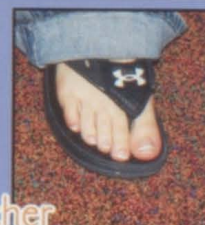
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State Basketball

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Traveling to Manhattan to support the girls' basketball team during the State Championship game.

Sarah Fischer



Rain Days



I like our second-ever "rain day" best this winter. I pretty much just spent the day sitting on my butt.

Todd Smith

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WINTER BREAK
PG. 33

FIFTH QUARTER
PG. 34

THE BIG SHOW
PG. 35

SNOWBALL
PG. 36-37

they get you where you need to be.

WINTER DIVISION

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PROBLE UPDATES

WENT TO STATE AGAIN, AND THIS TIME WE MEANT IT

RESTATEMENT

I always envisioned ending the season at State. I think what made us do so well is that we clicked with each other and enjoyed practicing and playing all year. There were a lot of quality teams there, and even though we ran out of gas in the last game, I still think we were the best team at State. I'll always remember beating Olpe in the semi-finals. But more than that, I'll remember the experience of being there with my teammates. My advice to future players is to practice and form bonds with your teammates. If you can play well with your teammates, success is easily accomplished.

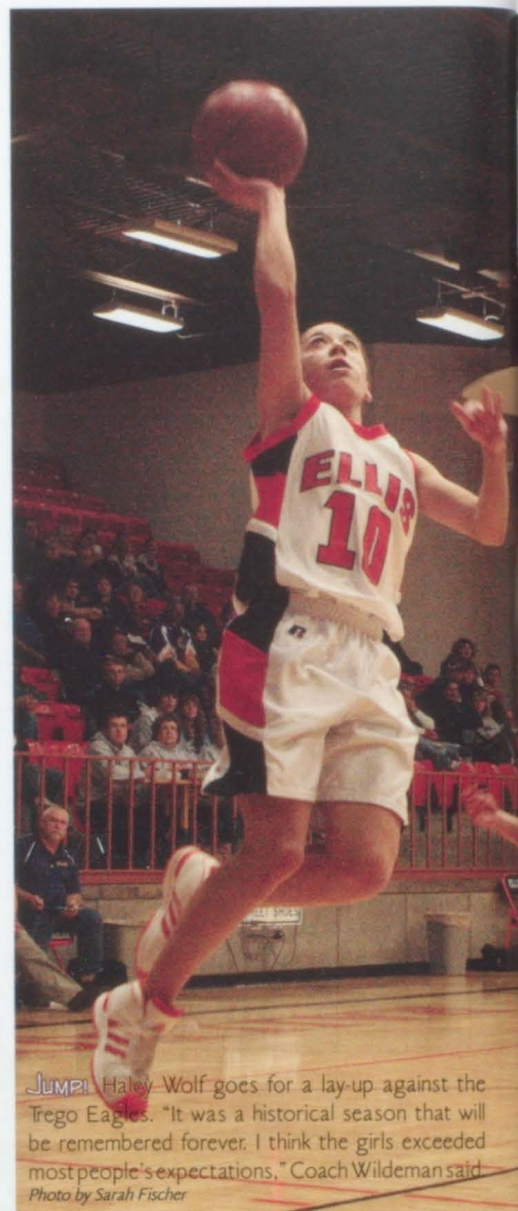
-Whitney Taylor



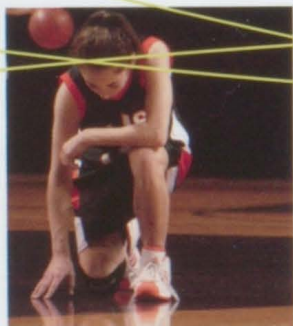
You Had to Be There

I always envisioned ending the season at State. Unfortunately, I didn't get to see the outcome. During State basketball, I was on a cruise with my family. I really wished I could have been there. I wasn't happy knowing that the coach, who happens to be my dad, classmates and other cheerleaders were there, but I wasn't. We kept up-to-date on what was happening by calling my dad and getting updates. Even though I couldn't be there, I was really proud of how our team did. I just hope I can be there next year!

-Rachel Mick

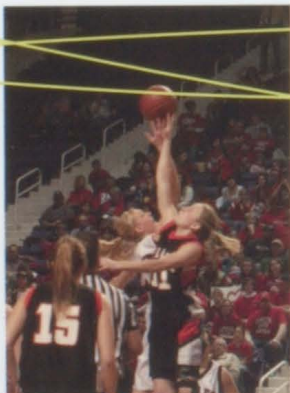


JUMP! Haley Wolf goes for a lay-up against the Trego Eagles. "It was a historical season that will be remembered forever. I think the girls exceeded most people's expectations," Coach Wildeman said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



CONCENTRATION

Haley Wolf focuses before the team's first game at the state tournament. "This is a great moment before the Olpe game when I let four years of thoughts and memories go through my head," Wolf said. Photo by Paige Reilly



START TO FINISH

Whitney Taylor starts with a tip-off against Clifton-Clyde. "I was proud of how the season went, even though we fell one game short," Taylor said. Photo by Paige Reilly



SPIRIT AND PRIDE

EHS boys support the Lady Railers during a home game against St. Francis. The Lady Railers came out victorious, 74-25. Photo by Paige Reilly



REACH FOR VICTORY

Natasha Hollingshead shoots one for the team. "I really can't explain how it felt to play at state for the first time. I was so excited I didn't know what to do," Hollingshead said. Photo by Paige Reilly



UP FOR GRABS

Bethany Polifka puts up a shot against Clifton-Clyde. "I feel that we all played to our potential during State; I'm very proud to be called a Lady Railer," Polifka said. Photo by Paige Reilly

Coach's Corner



Nickname:

Hurricane

Years of Coaching:

10

Quote:

"We have a goal to win sub-state and to place in State. No matter what happens early in the year,

even if we lose some games, our goal will still be to place in state."

Other fun facts :

Coach Mick graduated high school from St. John in Beloit, Kansas. He then attended college at Fort Hays State University. His undergraduate degree was in Physics and his Masters degree was in Math.

Coach In Action

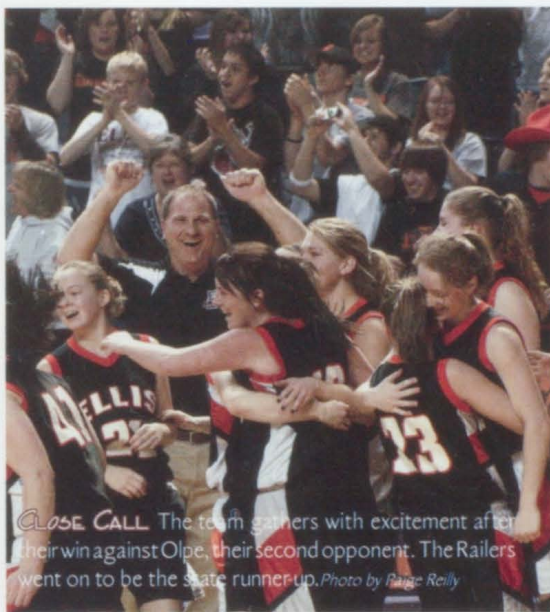


A PLAN FOR SUCCESS Coach Mick lays down the game plan during a time out of the second game of state. The Railers won a close game against the Olpe Eagles, 65-61.

Photo by Paige Reilly



PASS IT OVER Kendra Mickelson throws the ball during the team's game against Stockton in the MCL tournament. Photo by Paige Reilly



CLOSE CALL The team gathers with excitement after their win against Olpe, their second opponent. The Railers went on to be the state runner-up. Photo by Paige Reilly

COACH PERRY MICK

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Castle Rock Tournament

Golden Plains 59-21
Oakley 65-49
Hoxie 36-62

Trego 52-42

Osborne 53-57

Phillipsburg 49-60

Palco 59-20

Stockton 60-39

Hill City 70-56

MCL Tournament

Osborne 31-45
Stockton 51-35
Trego 58-62

Victoria 71-52

Plainville 70-41

Quinter 56-47

Smith Center 50-34

Spearville 75-52

Natoma 66-32

Northern Valley 67-56

Norton 51-49

State

Clifton-Clyde 45-43
Olpe 65-61
St. Mary's 46-60

SubState

St. Francis 74-25
Stockton 69-40
Hill City 70-53

20 wins

6 losses

NEW COACH, NEW EXPECTATIONS

MOVING FORWARD

Everyone has their own place on the team.

I play shooting guard. I think I'm good at shooting guard because I can be a pretty solid shooter. My favorite part about being in basketball is being able to compete and drive myself to excel in something I enjoy doing. This year I think we had an enjoyable season compared to some others in the past. I will always remember beating the Plainville Cardinals after trailing by 19 in the third quarter. After a pretty successful year, I will definitely be going out for basketball again next year.

- Kyle Fox

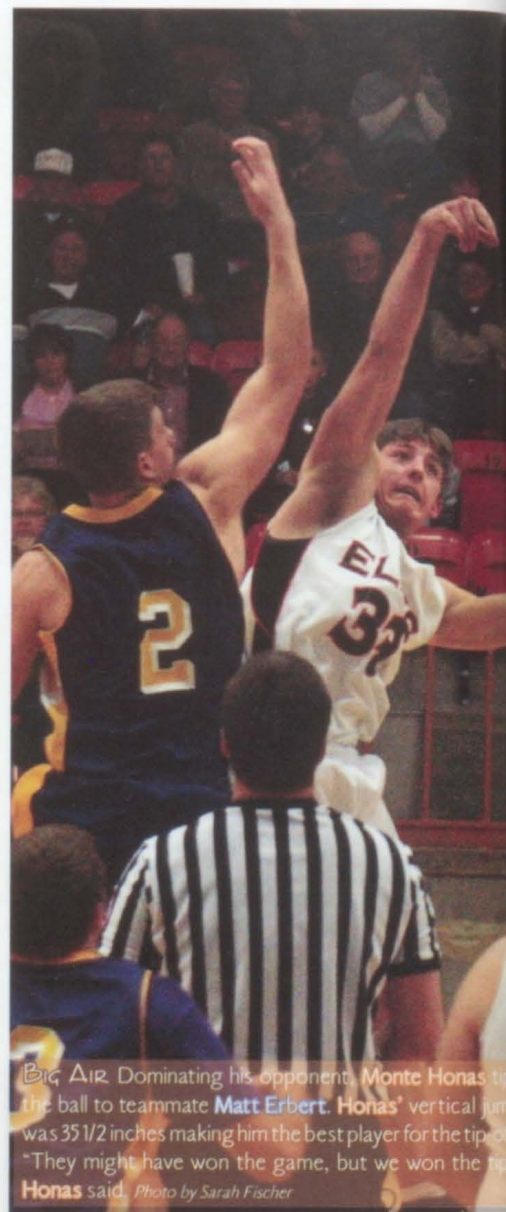


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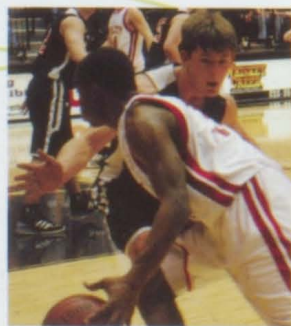
Everyone has their own place on the team.

I play wing. I think I play this position pretty well because I'm a lot smaller and can move quicker than other people. My favorite part of being in basketball was probably playing an intense game, winning, and beating teams that were better than us. I contribute to the team by cheering them on and doing the best I can. What I'll remember most from this season is beating Plainville after trailing the entire game. Basketball was really fun this year and I will probably go out again next year.

- JJ Hernandez

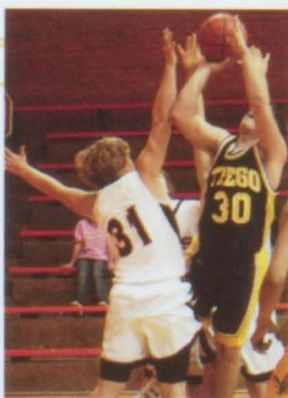


Big Air Dominating his opponent, Monte Honas tips the ball to teammate Matt Erbert. Honas' vertical jump was 35 1/2 inches making him the best player for the tip of the ball. "They might have won the game, but we won the tip," Honas said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



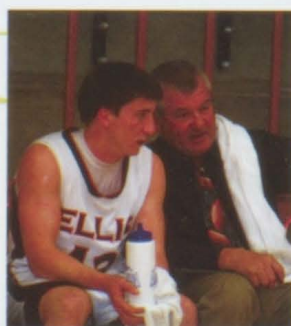
Fast Feet

Monte Honas stops his opponent from driving to the basket to score for Hill City. The Railers played the Ringnecks three times this season, beating them twice. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



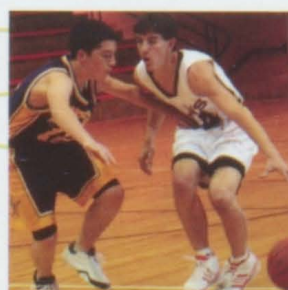
Block That Shot

Joey Augustine goes up to block a shot during the Junior Varsity game against Trego. The JV won 63-34. Photo by Sarah Fischer



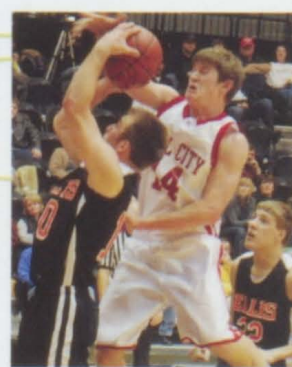
Quick Tip

Taking a breather on the bench, Gideon Fuchs gets a quick tip from assistant coach Artie Schoenthaler. "You could always count on Artie to help you out on and off the court," Fuchs said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Intensity

JV ball handler Kyle Weber controls the ball during the Trego game. "The JV had a great season this year and with the class coming up it's only going to get better next year," Weber said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Power House

A Hill City defender tries to shut down Dylan Pfeifer while he puts up a quick shot in the Mid-Continent League Tournament at Fort Hays State University. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer

Coach's Corner



Nickname:
Coach Befort
Years of Coaching:
7

Quote:
"When players are totally focused on the team goal, their efforts can create chain reactions. It's as if they become

totally connected to one another, in sync with one another, like five fingers on one hand. When one finger moves, the rest of them all react to it." - Phil Jackson

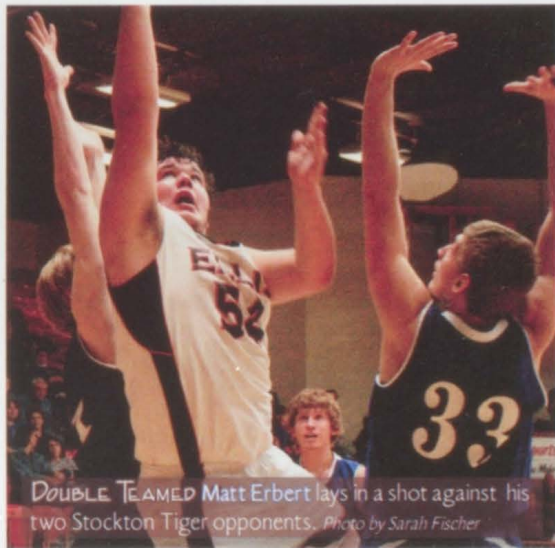
Other fun facts:

Coach Befort played football, basketball, and ran track in high school. He attended Fort Hays State University where he graduated with three degrees.

Coach In Action



Word of the Week Coach John Befort gives the Railers advice during the Norton game. This was Befort's first and last year as the head coach for the boys basketball team because he accepted the position as Washington Grade School principal. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



DOUBLE TEAMED Matt Erbert lays in a shot against his two Stockton Tiger opponents. Photo by Sarah Fischer



BREAK AWAY Proving to be too fast for his Smith Center opponent, Gideon Fuchs breaks away for a quick lay-up during the first round of the MCL tournament. Photo by Sarah Fischer

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Castle Rock Classic Wheatland-Grinnell L 59-61 Hoxie W 53-39 Quinter L 41-62	Osborne W 49-48	Trego L 29-49	MCL Tourney Plainville L 45-51 Norton W 46-37 Hill City L 28-44	Plainville W 64-55	Smith Center W 57-44	Natoma W 73-42	Norton W 53-34	11 wins	
Phillipsburg L 44-63	Palco L 39-41	Stockton W 58-54	Hill City W 61-52	Victoria L 47-64	Quinter L 45-53	Spearville L 49-70	Northern Valley W 65-49	Substate @ Plainville Hill City W 67-64 Trego L 45-53	11 losses

WRESTLERS DOMINATE COMPETITION

SIX-POINT DECISION

State wrestling means a lot of work for me. I prepared for state by working hard in practice and staying focused. I was really excited when I made it to state my first year of high school. My favorite part was actually going and the challenge it is to place there. It is different wrestling at state because you wrestle people you never have wrestled before. I wasn't really nervous, though, because I have wrestled for five years and went to state four times in kids' wrestling. My favorite wrestling memory ever is when I placed 4th at kids' state wrestling last year. There's no question--I will definitely wrestle again next year.

-Austin Lopez

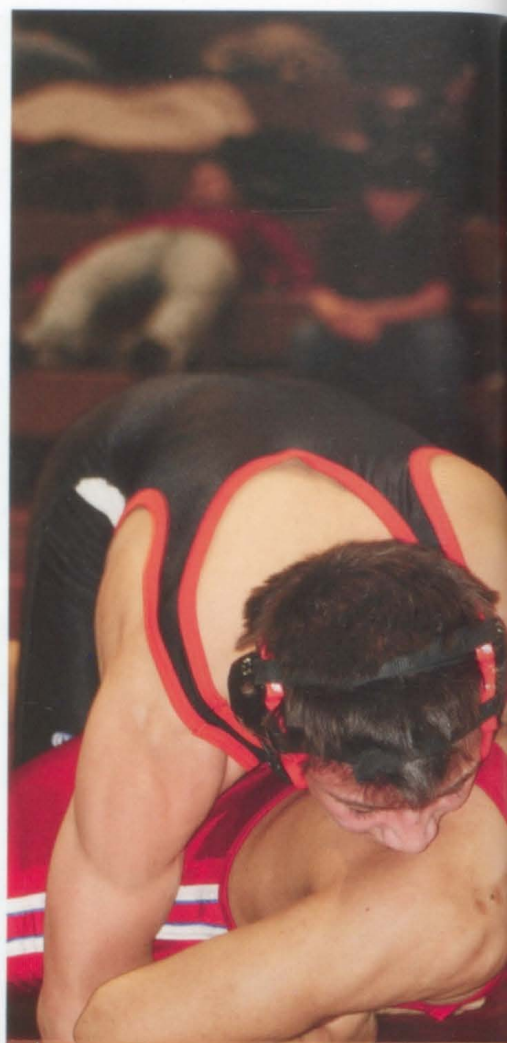


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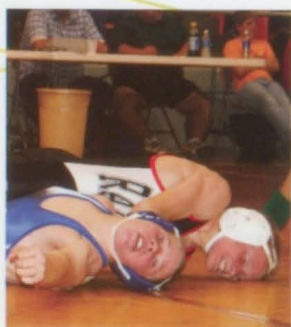


State Wrestling means a lot of work for me. A lot went into making the wrestling page for the website. There was lots of FTP'ing, updating on the front page, and updating brackets and pictures. I did the team scores and took pictures during the first half of the event. I also drank a ton of Mountain Dew. I got to watch a bit of the wrestling, but I was pretty busy with the web page. The tournament itself was pretty exciting. What stood out most was the huge amount of people there from each school and how loud they cheered for their wrestlers. Working the web page at state wrestling was a lot of fun.

-Alex Lovato

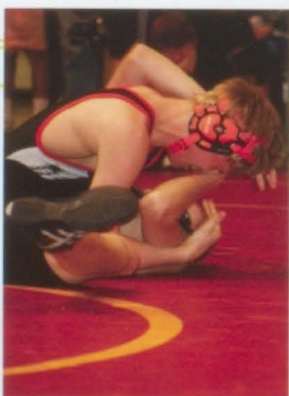


WORK THE TURK State qualifier **Austin Lopez** finishes off a "turk" against a Dodge City opponent during the Bob Kuhn Prairie Classic in Hays. **Lopez** says the best time to attempt a turk is when the opponent is laying flat on his belly with his arms up. His favorite move, though, is the "chicken wing." Photo by Kara Hackney



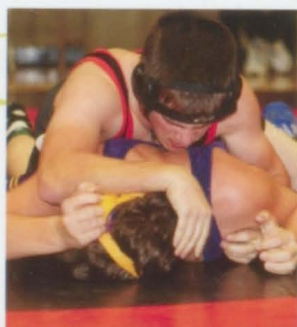
FLAT TO THE MAT

Forcing his opponent's shoulders to the mat, **Riley Hunsicker** waits for the pin to be called during the Osborne wrestling meet. **Hunsicker** was runner-up to the state title this year. Photo by Caroline Beilman



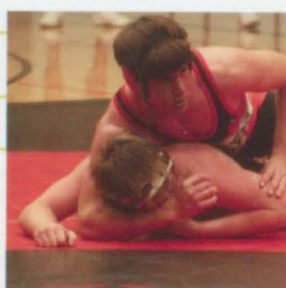
GIVE IT WHAT YOU'VE GOT

Ethan LaBarge works to earn his team six points and advance to the next round. **LaBarge** has been wrestling for thirteen years. Photo by Kara Hackney



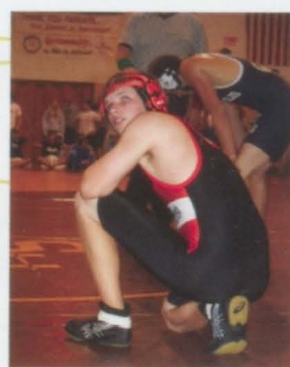
A WHOLE LOT OF HALF

In control of the mat, **Justin Henrickson** attempts a "power half" on Rubin Sherwood from WaKeeney. "Seeing four of my teammates make it to state topped off my senior year," **Henrickson** said. Photo by Caroline Beilman



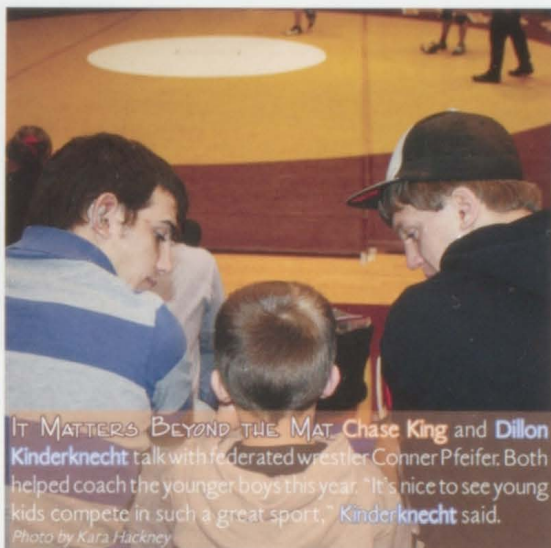
FACE FATE

Listening to the advice of Coach Dinkel, **William Poland** attempts a "crossface" during the dual against Osborne. **Poland** almost qualified for state, losing his last match at Regionals in overtime. Photo by Kara Hackney

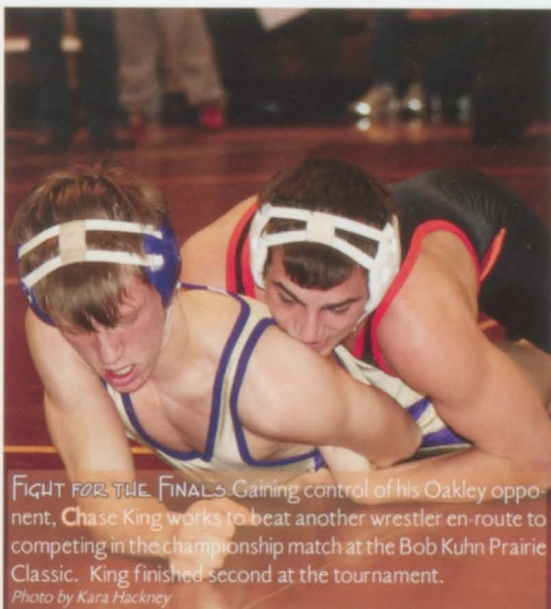


TWO MORE MINUTES

Steven Schmidt debates on which position to start the third period in. He looks up at the clock to see how much time is left during the Osborne wrestling tournament. Photo by Caroline Beilman



IT MATTERS BEYOND THE MAT Chase King and Dillon Kinderknecht talk with federated wrestler Conner Pfeifer. Both helped coach the younger boys this year. "It's nice to see young kids compete in such a great sport," Kinderknecht said.
Photo by Kara Hackney



FIGHT FOR THE FINALS Gaining control of his Oakley opponent, Chase King works to beat another wrestler en-route to competing in the championship match at the Bob Kuhn Prairie Classic. King finished second at the tournament.
Photo by Kara Hackney

Coach's Corner



COACH CASEY DINKEL

Nickname: "Chuck Norris, he does kind of look like me."

Years of Coaching: 12 years

Quote: "Winning is not determined by how many matches you win, but what you learned while trying. We all enjoy winning...but more importantly it is what you do

with your life after wrestling and high school. My job is to give these kids everything necessary to be successful in life: learn how to win and lose, take on a challenge, be respectful to others, your attitude will get you far in life, never leave anyone behind (help each and every person along the way), be respectful to the weakest link, and someday you will be that person."

Other fun facts:

Coach Dinkel enjoys fishing and woodworking.

Coach In Action



OUT OF THE COACH As he watches a match during the dual held in Ellis, Coach Dinkel advises a wrestler on what to do next.
Photo by Heather Weber

Wrestling

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KARA HACKNEY

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125 lbs. Justin Henrickson (6-18)	135 lbs. Steven Schmidt (4-16)	152 lbs. Dillon Kinderknecht (28-11)	215 lbs. Jacob Begler (13-14)
119 lbs. Austin Lopez (23-13)		171 lbs. Todd Smith (4-6)	
112 lbs. Riley Hunsicker (26-8)	130 lbs. Ethan LaBarge (8-17)	145 lbs. Josh Reilly (0-6)	289 lbs. Garrett Rupp (6-1)
		160 lbs. Chase King (30-10) Nate Townley (3-8) Zack Werth (5-6)	189 lbs. William Poland (15-8)

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THE REAL SHOW IS ON THE SIDELINES

GET 'EM ON THEIR FEET

This was my 4th year going to cheer camp, and I was pumped! On the way to cheer camp I was excited, but sad that it was my last year! As soon as we arrived, we spent 5 minutes getting ready because we had to take a group photo. At camp this year we learned a lot of new dances and cheers. We also learned about teamwork! This year we went to a UCA camp instead of the traditional NCA camp. One thing I will never forget about cheer camp is Tina and I sharing a twin bed because she had a spider above hers. Camp was fun but I don't think I'll miss it!

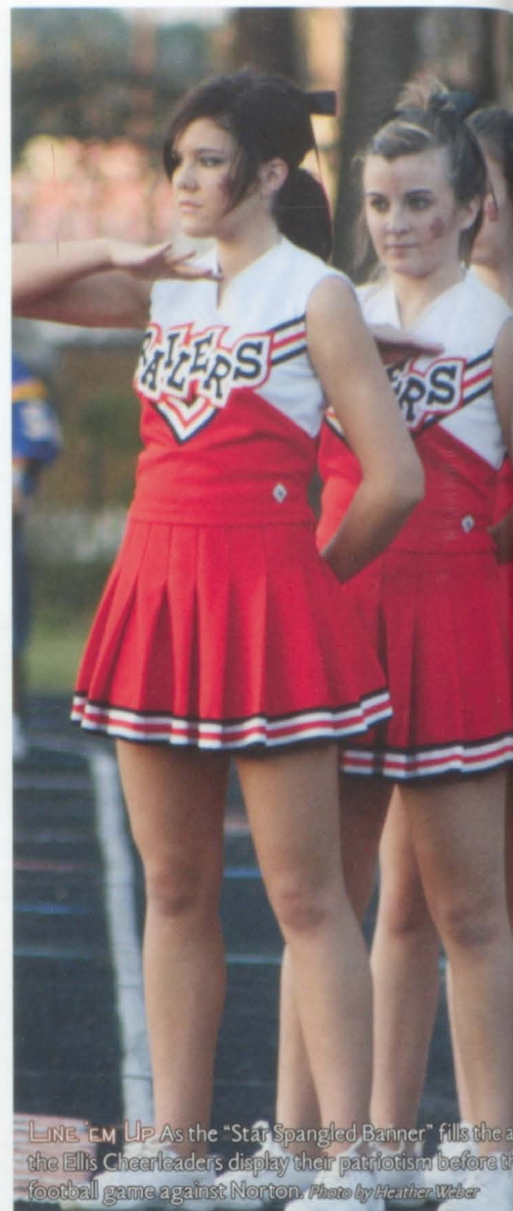
Rachael Hamel



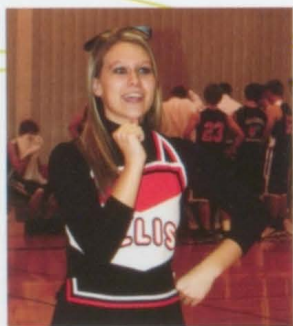
You Had to Be There

This was my 1st year at cheer camp, and I was pumped! On the way there, I was excited thinking about the stuff we'd be doing. The first thing we did when we got there was get unpacked and settled in, and take a team photo. The best part about camp was getting to know all of the other girls, and even the ones I didn't really know I got to bond with. Our sessions ended at about 7 each night and we got to go back to our dorms and pretty much just hang out. Most of the nights we didn't sleep much. Camp was awesome and I definitely want to do it again next year.

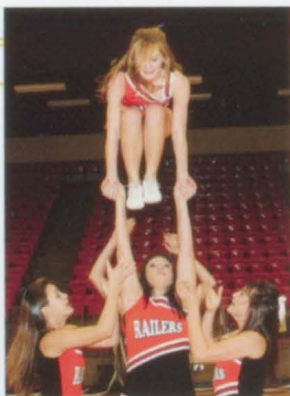
Jessie Stanton



LINE 'EM UP As the "Star Spangled Banner" fills the air, the Ellis Cheerleaders display their patriotism before the football game against Norton. Photo by Heather Weber



THIS IS RAILER TERRITORY Lacey Gaschler leads the crowd during a time out cheer. The cheerleaders were present at every football, basketball, and wrestling event this season. Photo by Kara Hackney



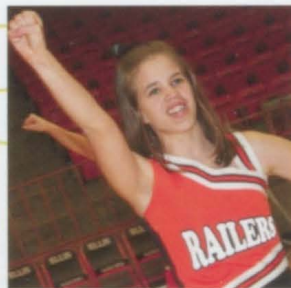
LEAP FROG

Rachael Hamel, Kimberly Gottschalk and Kara Hackney perform the "Leap Frog Stunt." This stunt consists of the flyer leaping from the back of the stunt to the front.



POM POM POWER

Shouting loud Rachael Hamel shows her orange and black spirit by shaking her pom poms. "One of my favorite things about cheerleading is stunting. It's fun to throw Christina into the air!" Hamel said. Photo by Sarah Fischer

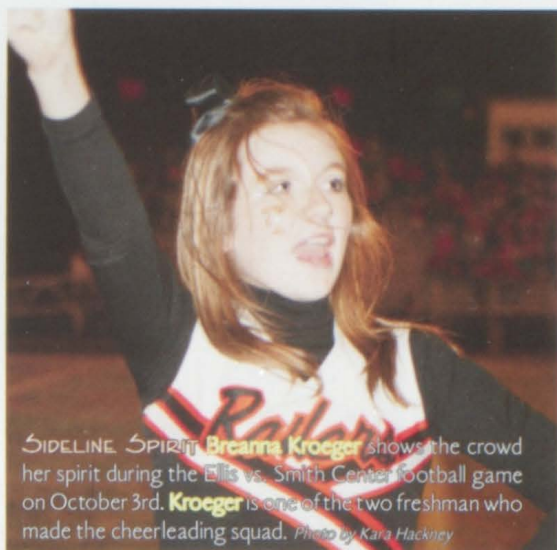
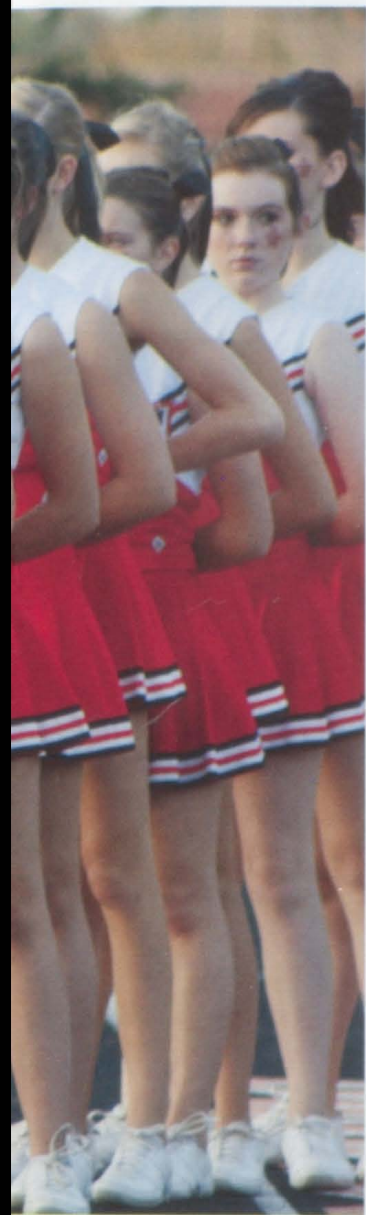


DO IT DO IT

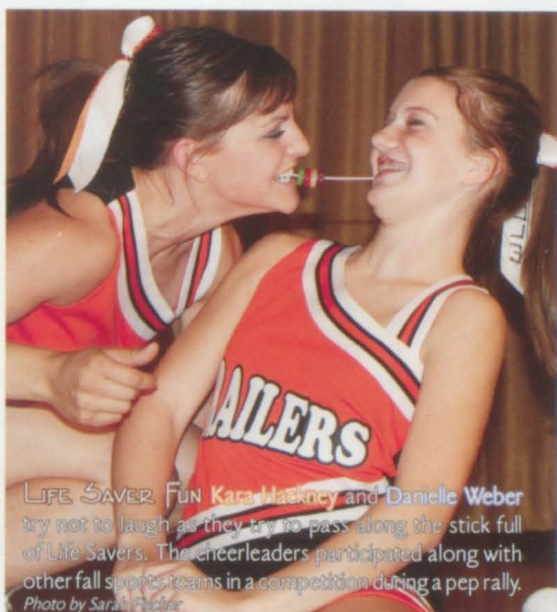
Jennifer Kinderknecht leads her class in the class competition cheer. The "Do It" cheer is done at every pep rally to pump up the student body. Photo by Sarah Fischer



FLYING HIGH Danielle Weber is lifted into a stunt by Breanna Kroeger, Chelsey Walters, and Jessica Stanton during a timeout at a home basketball game. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



SIDELINE SPIRIT Breanna Kroeger shows the crowd her spirit during the Ellis vs. Smith Center football game on October 3rd. Kroeger is one of the two freshman who made the cheerleading squad. Photo by Kara Hackney



LIFE SAVER FUN Kara Hackney and Danielle Weber try not to laugh as they try to pass along the stick full of Life Savers. The cheerleaders participated along with other fall sports teams in a competition during a pep rally. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Coach's Corner



COACH KRISTI BITTEL

Nickname:

Bittel or Bailee's Mom

Years of Coaching:

Two

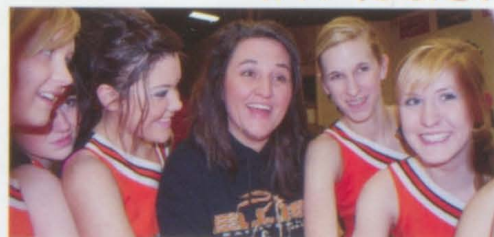
Quote:

"Next time someone tells you cheerleading is easy, tell them to do your routine and then get back to you."

Other fun facts:

Attended school at Colby High School, Colby Community College and FHSU. Was a cheerleader in high school and her first year of college and on the dance team her second year.

Coach In Action



BRING IT ON IN Coach Kristi Bittel brings the cheerleaders into a huddle to give them a pep talk before the pep rally and send off for the girl's basketball team. The cheerleaders were also getting ready to cheer at Bramlage Coliseum for 2A State Basketball. Photo by Sarah Fischer

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Rachael Hamel



Caroline Beilman
Co-Captain



Jennifer Kinderknecht



Rachel Mick



Chelsey Walters



Breanna Kroeger

Christina Unrein
Captain



Kara Hackney



Danielle Weber



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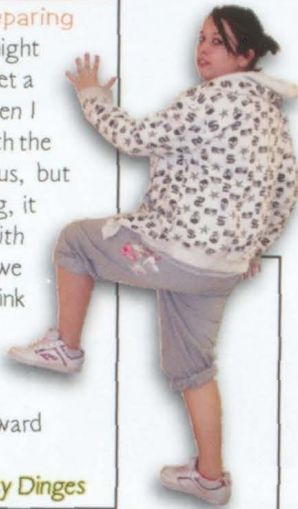


BAND AND CHOIR COMBINE FOR CONCERT

EACH NOTE COUNTS

We worked hard preparing for this concert. The night before, I made sure to get a good night's sleep. When I was lining up to stand with the sopranos, I was nervous, but when we started singing, it went away. I like singing with the choir because once we really know the song, I think it sounds spectacular! Overall, I think the concert went well, and I am already looking forward to next year!

-Nancy Dinges



You Had to Be There

We worked hard preparing for this concert. Going into the concert, I felt very nervous. I was hoping we would be able to play the songs the right way like we practiced. Then when we played, I felt good and was confident. Performing in front of an audience wasn't too bad since I've been playing in band for awhile now. After we were done playing, I went back and put away my instrument and celebrated being done with those songs. All in all, the concert was successful and went way better than I expected.

-Kelsey Butler



PATIENTLY WAITING
Brooke Graves' clarinet rests on her lap in-between measures. Graves has played in band for 5 years.

DYNAMIC DUO
Ryan Weber and William Poland sing a duet solo during "Silent Night."

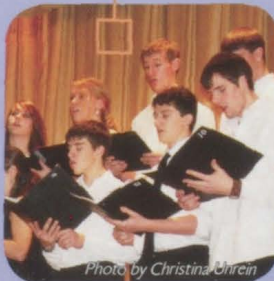


FLUENT FLUTIST
Jerry Hollem, fourth chair flute, plays her part during the concert. "My favorite part of band is the people I'm with," Hollem said.



GETTING SOME AIR
Breanna Ellison warms up her horn prior to the concert. Ellison was first chair in the KMEA Orchestra in February.

COVENTRY CAROL
Singing holiday tunes, the choir welcomes in the Christmas season.



SING A SONG
Brooke Graves, Ciara Hespe, Kayla Jacques, Heather Weber, and Bernadette Frickey, five of the ten Railairre girls, perform during the concert.



Guess Who



GIVE IT SOME TIME
Kerry Robb, Breanna Ellison and Chase King enjoy a little bonding time in the band room before the concert.

Photo by Chelsea Leiker



ENCORE HONOR
KMEA Honor Band members Breanna Ellison and Maggie Zody lend their talents to the performance.

Photo by Christina Unrein



BEST SEATS
Brooke Graves, first chair clarinet, performs a number with second chair clarinet Danielle Weber.

Photo by Christina Unrein



OPEN YOUR VOICES
The sopranos join together to perform "Coventry Carol," one of the three songs they sang that night.

Photo by Christina Unrein

ELLIS STUDENTS TRAVEL THE COUNTRY CLIMATE CHANGES

BEACH WALK

Enjoying his winter break, **Gideon Fuchs** walks on the beach in Jacksonville, Fla.

CHEERY SURPRISE

Danielle Weber cracks up as she reveals an Edward Cullen poster as her cheer-leading Christmas present.



Photo by Kara Hackney

COLORADO OR Bust

Enjoying his winter break the right way, **Daniel Honas** (right) and his family headed to Colorado to ski their break away.

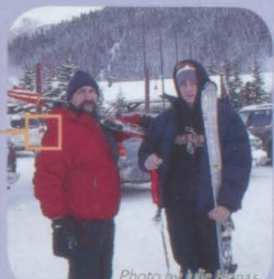


Photo by Julie Honas

THREE AMIGOS

At **Matthew Erbert's** Christmas Extravaganza, **Jared Herl**, **Clay Barton**, and **Jacob Kinderknecht** get cozy on the couch.

SHARP SHOOTER

Jared Herl plays a game of pool at **Whitney Taylor's** New Year's Eve party.



Photo by Christina Unrein



Photo by Kara Hackney

DECKED OUT

Gideon Fuchs, dressed from head to toe in holiday attire, offers up a Mountain Dew at the Christmas Extravaganza.



Photo by Christina Unrein

It was nice to get out of Ellis for winter break this year. Every Christmas, we either celebrate at my house or go somewhere else to enjoy break. This year I went to Colorado Springs to escape small-town life for awhile. I left on Christmas Day and drove the whole way with my family and my dogs. The only downer of the trip was that we usually get to open our presents Christmas morning, but this year we had to wait for my dad to arrive that night, so the anticipation was building up all day.

Kathryn Sleight



You Had to Be There

It was nice to get out of Ellis for winter break this year. My family and I went to Jacksonville, Florida. I went for one sole reason: the Nebraska Cornhuskers are my team. They were playing in the Gator Bowl against Clemson. It must have been the luck I brought from Kansas because they won 26 to 21 which was pretty exciting. Not only did the Huskers win, but we got to go for a nice walk on the beach and enjoy a few other things. The only problem was I had to come home and face school once again.

Gideon Fuchs



Winter Break

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CHRISTINA UNREIN

"Over Christmas break, I enjoyed staying home. I also went to Memorial a few times and just hung out around Ellis."

Kevin Robb

"This Christmas break was better [than last year] because I spent it in one spot. The year before, I was moving to Ellis over break."

Sierra Shore

"I went to Vero Beach, FL to play in an Under Armour National Baseball Tournament, where my team won. I also got to swim in the Atlantic Ocean."

Chase King

"During break this year, I traveled to Denver, CO to see my aunt. I also visited the the huge downtown Denver Aquarium."

Jessica Estrada



Guess Who



THE BIG SHOW MAKES AN APPEARANCE AN IDEA AS BIG AS LIFE

The Big Show is just a big circle of friends. The first time I ever heard about it was from Clay and Gideon. I didn't know I would ever appear on the show, but when I started coming up with some ideas, I got in some episodes. It is just so much fun working with Gideon, Kyle, and Clay. It makes me feel great when people tell me how much they enjoy the show. I like making people laugh and am glad to do that. This was one of the most creative ideas to come up while I've been in high school, and I'm just glad I was a part of it.

- Matthew Erbert



You Had to Be There

The Big Show is just a big circle of friends. It all started when Gideon and I were going to shoot ourselves turkey hunting, but then decided to make a talk show instead. We came up with the show in two days. My favorite episode is a tie between the first "Cooking with Kyle" and the one where we sing "Heat of the Moment." We like being famous too. It makes us feel special, like we're better than everyone else. We already know we are, but being recognized for it just further solidifies the fact. The big show was a BIG hit!

- Clay Barton



STARRING...
Clay Barton and Gideon Fuchs end the show with the classic point.

FEEL THE POWER
Justin Henrickson puts his energy into outthrowing Matt Cunningham in a cow patty throwing contest.



What Now?
Chase King and Jordan Lang prank Mr. Mick. They had Mr. Mick hold a bowl of water to the ceiling using a yard stick and left him out to dry.



LIKE A BIRD
Jared Herl, Matthew Erbert, Kyle Hadley, Gideon Fuchs, and Clay Barton perform Heat Of the Moment by Asia.

SLAMMIN'
During a segment with GPD, Chase King creates the illusion of a slam dunk.



OFF AND RUNNING
Kyle Hadley hurdles over the net to try to escape Matt Erbert. Hadley and Erbert aren't makers, but featured most weeks.



All photos on the page are stills from The Big Show

Guess Who



OH LA LA
Ryan Weber works it for a fashion show. "I think the Big Show is one of the best ideas our school has ever had," Weber says.



MIND FREAK
Jacob Kinderknecht interprets a dream in the segment "Dream Telling with Jake." The show features special guests every week.



MISSION POSSIBLE?
Scott Fuller looks at the challenge before him: eating 8 saltine crackers in a minute. Fuller failed, only eating three.



LIP AND AWAY
Matt Cunningham demonstrates to The Big Show cast how to properly heave a cow patty to get a maximum distance.

FOCUS ON THE 5TH QUARTER

THE POST-GAME PLAN

Focus

Aaron Gnad, Cole Hickey, Isaac Henman, Ryan Weber, and Debra Massier try to out-play each other.

CHIT-CHAT

Joey Kitzman and Kayla Casey visit while enjoying some free nachos.



Photo by Paige Reilly

It's WAR

Danielle Weber and Bethany Polifka play a mean game of air hockey. "Beth and I are always competitive, but air hockey is the worst," Weber said.



Photo by Paige Reilly



Photo by Paige Reilly

CHILL OUT

Todd Smith, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Shelby Gottschalk, Erin Groff, Maggie Zody, and Ciara Hespe watch movies in the back.

DOUBLE TEAM

Nicole Pfeifer and Patrick Dreiling go for the win in a high-stakes foosball game.

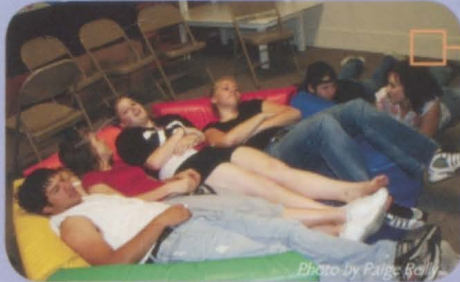


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TOP TABLE

Haley Wolf dominates the ping-pong table on any given Friday night. "I've only been beaten a few times, mostly by Ryan or Kyle," Wolf said.



Photo by Paige Reilly

The first thing I do at 5th Quarter is get me some pop and munch. I spend most of my time eating. A slice of good pizza should be every American's dream. Not everything was good, though. One night, as I jumped on the back of my friend's pickup, he started driving and I fell off. There was blood everywhere. I had to be carried into Fifth Quarter to wait for my ride.

- Cole Hickey



You Had to Be There

The first thing I do at 5th Quarter is get me some pop and munch. I like hanging out at the video games. I spend most of my time playing video games and listening to people talk. I love the new Wii that was added. I'll always remember playing "Fusion Frenzy" with the guys. Fifth Quarter was right up my alley, and I'd be a fool to miss it.

- Debra Massier



5TH QUARTER

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CHIEF LADY

LUCK OF THE DRAW

Phoenix Jenkins grabs his prize after his name was called in a drawing. 5th Quarter prizes vary from silly putty to gift cards. Photo by Paige Reilly



BUILD ME UP

Kerry Robb enjoys a little Jenga. "From now on, it's going to be difficult finding free food on Friday nights," Robb said. Photo by Paige Reilly



LOVE SOLDIER

Josh Reilly tests his gaming abilities at Super Nintendo. 5th Quarter also has X-Box and Wii game systems. Photo by Paige Reilly



SISTERLY LOVE

Jamie Durham and Emily Durham skip out on the games to attend to Emily's baby for parenting. Photo by Paige Reilly



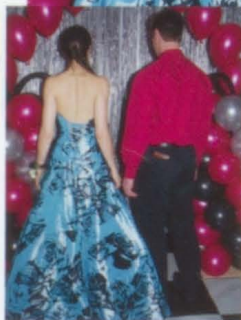
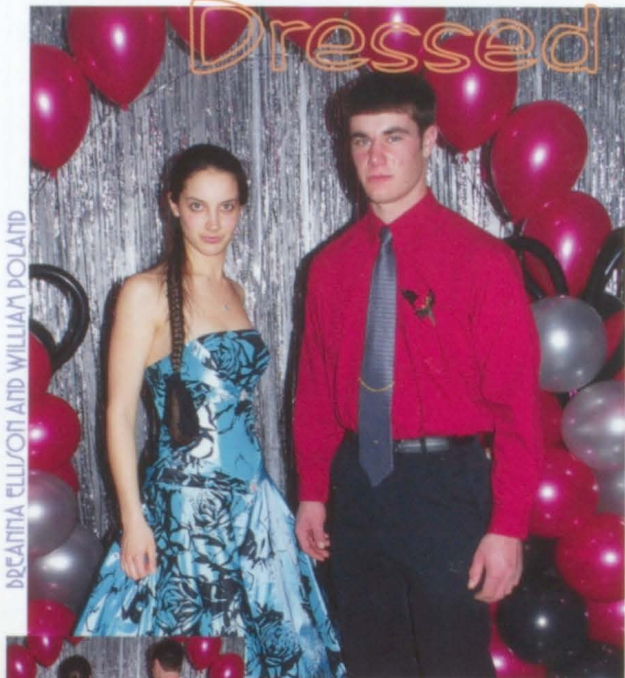
Guess Who



Best

Dressed

BREANNA ELLISON AND WILLIAM POLAND



Breanna Ellison and **William Poland** were voted the best dressed for Snoball 2009. Best Dressed is a new addition to the yearbook this year. A majority of students who attended the dance were asked for their opinion on who they thought were the "Best Dressed." At the end of the night, Breanna and William had received the most tallies.

JUST DANCE Debra Massier gets groovy as Matthew Erbert envies her wicked awesome moves. "For Snoball I decided to wear the Kimono I had owned prior to the dance. I really enjoy attending the dances, they are always a lot of fun," Massier said. Photo by Kara Hackney

ROYALTY FOR A NIGHT This year's Snoball Royalty pose for a picture during the crowning. **Kendra Mickelson** and **Justin Hendrickson** were elected Snoball queen and king by the other KAY members. Photo by Brooke Graves



What did you spend?



"This year for Snoball I spent way more than I did the year before. I spent \$60 on my pants, \$30 on my shirt, and \$30 on my tie. For dinner the total for my date and I was \$22.67, and it was \$5 to get into the dance."

Daniel Honas

"At Snoball this year, I spent \$250 on my dress. I bought my \$10 dinner by myself because I am an independent woman and didn't have a date. I already had my shoes, so they were free."

Ciara Hespe



"I spent less this year on Snoball than I did last year. My dress was \$89, my shoes (which were flip flops) were \$.99, and Kimberly did my hair."

Jessica Lopez



"At my former school I never attended any of the dances, so this was my first one. As far as how much I spent, it was nothing. Snoball was absolutely free for me this year."

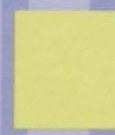
Natasha Hollingshead



"For Snoball this year I barely spent a dime. I had all of my clothes and shoes prior to the dance. The only thing I did happen to buy during the night of the dance was food from McDonald's, which cost around \$10."

Kevin Robb

SNOBALL CHARGES UP THE NIGHT It's ELECTRIC!



I thought Snoball this year was a blast. Before the dance I like to listen to music while I get ready, more specifically "I Like to Move it Move it" from Madagascar. It gets me pretty pumped. When I walked into the school that evening, I was excited and thinking about how I was gonna get my groove on. My favorite part of the night was dancing with my friends. I think I contribute to the experience with my dancing and I make the pictures people take better. I honestly think future generations will be deprived without me at their dances.

-Kyle Hadley



You Had to Be There

I thought Snoball this year was a blast. I got ready for the dance at my house beforehand, then some of my friends and I went to Carlos O' Kelly's in Hays. Walking into the dance, I was really proud of the decorations. It turned out very well for not ordering a kit this year—we did everything on our own. My favorite part of the dance was dancing and having fun with my friends. Everyone seemed to have a pretty good time, and Kyle's dancing was hilarious, as usual. Since it was my last Snoball, I'm glad it was really good; I had a lot of fun.

-Kendra Mickelson



SNOBALL

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PAGE KENNY



DOWN DOWN, DO YOUR DANCE
A few students get their groove on while dancing to the Cupid Shuffle, a popular group dance number. "I thought the dance this year was pretty fun," Kelsey Noble said. Photo by Brooke Graves



FROM A GIRL'S EYE VIEW
Chantel Gabel snaps a picture of herself and classmate Shelby Gottschalk during the dance. Many students bring their digital cameras to the dances. Photo by Brooke Graves



GLAMOROUS
Kyle Hadley and Matthew Erbert make their presence known at the dance. "Kyle Hadley and I are the two biggest beasts to walk the halls of this high school at the same time," Erbert said. Photo by Brooke Graves



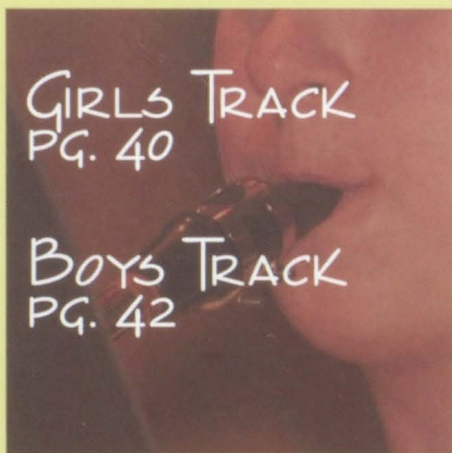
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
Matthew Cunningham hurries back to escort his forgotten date, Kathryn Sleigh, during the Snoball crowning of the junior class. Photo by Brooke Graves



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK
Heather Weber works diligently on the "Electric Love" banner. "This year for Snoball it took us a lot less time to decorate than the year before," Weber said. Photo by Sarah Fischer

SPRING

FEVER



GIRLS TRACK
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BOYS TRACK
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GOLF
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SOFTBALL
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BASEBALL
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2009

Places to Be

For Spring

My Locker

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The place to be is at my locker because I never eat the school lunches, so I always have food. People know I'm the person to come to when they're hungry.



Erin Groff

Seminar



Garrett Rupp

Seminar in Mr. Carroll's room because I got a lot more homework done than I would've without it.

2

Lunch

3

Lunch because there's food and no teachers to assign you homework.



Joey Augustine

Art Room



Alicia Lang

The art room because it's a release from everything else in school and it's my venting class.

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DINNER THEATRE
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FORENSICS NIGHT
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GRADUATION
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Spring Division

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BROOKE GRAMES

even when it was better to leave it unspoken.

YOUR ALL

Girls Track Records



HALEY WOLF
New School Record
Pole Vault
9 feet 6 inches
1600 meter

"I was relieved after I beat the record. I thought I should have beat it a long time ago, but now that it finally happened, I am happy and moving on to higher goals."

Photo by Christina Unren



WHITNEY TAYLOR
New State Record
Discus
144 feet 2 inches

"I was really excited when I beat the record because I was so close my freshman year and I knew I could break it. I was really nervous because I had 2 girls throwing with me that could rebreak it."

Photo by Kara Hackney



ERIN GROFF
New School Record
Shot Put
35 feet 6.5 inches

"It was pretty thrilling breaking the record twice in one year. Plus, breaking it the second also got me 7th in state, so it was a double win."

Photo by Chelsea Leiker

SWEET VICTORY The girls poses with their trophy after winning the 2A state track meet in Wichita. The title is the first state championship in Ellis girls history. Photo by Matthew Ebert



UP AND OVER During the 300 hurdles, **Kayla Jacques** strives to finish out the last few hurdles. **Jacques** placed 2nd at the Plainville Invitational. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



HANDING IT OFF RIGHT At the Ellis track meet, **Jamie Durheim** hands the baton to **Jennifer Kinderknecht** during the 4 X 400 meter relay. Photo by Heather Weber



CATCHING UP Striving to get ahead, **Bethany Polifka** competes along with **Kayla Jacques**, **Haley Wolf** and **Paige Reilly** in the 4x400 meter relay at the KT Woodman meet. Photo by Kara Hackney



4 X 100 RELAY
New School Record
Kara Hackney, Whitney Taylor, Bethany Polifka and Paige Reilly
50.75 seconds

"The 4x100 record was the oldest one on the board and we knew we could beat it, so we just went out there and did work," **Whitney Taylor** said.

Photo by Chelsea Leiker

BREAKING RECORDS

RAILER GIRLS TAKE STATE

My sister and I usually do the same activities, but this year I went out for track. I decided to do track this year because I absolutely loved it in junior high and did pretty good then, but in high school the competition was a lot tougher. Practice was a bit tougher too, depending on the day. Some days we would have to run long distance over a mile's worth. Other days we would just do easy buildups or sprints. My favorite part of the track season was the meets and the best memory would have to be seeing the Ellis boys break the Weightmen's Relay school record in person! I probably will go out again for track next year.

Jenny Hollern



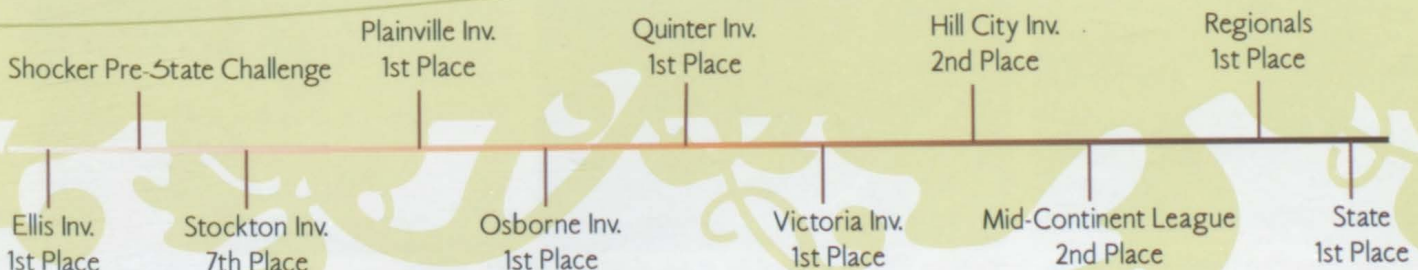
You Had to Be There

My sister and I usually do the same activities, but this year I went out for softball. I was in track in Junior High and the best part was that the practices were always short. I liked softball much better though, because I'm actually decent at it. My favorite part about softball is the team in general; there never seems to be a dull moment in practice, or at games. It was different without my sister, though. We usually do everything together. But it was a good different doing my own thing this year. I'm glad I chose softball and I plan on doing it for the next 3 years.

-Shelby Hollern



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YOUR ALL



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

DANIEL
HONAS

Long Jump
400 M

"I jumped 19ft 9.75in. at the freshman/sophomore Trego meet. No big deal. My best 400 was 55.33s at Trego."



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

JACOB
BEGLER

Javelin

"I think my best throw in javelin was 141 feet. I threw that at the Ellis Invitational."



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

TANNER
GUGLER

1600 M
800 M

"My best time for the mile was 5:43. My best time for the 800 was 2:24. I got both of those times at the Hill City meet."



PASS THE BUCK On the final leg of the 4x400m relay, **Austin Lopez** hands the baton off to teammate **Dylan Krause** at the Ellis Invitational, the first meet of the season. Photo by Heather Weber



PREPARE FOR LIFT-OFF During the Plainville Invitational, **Ryan Weber** triple jumps for his first time at a meet. **Weber's** best jump was 37' 9" at Plainville. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



THROW DOWN **Matthew Erbert** heaves his shot put for regionals at Meade. **Erbert** made it to state in shot and discus and placed 7th in discus. Photo by Kara Hackney



GO THE DISTANCE Reaching for the pit, **Kyle Hadley** tries to out-jump his opponents during the Ellis Invitational. **Hadley's** best jump was 16' 1". Photo by Christina Unrein



GIDEON FUCHS

Javelin
Weightman's Relay

"I threw 143 ft 3 in. in javelin in Hill City. Our fastest undefeated school record fatmans was 50.08s in Victoria."

PERSONAL VICTORIES

NOTHING TASTES SWEETER

Improvement is the best part of track. I decided to go out for track this year because I wanted to see the difference between high school and junior high track. This year, I did the 400, 800, triple jump, and the 4x400m relay. I think I did the best at Trego. Trego is my favorite track in the league. I really enjoyed meeting girls from other towns. That was pretty fun. I think I did alright this year; I improved a little from when I did track in junior high. Looking back on it, it was a lot of fun.

- Kyle Weber



You Had to Be There

Improvement is the best part of track. I decided to go out for track this year to improve myself from the previous years that I went out for track. I've been in track since 7th grade and really enjoyed it. The events I did were the 100, 300 hurdles, 4x100m relay, and the 200. I think I did pretty well for my last year. I placed in most of the meets. That's a lot better than last year when I only placed maybe twice in the hurdles. I'm pretty proud of how I did this year and had a lot of fun.

- Brandon Geschwentner



Boys Track

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CHelsea Leiker

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Clay Barton

Shot put
Discus
Weightman's
Relay

Kyle Hadley

Long jump
Weightman's
Relay

Brandon Geschwentner

300 hurdles
100 M
200 M
4x100 relay

Kerry Robb

Shot put
Javelin

Matthew Erbert

Shot put
Discus
Weightman's
Relay

Gideon Fuchs

Javelin
Weightman's
Relay

Ryan Weber

Long jump
Triple jump
400 M

Jacob Begler

Javelin

State Qualifiers:
Clay Barton
Matt Erbert

Phoenix Jenkins

High jump
4x100 relay

Tanner Gugler

1600 M
800 M

Daniel Honas

Long jump
400 M

Logan Mattheyer

Javelin
Shot put
Discus

Scott Fuller

Shot put
Discus
Javelin

Dylan Krause

100 M
200 M
4x100 relay

Austin Lopez

High jump
4x100 relay
400 M
800 M

Kyle Weber

Triple jump
400 M
800 M

State Placers:
Matt Erbert
Discus - 7th

YOUR ALL

ETHAN LABARGE

Years in golf: 3

"I loved having Chelsey on the team again this year because she made it fun. We laughed and talked about anything and everything."

Photo by Matt Carroll

ISAAC HENMAN

Years in golf: 1

"The best thing in golf was eating after the meets."

Photo by Heather Weber

CHELSEY WALTERS

Years in golf: 2

"One of my favorite memories of golf was the time Ethan locked his keys in his car and was about a half hour late to practice. We made fun of him all day."

Photo by Matt Carroll



WIDE OPEN SPACE Josh Reilly prepares to take a long shot during the Ellis Invitational in April. This year was the very first time that Reilly has ever golfed. Photo by Heather Weber



SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF Cole Hickey waits for his turn to take a putt. Hickey's best round was a 109 which was scored at the Ellis tournament. Photo by Matt Carroll



GO GREEN! Ben Leiker works the greens during a golf meet. Leiker, a first-year golf team member, said his favorite part of golf was "eating McDonald's." Photo by Matt Carroll



SCORE KEEPER In between holes, Ethan LaBarge keeps track of his and the rest of his competitors' strokes. LaBarge had the lowest stroke on the Ellis team. Photo by Matt Carroll

YOUR ALL

Lady Railers set goals for the season



STACI BITTEL
My goal this season was to be a better brick wall for my pitchers.

"If you aren't a brick wall for your pitcher, then you can allow more people to score on passed balls, which isn't a good thing."



Photo by Kelsey Gehrer

KAYLA CASEY
My goal for this season was to have better, quicker lead-offs.

"Base running is an extremely important part to your offense. If you don't know how to run the bases, then you can't score."



Photo by Kelsey Gehrer

STEPHANIE YOUNG
My goal for this season was to attack at the plate.

"You have to attack at the plate to be able to run the bases and score for your team."

SUE'S SAFE Jordan Lang slides into home plate on a passed ball. "Sliding was definitely one of my favorite things to do," Lang said. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



TRANSFERS Throwing her hands to the ball, **Brooke Graves** attacks at the plate. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



Watch It In Watching for the pitch, **Shelby Hollem** looks to score off of third base. Hollem was the only freshman out for softball this year. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



SAY YOU CAN Coach Terra Upham calls a time-out on the field to get the girls' heads back into the game. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



KENDRA MICKELSON
 My goal for this season was to do better all around on the pitching mound.

"I think my overall performance on the mound this year was a lot better than last year. Our entire team was just all around better."

STRIVING TO IMPROVE

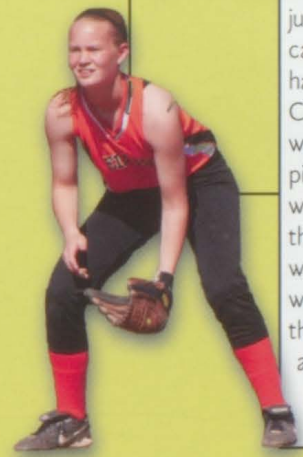
LEARNING MORE THAN FUNDAMENTALS

This year's softball barbeque didn't turn out quite like we expected. I was pretty much the instigator of the cake and frosting incident since I went for the first piece to squish in Kendra's face! She was spitting water on me so I decided to get revenge. After I smashed the cake in Kendra's face, Coach was saying, "You better not get that on me," so I put a little dollop on her, and she got up and got an entire piece and covered my face with it! After that, she squished another piece into my face and pushed me onto the ground and gave me a noogie in the dirt! It was a fun mess. It was good for Coach and the seniors, because it kind of gave us a chance to go out with a bang.

Bailee Bittel



You Had to Be There



This year's softball barbeque didn't turn out quite like we expected. It seemed that just out of nowhere Bailee started throwing cake. The whole thing was really crazy—Bailee had a face full of cake, which Kendra and Coach threw at her. The whole time I mostly watched, laughed, and ran away. Kendra was picking on Bailee, so Bailee grabbed her and we all poured water down her shirt. One of the most memorable parts was when Bailee was running from the cake and water, which was interesting with her injured ankle. The best thing though was that Bailee couldn't walk and then Coach T. came running at her with cake. It was a good way to end the season.

Ashley Augustine

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SOFTBALL

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Hays High JV W 9-7	Plainville W 18-17 W 11-8	Plainville W 13-9 L 11-13	Russell L 0-15 L 4-6	5 wins
Wilson L 4-14 L 1-11	Spearville L 0-9 L 1-21	Lincoln W 12-6 L 6-10	Colby L 0-12 L 1-12	11 losses
			Regionals Plainville L 9-11	

YOUR ALL



MATT CUNNINGHAM

Number 25
Second Base
Outfield

"I felt like this was a pretty good year, although the season didn't end how we wanted it to, we were still 16-5. I'm excited for next year, since we won't be losing too many players."

Photo by Kelsey Gehr



JACOB KINDERKNECHT

Number 12
Third Base
Centerfield
Pitcher

"This year was a lot different because we had such high expectations. We were also more experienced with this being our second year having baseball in the school."

Photo by Christina Gahr



AARON GNAD

Number 22
Outfield

"This year we fell short one game of going to state, but I think we have a good chance next year with all of our returning players."

3 STRIKES. YOU'RE OUT!

Dylan Pfeifer pitches the ball in hopes of a strike. "I felt the season was a real good one with a lot of improvements from everyone on the team," Pfeifer said.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



THROWING OUT After fielding a hit, Chase King throws the runner out during the Natoma game. King earned 2nd Team All-Class 21A pitcher honors at the end of the season.

Photo by Kelsey Gehr



SAFE STEAL Joey Kitzman steals and slides into 2nd base in a game against Natoma. "I think the season went really great, but I really wish we could have went to state," Kitzman said.

Photo by Kelsey Gehr



SWING AWAY Dillon Kinderknecht hits the ball with a full swing against Sylvan Grove. Ellis had two wins against Sylvan Grove, 12-1 and 4-2.

Photo by Sarah Fischer

PATRICK DREILING

Number 13
First Base

"This year I think we played a lot better as a team, even though regionals didn't go how we planned."

Photo by Kelsey Gehrer

CATCHING VICTORIES

SEASON ENDS ONE GAME SHORT

I've been in baseball for 13 years. I play shortstop and pitcher. I like playing baseball because of how it makes me feel being on the field. I think the best thing that happened this season team-wise was beating Hoisington both games of the double header. Something I'll always remember about this season was Matt Cunningham's 2-run home run to tie up the game against Plainville in the Regional Championship. This was my last year being able to go out for baseball in high school, but I'm going to try and walk-on at Fort Hays next year.

-Chase King



You Had to Be There

This was the first year that I have ever played baseball. I liked it a lot and it was really fun. This year I played outfield. My favorite part about being in baseball was that it wasn't very hard at all. I caught on pretty quick, and every day at practice was pretty easy. I will always remember my team because we worked so hard this year, so every time we were losing we would battle against the other team. It was a good experience overall and I'm glad I went out for it. I'll definitely go out again next year.

-Meny Rodriguez



BASEBALL

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Western Diamond Classic

Salina Central: 0-1

Colby: 0-7

Hays: 2-12

Goodland: 14-13

Regionals

Plainville

4-5

16 wins

5 losses

Hoisington

6-5

6-4

Natoma

11-0

12-0

Sylvan Grove

12-1

4-2

Wilson

15-0

11-1

Leoti

15-0

5-0

Lincoln

15-0

11-1

Plainville

9-7

4-19

Southeast of Saline

11-7

9-5

IT'S SHOWTIME

LIGHTS, CAMERA, RAILAIRRES

So much to do, so little time. I didn't do a solo for the show because I didn't want to be the only guy doing one, but I feel that the show overall went well. We really got down to business and worked hard so that we were well prepared. The dances were pretty easy to learn. We also got a lot of positive comments from some of the people who attended the show. In comparison to last year's show and this year's, I think that Mr. Robbins did a good job for his first dinner show.

-Matt Gehring



You Had to Be There

So much to do, so little time. I had to pick a solo. I'm an indecisive person, so choosing a piece was quite difficult. I did finally choose "I'm Feeling Good" by Michael Bublé, but not until two nights before I had to perform it. The song wasn't very hard to sing, but compared to previous songs I've sung, it was more difficult. I feel that this year's dinner theater went pretty well, even though we didn't have as much time as last year, and we did a lot of last-minute preparations.

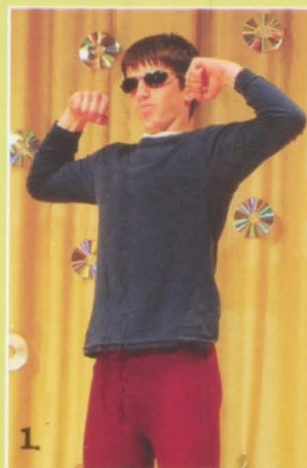
-Kayla Jacques



Remember when...

"Erin and Kim asked me if I wanted to be in a trio. I didn't really want to but said I would. A week later, Erin asked if Bern could do it instead. I gladly let her. I was backstage the night of the show. The three were ready to sing on stage, when the music wouldn't start. They stood there forever. Finally, Bern walked off to help. The lights dimmed. Erin and Kim walked back with red faces. That could have been me!"

-Chelsea Leiker



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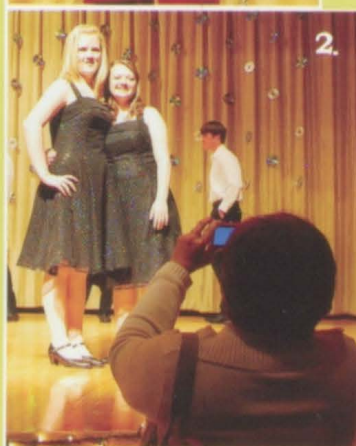
Kyle Weber flexes his muscles while posing as Spiderman during Maggie Zody's solo. Photo by Paige Reilly

2. PICTURE PERFECT

Bernadette Frickey and Stephanie Young pose after dinner theater for a picture. Both Frickey and Young are first time Railairres. Photo by Paige Reilly

3. THANKS, MOM!

Brooke Graves gives a special thanks to all of the moms of the performers before singing "Only Hope" from the movie "A Walk To Remember." Photo by Paige Reilly



4. SOMEWHERE OUT THERE

Erin Groff performs "Somewhere Out There" from the movie "American Tale." Photo by Paige Reilly

5. BIG THANKS

At the end of the show, Brooke Graves presents a thank you to Mr. Robbins from the Railairres. Mr. Robbins received a gift certificate to Arthur's Pizza. Photo by Paige Reilly

6. MY HAIR

Kimberly Gottschalk dances to the song "Hair." This song was the only choreographed song. Photo by Paige Reilly



WE'VE GOT TALENT

THE LEMURS PUT ON A SHOW

1. DUMBFOUNDED

Chelsea Leiker performs an IDA with partner Meliah Raub. "We didn't really remember it, but we got some laughs, so we must have done well," Leiker said.

Photo by Heather Weber

2. PUTTIN' ON A SHOW

Brandon Hespe performs an IDA at the annual forensics night.

Photo by Heather Weber

3. NO NERVES

Forensics night judge Kiley Wayman performs her poetry. "After doing forensics for three years, getting in front of people doesn't bother me," Wayman said.

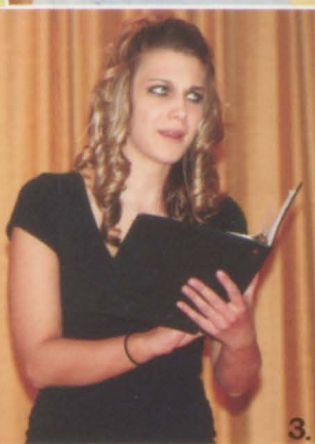
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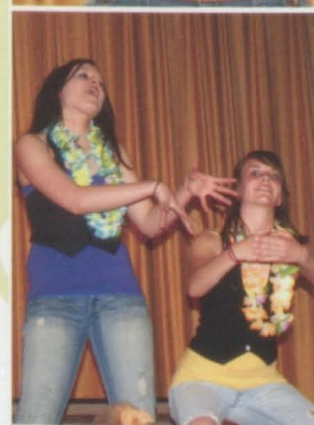
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4. HUMOR ALL AROUND

Maggie Zody performs her Humorous Solo during forensics night. Forensics night showcases different performers from throughout the year. Photo by Heather Weber

5. RODEO ALL THE TIME

Kara Hackney performs her informative speech about the treatment of livestock in the sport of rodeo. Photo by Heather Weber

6. BIG BAD PIGS

Chelsea Leiker and Nicole Pfeifer perform "The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig" during forensics night at EHS. Photo by Heather Weber

We only had one week to prepare for forensics night. I think we probably should've worked longer to prepare it. Nicole Pfeifer and I wrote the script, and we were the emcee's for the night. I also performed an IDA with Meliah Raub and my duet with Nicole. We kind of struggled through the night because no one knew when they were supposed to come in and what we were supposed to say. Hopefully, next year will be a lot better because we will have more time to prepare.

-Chelsea Leiker



You Had to Be There



We only had one week to prepare for forensics night. I thought it went well for the time that we put into it, which wasn't much. Being that we only had one week to prepare, it was really difficult to work with everyone on what needed to be done. I was a judge for the night, but I also performed my serious solo and a poetry piece. People were fretting about getting up in front of people, but it doesn't bother me. I think next year will be a lot better because we will have more time to prepare.

-Kiley Wayman

Forensics Night

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KILEY WAYMAN

Remember when...

"While in the middle of doing my oration, I noticed that I was getting booed off stage. I thought to myself 'Oh no, Nicole didn't tell Chelsea that I was actually going to give an oration about not wanting to give my oration.' I just tried to keep going, but Chelsea and everyone backstage just kept booing me."

-Maggie Zody



STUNNING STYLES

STUDENTS LEFT "BREATHLESS"

I think this year's prom was a blast! Since I was a server, there was a lot of stuff I had to do. Our responsibilities as prom servers were preparing appetizers and drinks and carrying them around. We did a lot of walking around with trays when people actually got there, that's something that was different. My favorite part of getting to go to Prom was the dance. After that, I went to after-prom and got involved in the obstacle course. I also did Xbox and of course sumo wrestling. It was really fun! I will always remember the decorations. It was a prom I won't forget!

Devin Jacques



You Had to Be There



I think this year's prom was a blast! I was very thankful for such good juniors to help make it a success. When I got there, the servers were going around with trays of appetizers while we waited for pictures to be done. It made it seem more formal and made it different than years before. While waiting to eat I took my own pictures with my friends. Dinner was better than the other years since it was catered and the dessert was amazing! My favorite part of the dance was swing-dancing with my brother. After the dance I went to after-prom and sumo wrestled Rachael Hamel. I also went through the blow-up obstacle course, played Guitar Hero and poker. It was a prom I won't forget!

Sarah Fischer

LEATHER WEBER

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Prom

Here & Now



In the Spotlight
Breanna Ellison gets into the song during the dance portion of her senior prom. "Singing and dancing go together like Mr. Mick and math!" **Ellison** said.

Photo by Paige Reilly



You Be The Judge
Jessica Wheeler and **Ciara Hespe** play a game of "Apples to Apples" at the after-prom party. After-prom took place from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Photo by Paige Reilly



Can We Fix It?
Kelsey Noble works diligently on decorations for prom. The junior class was dismissed after lunch on the Friday before prom to start decorating.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



Sophomore Server
Kathryn Sleigh carries around a tray of appetizers for everyone before dinner was served. This year the junior class had the meal catered by Chartwells.

Photo by Kara Hackney



SWIRL IT Brandon Geschwentner, Matt Gehring, Matt Cunningham, Joey Kitzman, Monte Honas, and Dillon Kinderknecht huddle up on the dance floor during the dance. The dance lasted from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Photo by Jill Wood



GOT WATER? Dillon Kinderknecht helps Kyle Hadley get a drink during a timeout in his sumo wrestling match at the after-prom party. "Kyle looked a little thirsty. I'm just glad I had a bottle of water," Kinderknecht said. Photo by Kara Hackney

BREAKING IT DOWN Brandon Geschwentner shows off his dance skills by "getting down" during the dance. The DJ for the night was Midnight Productions headed by Randy Sauer, former EHS Choir director. "Prom was a lot of fun! Definitely a good way to end my senior year," Geschwentner said.

Photo by Jill Wood



TAKES TWO TO TANGO Alyssa Herl and Brandon Hesse slow it down as they dance with each other. "I was glad I was asked to go my freshman year. It was a lot of fun!" Hesse said. Photo by Brooke Graves



There was this one time...



HOW DOES IT LOOK? Brittany Elliot shows her artistic ability while decorating for prom. "Decorating for prom was fun, but vacuuming up all the glitter was not," Elliot said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



DON'T SPILL Alesha Brenner refills a glass of tea during dinner. "I enjoyed being a prom server, but I didn't really enjoy picking up after everyone!" Brenner said. Photo by Jill Wood



JUST DANCE Jacob Begler shows off some dance moves. "I love doing the 'party boy' it's my signature dance move!" Begler said. Photo by Jill Wood



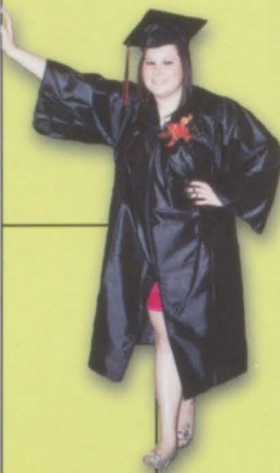
ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE Heather Hupka and Jessica Estrada try to take each other down while sumo wrestling at the after-prom party. Sumo wrestling was a big hit this year at after-prom. Photo by Paige Reilly

It's All Over

WE'VE DONE THE BEST WE COULD

One word I would use to describe how I felt on the day of graduation is 'amazing.' I knew that I had made it through all four years of high school and I was finally graduating. I was excited about being done with high school and getting out into the real world, but I will miss it. When I walked in during the processional, I was thinking, "Wow, there are a lot of people here... I hope I don't fall!" My favorite part of the ceremony was Mr. Mick's speech... it was hilarious. When the recessional came and I was walking out, I was really excited that it was finally over with. It's a great feeling to know that you have a choice in what you do with your life now.

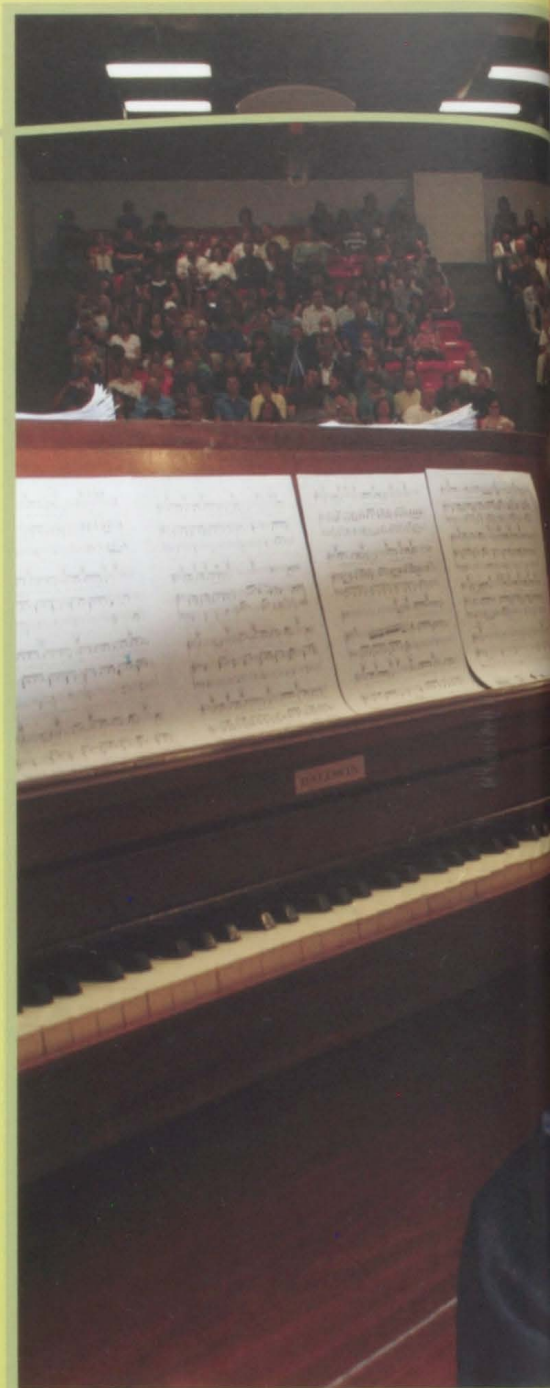
-Katie Parson



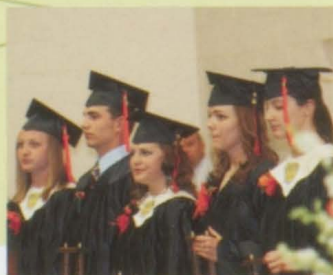
You Had to Be There

One word I would use to describe how I felt on the day of graduation is 'excited.' When I walked into the school, I was thinking about how great it felt to finally be done. Memories came back to me of my time here at EHS. One thing I will always remember is baseball becoming a school sport. I felt really stoked when I walked in for the processional. The ceremony was kind of long, but my favorite part was Mr. Mick's speech--it was pretty awesome. Walking for the recessional, it just felt so surreal... I was just really relieved it was over. I'm really pumped now that I'm out of high school, but I will miss it a little bit.

Joe Kitzman

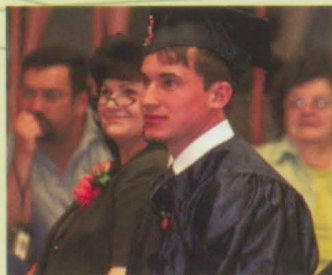


Here & Now



TROPHIES FOR FIVE

Co-valedictorians, **Breanna Ellison**, **Brooke Graves**, **Kara Hackney**, **Chase King** and **Whitney Taylor**, line up with their trophies prior to presenting their speeches. Photo by Kelsey Gehrler



TAKING IT TO HEART

All ears, **Logan Bittel** listens to the graduation speaker, Perry Mick. Mick, who teaches Math and Physics, was chosen by the senior class to deliver the traditional address. Photo by Kelsey Gehrler



ONE LAST PICTURE

Cody Ocamb poses for a family picture with his sister **Makala** before the graduation ceremony. Seniors wait in the lobby prior to the ceremony. Photo by Kelsey Gehrler



SUCCESS

Whitney Taylor delivers her valedictorian speech. Each valedictorian chose a letter from the word "class" and selected a word that started with that letter to focus on. **Taylor's** letter was "s." Photo by Kelsey Gehrler



GREAT EXPECTATIONS Breanna Ellison looks into the overflowing stands of the gym while waiting to begin playing "Second Chance" by Shinedown. "Second Chance" was chosen by the senior class as their song for graduation. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*



DRUMMER BOY

In addition to **Breanna Ellison** playing the piano, **Brandon Geschwentner** accompanies his classmates on the trap set during their class song "Second Chance" by Shinedown.

Photo by Kelsey Gehr

TAKING PRIDE

All smiles, **Bailee Bittel** stands to the side of the gym after the ceremony. Graduates wait on the sidelines to greet and receive congratulations from friends and family members.

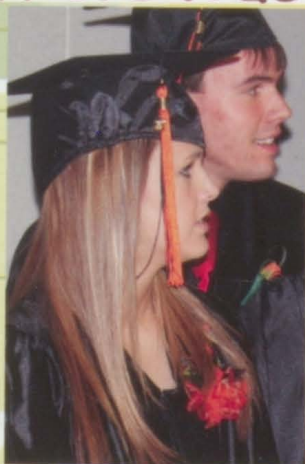
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IT'S ALL GOOD FROM HERE

Cole Hickey shakes hands with Superintendent Steve Taylor while receiving his diploma. The students did not receive their actual diploma until after the ceremony. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*

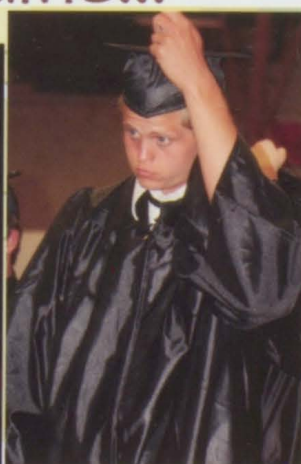
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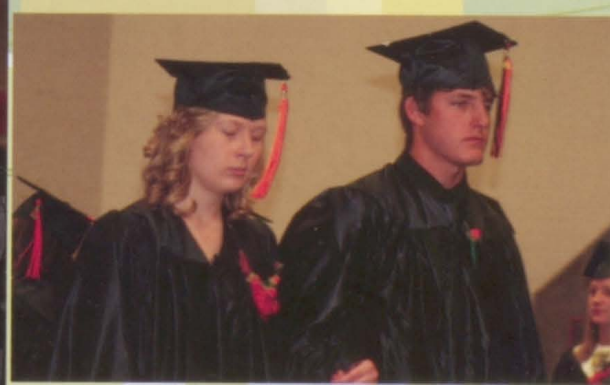
AWAITING ANXIOUSLY **Rachael Hamel** and **Kerry Robb** were filled with with anxious anticipation prior to the ceremony. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*



GIGGLES **Sarah Fischer** was able to get a laugh out of Mr. Mick's speech. Mick was chosen by the class to be the guest speaker. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*



DONE FOR GOOD **Clay Barton** and his fellow classmates moved their tassels from the right side to the left. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*



ONE LAST WALK Officially high school graduates, **Alyssa Herl** and **Monte Honas** led the procession to the sidelines, where graduates waited for their family and friends. *Photo by Kelsey Gehr*

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4TH & 5TH HOURS
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Did you see that?

No two eyes are exactly alike, but we all use them for the same purpose...to take in the world

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Things to Change

For Life

No More Procrastination

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"I would've tried to stay on top of all my school work and activities, and maybe not be such a procrastinator."



Ciara Hespe

Catch On



"I wish I would have been able to pick up on the school work in different classes a little faster when I transferred to Ellis."

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Emily Long

Avoid 8th Hours

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"I would have actually done my homework because it caused my grades to drop, and it's cost me some eighth hours."



Emily Durham

Protect My Food



"I would have kept my tator tots to myself at lunch and not let [Eric] Zahn or anybody else talk me out of eating them."

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Brandon Hespe

6TH & 7TH HOURS
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around us. What better way to remember you were there?



First row(L to R): Kendra Mickelson, Chase King, Kyle Hadley, Bailee Bittel.
 Second row(L to R): Kara Hackney, Katie Parson, Ciara Hespe, Sarah Fischer, Heather Weber, Christina Unrein, Haley Wolf.
 Third row(L to R): Breanna Ellison, Steven Schmidt, Justin Henrickson, Debra Massier, Alyssa Herl, Brooke Graves, Whitney Taylor, Rachael Hamel, Jordan Lang, Brandon Geschwentner.
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SARAH FISCHER

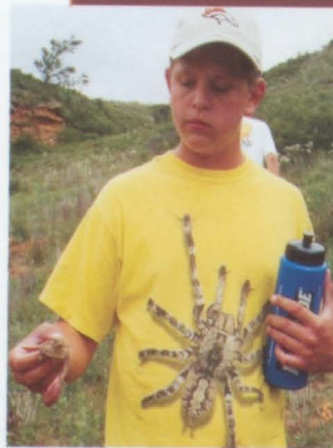
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"DON'T TELL ME THE SKY IS THE LIMIT,
THERE ARE FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON."

-- ANONYMOUS



Clay

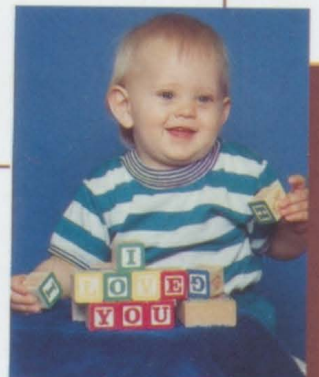
Wesley Barton

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9, 12; FFA 9, 10, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 12

Clay,
Congratulations Clay!

Love,
Mom and Colton



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 11; FCCLA 11, 12; Forensics 11, 12; KAYS 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Softball 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 11



Bailee Kristine Bittel

Bailee,

Do not follow where the path may lead. Instead go where there is no path, and leave a trail. I have no doubt you will blaze a trail and create a new path. Reach for the stars!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Blakely & Harlie



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SARAH FISHER



Logan Joseph Bittel

Logan,

There is no need to reach high for the stars. They are already with you -- just reach deep into yourself to fulfill your dreams.

We love you and will always be there for you.

Mom, Dad, and Lacie



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9; FFA 9, 10, 11; Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Class VicePresident 9; Snoball Candidate 9; Math Relays 9; State Track 9, 10; FFA Sentinel 10, 11; Prom Server; Stuco Representative 10, 11; Junior Class Play



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

KMEA State Honor Band/Orchestra 10, 11, 12;
KSHSAA Regional & State Music Festivals 1 Rating
9, 10, 11, 12; KMEA District Honor Band 9, 10, 11,
12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
Railairres 9; Choir 9; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12

Breanna

Gail Ellison

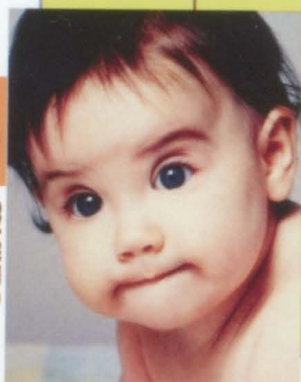
Breanna,

The important thing is not to
stop questioning.
-Albert Einstein

Freedom lies in being bold.
-Robert Frost

Music is a higher revelation
than all wisdom and philoso-
phy. Music is the electrical
soil in which the spirit lives,
thinks, and invests.
-Ludwig van Beethoven

Love always,
Mom and Dad



Sarah

Margaret Fischer

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Choir 9, 10; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9; Golf 9, 10;
Journalism 11, 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Stuco 9;
Web Team 12; Link Crew 12; Junior Class Play; KAY Board
Member 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Co-Editor-in-Chief 12

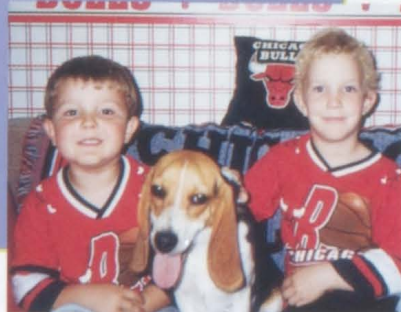
Sarah,
Congratulations! What a
wonderful young woman
you have become. You have
the power to be whatever
you aspire. We are very
proud of you and hold you
in our hearts as you take
the next step in this won-
derful journey we call life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Amanda, & Lyle



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Baseball 11, 12; Basketball 9; FFA 12; Football Manager 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 12; Perfect Attendance 10



Pioneer Photography

Tyler Dalton Fischer

Tyler,

Best wishes always,
Tyler.

We love you.

Mom, Tanner, &
Grandpa



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Brandon Richard Geschwentner

Brandon,

From the moment you were born, you have made us very proud. You have filled our lives with so many special memories and they will be in our hearts forever. You've become such a wonderful young man. We look forward to all your future achievements. Follow your dreams and believe in yourself. Congratulations, Brandon!

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Mara, & Nicholas



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 11, 12; Percussion Leader 11, 12; Snoball Royalty; Prom Server; Band Stuco Representative; Junior Class Play; Homecoming King; Senior Video



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Journalism 11, 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; Railairres 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Scholar's Bowl 10, 11, 12; Softball 11, 12; Junior Class Play; District BCP of Public Relations

Brooke

Ashlee Graves

Brooke,

You have been such a joy to our family, with personality to spare! We are so proud of the person you are. There's no doubt your determination and talent will take you anywhere you want to go. We wish you happiness and success always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Samantha, Tyler
& William



Kara

Katelyn Hackney

Kara,

"Sit tall in the saddle; hold your head up high. Keep your eyes fixed where the trail meets the sky. Love like you ain't afraid to die. And don't be scared, just enjoy the ride." Anything you've ever set your mind to, you've accomplished. We are so proud of you, and so thankful that God gave you to us.

Love,
Mom and Slade



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Journalism 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Stuco 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 12; Link Crew 11, 12; KMEA District Honor Choir 9, 10; Homecoming Royalty 12; Snoball Royalty 11

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 11, 12; FFA 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; KAYS 11; Railairres 12; SADD 11; Stuco 9, 11, 12; Track 12; Web Team 10, 11, 12



Kyle Lewis Hadley

Kyle,

You have filled our lives with so much happiness and have made us proud in so many ways. We wish you success in all you set out to do. Congratulations and always remember how much we love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jessica



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JARAI FISHER

Rachael LouAnn Hamel

Rachael,

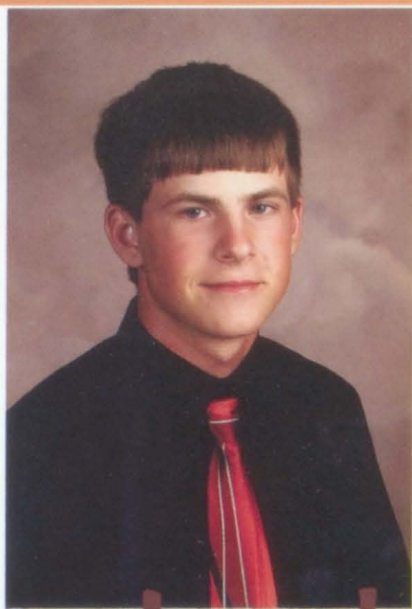
You're the best daughter a parent could ask for. You light up our life. Good luck in everything you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Randall



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10; Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Journalism 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11; Track 10; Web Team 11; Link Crew 11, 12



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9; KAYS 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Treasurer 9, 12; Class Secretary 10; Junior Class Play; Snowball Royalty 12; Prom Server

Justin
Jacob Henrickson

Justin,

You are a real go getter,
but slow down and take
your time. All good things
will come to those who are
patient. Good luck in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, & Jenna



Alyssa
Marie Herl

Alyssa,

You're an inspiration,
God Bless you and
wishing you well with
your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Aaron



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10, 11; Basketball Manager 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 10, 11, 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; Track Manager 10; Who's Who Among American High School Students 11; Who's Who in English 12; Scholar's Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12; Band Vice-President; Honor Roll 9, 10; NYLC 10; Ellis Site Council Award 10, 11; Student of the Month 10, 11

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Choir 12; FCCLA 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Journalism 12; KAYS 9, 10, 12; Railairres 12; SADD Treasurer 11; Scholar's Bowl 12; Softball 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Link Crew; Peer Tutoring; Teacher's Aide; Multimedia Productions



Ciara Dawn Hesse

Ciara,

What a joy it's been watching you grow up, but "to everything there is a season"...and now it's time for you to make your own way in the world. We know you'll be successful at whatever you set your mind to. We're so proud of you and love you so much!

Blessings for your future,
Mom, Dad, & Brandon



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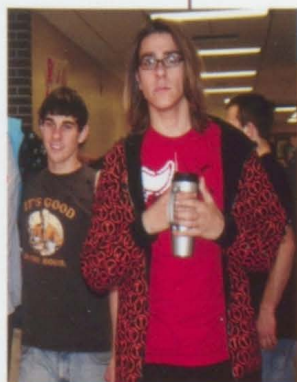
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Cole Leroy Hickey

Congratulations!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

FFA 9; Golf 11, 12





SENIOR ACTIVITIES

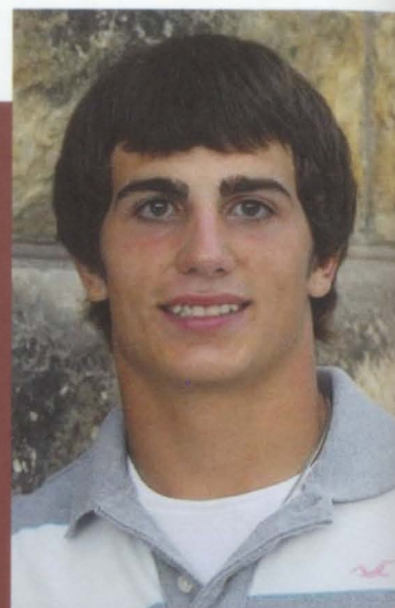
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; FFA 9, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10; Link Crew 11, 12; Snoball Royalty; Prom Server

Monte Lynn Honas

Monte,

We are so proud to be your parents. We will always cherish the old memories and look forward to the new memories. Enjoy life and keep smiling.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aaron, &
Amber



Chase Lynn King

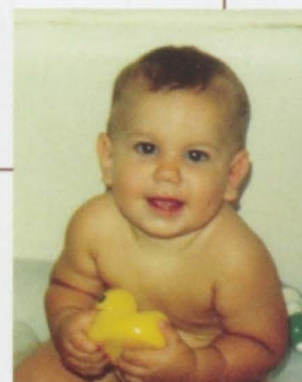
SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Baseball 11, 12; FCCLA 11, 12; FFA 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; KAYS 10, 11, 12; Railairres 12; SADD 11; Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Class President 9, 10, 11, 12

Chase,

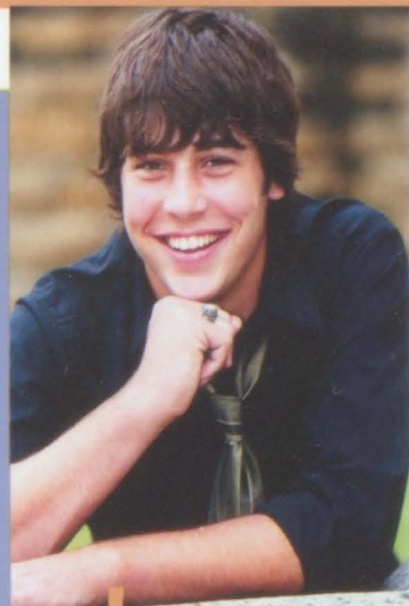
Congratulations
Chase!
We are proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and the
Crew



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Baseball 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 12; KAYS 9; Web Team 11, 12



Joseph
Michael Kitzman

Joey,

We are so proud of you. It has been a blast watching you grow up. We have so many wonderful memories. But the best is yet to come as we watch you achieve your goals and dreams. Keep smiling!

Love you much,
Mom, Dad, Jamie, and Erin



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SARAH FISHER



Jordan
Elizabeth Lang

Jordan,

We are so proud of the young lady you have become; as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside. We wish you much success in your college years and beyond.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jared, and Jaylenn



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10, 11; Choir 9; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12

Debra
Joleen Massier

Debra,

To our graduate, Debbie
(born on Kansas day).
Congratulations! We are
very proud of you.

With love from your family.
Mom, Dad, Sister, &
Brother



Kendra
Lee Mickelson

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Golf 10;
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Web
Team 9, 11

Kendra,

Good Job. You've
done it.

Love You,
Mom, Dad, Brett, &
Liz



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10



Photo by Sarah Fischer



Cody Lee Ocamb

Congratulations!

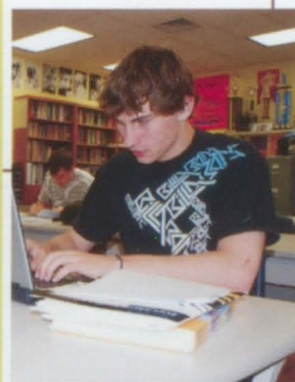


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SARAH FISCHER



Katlyn Ann Parson



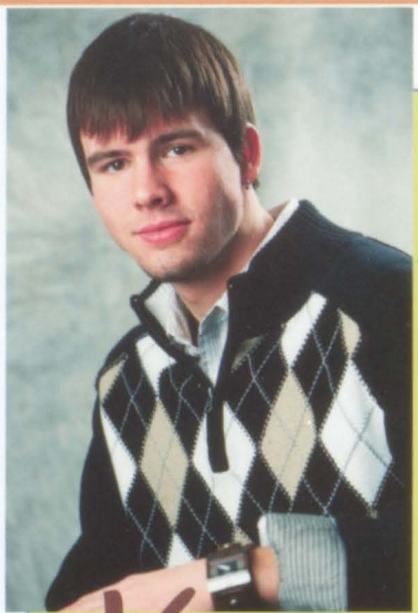
Katie,

The one that worries about everything. Don't let the little things gets you down. You have a lot of talent and a great mind. You will go far in life and we are all proud of you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Kara

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Choir 9, 10; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9; FCCLA 9, 12; FFA 11; Football 12; Forensics 12; Railairres 12; Web Team 11; Junior Class Play; Senior Video

Kerry John Robb

Kerry,

From the moment you were born, we knew you were going to make our lives exciting, unpredictable, and adventurous...and you have! We look forward to seeing this new chapter in your life unfold and the adventures that await you!

With great pride and more love than you will ever know!
Dad, Mom, Kevin & Kelly



Steven Joseph Schmidt

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

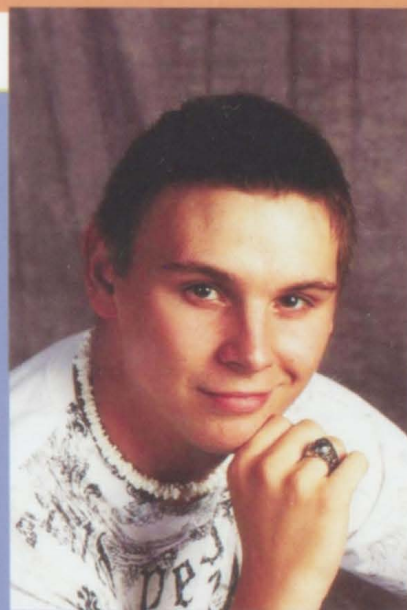
FFA 9, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 12

Congratulations!



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9; FCCLA 9; FFA 10, 11, 12; Football Manager 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11; Scholar's Bowl 9, 10; Web Team 11; FFA Treasurer 11, 12; Link Crew 11, 12; FFA Star Greenhand 10



Logan

Matthew Stanton

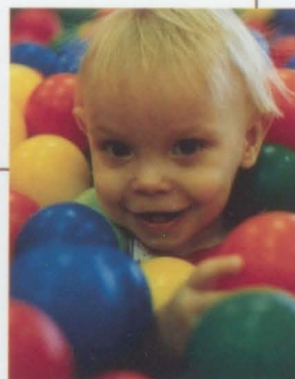
Logan,

You have blessed and enriched our lives more than you'll ever know, and we're proud of the young man you've become! Remember that you can be anything you want to be, and to never stop being Logan.

We love you, and will always be here for you.

Mom, Dad, & Jessie

P.S. Dad says turn down that stereo!



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SARAH FISCHER



Whitney

Ann Taylor

Whitney,

Congratulations!!
We're very proud of you.
Set your future goals high.

Love,
Mom and Dad



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; McDonald's All-American Nominee; All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; 1stTeam All-League Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; 1stTeam All-League Volleyball 11



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9; Journalism 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10; Web Team 11; Link Crew 11, 12

Christina

Ann Unrein

Christina,

We are so very proud of all your accomplishments. May your college days be more "restful."

Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Dusty & Vicky



Heather

Lynn Weber

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Journalism 12; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Railairres 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Web Team 11; Link Crew 11, 12

Heather,

Way to go! You have accomplished so much, and we are proud of you. We love you and wish you happiness and success in everything you do.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Megan, Kristen,
Danielle, & Kaleigh



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; FCCLA 9; Forensics 9; KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; 1st Team All - MCL Basketball 12; Cross Country Academic AllState 11, 12; Cross Country Shrine Bowl 12; Western Kansas AllStar Basketball Game 12; State Cross Country Placer 9, 10, 11, 12; State Basketball 11, 12;



Haley Jo Wolf

Haley,

Congratulations on all you have accomplished so far. We hope you have success in whatever you set out to do and that you will always be happy. Remember all things are possible.

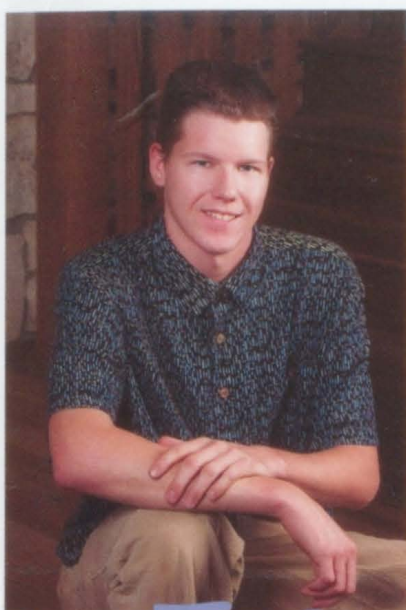
We love you,
Mom and Dad



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SARAH FISHER



Eric Preston Zahn



Congratulations!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Football 9; FFA 9, 12

JUNIORS

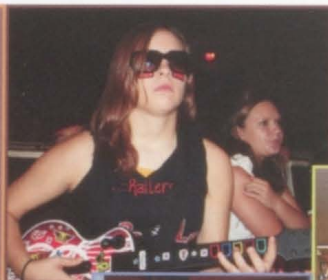
TAKING THE LEAD

I'm not sure why *Twilight* is so popular, but I hate it...I personally find *Twilight* very annoying. I think it's alright to maybe obsess over it for about a day, but not constantly. The thing I hate most about the whole thing is that people talk about it all day and every day. I think it's pretty stupid how girls are so obsessed with Edward Cullen, considering he is only a vampire. I wish people would just get over it. The thing is, they probably never will because it's been around for awhile and people are still talking about it.

-Ethan LaBarge



Get in the Game Staying focused on the screen, Kayla Casey plays Guitar Hero in the auditorium during Homecoming week. Guitar Hero was new to At-Risk Day this year. Photo by Kara Hackney



Up & Away Dylan Pfeifer dresses as Peter Pan during Homecoming. Photo by Sarah Fischer



You Raise Me Up Kyle Fox puts more weight on the bar before he performs the bench press. This is Fox's second year participating in Mr. Armbruster's GPD class. Photo by Christina Unrein



Home Dog Bertha Rodriguez dresses as a guy during the FCCLA Freshman Fun Night. Rodriguez, although a Junior, attended the Fun Night because she was a new student in Ellis this year. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



You Had to Be There

I'm not sure why *Twilight* is so popular, but I love it...I first heard about *Twilight* from my sister. She told me I'd love it and said she'd bring it to me, which she never did! So I checked it out from the Public Library on the first day of school. I read the entire book before the day ended. I was totally pumped when the movie came out. I went to the midnight premiere and got there at 10:30. I think the movie was definitely not as good as the book. Robert Pattinson doesn't compare to my version of Edward. My favorite part of the book? Two words: Edward Cullen!

-Caroline Beilman



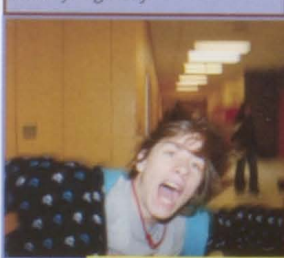
Think Tink Jennifer Kinderknecht dresses as Tinkerbell on Disney day during Spirit Week. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Bright Smile Chantel Gabel flashes a smile while helping Natasha Hollingshead hang decorations for prom. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Funny Faces Phoenix Jenkins makes a funny face for the camera in the halls of the high school. Photo by Paige Reilly



Text This Caroline Beilman competes in a texting tournament. The tournament was a new addition to At-Risk Day this year. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Safety First Erin Groff mixes a titration lab. The class did labs the last part of school. "Chemistry was a fun but challenging class," Groff said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Planet Pondering Randi Hook and Jessica Estrada study planets for Earth Science. Students have the choice to take either Earth Science or Chemistry their junior year. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Earth to Ethan Ethan LaBarge looks at a poster during Earth Science. Photo by Christina Unrein

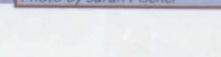


Picture This! "I was doing the Criss Angel 'Mindfreak' thing. I used to be kind of obsessed with the show," Paige Reilly said. Staff Photo

Going Green Staci Bittel and Heather Hupka check out the recycling bin. The bins are new this year, and distributed throughout the school hallways. Photo by Christina Unrein



Junior Pride Yelling the traditional "Do It" cheer, Jamie Durheim and Shelby Gottschalk cheer during the pep rally. Photo by Sarah Fischer





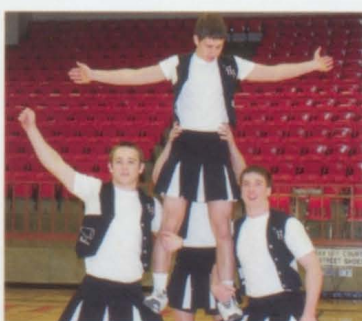
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CHRISTINA LINCEIN



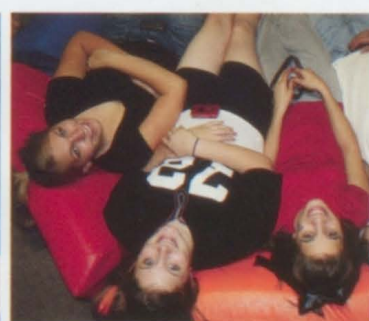
Loud and Proud Showing his orange and black spirit, Ryan Weber cheers on the football team at the Homecoming game. "I wanted to show my support for the team, and what better way to do that than paint your face," Weber said. Photo by Paige Reilly



Trading Places Dylan Pfeifer, Matt Cunningham and Gideon Fuchs cheers on the football team at the Homecoming game. "I wanted to show my support for the team, and what better way to do that than paint your face," Weber said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Team Taping Nicole Pfeifer lends a little tape to Ashley Schuster as they complete decorations for prom. Many juniors helped assemble the decorations and then came back on Sunday to help clean up. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Takin' It Easy Erin Groff, Shelby Gottschalk and Jennifer Kinderknecht relax in the back room at 5th quarter. "We hung out back there a lot because it was so easy to relax, be comfy, and have fun," Groff said. Photo by Paige Reilly

SOPHOMORES

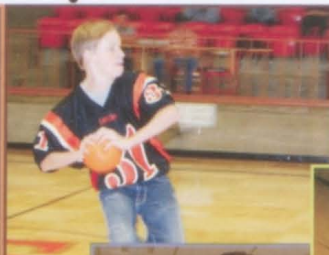
STEPPIN' IT UP

Concession stands are a big part of the sophomore experience. This year I worked four concession stands. Working usually involved taking money, making pretzels, popcorn, and hotdogs, stocking beverages and helping the customer any way you can. My favorite part was seeing the little children who were ecstatic to get candy at the game. I think concession stands are very necessary not only to our class, but also to all the hungry and thirsty people at athletic events.

- Jessica Wheeler



Duck and Cover Going up against the competition, Kevin Robb throws the ball toward his opponent in the dodgeball tournament during spirit week. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Hold it! Alesha Brenner holds her arm up after donating blood. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Ta-da! Zach Werth shows off his spicy outfit during Disney Day for homecoming. The students dressed up every day of the week during this time. Photo by Sarah Fischer



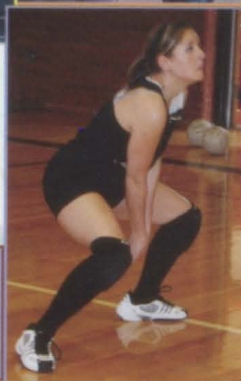
Head in the Clouds Maggie Zody and Nathan Townley admire the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. The arch was one of the stops on their trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Photo by Kara Hackney



Stop and Stare While in the Gateway Arch 630 feet in the air, Derek Kvasnicka looks down on the city of St. Louis. Photo by Kara Hackney



Ready, Set, Dig! Tori Clark gets ready for a spike during a home volleyball game. Photo by Caroline Beilman



You Had to Be There

Concession stands are a big part of the sophomore experience. I worked three concession stands this year. Normally when I worked, I helped with the popcorn. My favorite part of doing concessions was meeting new people. It wasn't my favorite thing to do but I think we did good raising money as a class and we made well over our goal. Overall I thought it was really boring, but we did manage to have some fun times, like when Matt [Kreutzer] dropped a bottle of pop and it exploded.

- Tanner Gugler



Mighty Mouse Kelsey Butler dresses up as Minnie Mouse for Disney Day during spirit week. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Thinkin' Thing Desiree Basgall works on her laptop in a seminar. Basgall dressed as Thing 2 for Disney Day. Photo by Sarah Fischer

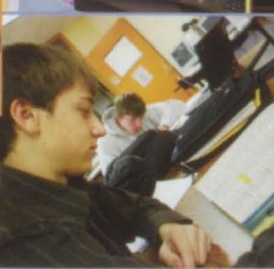


Score! Alesha Brenner runs the football during powderpuff football. Every class of girls got to participate in this activity. Photo by Brooke Graves

Rockin' It Showing off their Guitar Hero skills, Kimberly Gottschalk and Emily Durham participate in the last day of spirit week's activities. Photo by Kara Hackney



On a Hunt Daniel Honas looks at a phone book for job application references. Photo by Sarah Fischer

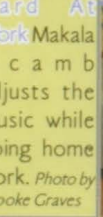


Step by Step Matthew Kreutzer constructs a project for Furniture Tech I. The class does different projects throughout the year. Photo by Brooke Graves

Yeah! Rachel Mick and Chelsey Walters cheer on their class during the annual student body dodgeball tournament. Photo by Heather Weber



Hard At Work Makala O'Cam adjusts the music while doing home work. Photo by Brooke Graves





Seniors

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Paige Kelly



Teamwork Using their cheerleading skills, Courtney Waldschmidt and Lacey Gaschler stunt Rachel Mick up to fix the EHS Football poster.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



Just Like Clockwork Devin Henderson removes glue from his project in wood working. The class built clocks for their final projects at the end of the year.

Photo by Brooke Graves



It's the Mug Courtney Waldschmidt gets a quick sip from her Ellis Travel Plaza Bottomless Mug while watching the football game. Many students purchased the mugs for free refills for the rest of the year.

Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



Not pictured:
Ashley Irvin

FRESHMEN

THE NEW KIDS

Freshman Fun Jared Herl shoots around during Free Time Tuesday. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



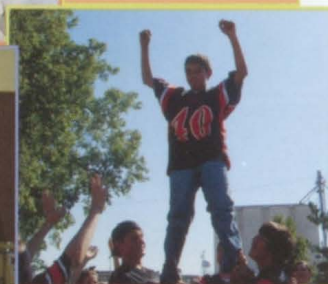
Book Worm Nancy Dinges uses her time during Free Time Tuesday to catch up on some reading. Free Time Tuesday is available to any student without an F or and I. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Other Side of the Pillow Jerica Dinkel works on her pillow during FACS class. Students in FACS each make a blanket and a pillow that they get to keep. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Drawing Conclusions Isaac Henman and Aaron Knoll add some special touches to their hour's interpretation of the cyclops from the book *The Odyssey* during Mrs. Mardorin's English class. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Spirit JJ Hernandez shows his spirit at the homecoming pep rally during a game against cross country and volleyball teams. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Don't Look Back Leah Begler works on homework as Brandon Hespe hovers over her. Photo by Paige Reilly

Stacked Team Sierra Shore, Breanna Kreoger, Bernadette Frickey, and Mikayla Gottschalk challenge the boys during Freshman Fun Night. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Go Long Mikayla Gottschalk catches a pass for powder puff football against the Sophomore girls. The Freshman girls won the game. Photo by Kelsey Gehr



Boys on Parade Manuel Rodriguez, Riley Hunsicker, and Austin Lopez look at the crowd as they pass on the football float. Photo by Caroline Beilman



Artist at Work Dylan Kraus attempts to draw a unicorn the fastest during Freshmen Fun Night. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Cut and Dry Lyle Fischer works on his clock during 5th hour Industrial Tech class with Mr. Carroll. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Cutting Edge Jessica Stanton cuts fabric for her quilt in FACS class. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Some things never change. I've been in Ellis all my life, and I've gone to school with my classmates since 1st grade. They haven't really changed at all and can still act a little childish and goofy sometimes. Something I'll always remember about our class was getting caught for curfew with Jared, Isaac, and Dylan. I really like my class because they can be very entertaining. I might miss them somewhat when I graduate.

- Ben Leiker



You Had to Be There

Some things never change. I've gone to school in Ellis with these same kids since Kindergarten and a lot has stayed the same. Something that hasn't changed in all this time is that we still get blamed for everything! My favorite part of my class is that we are all friends and get along. We can always make each other laugh. Something I'll always remember is when we went together to Boot Hill. I'll miss them like crazy when I graduate.

- Leah Begler



Take a Load Off Jenny Hollern, Bernadette Frickey, and Shelby Hollern unpack after arriving at school and get ready to start their day. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Sit in Katie Dacy and Leah Begler chat it up by their lockers before school starts. Photo by Chelsea Leiker





"Our class has a mind of its own. Everyone is different, but it seems we all get along. We're really close as a class."

Emily Long



"We freshmen rely on each other to succeed."

Lyle Fischer



"They are very welcoming when you are new to the school. They will help you out when needed."

Heather Hollingshead



"The freshman class is very unique. We're one of a kind."

Garret Rupp

CLASS ACT

FRESHMEN

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CHELSEA LEIKER



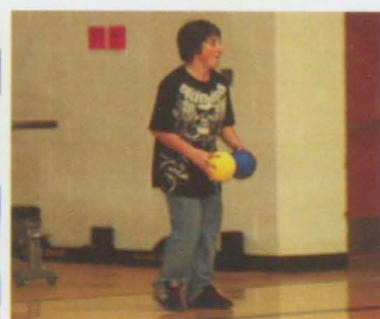
For Those About To Rock Brandon Hesper, Ben Leiker, and Kyle Weber "rock the refuge" with their class float during the homecoming day parade. The freshman float got third place in the float contest. Photo by Caroline Beilman



Paperwork Shelby Hollern and Russell Ellis get ready to start their high school career through NHS's Jumpstart program. This was NHS's first year doing the Jumpstart program. Photo by Janetta Heronime



Chat and Chow Jessica Stanton, Asleigh Basgall, and Bernadette Frickey talk about their day while enjoying lunch. "Our class is often called the 'problem class,' but we're definitely a lot of fun. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Dodge, Dip, Duck, Dive, and Dodge Josh Reilly gets ready to rock dodgeball during At-Risk day on Homecoming day. Students could choose Guitar Hero or Dodgeball. Photo by Kara Hackney

THE ENFORCERS

REGULATING RULES

This was my tenth year teaching at Ellis High School. The best part of working here is that the whole building is in very good condition; we are fortunate to have a well-kept modern facility to learn and teach in. I think Ellis is different from other schools because we seem to have more student leaders that encourage others to make good decisions in life. The part of my job that I enjoy the most is making students laugh and trying to get them to enjoy what I teach. I like to see the success students have during their high school years and after they graduate.

-David Wildeman

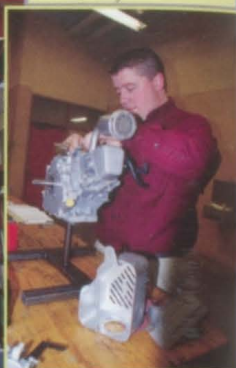


Reminiscing Taking a short break, custodians, Charlie Waldschmidt and Randy Herman laugh at pictures that bring back memories as they look through old high school yearbooks.

Photo by Kara Hackney



Shift Work Bob Kohman helps fix an engine while teaching his Theories of Engines class. Photo by Kara Hackney



Lord of the Flies Jill Wood stands on a chair and swings a boomwhacker at an out-of-control horsefly on a risk day. "Sometimes you have to risk your life to save students," Wood said. Photo by Paige Reilly



Tot the Horn Principal Corey Burton lends a hand to the band by carrying the tuba at state basketball in Manhattan. "I didn't know it was such hard work being a tuba player!" Burton said.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



Fast and Furious Jack Wolf gobbles down a plate of food at the FFA faculty appreciation breakfast. Wolf teaches Physical Science. Photo by Kara Hackney



You Need Swiffer Randy Herman sweeps up the trash throughout the halls after lunch, his daily routine. Photo by Kara Hackney



You Had to Be There

This was my first year teaching at Ellis High School. I was nervous on my first day of school as a teacher. I remember thinking, "How am I ever going to teach sewing second semester when I haven't used a sewing machine since middle school?" I was worried that I wouldn't be prepared to fill my class times, but before we knew it, the hour was over. Being the FCCLA and sophomore class sponsors have kept me very involved. The part that I find most rewarding is seeing the students achieve. Something I won't forget is learning to sew and quilt. I look forward most to growing in my knowledge and teaching abilities to prepare students for their future.

-Breanne Marrs



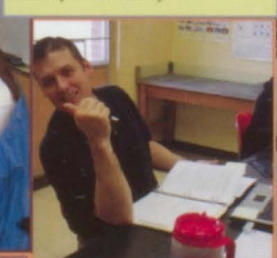
Girl Talk Jill Wood and Dava Gaschler share a few laughs as they eat at the teacher appreciation breakfast.

Photo by Kara Hackney



All in a Days Work Counselor Troy Dale works at his desk, trying to figure out student's schedules for the upcoming year.

Photo by Kara Hackney



Head At Work Crystal Hamel, a special education paraprofessional, works diligently at her desk. This is Hamel's second year teaching at Ellis. Photo by Kara Hackney



Can I Help You? Maria Mick always lends a helping hand to students in need. Photo by Kara Hackney



Handy Helper Janetta Heroneme helps a student with some homework during her Resource English class. Photo by Kara Hackney

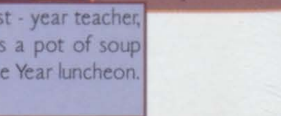
Hit the Road Jack Not wanting his picture taken, Jeff Kohl tells Kara Hackney to "get out" of the room. Kohl has taught at EHS for four years. Photo by Kara Hackney



Mmm Mmm Good Trying to decide on what to eat, Maria Mick is served pancakes by Lyle Fischer at the faculty breakfast put on by the FFA members. Photo by Kara Hackney



Soup-er Stirring First-year teacher, Breanne Marrs, stirs a pot of soup for the Teacher of the Year luncheon. Photo by Sarah Fischer





Craig Anderson
Multimedia, Webpage,
Football



Brandon Amundson
CPD, At Risk,
Co-Activities Director



John Befort
Boys Basketball



Kristi Bittel
Cheerleading



Corey Burton
Principal



Matt Caswell
Industrial Technology,
Computer Applications,
Golf



Rick Cunningham
Baseball



Troy Dale
Counselor, Football



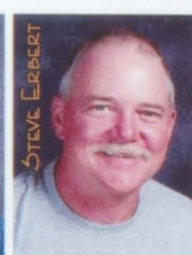
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English, Forensics,
Senior Class Sponsor



Casey Dunkel
Cross Country, Wrestling



Amanda Drennon
PE/Health,
Co-Activities Director,
Junior Class Sponsor



Steve Erbert
Track



Sherri Faulkender
Librarian



Dana Gaudier
KAY Sponsor



Jacqueline Grogan
Foreign Language,
Psychology,
Senior Class Sponsor



Crystal Hamel
Special Education
Paraprofessional



Brian Hayes
Math, Football, Track



Randy Herman
Custodian



Steve Heerman
Technology Director



Janetta Heeney
Special Education, NHS,
Freshman Class Sponsor



Julie Jonas
Head Food Service



Alex James
Volleyball



Jeff Kail
History, Government,
Stuco



Robert Korman
Agricultural Education,
FFA, Wrestling,
Junior Class Sponsor



Karen Madigan
English, Literature,
Scholar's Bowl Sponsor,
Eco-Team



Renee Mann
Softball



Deanne Manno
FACS, FCCLA,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor



Michelle Meyer
Band



Maria Miaz
Secretary



Pacey Miaz
Math, Physics,
Basketball, Volleyball



Mary Parks
Nurse



Isaac Robbins
Choral Music,
EHS Play



Barb Rupp
Food Service



Tessa Lipman
Softball, Volleyball



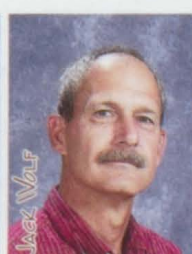
Charles Walcott
Custodian



Brian White
Art,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor



David Wildeman
Science, Basketball,
Baseball



Jack Wolf
Science, Track



J.L. Wood
IMPACT,
Journalism

1ST HOUR

JUST GETTING STARTED

GPD

This class is designed to improve the participant's overall strength, agility, and cardiovascular endurance.

1. What can't you do watching other students lift? 2. Where is your bicep located?

- A. Become stronger
B. Become wiser
C. Help spot
- A. On your foot
B. In your back
C. In your arm

Algebra I

Algebra I is a class with 23 kids who work hard and enjoy learning.

1. What song does the class love to sing? 2. What is a right triangle?

- A. Poker Face
B. The quadratic formula
C. Thriller
- A. A 90 degree angle
B. 45 degree angle
C. 180 degree angle

Resource Math

Resource Math focuses on math concepts along with the completion of the Auto Skills/Math Academy Program.

1. What is the biggest frustration to solve? 2. What is crucial to solving problems in a group?

- A. Bubble Shooter
B. Solitaire
C. The Izzy Puzzle
- A. Hope
B. Patience
C. Nothing

Government and Civics

The course provides a survey of the organization of American government and the American legal system.

1. What is Mr. Beckman's favorite saying? 2. What is the 20th amendment known as?

- A. Cut and Dry
B. Essentially
C. All of the above
- A. Freedom of Speech
B. Lane Duck
C. Right to Bear Arms

Single Life

Learning skills for a lifetime - budgeting, money management, and living independently.

1. What does Miss Marrs forget to do every morning? 2. What is being a prudent shopper?

- A. Brush her teeth
B. Take lunch count
C. Call her fiancée
- A. Not spending wisely
B. Not using coupons
C. Being savvy about resources.

Algebra II

Algebra II is a lot like Algebra I, only it's been kicked up a notch.

1. Who complains everyday about what is for lunch? 2. What is the pythagorean theorem?

- A. Heather Hupka
B. Kayla Casey
C. Dylan Pfeifer
- A. $a^2+b^2=c^2$
B. $a=c+b$
C. $Mick+Hayes=Wildeman$

Science Nerd Chantel

Gabel works on her titration lab in chemistry. The chemistry class does labs every day to finish out the school year. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Dizzy Izzy Katie

Dacy and Debra Massier try to solve the Izzy Puzzle. Solving the puzzle is one of the most trying things the resource math class does. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



Why Sin? Alicia Lang

practices trigonometry on the white board in Mr. Mick's Algebra 2 class. Trigonometry is the study of angles and sides. Photo by Kelsey Gehrer



Tough One Heather

Working hard Heather Hollingshead tries to get her Algebra assignment finished in class. Photo by Sarah Fischer



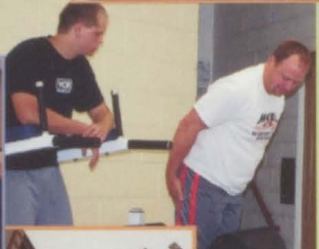
Investigation Cole

Hickey gets a head start on his law problems for Mr. Kohl's class. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Horrid Hypers Mr.

Armbruster shows Clay Barton how to use his hamstring muscles to do a "hyper" in GPD. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Cut It Up Trimming

the excess batting, Tori Clark focuses so she can start sewing her binding. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Pump It Nate

Townley works on his hang cleans in GPD. "GPD is a good class to help you stay in shape," Townley said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Find your answers on seminar page

Chemistry

Chemistry is a part of science that deals with the structure, composition, properties, and transformation of substances.

1. Who tries to be tough like Mr. Wildeman? 2. What is used to figure out an unknown solution?

- A. Dillon Kinderknecht
B. Gideon Fuchs
C. Matthew Erbert
- A. Concentration
B. Titration
C. Combination

Multimedia Technology

This year's videos consisted of sports highlights, announcements, and highlights of different elementary projects.

1. Who is constantly checking on the status of the senior video?

- A. The seniors
- B. Mr. Burton
- C. Mr. Amrein

2. Which format of video do you export from Premiere Elements to publish a video?

- A. Windows Media Video
- B. Quicktime Video
- C. Flash Video

Spanish II & Spanish III

Friday in Spanish classes is a day devoted to watching a serial sitcom about Lola and Ana.

1. What does Mrs. Grogan do and always forget about it?

- A. Lunch
- B. Give permission
- C. Email teachers

2. ¿Qué significa la plaza en la vida mexicana?

- A. It's big
- B. It's pretty
- C. Cultural center of life

Pre-Algebra

PreAlgebra is a class that prepares students for Algebra.

1. What song went #1 back in 1973 that was later remixed by Snoop, Carth and Mr Hayes?

- A. Bust a Move
- B. Quadratic Formula
- C. Gettin Jiggy

2. What is pi?

- A. 55.8
- B. 314
- C. 45

Life Skills

Course for 9-12 grades with focus on study strategy skills with support services available in content area classes.

1. Who ate your homework?

- A. Your dad
- B. The dog
- C. Your sister

2. What are good study strategies?

- A. Time management
- B. Note taking
- C. All of the above

Literature

Literature class generally involves reading literature from college-bound reading lists.

1. Who knows that lemon curds make scones taste better?

- A. Ciara Hespe
- B. Kiley Wayman
- C. Cody Ocamb

2. What is an allegory?

- A. A fable
- B. A long story
- C. A biography

Physical Science

This course is required by freshmen. Topics will be covered by lecture, lab, and everyday practical application of the material.

1. Who has the best ability to know music?

- A. JJ Hernandez
- B. Jared Herl
- C. Lyle Fischer

2. What is kinetic energy?

- A. Energy in motion
- B. Energy not moving
- C. Slow energy

Impact

Students learn how to study, how to think, and how to be successful in all areas of their lives.

1. What does Mrs. Wood forget to do on test day?

- A. Study
- B. Fix her hair
- C. Get Heather & Jamie

2. What is the one major rule in Mrs. Wood's class room?

- A. No music
- B. No whining
- C. No laptops

Find your answers on seminar page

Hard Worker

Rusty Ellis works hard to get his science review done in class. Photo by Brooke Graves

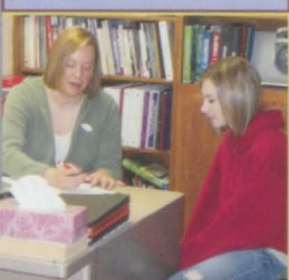


Sweet Eats

Cody Ocamb and Eric Zahn get ready to devour scones at the Literature Tea Party. Photo by Brooke Graves

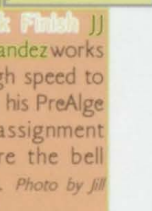


British Tea Party Enjoying the literature tea party, Kiley Wayman chows down on a scone. "I had a ton of fun at our tea party!" Wayman said. Photo by Brooke Graves



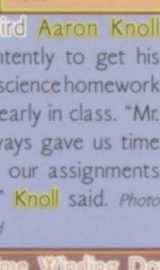
Check It Out

Impact teacher, Jill Wood, helps Heather Hupka set her grade goals for the last nine week period. Photo by Jamie Durheim

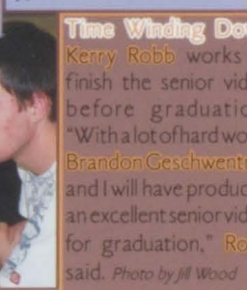


Quick Finish

JJ Hernandez works at high speed to finish his PreAlgebra assignment before the bell rings. Photo by Jill Wood



Early Bird Aaron Knoll works intently to get his physical science homework finished early in class. "Mr. Wolf always gave us time to finish our assignments in class," Knoll said. Photo by Jill Wood



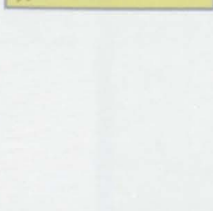
Time Winding Down

Kerry Robb works to finish the senior video before graduation. "With a lot of hard work, Brandon Geschwentner and I will have produced an excellent senior video for graduation," Robb said. Photo by Jill Wood



Set 'Em High

Phoenix Jenkins cooperates with Impact teacher Jill Wood while checking his grades during the last nine weeks. Photo by Jamie Durheim



Were you really there?

2ND HOUR

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Kelsey Quire

2ND HOUR

FINALLY WAKING UP

SEMINAR

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS

Were you really there?

GPD Answers

1A
2C
Algebra I
Answers
1B
2A
Resource Math
Answers
1C
2B
Government/
Civics Answers
1C
2B
Single Life
Answers
1B
2C
Algebra II
Answers
1B
2B
Chemistry
Answers
1C
2B
Multimedia
Answers
1A
2C
Spanish
Answers
1B
2C
Pre-Algebra
Answers
1B
2B
Life Skills
Answers
1B
2C
Literature
Answers
1C
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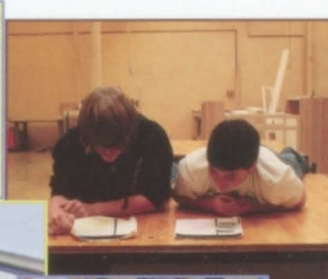
Typing/Com- puter Apps I Answers

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Answers
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Lifeskills
Answers
1A
2C
Calculus
Answers
1B
2C
American His-
tory Answers
1B
2B
Advanced
Composition
Answers
1C
2A
Girls GPD
& Aerobics
Answers
1B
2C
Spanish I
Answers
1C
2A
Math Standards
Answers
1C
2A
Intro to Agricul-
ture Answers
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Technology I
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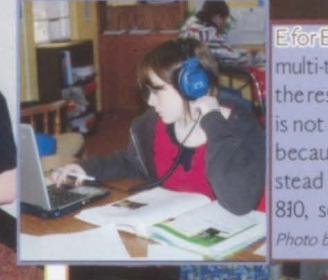
English IV Answers

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Geometry
Answers
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2A
Theories of
Engines/Ag
Welding
Answers
1B
2A
Intro to FACS
Answers
1B
2A
Commercial Art I &
II Answers
1A
2C
Journal-
ism/Yearbook
Answers
1B
2A
Furniture Tech
II & Cabi-
net Making I
Answers
1C
2C
English III
Answers
1C
2A
Health/PE.
Answers
1C
2B
Ag Leadership
Answers
1C
2A
Band Answers
1A
2A
Advanced
Math/Col-
lege Algebra
Answers
1C
2B

Wall Flower Alex Lovato and Chantel Gabel hang out and play on their laptops in Mrs. Grogan's seminar. "Seminar is a great time to do last minute homework," Lovato said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



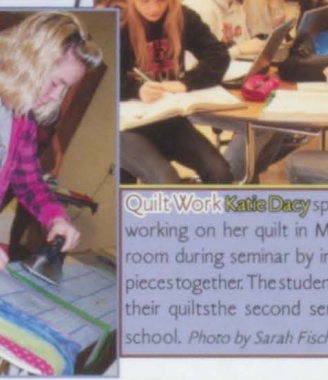
Study Buddies Aron Knoll and Josh Reilly attentively work on pre-algebra homework during seminar in Mr. Carroll's room. "Pre-Algebra is a pretty tough class for me, so I often get help from friends," Reilly said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



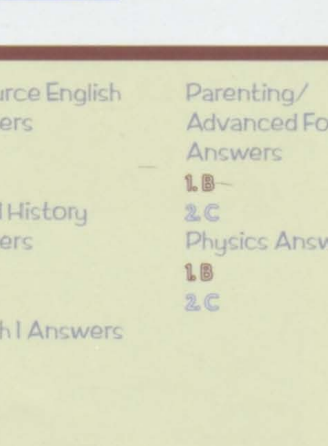
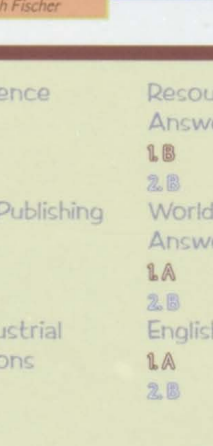
E for Effort Makala Ocamb multi-tasks during seminar in the resource room. Seminar is not held on Wednesday's because of late start. Instead of school starting at 8:30, school starts at 8:45. Photo by Sarah Fischer



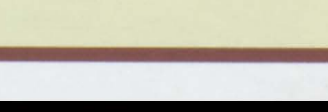
Relaxed Reading Isaac Henman relaxes in the resource room on the couch during seminar while he reads his book. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Free Time Nate Townley spends his free time on his laptop and listening to music. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Quilt Work Katie Dacy spends time working on her quilt in Miss Marrs room during seminar by ironing the piece together. The students started their quilts the second semester of school. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Twin Teamwork Jenny Hollern and Shelby Hollern use their time wisely during free time Tuesday to catch up on homework. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Earth Science
Answers
1B
2A
Desktop Publishing
Answers
1B
2C
CAD-Industrial
Applications
Answers
1A
2C

Resource English
Answers
1B
2B
World History
Answers
1A
2B
English I Answers
1A
2B

Parenting/
Advanced Foods
Answers
1B
2C
Physics Answers
1B
2C

Web Page Development I & 2

This class gives students the opportunity to learn a practical skill, and have potentially anyone in the world see their work.

1. In Dreamweaver you must click ____ on the menu bar to insert a horizontal rule.
 - A. Edit
 - B. File
 - C. Insert
2. Most said line in class: You forgot to do the ____ for your story.
 - A. Archived News
 - B. Date
 - C. Picture

Find your answers in seminar

A Work in Progress
Erin Groff uses her timewise during class to work on a graphic organizer. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Internet Inactivity
Daniel Honas enjoys some downtime after completing homework in Geometry. "I enjoy laying on the floor searching the web," Honas said. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Study Skills
Jennifer Kinderknecht takes notes in psychology. "It is one of my favorite classes. It is very interesting!" Kinderknecht said. Photo by Paige Reilly

Read & Write
Heather Hollingshead reads an article for a speech they were preparing to write during Forensics I. Photo by Sarah Fischer

A Work in Progress
Eric Zahn works on a painting during art class. Art is taught by first year teacher, Mr. White. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Concentration
Working ahead, Cody Ocamb works on a graphic organizer during class. The class had a student teacher, Mr. Beckman, for part of the year. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Helping Hands
Computer Apps teacher Mr. Carroll, helps Shelby Hollern put a picture on her website. This is Carroll's first year teaching at Ellis High School. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Yum!
Chelsea Leiker plays with her food during psychology class. The students tasted different foods while learning about taste buds and the brain. Photo by Paige Reilly

Typing/Computer Apps

An introductory computer course that teaches the basics of Microsoft Office applications.

1. What keyboard shortcut allows you to save a document?
 - A. Ctrl + A
 - B. Ctrl + S
 - C. Ctrl + C
2. What is the coolest thing about Mr. Carroll's computer keyboard?
 - A. It is pink
 - B. It can control the TV
 - C. It is wireless

Forensics I & II

Forensics exposes students to a variety of public speaking assignments and forensics events.

1. What is always in the food box for tournaments?
 - A. Slim Jims
 - B. Fruit Snacks
 - C. Little Debbie's
2. What are the three main parts of a speech?
 - A. Point 1, 2, & 3
 - B. Transition, Preview & Main Point
 - C. Introduction, Body & Conclusion

Social Psychology

The study of people in social context, including the influence of norms, roles, and groups on behavior and cognition.

1. Is human behavior influenced by nature or nurture?
 - A. Nature
 - B. Nurture
 - C. Both
2. Why did Kerry Robb really leave?
 - A. Too much estrogen
 - B. To join band
 - C. Caroline was too quiet

Life Skills

A study strategies class in which students apply skills learned to all classes across the curriculum.

1. Who should you first count on if you need help on an assignment?
 - A. Yourself
 - B. Your lead teacher
 - C. Mrs. Heronome
2. Who will bail you out if you don't bring materials to class?
 - A. Obama
 - B. Mrs. Hamel
 - C. No one

Calculus

Calculus is like the badger of the math world - mean, nasty, and ticked off.

1. What does Mr. Mick do every assignment?
 - A. Laugh evilly
 - B. Set us up for failure
 - C. Crush our hopes and dreams
2. What is the derivative of e^x ?
 - A. $\ln x$
 - B. $\log x$
 - C. e^x

American History

The study of 20th century history ranging from the broad topics of Industrialization to the Present.

1. What year did JFK die?
 - A. 1983
 - B. 1963
 - C. 1745
2. The punch line to Mr. Kohl's favorite joke is?
 - A. Kudos!
 - B. Pardon Me!
 - C. Atta Boy!

Were you really there?

3RD HOUR

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LEATHER WEBER

3RD HOUR

SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN

4TH HOUR

IS IT LUNCHTIME YET?

Advanced Composition

This class focuses on writing for the concurrent college credit while reading literature and reviewing grammar.

1. A research paper must...

- A. be 8 pages long
- B. have cited sources
- C. both A and B

2. Mr. Bingley married...

- A. Jane
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Mary

Girls GPD and Aerobics

Enjoy a full hour of fun-filled activities that include weight lifting, aerobics, pilates, yoga, circuits, and kickboxing.

1. The ab rolling queen is...

- A. Nancy Dinges
- B. Debbie Massier
- C. Rachel Mick

2. Who comes to lift with us?

- A. Dillon Kinderknecht
- B. Gideon Fuchs
- C. Aaron Gnad

Spanish I

Enjoy a Friday of watching a serial sitcom, entirely in Spanish, about Lola, Ann, Pablo, and Sam.

1. ¿Qué día es tu favorito?

- A. Lunes
- B. Martes
- C. Viernes

2. ¿Puedo ir al baño ahorita?

- A. Sí
- B. No
- C. ¿Qué?

Math Standards

The determination to succeed outweighs failure as students make adjustments, learn from mistakes, and succeed.

1. This class is the study of...

- A. Algebra
- B. Geometry
- C. Everything

2. What is $2/3$ in decimal form?

- A. .6
- B. .23
- C. .3

Intro to Agriculture

This class provides students with an overview of all aspects of agriculture, ranging from agronomy to livestock judging.

1. Who wrote the FFA Creed?

- A. Francis Scott Key
- B. E.M. Tiffany
- C. George Washington

2. You will always have a...

- A. wonderful time
- B. splendid time
- C. good time

English II

A sophomore is a walking oxymoron—a wise fool, so this class studies challenging concepts to make them wise.

1. Amo/ami means what?

- A. Hatred
- B. Love
- C. Confusion

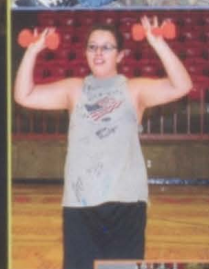
2. What is the acronym for coordinating conjunctions?

- A. BOYFANS
- B. GIRLFANS
- C. MADORINFANS

What a Weld! During Intro to Agriculture, Aaron Knoll uses an arc welder to run a few practice beads across a piece of metal. Photo by Kara Hackney



Kickin' Back Matt Kreutzer gets comfortable in the chair while reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* during English II. "I love not having to do home work after our reading days," Kreutzer said. Photo by Kara Hackney



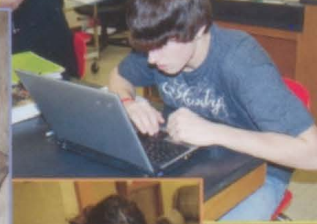
Step Up Nancy Dinges participates in step aerobics, one of the many exercises that are included in Mrs. Drennon's physical education classes. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Mega Math Heather Hupka works on percentage problems during Math Standards class. Photo by Kara Hackney



Compendio Katie Dacy and Garrett Rupp uncover the Spanish language in class. Photo by Kara Hackney

Sounds Fishy Zack Werth prepares for his test in biology. The students were learning about fish and amphibians. Photo by Kara Hackney



Little Laughs Heather Weber, Rachael Hamel, and Sarah Fischer burst into giggles while reading. Photo by Kara Hackney



I Got This During a presentation by FHSU students, Bailee Bittel draws a picture to be described to and identified by a different group. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Find your answers in seminar

Biology

Students explore through many hands-on activities, learning about all the organisms that inhabit the planet Earth.

1. What are all living things made up of?

- A. Organisms
- B. Cells
- C. Mammals

2. What is the "control center" of a cell?

- A. Protozoa
- B. Chromosome
- C. Nucleus

Were you really there?

KARA HACKNEY

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4TH HOUR

Find your answers in seminar

Industrial Technology I

Students learn the basics of mechanical drawing, using both hand tools and computer-aided drafting software.

1. A hidden line is used to...
 - A. hide parts of drawing
 - B. show parts of drawing
 - C. make things confusing
2. What tool did Scott break?
 - A. a triangle
 - B. a drawing board
 - C. a T-square

English IV

In this class, study literature, various forms of writing, and grammar. Students also focus on a career project.

1. What is important in an interview?
 - A. Eye contact
 - B. Lipstick color
 - C. Body odor
2. Who wrote *Animal Farm*?
 - A. Ray Bradbury
 - B. William Shakespeare
 - C. George Orwell

Geometry

Geometry challenges students to investigate, plan, and explain. It connects the brain.

1. Sochatoa in the river below...
 - A. the tepee
 - B. of the red buffalo
 - C. both A and B
2. What is the area of a circle?
 - A. $\pi \times \text{radius squared}$
 - B. $2 \times \text{radius}$
 - C. $1/2 \text{ base} \times \text{height}$

Theories of Engines/Ag Welding

Students learn the basics of small-gas engine operation and repair first semester and all about welding the second.

1. Who forgot to put oil in his engine?
 - A. Dillon Kinderknecht
 - B. Aaron Gnad
 - C. Matt Cunningham
2. How many valves are in a small-gas engine?
 - A. 2
 - B. 4
 - C. 6

Intro to FACS

Students are introduced to family and consumer sciences and learn basic nutrition, cooking, and sewing skills.

1. When a sewing error is made, what tool do you use?
 - A. Bobbin
 - B. Seam ripper
 - C. Seam gauge
2. Who do you consult when you don't want to sew?
 - A. Mrs. Albers
 - B. Ms. Marrs
 - C. Mr. Burton

Commercial Art I and II

Much classtime is focused on studying how to produce various works of art and then applying it to your projects.

1. Which have we done this year?
 - A. Sketchbooks
 - B. Paper mache
 - C. Sculpting
2. Is anyone chewing gum?
 - A. Always
 - B. Better not be!
 - C. Both A and B

Journalism/Yearbook

In this class, students create the only book that you will still look at in 50 years.

1. What is a COB?
 - A. Cut On Board
 - B. Cut Out Background
 - C. Cook Out Barbecue
2. Who is our couch potato?
 - A. Mr. Kohl
 - B. Mr. Amrein
 - C. Mrs. Heroneme

Your Yearbook

Heather Weber flips through last year's memories in journalism class. Photo by Kara Hackney



Listen Close

Joey Kitzman and Cody Ocamb take advantage of the couch comfort in English IV. Photo by Kara Hackney

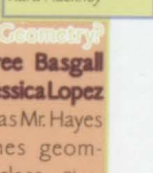


Sew Easy In Intro to FACS, Dylan Pfeifer threads his sewing machine to work on his quilt. Pfeifer used baseball-themed fabric. Photo by Christina Unrein



Almost There

Finishing up her project in art, Erin Groff brushes the last strokes of color onto her tulip painting. Photo by Kara Hackney



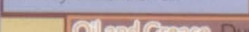
Get Geometry?

Desiree Basgall and Jessica Lopez listen as Mr. Hayes teaches geometry class. Photo by Kara Hackney



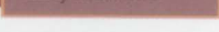
Wood it Work?

Dylan Krause learns the basic fundamentals and safety procedures of woodworking as he builds his wooden wall clock, the project students construct in Industrial Tech. Photo by Christina Unrein

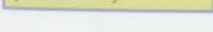


Oil and Grease

During Theories of Engines and Ag. Welding, Tanner Gugler works on his engine. The class had the opportunity to bring in their own small-gas engines to try to get running like new again. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Math Madness As a result of Mr. Hayes' humor, Tori Clark cracks a smile while taking notes. "Mr. Hayes is so funny!" Clark said. Photo by Kara Hackney



Were you really there?

5TH HOUR

8-

KARA HACKNEY

5TH HOUR

Is it NAPTIME YET?

6TH HOUR

SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR AWAY

Furniture Tech II/Cabinetmaking I

Students are introduced to furniture constructing, first by pre-designed plans, then by their own project.

1. Why is a dado a strong joint?
 - A. Dimension
 - B. Angle
 - C. Surface Area
2. What did Dawson put in the dust collector?
 - A. Tape Measure
 - B. Board
 - C. A Dust Bag

English III

The study of American Literature from colonial times to the present period.

1. Which book featured Jerry?
 - A. The Great Gatsby
 - B. The Grapes of Wrath
 - C. The Chocolate War
2. What tapestry hangs on Mrs. DeGees bulletin board?
 - A. "Whose Job?"
 - B. "Bushisms"
 - C. "Internet Safety"

Health/PE

A curriculum of individual and team activities and learning the functionality of the human body.

1. What does aerobic mean?
 - A. Jumping in the air
 - B. Doesn't need oxygen
 - C. Requires oxygen
2. How tall is Mrs. Drennon?
 - A. 4' 9"
 - B. 5' 4"
 - C. 5' 11"

Ag Leadership

Students who have a desire to help lead the FFA organization.

1. What is the first part to bleach on a hen?
 - A. Beak
 - B. Legs
 - C. Vent
2. Who chugged $\frac{3}{4}$ of a bottle of maple syrup?
 - A. Logan Stanton
 - B. Jordan Lang
 - C. Justin Hendrickson

Band

Students use instruments to make beautiful music at a high school level.

1. Which instrument is brass?
 - A. Trumpet
 - B. Bells
 - C. Clarinet
2. What's Mrs. Meyers favor-
ite saying?
 - A. "We're a team."
 - B. "Don't touch that."
 - C. "Stop looking at me."

Advanced Math/College Algebra

Students learn about many topics, mostly advanced, and usually math related.

1. What does $\sin \theta$ also equal?
 - A. $\cot(90-\theta)$
 - B. $\csc(90-\theta)$
 - C. $\cos(90-\theta)$
2. What does Mr. Mick hate?
 - A. Stupid questions
 - B. Smashed-in markers
 - C. Pink pens

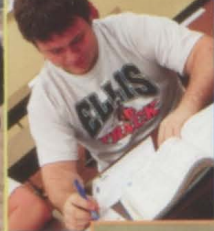
Drum Line Brandon Geschwentner, Chantel Gabel, and Staci Bittel practice their marching formations during band. Photo by Rachael Hamel



Sew What? Kyle Fox works diligently on his quilt during FACS class. "Making quilt was definitely a learning experience, but it was better than I assumed it'd be," Fox said. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Work It Scott Fuller uses his class time to finish his homework for Geometry class with Mr. Hayes. Students are required to take three years of math. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Brain Power Alyssa Herl gives her attention to Mr. Mick as he teaches in Advanced Math. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Bright Ideas Kayla Casey experiments with energy saving in Earth Science. Photo by Paige Reilly



Constructive Criticism Justin Hendrickson asks Mr. Kohman for advice on his trailer in Ag Leadership. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Shopoholic Monte Honas saws a board during his Furniture Tech class. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Masterpieces in the Making Alicia Lang focuses as she paints her project during art class with Mr. White. Photo by Sarah Fischer



Earth Science

Focuses on all aspects of our planet, from geology, meteorology, astronomy, and several environmental areas.

1. Rhyolitic magma contains...
 - A. Basalt
 - B. Granite
 - C. Andisite
2. What is Mr. Wildeman's favorite expression?
 - A. Alright, alright.
 - B. Be a sponge.
 - C. You've been warned.

Find your answers in seminar

Were you really there?

Desktop Publishing

Students have an opportunity to advance their computer skills using a variety of programs.

1. Where is the swatch palette in InDesign located?
 - A. Top of screen
 - B. Right side of screen
 - C. Bottom of screen
2. Who is Mr. Amrein?
 - A. Miss Alexander
 - B. Mrs. Wood
 - C. Mr. Amrein

Find your answers on seminar page

CAD - Industrial Applications

Students will further their knowledge of technical drawing using computer aided drafting software.

1. What makes a 2D object 3D?
 - A. Extrude
 - B. Extend
 - C. Elevate
2. What project was designed for Mrs. Keller?
 - A. A house
 - B. A garage
 - C. A Deck

Resource English

Students are enthusiastic, self-motivated, and welcome learning and reading.

1. Prepositional phrases must have a(n)....
 - A. O.P.
 - B. D.O.
 - C. E.I.E.I.O
2. What's the class favorite book?
 - A. Hamlet
 - B. Of Mice and Men
 - C. Lord of the Rings

World History

The historical study of the ramifications of global events on homo sapiens both in the past and present.

1. Who fought the wind mills?
 - A. Don Quixote
 - B. George Washington
 - C. Mary Tudor
2. What is Mr. Kohl's favorite college team?
 - A. K-State Wildcats
 - B. KU Jayhawks
 - C. Texas Longhorns

English I

A mix of classic literature as well as an exploration of creative writing tossed with a bit of grammar.

1. Which book is Odysseus in?
 - A. The Odyssey
 - B. To Kill a Mockingbird
 - C. Romeo and Juliet
2. The desk arrangement is described as a...
 - A. A rectangle
 - B. A squircle
 - C. A square

Parenting/Advanced Foods

Designed to teach students the responsibilities of raising children and how it changes life forever.

1. Wash your hands for __sec.
 - A. 10
 - B. 20
 - C. 30
2. Who doesn't do anything?
 - A. Kyle
 - B. Kerry
 - C. All the above

Physics

Students learn all the secrets of the universe.

1. Mass x Velocity =
 - A. Weight
 - B. Momentum
 - C. Acceleration
2. In Science Bowl, team A...
 - A. placed first
 - B. placed second
 - C. didn't place

Mapping It Out

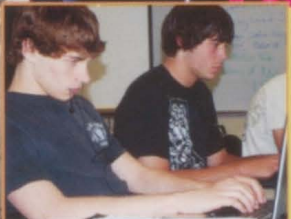
Devin Henderson works on a map during World History. Photo by Christina Unrein



Mechanical Work Eric Zahn concentrates as he fixes an engine during Theories of Engines and Overhaul with Mr. Kohman. Photo by Christina Unrein.



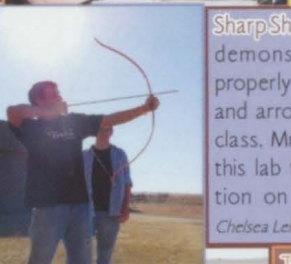
Looking Up Brittany Elliot and Nicole Pfeifer watch as Mr. Mick launches a rocket in Physics. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Min Good Kimberly Desaire dishes out some "double surprise meatloaf" in Advanced Foods. Photo by Jill Wood



Laptop Labor Cody Ocamb and Joey Kitzman work diligently during Desktop Publishing. Photo by Jill Wood



Sharp Shooter Chase King demonstrates how to properly shoot the bow and arrow during Physics class. Mr. Mick developed this lab for a demonstration on energy. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Poking Fun Alex Lovato examines a planaria during Biology class. Biology is a required class for sophomores. Photo by Christina Unrein



Together We Stand Steven Schmidt and Tyler Fischer team together during Theories of Engines and Overhaul to work on an engine. Students get about 4 or 5 engines to work on through the year. Photo by Sarah Fischer

Were you really there?

7TH HOUR

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CHELSEA LEIKER

7TH HOUR

WRAPPING UP THE DAY

FCCLA COOLER THAN A MULLET

Freshman fun night was a blast! I enjoyed having a good time with the new kids through an organization that I have been involved in for four years. The highlight of the night was definitely watching the gender bender game, during which guys and girls modeled clothing of the opposite sex. Dylan Krause was hilarious because he really got into it. He had that seductive-looking face, and it cracked everyone up! I think this event is a great way to recruit new members into FCCLA because they get to come eat lots of food, play games, and socialize. Even though we inform them about our leadership organization, they also learn how much fun it is.

- Christina Unrein



Warm Welcome

Brooke Graves welcomes everyone to the FCCLA banquet in April. Graves served both as chapter president and district vice president of public relations this year.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



Curious Cube At the Christmas party, Kayla Jacques attempts to solve a Rubik's cube.

Photo by Brooke Graves



To Tie or to Tac? Bailee Bittel partakes in a break-out session during Fall Leadership Academy. The game allowed individuals to build leadership skills.

Photo by Christina Unrein



Funny Peln During FLA, Sarah Fischer cracks up as the keynote speaker entertains the audience. "He was hilarious and my favorite part of FLA. He had some really awesome dance moves!" Fischer said.

Photo by Christina Unrein



In with the New Jessica Wheeler blows out her candle after the officer induction ceremonies. Wheeler will serve as the 2009-2010 president.

Photo by Sarah Fischer

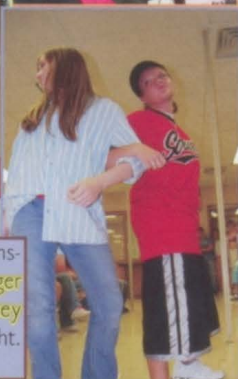


Coming In Kim Desaire lights a candle as she is inducted as an officer at the annual banquet in late April.

Photo by Sarah Fischer

Rock the Runway Trans-dressed, Breanna Kroeger and Bernadette Frickey enjoy Freshman Fun Night.

Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Guitar Goods Rocking out to Guitar Hero, Clara Hespe attempts to keep up with the game's tempo at the FCCLA Christmas party.

Photo by Brooke Graves



All the Light Brittany Elliot lights the wick of her candle at the banquet, signifying her retiring officer position of vice president of community service.

Photo by Sarah Fischer



Sleeping Sled Riley Hunsicker drags Jenny Hollern during the relay at freshman fun night.

Photo by Chelsea Leiker



You Had to Be There

Freshman fun night was a blast! I had a lot of fun getting to hang out with my friends. My favorite part of the night was the relay, in which we got to drag a partner on a sleeping bag through cones. I also liked the gender bender game...until everyone in my class saw the pictures of me! On the other hand, I really got a kick out of my friends having to dress like the opposite sex. I'm not a member of FCCLA, but I'm glad that the organization puts together the fun night for the freshmen. I was better able to get to know some of the upperclassmen and have a good time with my classmates at the same time.

- Dylan Krause



Officers



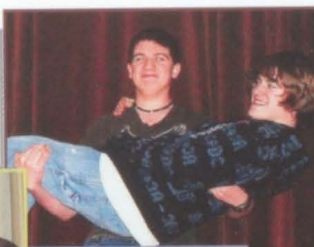
Back Row: Brooke Graves-president, Kayla Jacques-vicepresident, Kyle Hadley-STAR events, Jessica Wheeler-public relations, and Kelsey Gehrre-treasurer.

Front Row: Christina Unrein-secretary, Brittany Elliot-community service, Rachael Hamel-STUCO representative, and Heather Weber-points.

BLUE & GOLD

STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

Top Salesman William Poland receives his top fruit sales award at the banquet. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



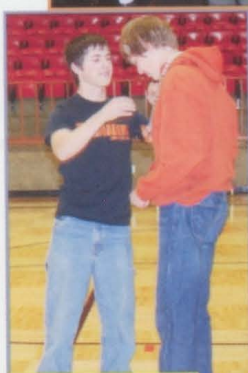
All Smiles Showing off their teamwork, **Brandon Hespe** and **Aaron Knoll** get ready to be auctioned off at the FFA labor auction. Most of the money made was put towards senior FFA scholarships. Photo by Brooke Graves



Mr. Multi-Tasker Lyle Fischer talks on the phone while serving pancakes at the teacher appreciation breakfast. This was Fischer's first year in FFA. Photo by Kara Hackney



The Baconator Mr. Kohman helps out with the teacher appreciation breakfast while cooking bacon. The teacher appreciation breakfast is a tradition that is held every year during national FFA week. Photo by Kara Hackney



Big Award Eric Zahn receives the "Big Muscles" award. Eric broke the flywheel off his engine. "It was a fun award and gave me the opportunity to recognize his work," Kohman said. Photo by Brooke Graves



Bunch of Junk Derek Kvasnicka receives the 2nd place award in the junker truck competition during FFA week. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Gourmet Chef Ashley Augustine helps cook bacon at the teacher appreciation breakfast. Students had to report to school early to help cook and serve. Photo by Kara Hackney



Remember Me Kara Hackney reminisces about her senior year in FFA. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Playful Kitten Maggie Zody plays with a cute kitten at Mr. Kohman's farm on the way to state CDE's. State CDE's are held in Manhattan every year. Photo by Kara Hackney



Monkey Boy Justin Henrickson wastes some time by playing in the trees at the chapter officer retreat in Colorado over the summer. Photo by Kara Hackney



My favorite part of FFA are the opportunities to learn new things. I have been in FFA my entire high school career. This year I was the FFA chapter vice-president. My favorite memory was our officer retreat this past summer to camp in the Colorado mountains. We had a lot of fun bonding as a group of officers. Being in FFA has all kinds of its own opportunities. This year at our banquet the seniors received a pretty good chunk of scholarship money from the our local Ellis chapter. FFA will always be one of my greatest memories from high school!

- Jordan Lang



You Had to Be There



My favorite part of FFA are the opportunities to learn new things. Being in FFA, I learned all kinds of new things about agriculture and did things I never would have dreamt to do. I was in FFA for three years, being the treasurer two of them. My favorite memory from FFA was going on trips and seeing things that I may not ever have gotten to see. Being part of the ATM team was amazing this year. It was unreal that we were even on stage going for 1st and 2nd. Then when we were announced it was the best feeling ever. I couldn't believe it!

- Logan Stanton

Officers



Back Row: **Derek Kvasnicka**-reporter, **William Poland**-secretary, **Ethan Cox**-Stuco representative, and **Logan Stanton**-treasurer. Front Row: **Kara Hackney**-president, **Justin Henrickson**-sentinel, and **Jordan Lang**-vice-president. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

LEADERSHIP

THESE KAYS ARE HOOKED

Points are like a box of chocolates, you never know how many you're going to get. I consider myself lucky to get my points. When I wake up in the morning, the last thing on my mind is remembering to bring things to school to get my KAY points. That was always the hardest part of getting points, just not forgetting. Most of my points came from the food box auction. If I wouldn't have remembered to bring those puppies to school, I wouldn't have gotten my points.

- Dawson Augustine



Roses Are Red
Breanna Ellison receives her rose from Danielle Weber during the Senior Recognition ceremony. Ellison has been in the group for all four high school years. Photo by Rachael Hamel



Decisions Jessica Stanton helps out during Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat. Photo by Kara Hackney



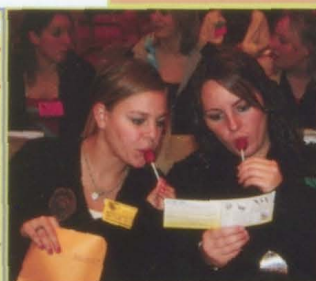
V-Haul Garret Vandenberg helps unload some canned goods for Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat. KAYS teamed up with FFA and Girl Scouts for this service project. Photo by Kara Hackney



Pick Me! Riley Hunsicker, Austin Lopez, and Meny Rodriguez eagerly bid on boxes during the annual Food Box Auction. The auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Sucker For You
Sarah Fischer and Kendra Mickleson enjoy their suckers during the KAYS conference in WaKeeney. Photo by Kelsey Gehr



Bookworm JJ Hernandez picks up on some reading before the KAYS conference at WaKeeney. Photo by Kelsey Gehr



You Had to Be There

Points are like a box of chocolates, you never know how many you're going to get. I was never actually aware that I never got my points. The activities were always easy, if you got out and did them. The hard part about getting the points was making yourself go do them. It always seemed like the activities were never worth many points, either. Oh well, I'll get my points next year. I might even get royalty. I'll decide when the time comes.

- Jessica Lopez



Officers and Board



Back: Chelsey Walters, Rachel Mick, Kayla Jacques, Mikayla Gottschalk, Maggie Zody, Shelby Gottschalk. Middle: Haley Wolf, Danielle Weber, Christina Unrein, Bernadette Frickey, Kendra Mickelson, Whitney Taylor. Front: Sarah Fischer, Heather Weber, and Kelsey Gehr.

Photo by Kara Hackney

Battle for the Box
Raising his arm in excitement, Kyle Hadley hopes to win the box being bid off at the Food Box Auction. Hadley bid a lot, but had no money. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Answer the Call
Rachel Mick lights her candle as she takes the responsibility of secretary for the new school year at the KAY Celebration. Photo by Rachael Hamel



Getting Down Kyle Weber jumps out during Snoball. Snoball is the biggest project of the school year for the KAY organization. Photo by Brooke Graves



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ELLIS HAS TALENT

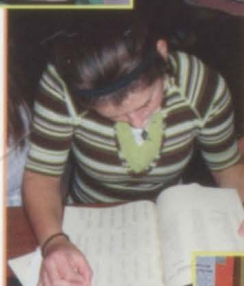
Fresh Meat New to Forensics, **Brandon Hespe** eats a sandwich for lunch at the MCL tournament. Photo by Brooke Graves



Crazy Kids State qualifiers show off their crazy side the day before they perform. The students went to eat at Olive Garden in Wichita. Ninestudents performed at State. Photo by Brooke Graves



Takin' A Break Sitting at the Stockton MCL Forensics tournament, **Kara Hackney** gets a little shut eye before her next performance. Photo by Brooke Graves



Preparing For Excellence **Maggie Zody** checks out the competition at State Forensics. "My favorite part of forensics is talking with and meeting new and exciting people," **Zody** said. Photo by Brooke Graves



Game Time **Kevin Robb** plays a game at the Laser Quest game place in Wichita before State Forensics. **Robb** was a semi-finalist at state. Photo by Brooke Graves



Working Hard Staying busy during the Ellis Forensics meet, **Chelsea Leiker, Nicole Pfeifer** and **Kiley Wayman** help out. Photo by Brooke Graves

Step Up **Kiley Wayman**, a Forensics II student, steps up and gets organized for the Ellis Meet. Photo by Brooke Graves



Hosts for the Night **Nicole Pfeifer** and **Chelsea Leiker** host Forensics Night. Photo by Heather Weber

Chocolate! **Kelsey Butler** performs her informative titled "Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!" at Forensics Night. This is **Butler's** 2nd year in Forensics. Photo by Heather Weber



Giddy Up **Nicole Pfeifer** gives **Meliah Raub** a lift during State Forensics. Photo by Brooke Graves

I bet state Forensics was a blast this year... unfortunately, I wasn't there. I qualified for both state Forensics and Journalism, and they are held on the same day, so it was a tough choice. I chose to go to Journalism because this was my one and only chance to compete. My favorite part of Forensics is the opportunity to speak to a diverse audience about a topic I love. On the other hand, I really enjoy the creativity, beauty, and "awe" of photography, and the idea that you are able to tell a story through words or photographs to those individuals who were unable to attend a certain event. In the end, I feel like my decision to go to state Journalism was best for my future.

-Kara Hackney



You Had to Be There



State Forensics was a blast this year. I was pretty nervous going because usually freshman do not go. I really enjoy doing Improvised Duet Acting with my sister Ciara because we are usually fun and weird together. One IDA I won't forget at State was when I was rat whispering and got the rat "Shurley" to carry my tooth up a drain. It was interesting. My favorite part of state was Laser Quest, mainly because it was full of two feet tall eight-year-olds, and I totally demolished them. Most of all, I love to go out and do what I do best, act.

-Brandon Hespe

FORENSICS

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CHRISTINA LINREIN

Members



Back: **Maggie Zody, Kevin Robb, Brandon Hespe, Nicole Pfeifer, Jessica Estrada, Kiley Wayman.** Middle: **Brooke Graves, Ciara Hespe, Ashley Bunker, Bernadette Frickey, Kara Hackney.** Front: **Sierra Shore, Chelsea Leiker, Meliah Raub, Kelsey Butler.** Photo by Kelsey Gehrer

OUTSIDE THE BOX

STUDENTS KEEP BUSY

I love to have fun outside of school, too. For the past five years, from April 4th to October 10th, I am a very busy guy. Around that time, I head to WaKeeney and race my go-kart every other weekend. My go-kart is made of Phenom Chassis with a five horse motor that will usually put out about eight to ten horsepower, pretty good for a five horse engine. I usually go to the races early with my Dad to get ready, and then my "fan group," including Mom, Emily, Grandpa, and Grandma, come later on. Sometimes, some classmates come watch me to get the feel of what it is like in my shoes. Nothing feels better than racing in my go-kart.

Ethan Cox



Sky High Making a jump for it, **Monte Honas** flies above everyone else on his four-wheeler. "Jumping is my favorite thing to do when I am riding on my four-wheeler," **Honas** said. Photo by Matt Kreutzer



Record Breaker **Austin Lopez** breaks the record for squats at the EHS Lift-a-thon, maxing at 223 lbs. Photo by Christina Unrein



Fisher Fuchs With his fishing pole in one hand and his fish in the other, **Gide on Fuchs** poses with his catch. **Fuchs** caught the fish at Big Creek in Ellis. Photo by Tyler Fischer



Creative Angles **Kerry Robb** films for Multimedia class. **Robb** not only films for class, but outside of school. He has made home videos and is co-producer of the Senior video played at Graduation. Photo by Christina Unrein



You Had to Be There

I love to have fun outside of school, too. One time, my dad and I were pulling up to a field because he had told me that he saw a big buck there. I got out and started to walk through the field. Suddenly, a buck jumped. I took a shot. I wasn't sure where I had hit him, but he took off. As we came over a terrace, I saw him walking in circles. Turned out that I had hit him. Knowing that he was kind of out of it, we stood and watched him, hoping that he would soon die. Then, he started walking down the same row of milo that I was standing in. So I took another shot, finally killing him. Times like these really make me enjoy hunting.

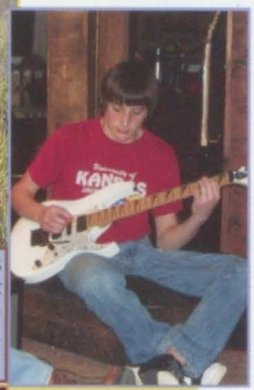
Alesha Brenner



Hunting Game **Alesha Brenner** shows off her deer. "My favorite part of hunting is enjoying the outdoors," **Brenner** said. Courtesy Photo



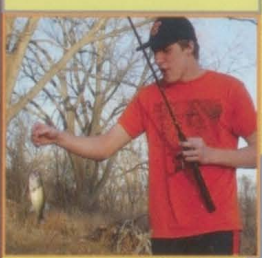
Music Man **Ben Leiker** makes music in his living room at home. **Leiker** has been playing the guitar for 1 1/2 years. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Speed Demon **Ethan Cox** races his go-kart. "I like the speed and competitiveness of the other racers," **Cox** said. Photo by Emily Cox



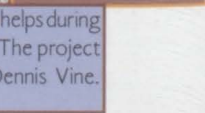
You Turkey, You! **Tyler Fischer** finds a prize turkey. **Fischer** likes to go hunting with his friends in his spare time. Photo by Lyle Fischer



Sweet Snoring **Sarah Fischer** partakes in a different kind of activity, sleeping. Teenagers need approximately 9 1/2 hours of sleep a day. Photo by Christina Unrein



Turning Upside Down Returning to her younger days, **Emily Durheim** hangs around at the playground at St. Mary's School. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



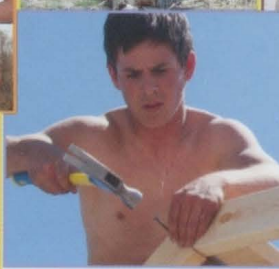
Teen Queen **Kara Hackney** is crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas. Photo by Dodge City Globe



Helping Hands **Jared Knoll** cleans at the EHS Lift-a-thon while **Joey Augustine** spots him from behind. Photo by Christina Unrein



Gene Fishing **Aaron Gnad** catches his fish for the day at Big Creek in Ellis. "During the summer I go fishing as much as I can," **Gnad** said. Photo by Tyler Fischer



Hands On **Justin Henrickson** helps during Mr. Carroll's class project. The project was building a shed for Dennis Vine. Photo by Christina Unrein

CHRISTINA UNREIN

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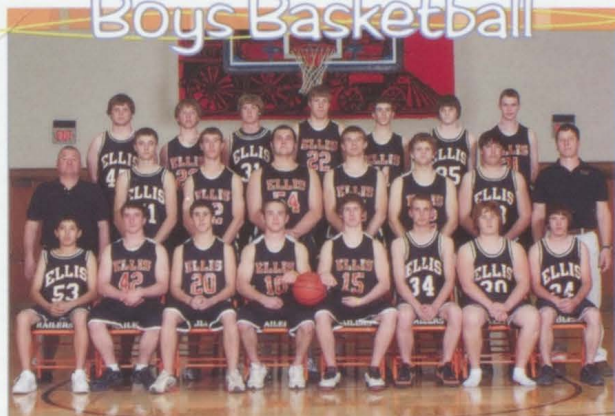
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Baseball



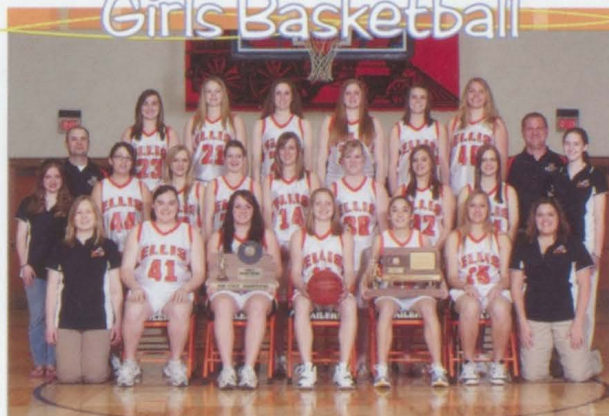
Baseball Coach Wildeman, Matthew Cunningham, Aaron Gnad, Chase King, Joey Kitzman, Patrick Dreiling, Dylan Pfeifer, Kyle Fox, Coach Cunningham. **First Base** JJ Hernandez, Jacob Kinderknecht, Dillon Kinderknecht, Joey Augustine, Meny Rodriguez, Tyler Fischer, Riley Hunsicker. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Boys Basketball



Baseball Matthew Gehring, Jacob Kinderknecht, Joey Augustine, Kyle Weber, Ben Leiker, Kyle Fox. **Boys Basketball** Coach Schoenthaler, Daniel Honas, Ryan Weber, Matthew Erbert, Jared Herl, Clay Barton, Ethan Cox, Coach Befort. **First Base** JJ Hernandez, Gideon Fuchs, Matthew Cunningham, Dylan Pfeifer, Kyle Hadley, Lyle Fischer, Logan Mattheyer, Devin Jacques. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Girls Basketball



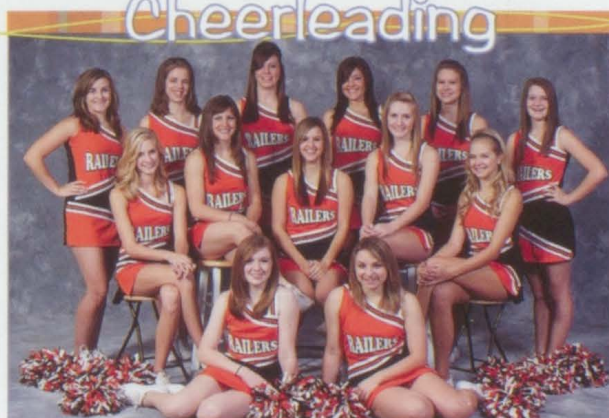
Baseball Coach Wildeman, Courtney Waldschmidt, Mikayla Gottschalk, Kayla Jacques, Shelby Gottschalk, Chelsea Leiker, Erin Groff, Coach Mick. **Boys Basketball** Kelsey Butler, Nancy Dinges, Jenny Hollern, Danielle Weber, Alesha Brenner, Stephanie Young, Kayla Casey, Shelby Hollern, Jessica Wheeler. **First Base** Alyssa Herl, Natasha Hollingshead, Kendra Mickelson, Whitney Taylor, Haley Wolf, Bethany Polifka, Kelsey Gehrre. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Choir



Baseball Kyle Hadley, Chase King, Matthew Gehring, William Poland, Ryan Weber, Kyle Weber, Brandon Hesse, Gideon Fuchs. **Boys Basketball** Brooke Graves, Maggie Zody, Mikayla Gottschalk, Debra Massier, Heather Weber, Jacob Begler, Kerry Robb, Leah Begler. **Saxophone** Jenny Hollern, Bernadette Frickey, Stephanie Young, Kayla Jacques, Erin Groff, Chelsea Leiker. **Flutes** Ashley Bunker, Shelby Hollern, Kimberly Gottschalk, Jessica Stanton, Ciara Hesse, Nancy Dinges. Photo by Christina Unrein

Cheerleading



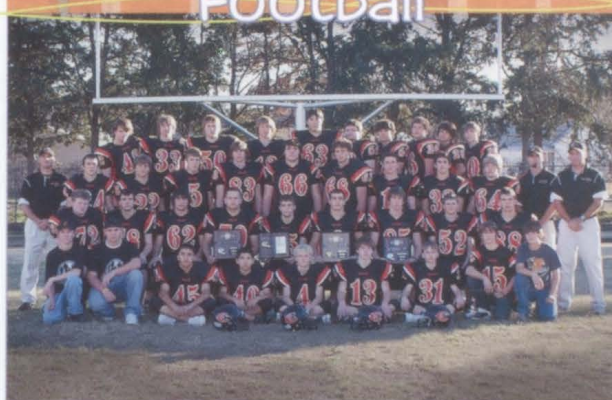
Baseball Courtney Waldschmidt, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Kimberly Gottschalk, Caroline Beilman, Lacey Gaschler, Danielle Weber. **Boys Basketball** Rachel Mick, Kara Hackney, Rachael Hamel, Christina Unrein, Chelsey Walters. **Flutes** Breanna Kroeger and Jessica Stanton. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Cross Country



Coach Dinkel, Haley Wolf, Maggie Zody, Nathaniel Townley, William Poland, Ryan Weber, Kyle Weber, Isaac Henman. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Football



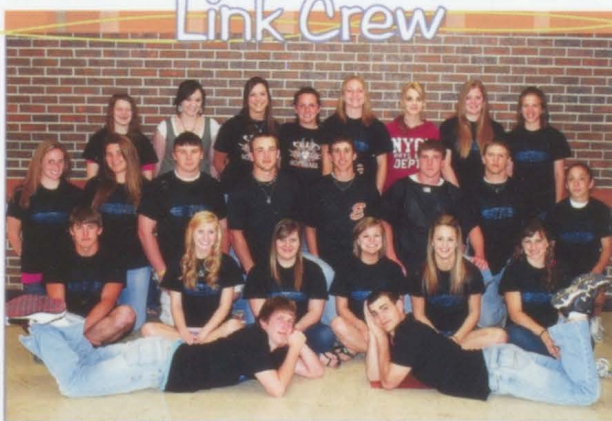
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Golf



Josh Reilly, Ethan LaBarge, Cole Hickey, Ben Leiker, Isaac Henman, Chelsey Walters. Photo by Ellis Review

Link Crew



Back row: Danielle Weber, Ciara Hespe, Jordan Lang, Kendra Mickelson, Whitney Taylor, Kiley Wayman, Shelby Gottschalk, Jennifer Kinderknecht. **Third row:** Kayla Jacques, Bailee Bittel, Logan Stanton, Dylan Pfeifer, Matthew Cunningham, Gideon Fuchs, Dillon Kinderknecht, Haley Wolf. **Second row:** Monte Honas, Christina Unrein, Heather Weber, Sarah Fischer, Rachael Hamel, Kara Hackney. **Front row:** Kyle Hadley and Chase King. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

NHS



Back row: Breanna Ellison, Whitney Taylor, Kayla Jacques, Shelby Gottschalk, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Erin Groff, William Poland. **Front row:** Kelsey Gehrer, Kara Hackney, Heather Weber, Danielle Weber, Haley Wolf. Photo by Caroline Beilman

Scholars Bowl



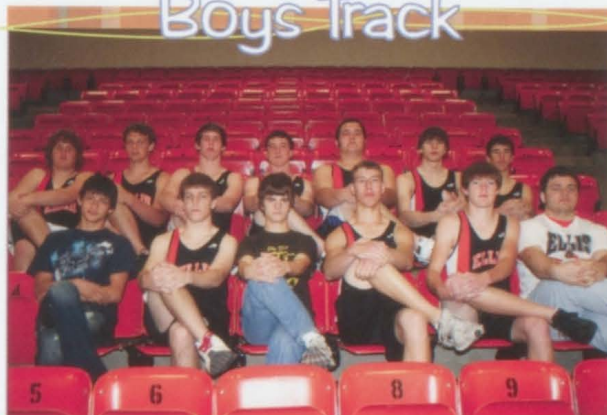
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Softball



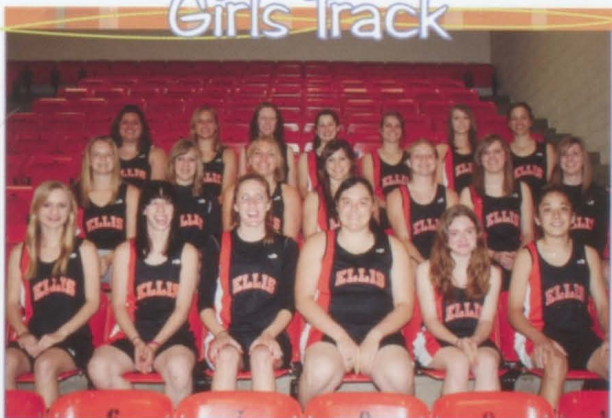
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Boys Track



Back row: Logan Mattheyer, Jacob Begler, Kyle Hadley, Gideon Fuchs, Matthew Erbert, Phoenix Jenkins, Kyle Weber. **Front row:** Austin Lopez, Brandon Geschwentner, Tanner Gugler, Ryan Weber, Dylan Krause, Scott Fuller. Photo by Rachael Hamel

Girls Track



Back row: Sierra Shore, Bethany Polifka, Jamie Durheim, Maggie Zody, Chelsea Leiker, Alicia Lang, Jennifer Kinderknecht. **Middle row:** Mikayla Gottschalk, Alesha Brenner, Erin Groff, Kara Hackney, Whitney Taylor, Emily Durheim, Kathryn Sleigh. **Front row:** Jenny Hollern, Paige Reilly, Kayla Jacques, Natasha Hollingshead, Kelsey Butler, Haley Wolf. Photo by Rachael Hamel

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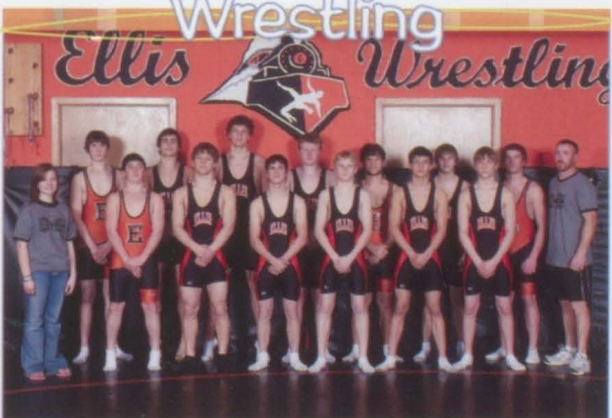
Kara Hackney, Chase King, Whitney Taylor, Danielle Weber. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Groups

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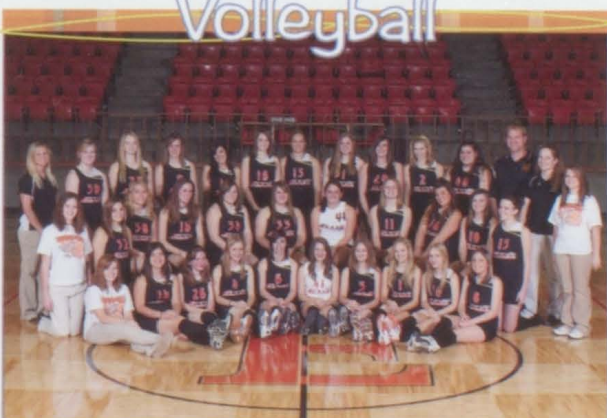
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Wrestling



Back row: Nathaniel Townley, Chase King, Jacob Begler, Garret Rupp, Todd Smith, Steven Schmidt, Jared Knoll, Coach Dinkel. **Front row:** Jerica Dinkel, Josh Reilly, Dillon Kinderknecht, Justin Hendrickson, Riley Hunsicker, Austin Lopez, Ethan LaBarge. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Volleyball



Back row: Coach Upham, Stephanie Young, Mikayla Gottschalk, Alesha Brenner, Caroline Beilman, Alicia Lang, Bethany Polifka, Shelby Gottschalk, Kimberly Gottschalk, Rachel Mick, Sierra Shore, Coach Mick, Coach James, Bernadette Frickey. **Middle row:** Jessica Wheeler, Kayla Casey, Erin Groff, Kayla Jacques, Katie Parson, Heather Weber, Kendra Mickelson, Whitney Taylor, Bailee Bittel, Courtney Waldschmidt, Chelsea Leiker. **Front row:** Jerica Dinkel, Jessica Lopez, Kelsey Butler, Shelby Hollern, Paige Reilly, Danielle Weber, Ashley Augustine, Chelsey Walters, Jenny Hollern, Tori Clark. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

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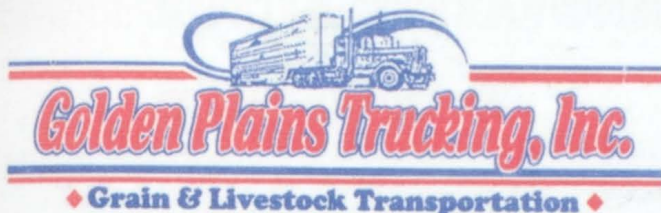
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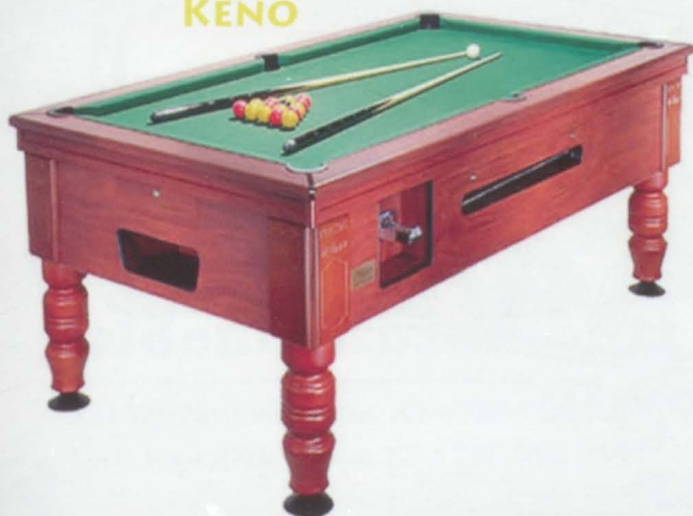
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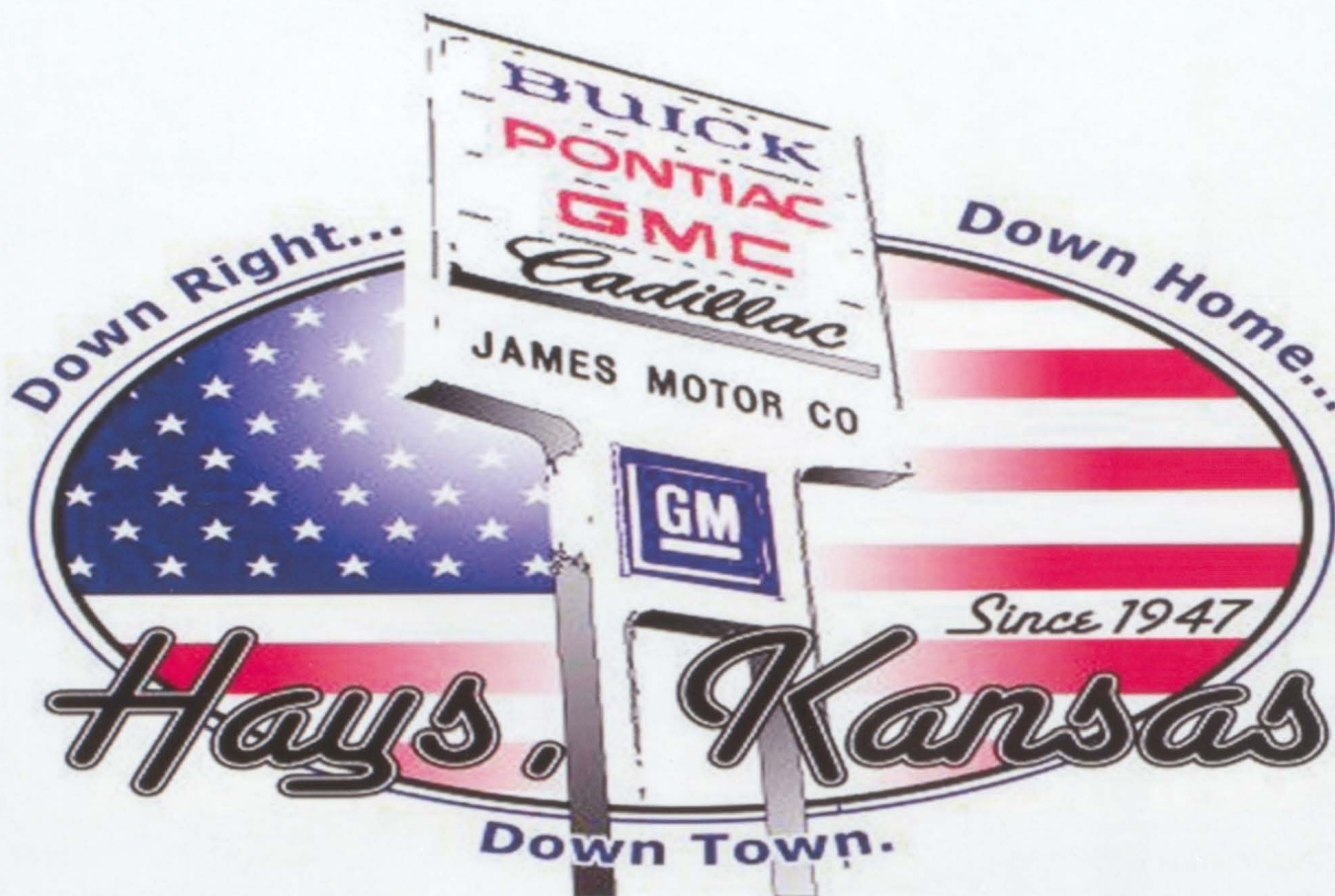
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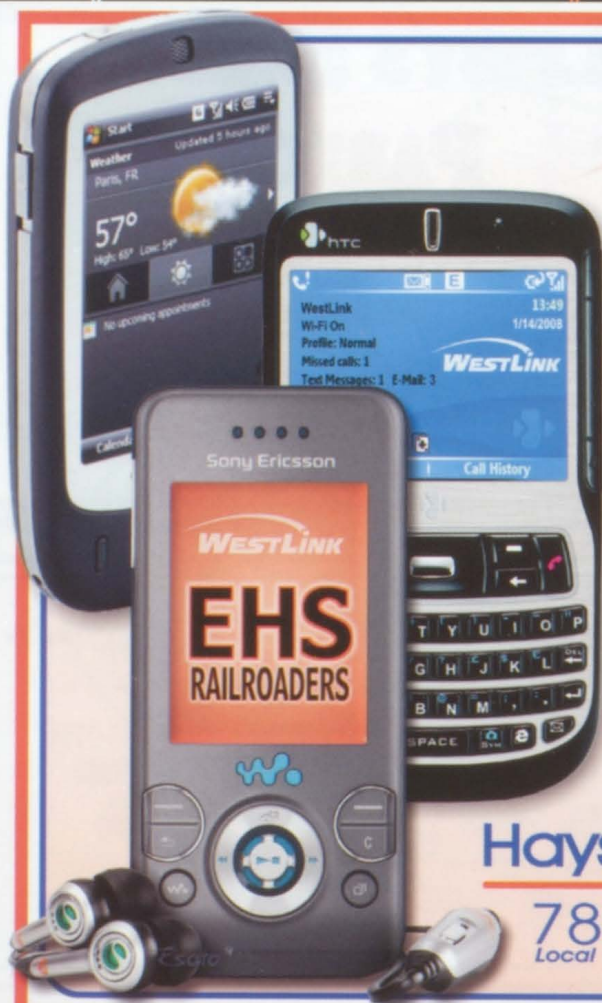
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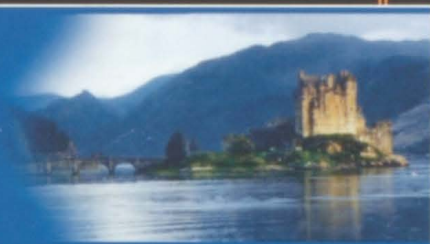
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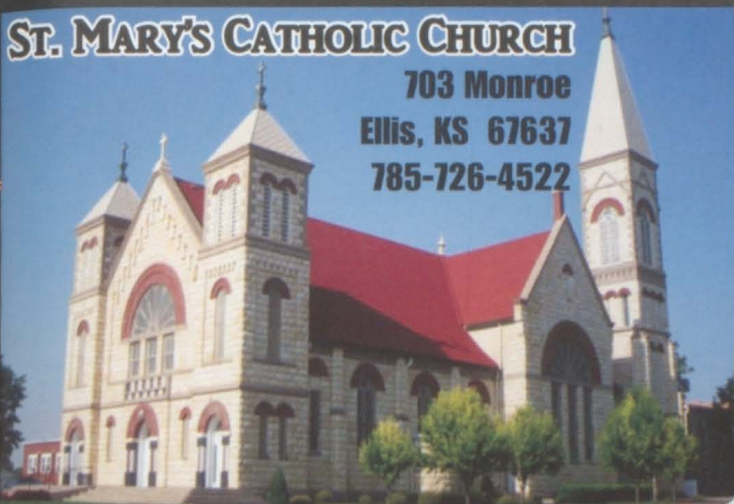
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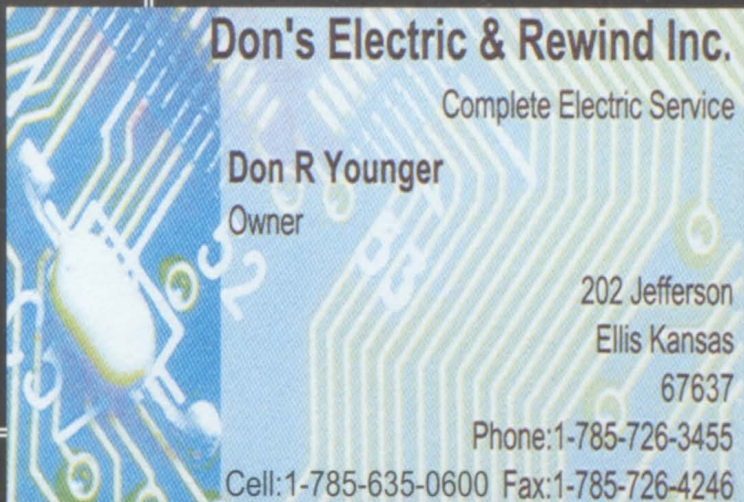
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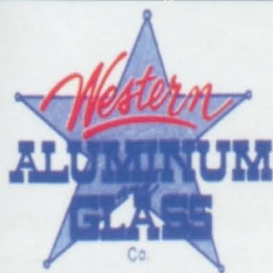
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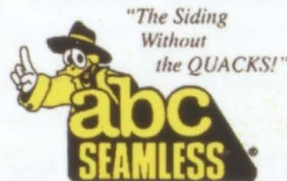


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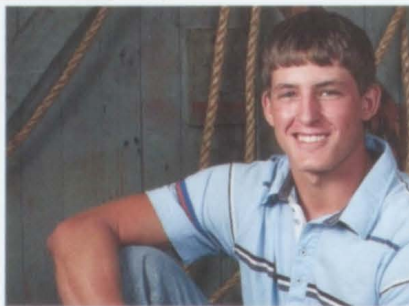
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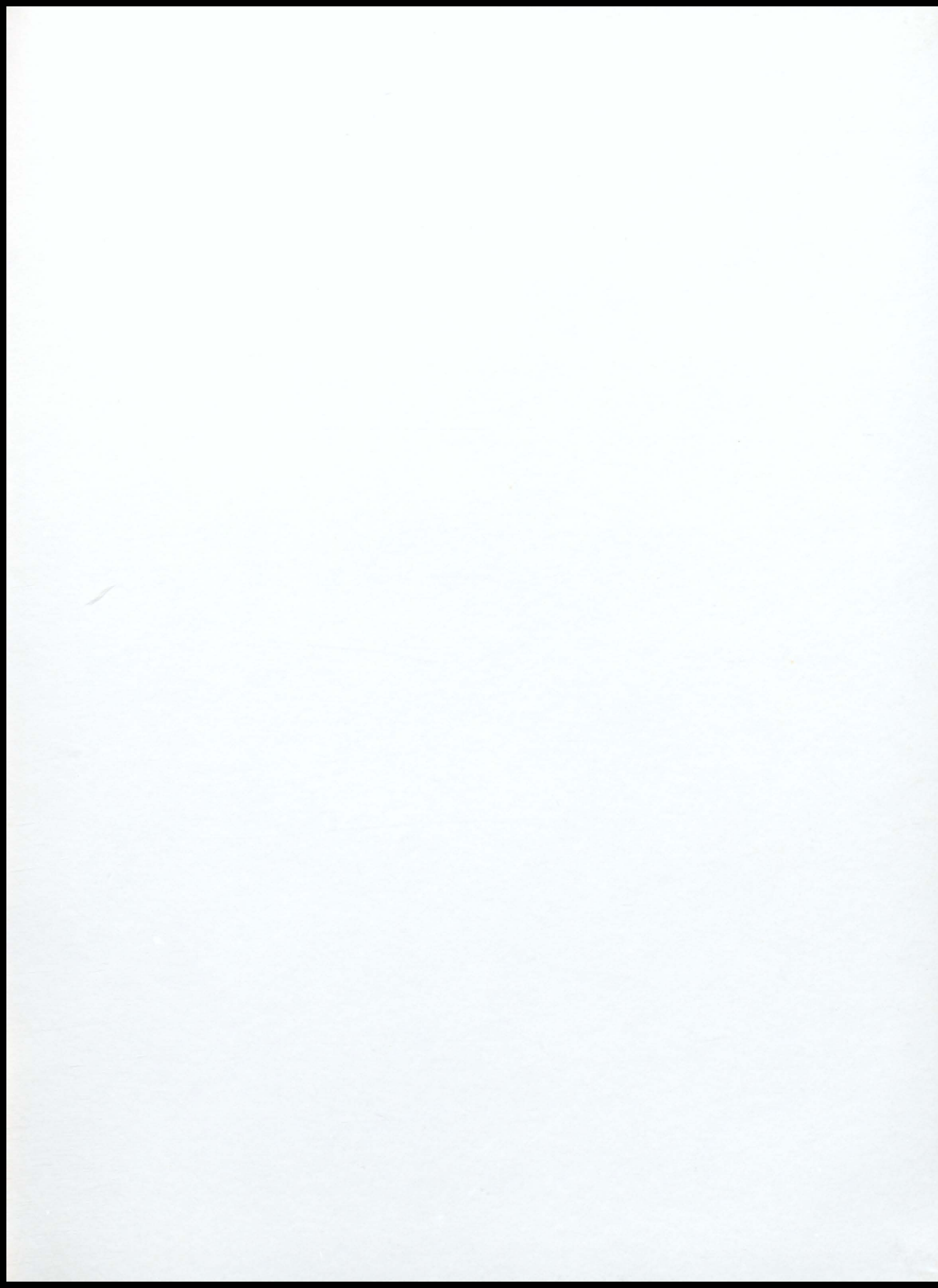
Somewhere in between pulling into the parking lot on August 19th and emptying out the petrified food in your locker in May, another year of our lives has slipped away from us. It seems like the time spent in school will last forever, and the bell never rings soon enough at 330. Yet, here you are looking at the closing of the 2009 Railroader yearbook.

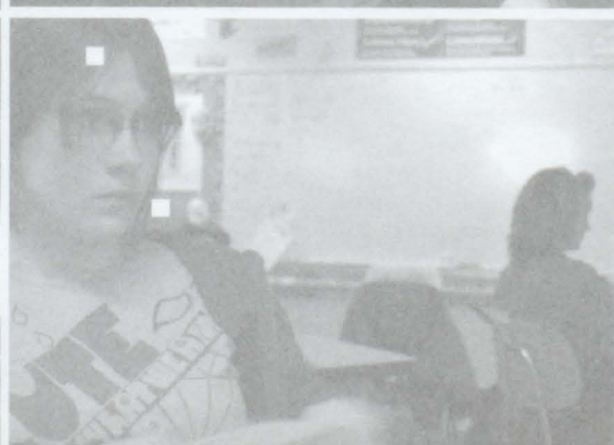
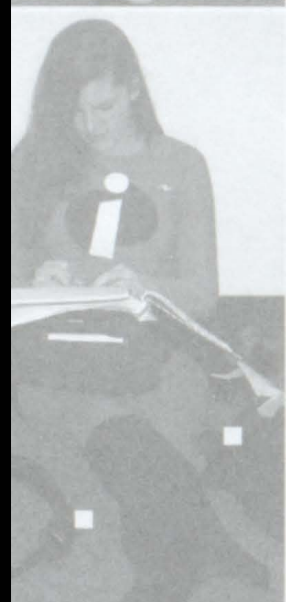
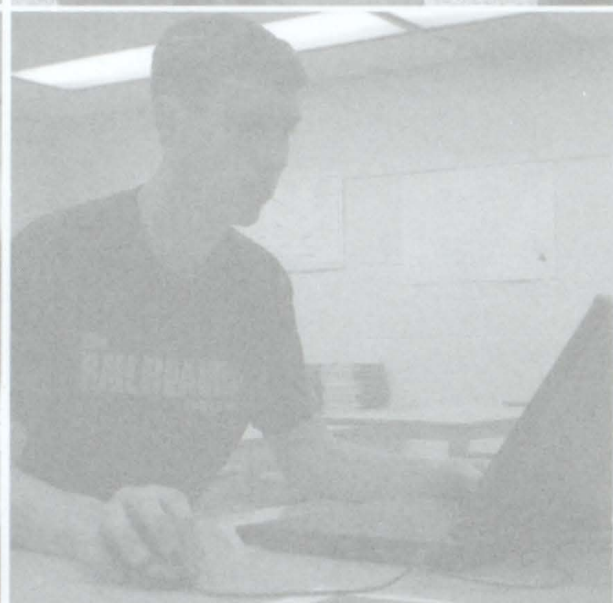
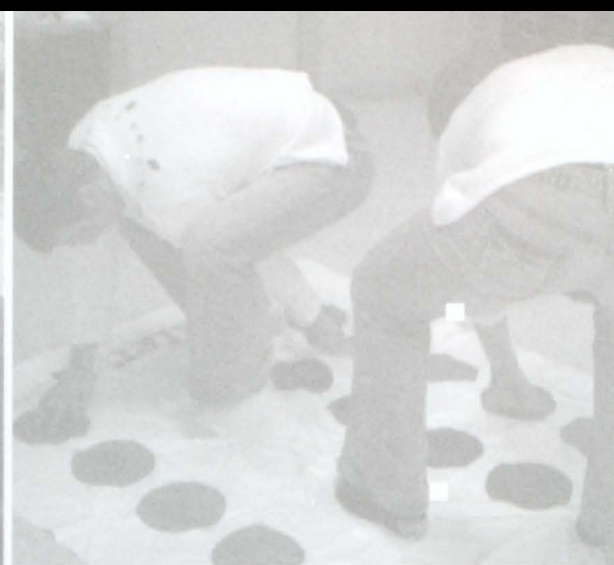
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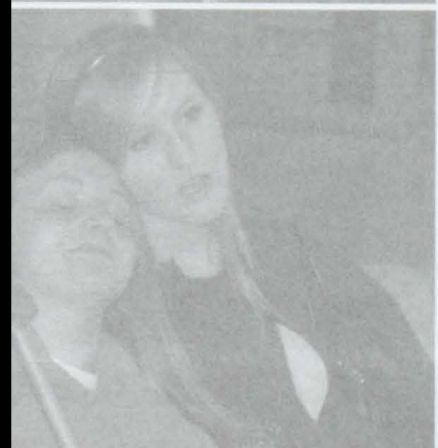
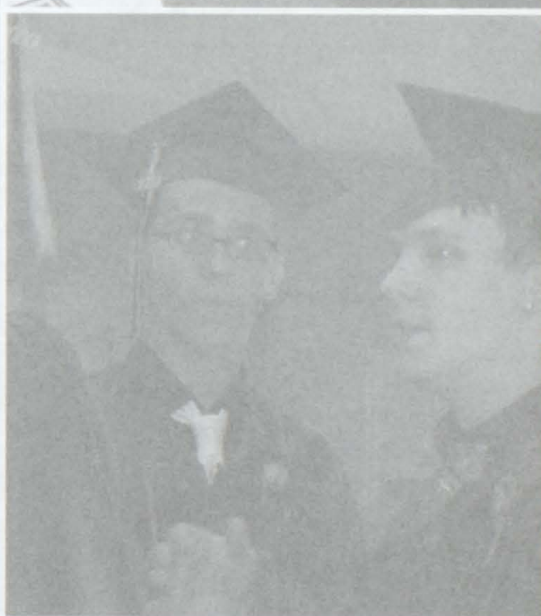
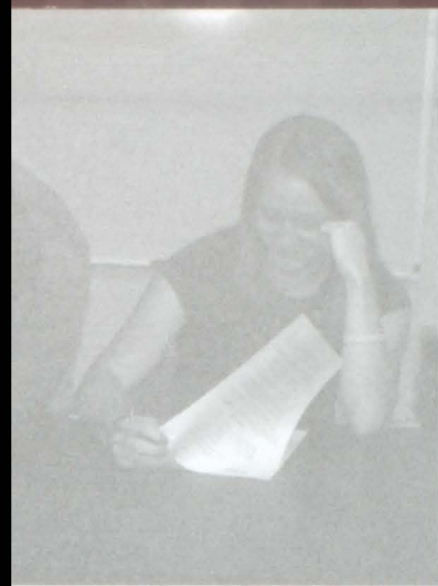
If there is any way to sum up a year, the look on **Bethany Polifka's** face would be it, filled with excitement for what happens next and completely unaware that in three days, she would be part of the team that received state runner-up in girls basketball. It is that kind of hope and determination that fuels every Railer through a last-minute dinner theatre crisis or a 500-point project the week before finals. Yet, we are gracious in our struggles. While others may give up and act out, we take the blows and retaliate with more enthusiasm than ever. This is what makes us Rainers.

Although a picture is worth a thousand words and the pages are filled with pictures, a book could never begin to cover every single occurrence in a year. There is bound to be a story behind each moment captured on these pages. Maybe a picture of you sailing through the air in triple jump will serve as a catalyst for a hundred other memories to resurface. The book is now in your hands, filled to the brim with what all happened your **freshman, sophomore, junior** or **senior** year. After all, we aren't making these memories for you...

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