

Somewhere in Between

2010 Railroader



A black and white photograph of a school hallway. On the left, there is a long row of lockers. Several students are walking through the hallway. In the background, there is a brick wall and a doorway. The number '45' is visible on a wall to the right. The lighting is from overhead fluorescent fixtures.

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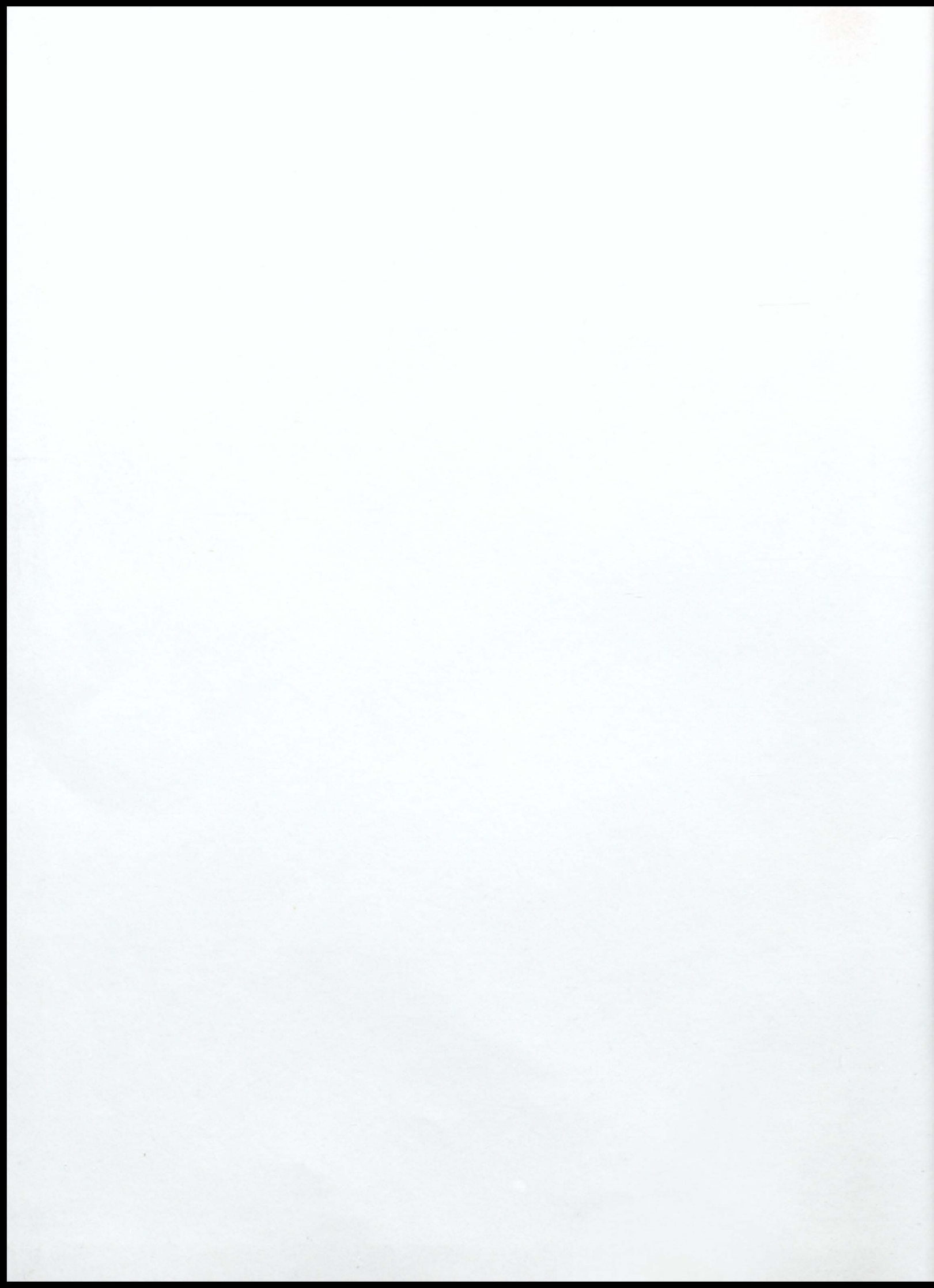
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It seems like only yesterday we were saying goodbye to the Ellis High School building for the summer. Whether we spent the summer running with "the wolf pack," hanging out at the pool, or wasting gas by seeing too many movies at the theater in Hays, the season passed before our eyes. Though nobody looked forward to trading in their swimming suit for a school-issued bookbag and laptop, we all came back, ready to start the year and make it memorable. And we started it off right with 154 students - more than we've had in many years.

Opposite the common high school stereotype, our 154 aren't labeled as jocks, band geeks, mathletes, or any other typical brand given to students in the movies. We have football players who are in choir. Some of our "nerds" are also on the cheer squad. A part of our forensics team is also very active in FFA. At most schools, what you see in their students is what you get. As Railers, we aren't simply black and white. We're all...

SOMEWHERE

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Open Eyes

Courtney Waldschmidt, cheerleader, yearbook business manager, athlete, and honor roll student, waits in the hallway for a good shot. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Autumn

I don't usually sit outside for lunch. I can't explain why I decided to sit outside for lunch. It was probably to do something different.

Logan Fuchs^{fr}



photo by Kelsey Gahrer

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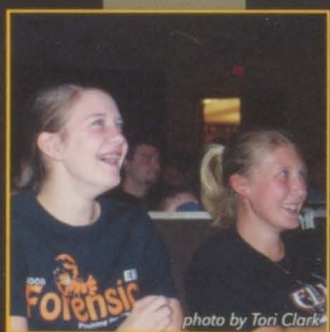


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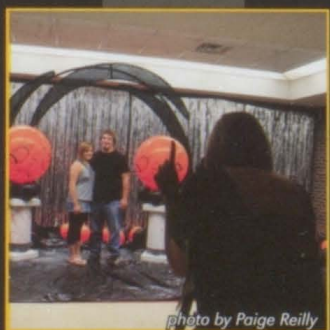
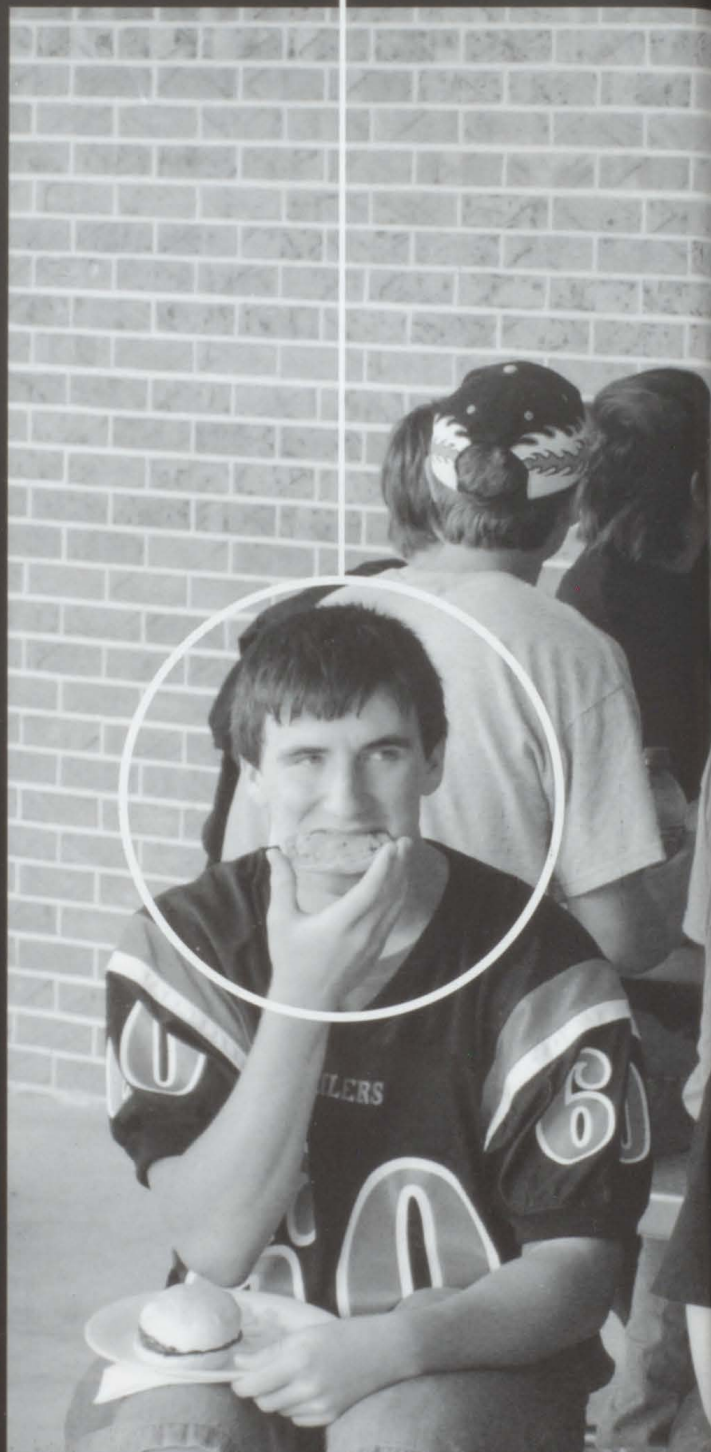


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Homecoming was good this year because I enjoyed the type of days we had for spirit week. My best memory would be dressing up as Super Aug for hero day.

Joey Augustine^{fr}

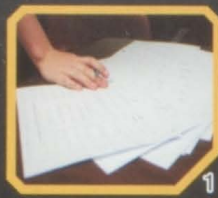
My favorite memory from Homecoming was at the dance with a lot of us in the middle of the dance floor singing 80's songs.

Jordan Rohr^{fr}



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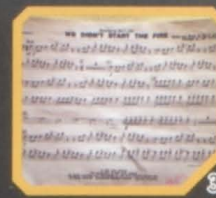
Top 10 Things you need For Mr. Kohl's Class



Graphic Organizers



Knowledge



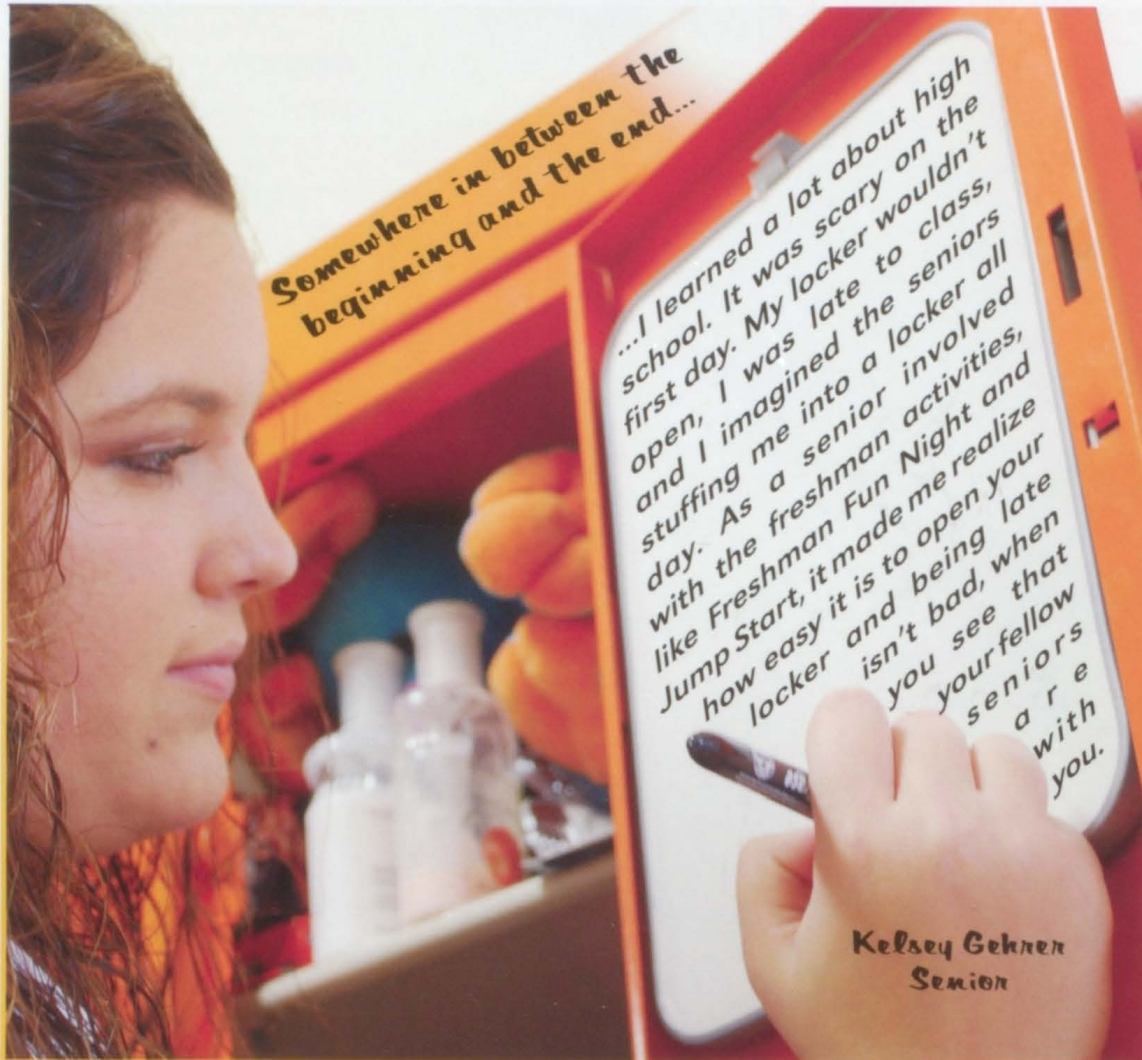
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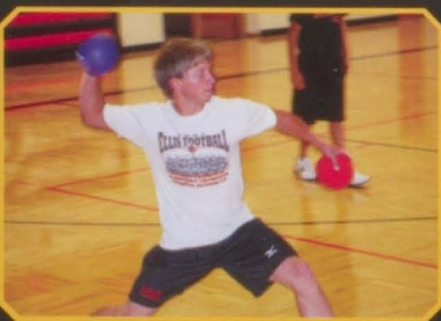
Spit Shield

Bring It On

Students prepare for new year



Kelsey Gehnen
Senior



Domination

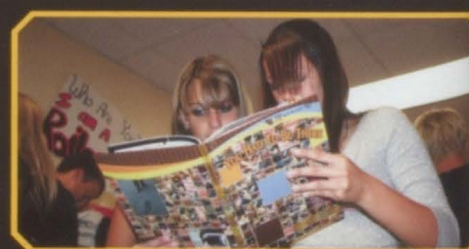
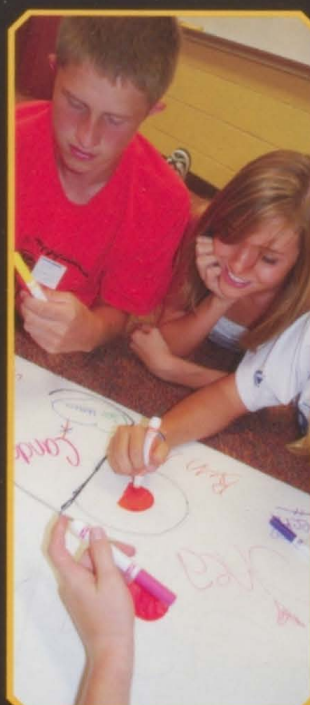
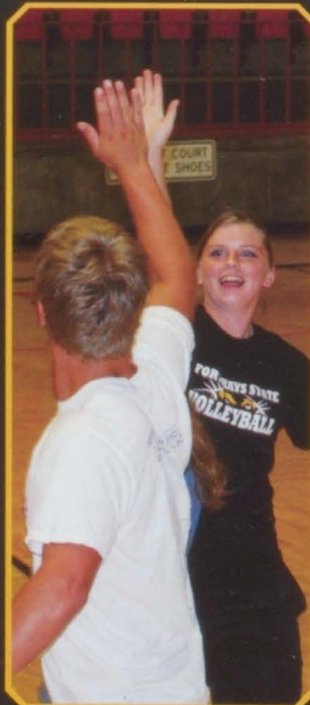
During a game of dodgeball at Link Crew Orientation, Jacob Kinderknecht¹ aims for his next target. "I love dominating people during dodgeball," Kinderknecht said.

Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Excitement

Megan Honas² and Dillon Kinderknecht³ celebrate the win at dodgeball during Link Crew Orientation. Freshmen also participated in teambuilding games and discussions about high school life with the Link Leaders. Photo

by Chelsea Leiker



New Year, New Book Kiley Wayman⁴ and Alicia Lang⁵ check out the new 2009 Yearbook. Students usually pick up their new yearbook on the first day of school. "You can tell the class put a lot of effort and hard work into it, and it definitely paid off," Wayman said. Photo by Paige Reilly

Post-It Shea Harper⁶ and Tyler Walters⁷ enjoy their time at FCCLA Freshman Fun Night. The freshmen were separated into groups and had to create posters. These posters represented their group with a group name. "I colored the poster and decided on our group name: The Jackson Nine!" Harper said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Earplugs



Dose of 'Sodie Pop'
(Before Class Only)



Black and Blue Pens



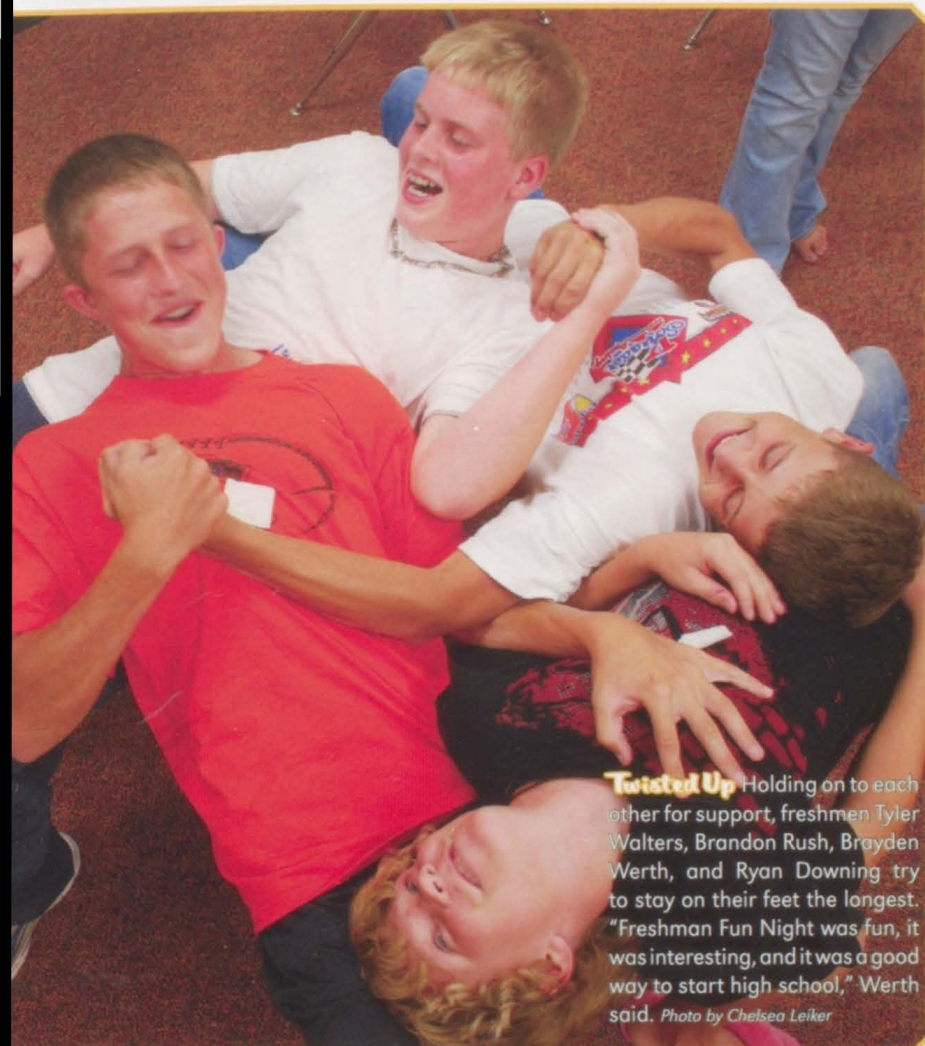
A Watch, So You're Never Late



Your Book and Notes



A Helmet



Twisted Up Holding on to each other for support, freshmen Tyler Walters, Brandon Rush, Brayden Werth, and Ryan Downing try to stay on their feet the longest. "Freshman Fun Night was fun, it was interesting, and it was a good way to start high school," Werth said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



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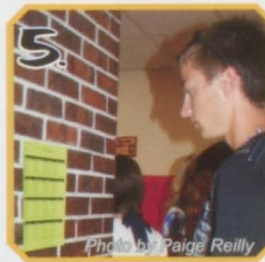
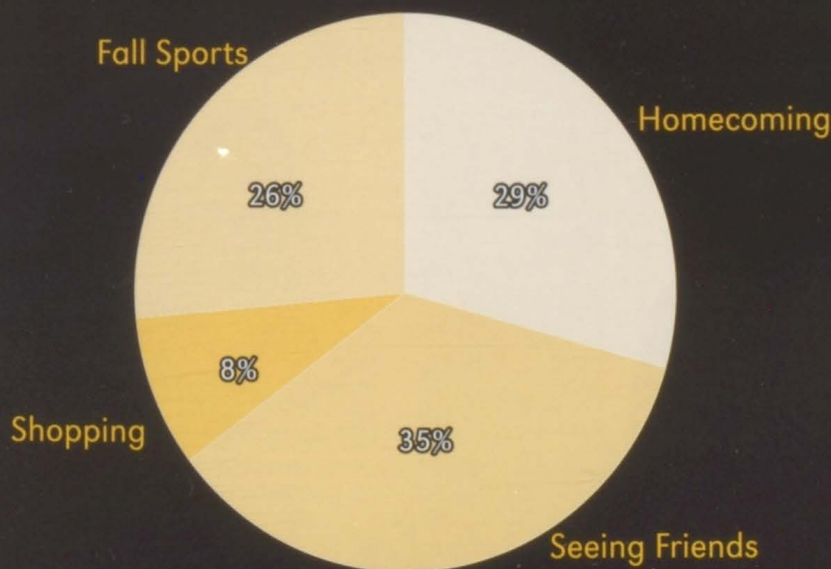


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1. Eye on the Prize Freshmen get ready to answer questions during the Q&A Relay at Freshman Fun Night.
2. Confusion Alicia Kroeger^{jr} tries to figure out which square is correct during the Alligator River Game at Link Crew Orientation.
3. Sprint for the Win Harley Wright^{jr} pulls Blake Hudson^{jr} during the obstacle course at Freshman Fun Night.
4. Chilling Surprise Cody Grubb^{jr} laughs as Alexis Rose^{jr} suffers the wrath of a water bucket by Luke Lohmeyer^{jr}.
5. Starting Fresh Daniel Honas^{jr} checks the Seminar list to find out whose Seminar he is in for the new school year.
6. New Year Mrs. Madorin and Mr. Mick chat about the new year on the first day of school.



Source: A survey of 34 randomly selected students



Seeing Friends

"(I like) getting to see Brandon Armbruster everyday."

— Todd Smith^{jr}

Top 10

Ways to have a successful meet

— according to Kyle Weber⁵⁰



photo by Andrea Zody

1

Be in Shape



2

Be in a Good Mental State



3

Stretch Well



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4

Get Your Adrenaline Up

First to Finish

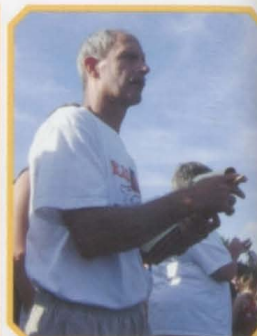
A Season as Good as Gold



Somewhere in between the start and finish line...

...you'll find me, looking to be the first one to hit the tape. Our first meet of the year was at Norton, and I had pre-race jitters. I thought it was going to be hard. When we arrived, I drank lots of water and walked around the course with Maggie Zody and Coach Wolf. Then about ten minutes before the run started, I stretched out. Music helped me get pumped up. I felt really excited to start the race, but not as excited as I was when I finished. My time was 19 minutes and 41 seconds—good enough to place in my first meet. It ended up being my favorite course to run, because I wasn't expecting to do that great.

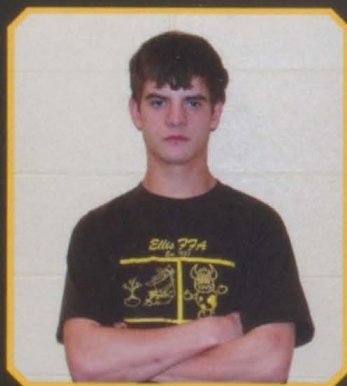
Check it Out Coach Wolf watches intensely as the team gets ready to jump the gun. Photo by Andrea Zody



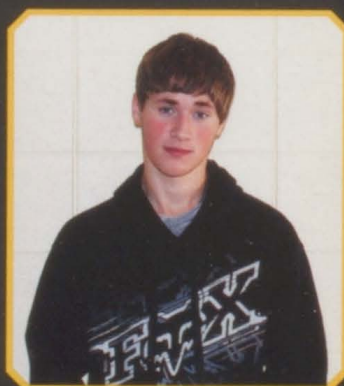
Cheer 'em Home Nate Townley⁶ cheers on Kyle Weber⁵⁰ at the Trego meet. Weber finished with a time of 21:31. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



What was your most memorable moment this season?



"When a lot of people from different towns were standing around [me], I ripped off my break-away pants."
Tanner Gugler⁷



"My most memorable moment was when Wolf let me give him a hug. It was awesome."
Nate Townley⁶



"My most memorable moment during the season is when we formed our own band and were constantly singing."
Maggie Zody²



photo by Chelsea Leiker



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5
Clear Your Mind

6
Focus on Breathing

7
Try to Pass Somebody

8
Good Hydration

9
Nice Weather

10
Music



Two Cents Worth Coach Wolf gives juniors Kelsey Butler and Maggie Zody some last minute advice before the meet at Trego. "Right before a run, I tell them to get out quick so they don't get boxed in, which will allow them to settle in at a comfortable pace. They usually did a real good job of that," Wolf said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Best Times

CROSS COUNTRY

Nate Townley^{jr}

21:12 at Regionals in Hill City
"Ain't nothing better than the body of a cross country runner."

Tanner Gugler^{jr}

20:42 at Quinter
"You mess with the bean, you get the whole burrito."

Kyle Weber^{so}

21:03 at Regionals in Hill City
"Keep on keepin' on."

Maggie Zody^{jr}

19:42 at Trego
"Run like you stole your shoes."

Kelsey Butler^{jr}

19:00 at Trego
"Cross country runners, we're all a little bit insane."

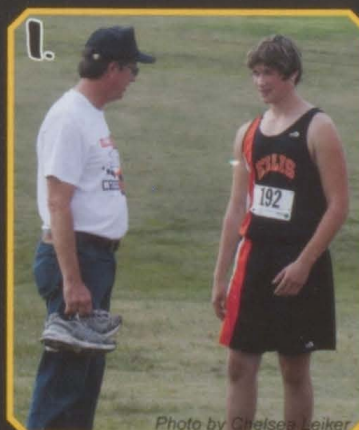


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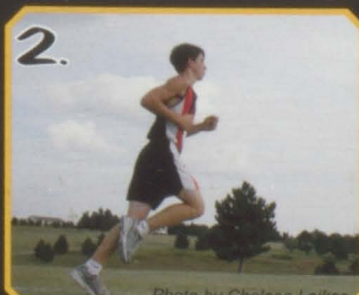


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1. Say What? Nate Townley^{jr} takes advice from Curtis Weber at the Trego meet. Townley took 4th in the JV race with a time of 22:02.

2. In the Long Run Kyle Weber^{so} picks up the pace during the varsity run in Trego. The boys course is 3.2 miles long.

3. Hydration Tanner Gugler^{jr} replenishes himself after running at the Soap Scrimmage. "It tastes really good to have a cold, refreshing water after a race," Gugler said.

4. Run For the Money Maggie Zody^{jr} lights flames with her shoes as she runs at the Trego meet. Zody placed 9th in the varsity girls' meet.

5. Finish What You Started After a strong finish at the Trego meet, Nate Townley^{jr} gets a chance to catch his breath.

6. Lookin' for a Win Kelsey Butler^{jr} makes a dash for the finish line at the Trego meet. Butler took 4th in the varsity girls with a time of 19:00.



Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Top 10 Things to do before game time

-according to Chelsea Leiker^{SR}



Sleep 1



Jam Out 2



photo by Chelsea Leiker

Eat 3



photo by Stephanie Young

Stretch 4

Fusing Fun & Focus

Lady Railers Bond On and Off the Court

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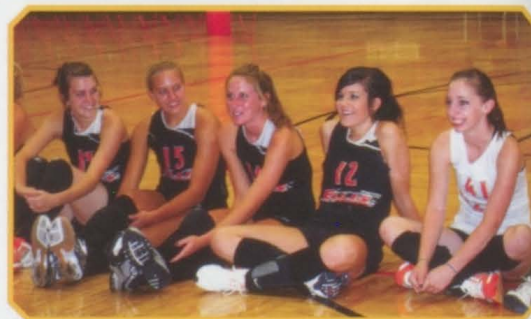
...you'll find me. I'll be spiking and blocking at the net or in the back row serving and digging. On the court, I do my best to stay positive and pass it on to the other girls. Not all great moments happened during a game. Sometimes we had more fun when we were off the court. We had fun rolling down Jenny's driveway, playing musical chairs, and, of course, singing on the bus. We also spent time together eating, which always brings teams closer together.

I played for 4 years. I love it.

Kayla Jacques
Senior

I Think I Can Megan Honas^{fr} anxiously awaits the ball during the freshman game against Ness City. Photo by Kayla Jacques

New What? Seniors Chelsea Leiker, Bethany Polifka, Kayla Jacques, Caroline Beilman, and Paige Reilly joke around during Soap Scrimmage. Photo by Meliah Raub



Top Diggers

Bethany Polifka
266 out of 309 (86%)
9.5 per match

Chelsea Leiker
167 out of 238 (70%)
6.0 per match

Kayla Jacques
135 out of 180 (75%)
4.8 per match

Stat Awards

Most Aces

Courtney Waldschmidt
48 Aces

Bethany Polifka
30 Aces

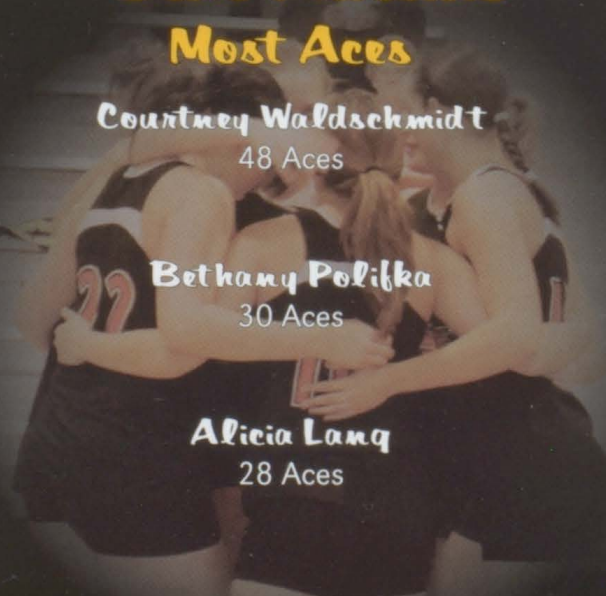
Alicia Lang
28 Aces

Most Kills

Bethany Polifka
121 kills (48% kill rate)
4.3 per match

Alicia Lang
112 kills (34% kill rate)
4.0 per match

Caroline Beilman
44 kills (47% kill rate)
1.4 per match





Drink 5-Hour Energy



Get Fined Up



Bounce Around the Racket Ball



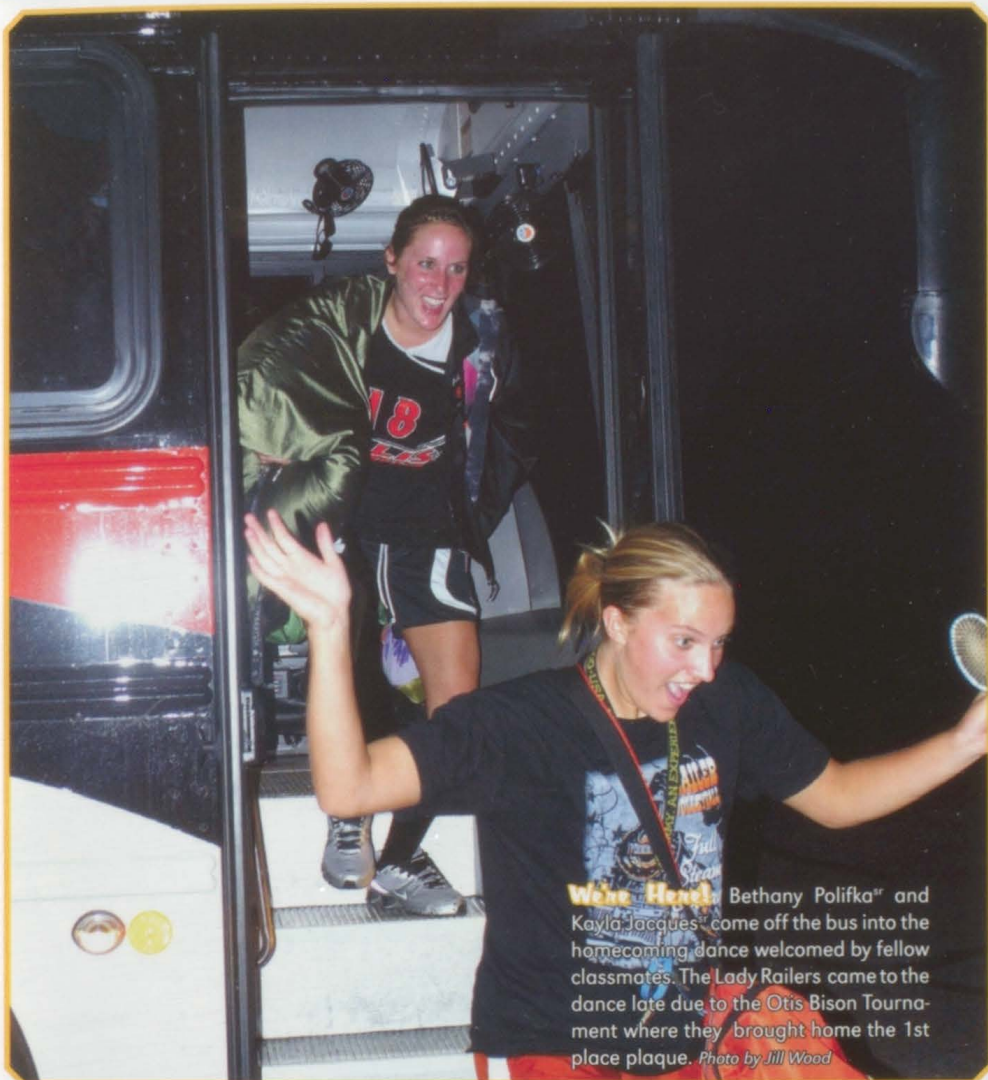
Win the Coin Toss



Get Rid of Nerves



Focus In



Wave Hands Bethany Polifka^{sr} and Kayla Jacques^{sr} come off the bus into the homecoming dance welcomed by fellow classmates. The Lady Railers came to the dance late due to the Otis Bison Tournament where they brought home the 1st place plaque. Photo by Jill Wood

Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL

| | |
|--|---|
| HILL CITY 25-18/11-25/7-25 L | OSBORNE 25-11/25-16 L |
| PALCO 25-16/25-12 W | PHILLIPSBURG 25-13/25-12 L |
| LA CROSSE 25-14/25-19 L | VICTORIA 25-20/17-25/25-18 W |
| PLAINVILLE 25-19/20-25/16-25 W | TRIPLAINS 25-10/25-14 W |
| KINSLEY 20-25/25-20/25-15 L | STOCKTON 20-25/26-24/18-25 L |
| CLAFLIN 25-19/18-25/20-25 W | NORTHERN VALLEY 18-25/12-25 L |
| OTIS-BISON 21-25/19-25 W | QUINTER 22-25/25-20/26-28 W |
| LA CROSSE 25-16/20-25/25-10 W | WESTERN PLAINS 15-25/16-25 W |
| CLAFLIN 25-14/25-19 W | NATOMA 25-21/25-23 L |
| SMITH CENTER 10-25/25-20/16-25 L | PALCO 15-25/3-25 W |
| VICTORIA 18-25/25-20/24-26 L | TREGO 25-8/25-16 L |
| STOCKTON 25-17/26-24 W | PHILLIPSBURG 25-7/25-18 L |
| WESTERN PLAINS 25-22/18-25/25-17 W | NORTON 25-23/26-24 L |
| TREGO 22-25/16-25 L | TREGO 25-15/25-12 L |

Record 13-15

MCL All League Honors
2nd Team
Courtney Waldschmidt^{sr}
Honorable Mention
Bethany Polifka^{sr}

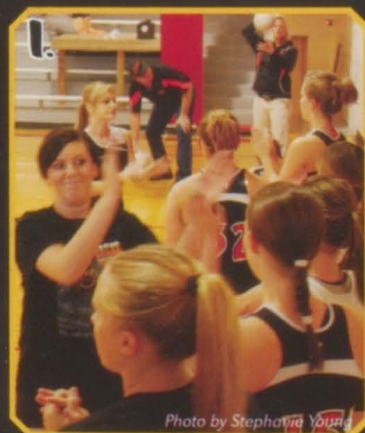
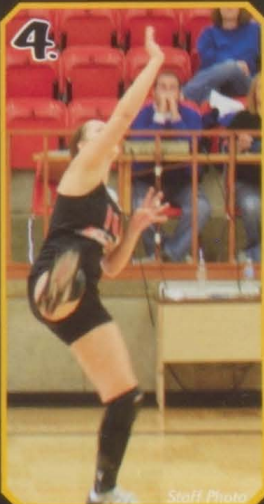


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Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Staff Photo

1. Stuntin' With a Slap Kimberly Gottschalk^{sr} high fives down the line during pre-game warm-ups.

2. Yeah Baby! Bethany Polifka^{sr} spikes the ball against Western Plains. Polifka led the team in kills this season with 121.

3. Can You Dig It? Becca Aschenbrenner^{sr} gets low to dig the ball.

4. Signature Style Alicia Lang^{sr} reaches to hit the ball over the net during the Ellis Inv. "We wanted to win really bad, but our energy was on a roller coaster ride that day," Lang said.

5. Hands In The JV volleyball team gets some inspiration from Coach Upham before the game.

6. Let's Go! Alicia Lang^{sr} leads the team to wish the Stockton Tigers good luck before the match.

7. Super Seven Courtney Waldschmidt^{sr} serves in the match against Western Plains. Waldschmidt led the team in aces with 48 in all.



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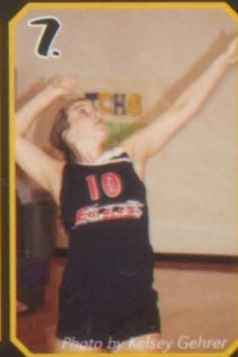


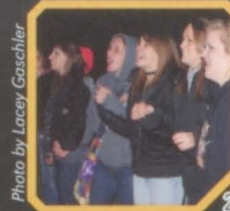
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Top 10 Ways to win a game

- according to Matt Erbert



1
Good Coaching



2
Fun Fans



3
Heart and Desire



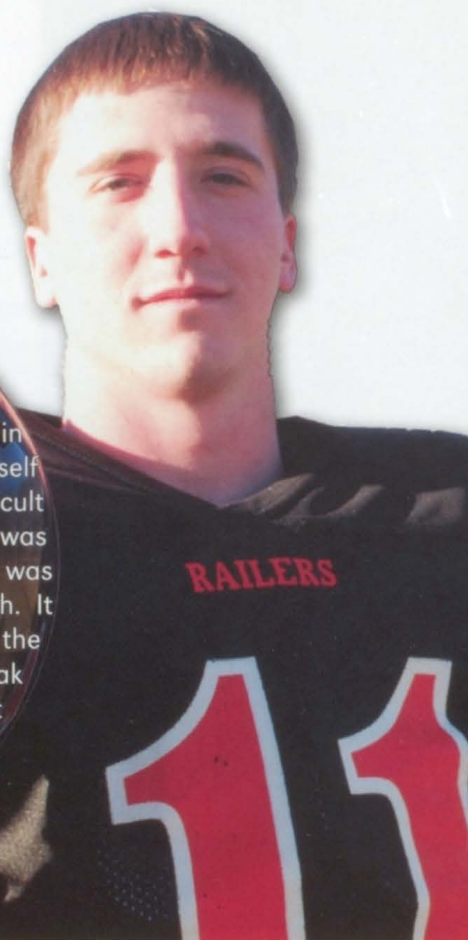
4
Teamwork

Railers Roll Forward

Somewhere in between the
kick off & a Railer victory...

...you'll find me, playing both sides of the ball. Football is a close group of guys sacrificing their body every day in the weightroom and on the field. During the week, I try to focus in practice and before the game. I keep to myself and play out what I would do in difficult situations. The Smith Center game was my favorite of the season because it was close and the expectations were high. It was a chance of a lifetime to knock off the team with the longest active winning streak in the nation. Even though we fell short, it was close and exciting the whole game. We sacrificed. We won. We made memories for a lifetime.

Gideon Fuchs
Senior



One Touchdown from State

Coach's Words Assistant coach Craig Amrein talks to Tanner Fischer^{jr} before the soap scrimmages. Photo by Paige Reilly



Takin' a Breathe The Railers come off the field for a time out during the bi-district game against Washington County. The Railers won by a score of 54-20. Photo by Kayla Jacques



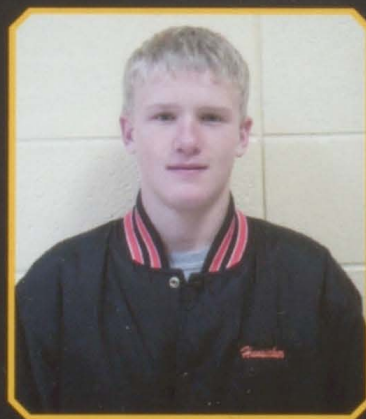
What was your most memorable football game?



"The Oakley game was my most memorable game because it was the last game I would ever play."
-Aaron Gnad^{jr}



"The Smith Center game was my most memorable game. We spent the most time preparing and being focused on this game."
-Matt Gehring^{jr}



"The Trego game was my most memorable game because it was the game I scored my first touchdown in this season."
-Riley Hunsicker^{so}



"My most memorable game was the Ellis-Saline game. It was the climax of our season."
-Cadyn McCoy^{jr}



Photo by Kayla Jacques
5 Toughness



Photo by Paige Reilly
6 Working hard in the off-season



Photo by Stephanie Young
7 Experience



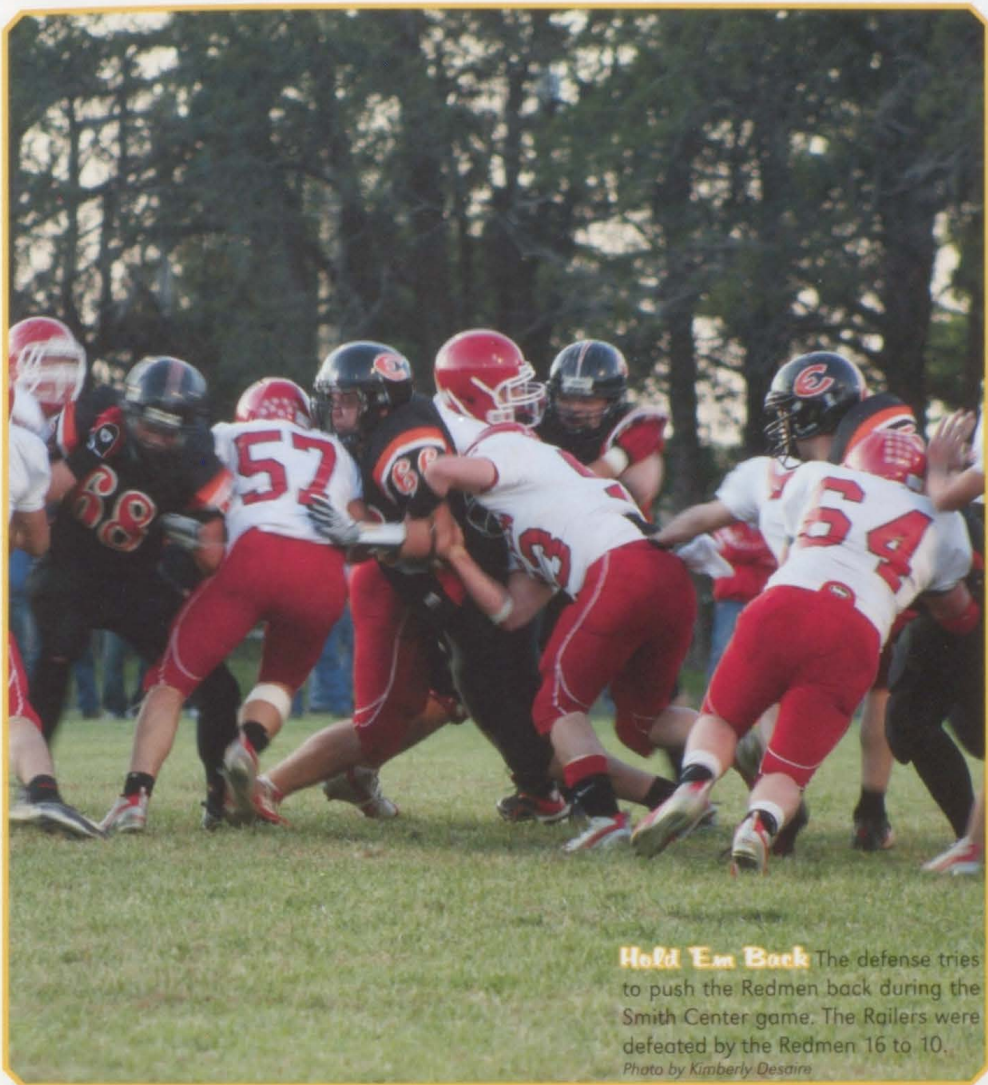
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8 Leadership



Photo by Kayla Jacques
9 Bigger, Faster, and Stronger



Photo by Chelsea Leiker
10 Great Defense



Hold 'Em Back The defense tries to push the Redmen back during the Smith Center game. The Railers were defeated by the Redmen 16 to 10.
Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

| OPPONENT | Us | THEM |
|-------------------------------|----|------|
| Atwood | 35 | 8 |
| Oakley | 0 | 14 |
| Osborne | 41 | 6 |
| Hoxie | 50 | 14 |
| Smith Center | 10 | 14 |
| Norton | 22 | 14 |
| Plainville | 42 | 8 |
| Trego | 50 | 12 |
| Oberlin | 8 | 6 |
| Washington Co. (Bi-Districts) | 54 | 20 |
| Ell-Saline (Regionals) | 34 | 16 |
| Oakley (Sectionals) | 0 | 3 |

Record 10-3

MCL All League Honors

- 1st Team Offense**

 - Gideon Fuchs^{sr} (RB)
 - Matthew Erbert^{sr} (T)
 - Jared Herl^{so} (TE)

2nd Team Offense

 - Jacob Begler^{sr} (DE)
 - Matthew Erbert^{sr} (DT)
 - Gideon Fuchs^{sr} (LB)
 - Jacob Kinderknecht^{sr} (DB)

All Area Super II Team - Matt Erbert^{sr}

Shrine Bowl All-Star - Matt Erbert^{sr}
- 2nd Team Offense**

 - Jacob Kinderknecht^{sr} (QB)
 - Dylan Pfeifer^{sr} (RB)
 - Scott Fuller^{sr} (G)
 - Jacob Begler^{sr} (T)

Honorable Mention

 - Logan Mattheyer^{sr} (C)
 - Dillon Kinderknecht^{sr} (DB)



- 1. Stop, Look, and Listen** Jacob Kinderknecht^{sr} listens in while Coach Hayes congratulates the boys in a hard played game against the Smith Center Redmen.
- 2. Emotional Finish** Jacob Begler^{sr} hugs Dylan Pfeifer^{sr} after the last game of the season. "I will miss playing football, and I think we had a pretty good season," Begler said.
- 3. Throw It Long** Playing quarterback for a play, Jared Herl^{so} looks for an open player during the Oakley game.
- 4. Run Wild** Dylan Krause^{so} runs the ball during the soap scrimmage. Krause was injured during the Plainville JV game and could not play for the rest of the season. "I was pretty upset, but I got over it quick and started getting ready for next season," Krause said.
- 5. Pulling His Leg** Riley Hunsicker^{so} takes down an opponent during the Trego JV game.
- 6. Off and Running** Aaron Gnad^{sr} and Matt Cunningham^{sr} both try and dive for the football during the Plainville game.



Top 10 Most Needed Items for Homecoming

- according to Kathryn Sleight

photo by Stephane Young



Powder Puff Flags

photo by Chelsea Leiker



Fire



Window Chalk

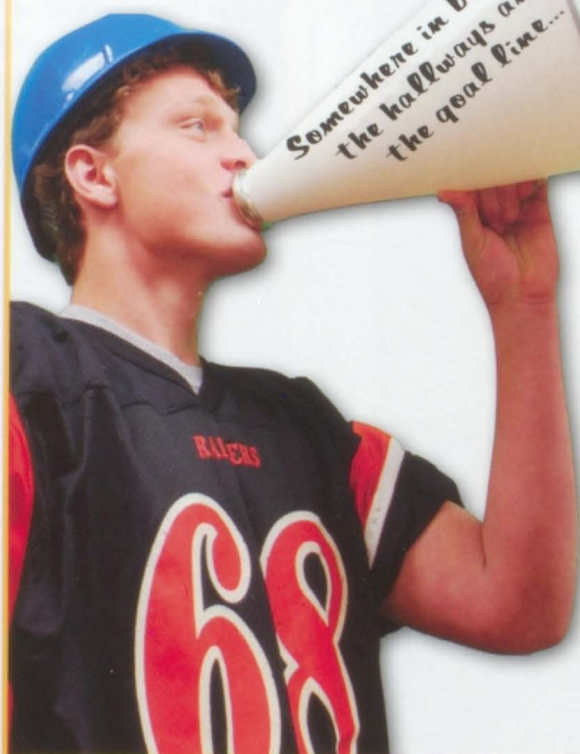
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Tiana & Crown

Van [O]ety Sk [O]w

Homecoming, short but spiritiful



Somewhere in between
the hallways and
the goal line...

...you'll find me. As a freshman, I used to be shy. Now as senior, I have changed. I've worn everything from a construction hat to plaid pj's, but I sported my jersey the best. For me, Homecoming week is all about game day. Of course, I was sad when I realized it was my last year to be a part of Homecoming. I'll always support Ellis in the future... after all, I will always be a Railer.

Jacob Begler
Senior



Papacazzi The king candidates Dylan Pfeifer^{sr}, Gideon Fuchs^{sr}, and Matthew Cunningham^{sr} pose for pictures with the queen candidates Bethany Polifka^{sr}, Danielle Weber^{sr}, and Kayla Jacques^{sr}, along with flower girl, Journey Eck, and crown bearer, Easton Burton. The queen candidates stuck around in royalty mode until halftime while the boys took the field against Oakley, resulting in a 14-0 loss.

Photo by Kimberly Desaire



TP Time Jacob Kinderknecht^{sr} gets a wrapping by seniors Caroline Beilman and Matt Cunningham during the pep rally relay. The object of the game was to see who could wrap up the football player the fastest. "It was quite fun, except I'm pretty sure we got last," Kinderknecht said. Photo by Kelsey Gehret

Late Arrival Students give Jenny Hollern^{sr} a cheerful welcome into the dance as the volleyball bus arrives back at the school from the Otis-Bison tournament. "On the night of homecoming, I was kind of bummed that we were going to miss over half of the dance because of our game, but since we won the championship, it was totally worth it," Hollern said. Photo by Jill Wood



Candy for the parade



New outfit for the dance



Volleyball Boys vs. Faculty



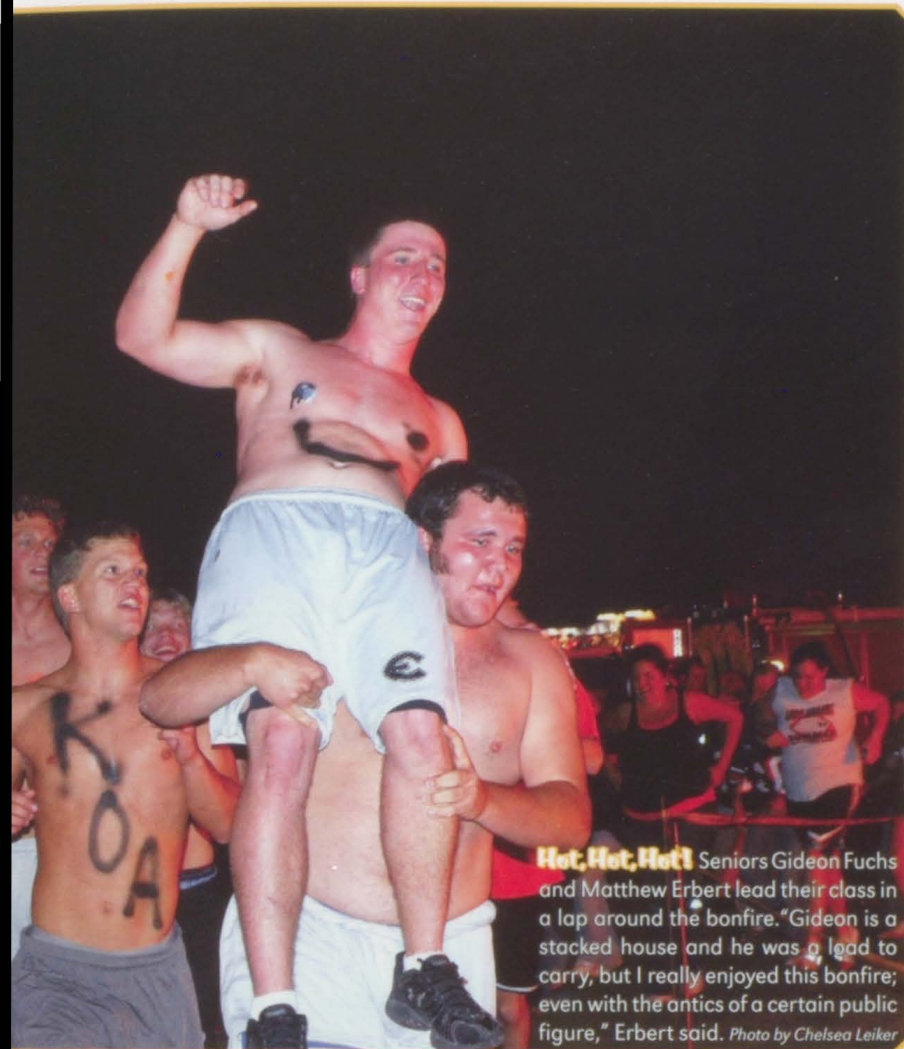
Cheerleaders



Fountain



Wig



Hot, Hot, Hot! Seniors Gideon Fuchs and Matthew Erbert lead their class in a lap around the bonfire. "Gideon is a stacked house and he was a load to carry, but I really enjoyed this bonfire; even with the antics of a certain public figure," Erbert said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



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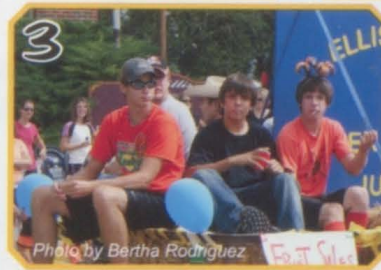


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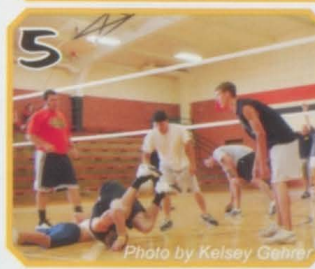
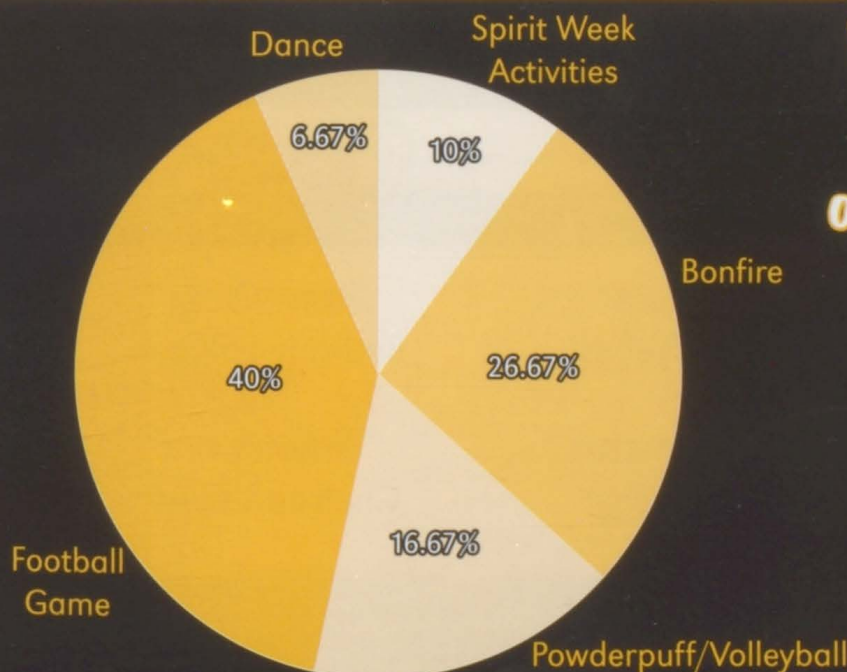


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- 1 Double Trouble** Freshmen Bailey Hensley and Candace Bollig strut their stuff on twin day.
- 2 Senior Spirit** Seniors Paige Reilly, Kayla Casey, and Chelsea Leiker get excited at the pep rally.
- 3 Reppin' FFA** Juniors Daniel Honas, Dalton Fischer, and Devin Jacques take advantage of free candy during their ride in the parade.
- 4 Winding Up** Jared Mick prepares to take out an opponent in the annual game of dodgeball.
- 5 Desperate Dive** Senior boys watch their fate unravel by a kill from the faculty team.
- 6 Chee Chee!** Todd Smith gets groovy with the train dance.



Which Homecoming activity do you anticipate the most?



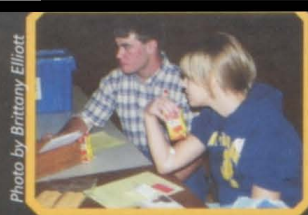
Bonfire

"I like [the] bonfire because we get to be together and have fun as a class, which doesn't happen very often."

- Ashley Morales^{fr}



Rebecca Aaron^{jr}



William Poland^{sr} & Kiley Wayman^{sr}



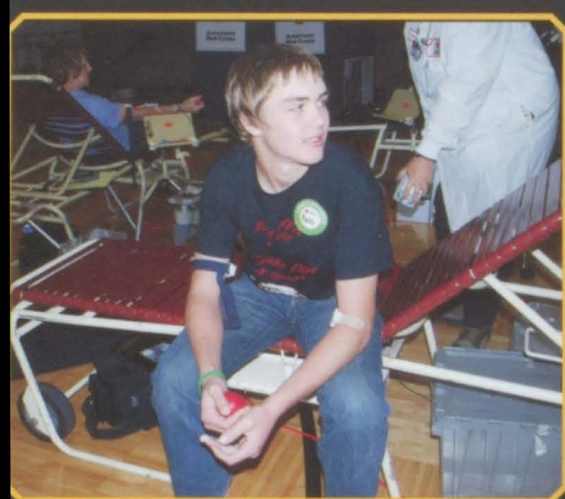
Natasha Hollingshead^{sr}



Rachel Mick^{sr} & Natasha Hollingshead^{sr}



Brandon Hespe^{so}



Needle Trouble Derek Kvasnicka^{jr} takes a break from donating blood. After complications, he volunteered to use his other arm. "I will probably donate again, even though my vein did collapse, which was an unpleasant experience," Kvasnicka said. Photo by Brittany Elliott



Crack a Smile Kathryn Sleight^{jr} waits to begin donating blood. It was her first year donating and said it went very well. "I will definitely donate blood next year," Sleight said. Photo by Brittany Elliott



Can't Handly Wait Meliah Raub^{jr} awaits her turn to get her blood drawn. Raub said it was more painful this year, taking close to 20 minutes to find a good vein. Photo by Brittany Elliott

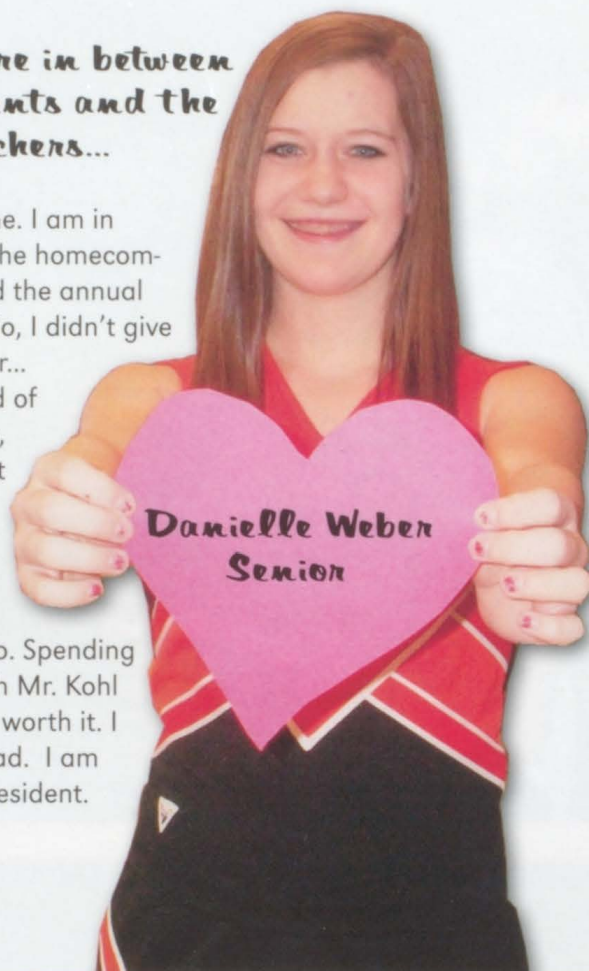


Double Donation Nate Townley^{jr} waits as his blood and plasma are drawn. Townley was the only student who choose to donate plasma, a longer process than donating blood. The process itself took around an hour and a half, allowing Townley to miss two classes. "Come ready to skip class," Townley said of giving blood. Photo by Brittany Elliott

STUCO Holds Blood Drive Daring Donation

Somewhere in between the students and the teachers...

...you'll find me. I am in charge of all the homecoming events and the annual blood drive. No, I didn't give blood this year... I'm very afraid of needles, shots, and blood, but many others did. Mr. Kohl contributed the most, but I was there too. Spending extra time with Mr. Kohl makes my job worth it. I organize. I lead. I am the STUCO President.



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Secrets of Yearbook Revealed Too Legit To Quit

Somewhere in between
creativity and the
camera...

...you'll find me. I'm a second-year "yearbook-ee" or, more importantly, the Head Photographer. I may not always stay on task, but I like being creative. The camera is the magician, and I'm the assistant. I'm simply here to reveal the magic of memories to the audience. I am too legit to quit.

Paige Reilly
Senior



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Task at Hand After a workshop at Fort Hays, the journalism staff receives instructions on their next assignment: a photography scavenger hunt around campus. The students were given an hour to get pictures of everything on their list. Photo by Paige Reilly



Busy as a Bee During the Jostens Fall Workshop, Stephanie Young works on developing a caption for a competition. The class attends two yearbook workshops during the fall, both located at FHSU. Photo by Jill Wood

Perfect Shot During FCCLA Freshman Fun Night, Chelsea Leiker^{sr} attempts to get a good picture. Journalism students are required to go to three school events per nine weeks and take pictures. Photo by Paige Reilly

Fearless Leader

Taking a break from all-day classes, Mrs. Wood, yearbook adviser, has some fun with karaoke at journalism camp. Returning journalism staff Kelsey Gehrer^{sr}, Paige Reilly^{sr}, and Chelsea Leiker^{sr}, along with Mrs. Wood, traveled to Newton to attend the Jostens yearbook camp in the summer. Photo by Paige Reilly





Kelsey Butler^{jr}



Kelsey Gehr^{sr}



Erin Groff^{sr}



Jump Start Gang



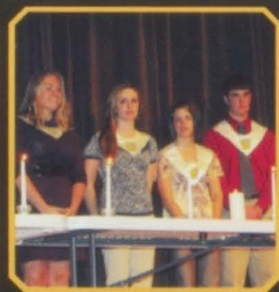
NHS Members with Parents



Get Soaked Kelsey Gehr^{sr} soaks Blake Hudson^{jr} while playing "Duck Duck Goose" at Jump Start. "Jump Start was supposed to be a serious, learning experience, so we had to throw in a little bit of fun in towards the end!" Gehr^{sr} said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Helping Hands Shelby Gottschalk^{sr}, William Poland^{sr}, and Mrs. Drennon help serve cake and punch to the parents and fellow club members after the NHS Induction Ceremony. Photo by Tori Clark



At Attention Seniors Erin Groff, Kayla Jacques, Jennifer Kinderknecht, and William Poland light candles in the NHS Induction ceremony. All four seniors have been in NHS for two years. Photo by Cheryl Kinderknecht



A Bucket of Fun NHS president Shelby Gottschalk^{sr} explains to Stephanie Young^{jr} how to do the next game during Jump Start. This year, there were several student volunteers helping with Jump Start that weren't actually members of NHS. "I like to help out when I'm needed," Young said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

Students Serve Their Community Helping Others

Shelby Gottschalk
Senior



Somewhere in between good grades & serving my community...

...you'll find me. Being in the National Honor Society is a honor because it shows that you've worked hard to get good grades and that you're responsible. I like that people come up and ask me questions or for help with things; it makes me feel like I'm setting a good example for the younger students. Jump Start is my favorite part of NHS because we get to help the freshmen get ready for high school and have a good time as well. I study. I serve. I set a standard for excellence.

Quick Info

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Kelsey Butler^{jr} First Year
Gideon Fuchs^{sr} First Year
Kelsey Gehr^{sr} Second Year
Shelby Gottschalk^{sr} Second Year
Erin Groff^{sr} Second Year

Kayla Jacques^{sr} Second Year
Jennifer Kinderknecht^{sr} Second Year
William Poland^{sr} Second Year
Danielle Weber^{sr} Second Year
Maggie Zody^{jr} First Year
Amanda Drennon Sponsor



Bailey Hensley^{fr}, Alesha Brenner^{jr}, & Todd Smith^{jr}



Brandon Keever^{fr}, Alesha Brenner^{jr}, & Becca Aschenbrenner^{fr}



Todd Smith^{jr}, Bailey Hensley^{fr}, & Alesha Brenner^{jr}



Becca Aschenbrenner^{fr}, & Bailey Hensley^{fr}



Todd Smith^{jr}, Bailey Hensley^{fr}, & Alesha Brenner^{jr}

A Return to State for Eco-Team Plants Galore

Somewhere in between the sky and the lake...

...you'll find me. Being a state qualifier for the second time in two years feels good, but it's nice to take a team this year. Our team placed third at Wilson this year, qualifying us for the state competition. I was more nervous for this year because I wasn't just there for myself—I was there with a team. I hope having such a good year might help us get more people out next year. My favorite part of Eco-Team is finding something that other people are interested in as much as I am. I'm not just walking around in a field, I'm learning knowledge for life.

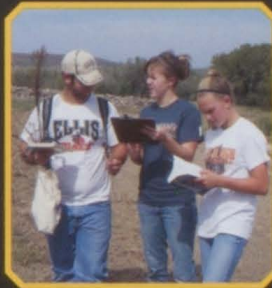


Todd Smith
Junior

All photos courtesy of Karen Madarin



Quick Pic Derek Kvasnicka^{fr}, Brandon Keever^{fr}, Cole Pfeifer^{fr}, and Becca Aschenbrenner^{fr} take a moment for a picture before they perform their skit, "Extreme Home Makeover: Nature Edition." Students posed as different animals and birds for the nature-themed skit.



Firm Focus

Todd Smith^{jr}, Alesha Brenner^{jr}, and Bailey Hensley^{fr} keep track of their plants during the scavenger hunt at the Regional Eco-meet held at Wilson Lake every year. The top 3 teams at the meet qualify for State.



Call of Nature

Derek Kvasnicka^{fr}, Cole Pfeifer^{fr}, and Brandon Keever^{fr} try to decipher what type of plant they are looking at. "The events were hard, but if I keep working at it, I think I could be pretty good at it," Pfeifer said.

Quick Info

Team A

Todd Smith^{jr}, Alesha Brenner^{jr}, and Bailey Hensley^{fr}

Skit Name

Dr. Hoot and The Dead Guys

Team B

Derek Kvasnicka^{fr}, Brandon Keever^{fr}, Cole Pfeifer^{fr}, and Becca Aschenbrenner^{fr}

Skit Name

Extreme Home Makeover: Nature Edition

Put to the Test

Brandon Keever^{fr} concentrates on the invertebrate test. Every year, the teams compete in four events, two different types of tests, a skit, and a scavenger hunt. "I was wearing my lucky necklace at the time, and I was having a great time. I loved the Eco-Team. If I could do it again, I would," Keever said.



Winter

Even though Mr. Wildeman is our third basketball coach in our four years of high school, we all really like him and the way he coaches.

Matt Cunningham^{sr}

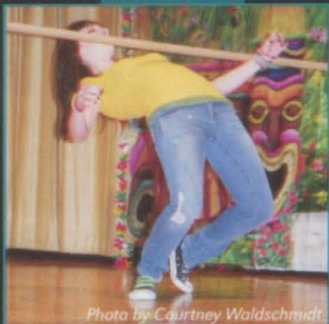


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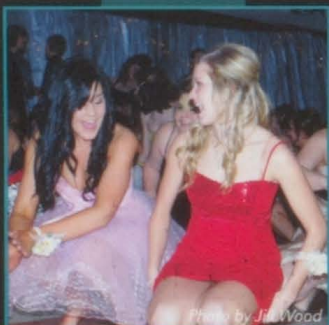


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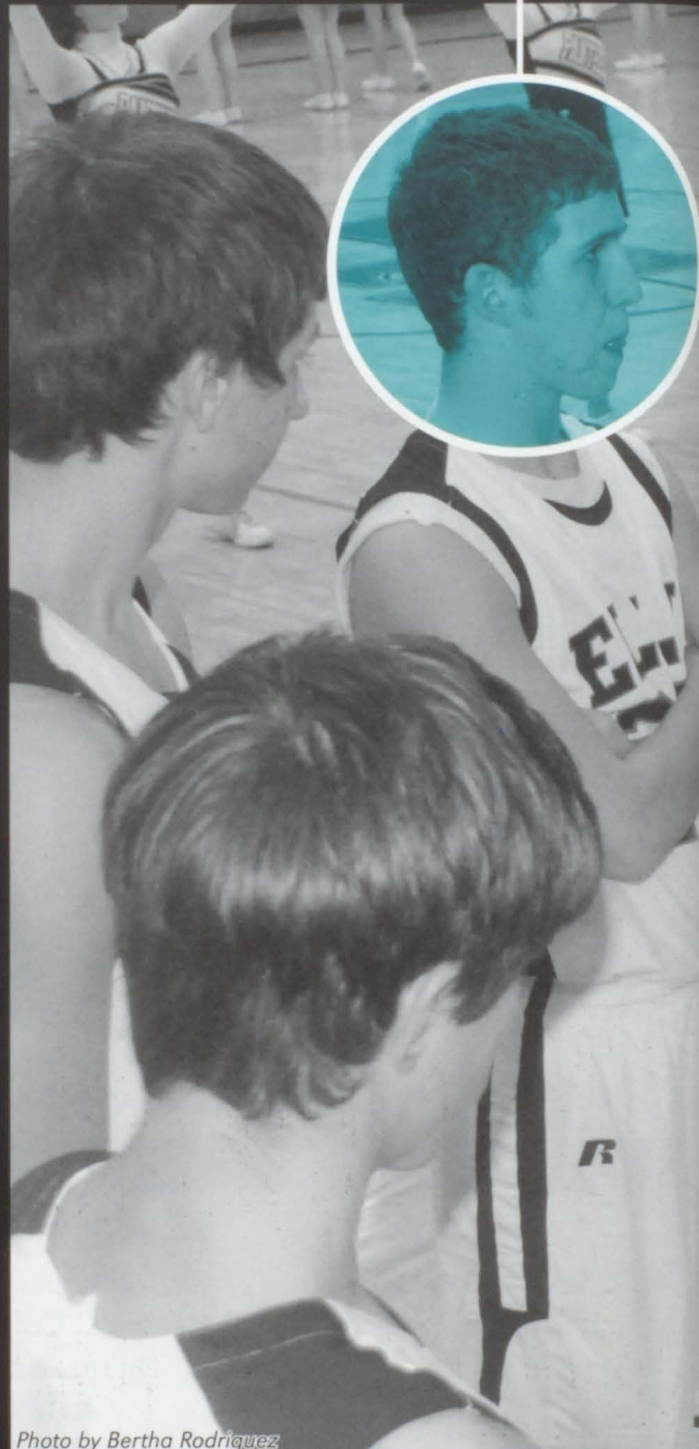


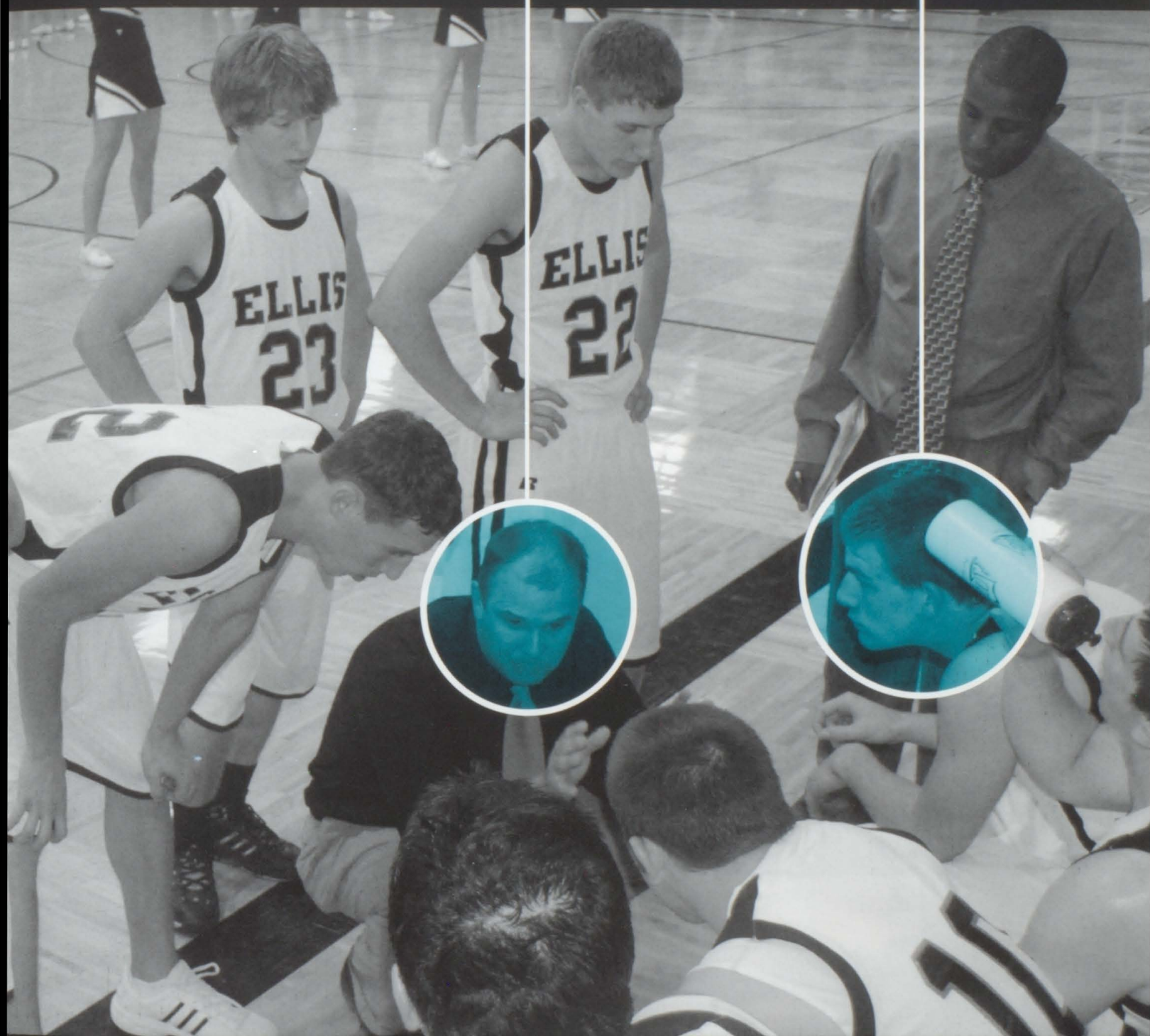
Photo by Bertha Rodriguez

The players have bought into my coaching style and have worked really hard in practice, so it was rewarding for me to see the players having fun and enjoying the game of basketball.

Coach Wildeman

After getting owned by Phillipsburg last year, it was definitely nice to get some revenge and beat them.

Jared Henl^{so}





Cheerleading makes a difference

UnifOrnm Spirit

Somewhere in between a cheer and a stunt...

...you'll find me. I am very high spirited and I feel like my ideas and my spirit spread easier by being a cheerleader. Being able to attend all the sporting events and performing in front of people is one of the many things I enjoy doing. Going to cheer camp every summer and bringing home trophies and spirit sticks are some of my best memories. Cheerleading has changed my life by making me more confident and outgoing. When I am in uniform, at a game, or preparing for a performance, I feel like a different person. Cheerleading has made that difference in my life.



Jennifer Kinderknecht
Senior

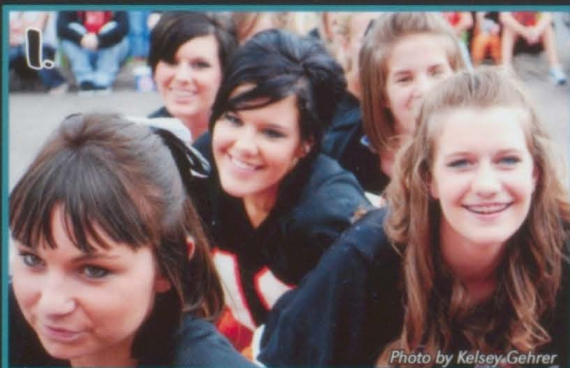


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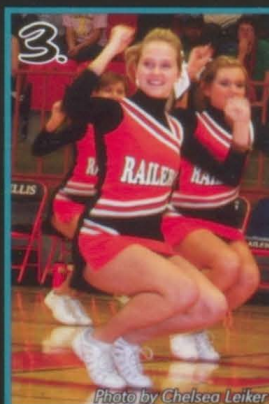


Photo by Chelsea Leiker

1. Bring the Fire During the community pep rally, the cheerleaders performed their "Let the Fire Burn" dance after the homecoming parade.

2. Crowd Control Rachel Mick^{jr} gets the crowd pumped at a home football game. "I love being outside, and football games are always exciting," Mick said.

3. Shake It Chelsey Walters^{jr} performs a dance routine for a home basketball game. The dance was choreographed by Walters and Rachel Mick^{jr}.

4. SidePins Show Courtney Waldschmidt^{jr} cheers on the football team during a home game against the Plainville Cardinals.

5. Railer Ten-Tony Ashley Lopez^{jr} shows off her spirit by performing a time-out cheer.



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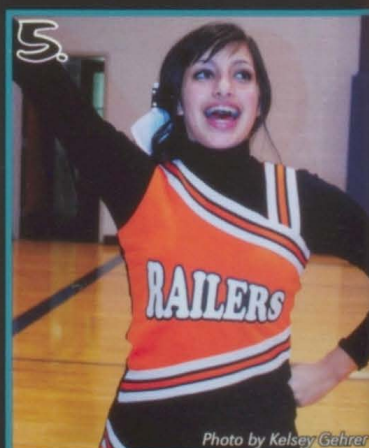


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CHEERLEADING

Seniors

Jennifer Kinderknecht
Danielle Weber
Caroline Beilman

Juniors

Kimberly Gottschalk
Rachel Mick
Courtney Waldschmidt
Chelsey Walters

Sophomores

Jessie Stanton
Breanna Kroeger
Ashley Bunker
Jenny Hollern

Freshmen

Shea Harper
Ashley Lopez

Sponsor

Kristi Bittel

Roster



Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

Ant Work Danielle Weber¹⁰ and Breanna Kroeger¹⁰ trace JJ Hernandez¹⁰ to make a poster for the up-coming basketball season. Before each new sport season, cheerleaders get together to make posters.

Stunt It Up Shea Harper¹¹ is lifted into a stunt by Danielle Weber¹⁰, Jenny Hollern¹⁰, and Jessi Stanton¹⁰ during opening line-ups at a home basketball game.



Photo by Chelsey Leiker



Painted Pride Trying to boost spirit before the bonfire, Danielle Weber spray paints fellow senior Dylan Pfeifer's body. Many of the boys had their bodies painted by the cheerleaders for lack of body paint. "I honestly thought it was a pretty bad idea at first because I didn't think the spray paint was ever going to wash off, but once I started spray painting people, I thought it was a pretty good idea because it got everyone really pumped up and excited," Weber said. Photo by Chelsey Leiker

Caroline Beilman

Senior



"My best memory of my Senior Year Cheerleading was probably cheer camp! We would all hide in the corner of the elevator and go to different floors with a LIFESIZE cardboard cut-out of Edward Cullen. And when the elevator doors opened, the cheerleaders on that floor would GO CRAZY! It was truly a blast!"



Chelsey Walters

Junior

"I think my favorite memory of cheerleading would have to be at cheer camp. It's really fun being with all the cheerleaders. We all stay up really late then have to get up at like 6 a.m."

Jessie Stanton

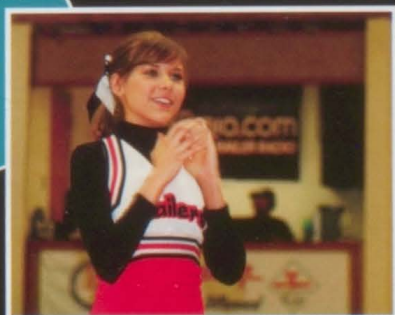
Sophomore



"Cheerleading has definitely made me louder. I'm not very shy, but I used to be so much quieter. Now I speak up and talk to people a lot more."

Shea Harper

Freshman



"Going to fun places, meeting new friends, and FLYING are some of the things I enjoy the most about cheerleading."

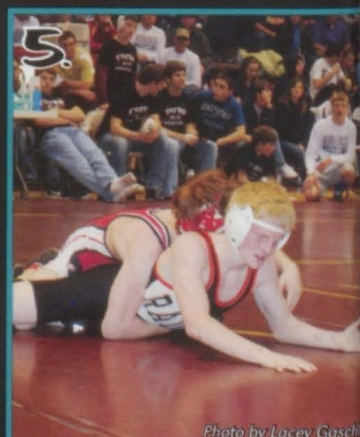
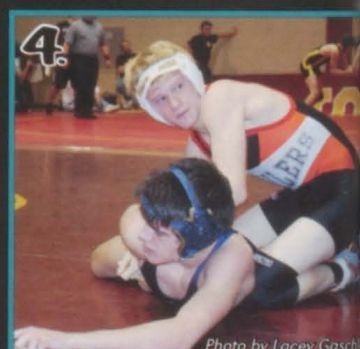
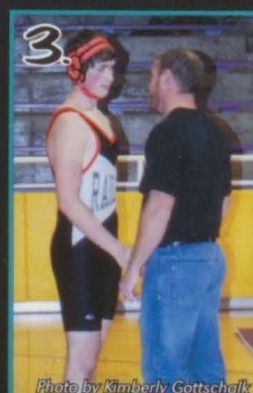
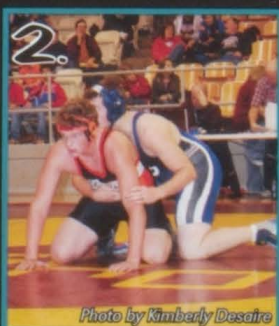
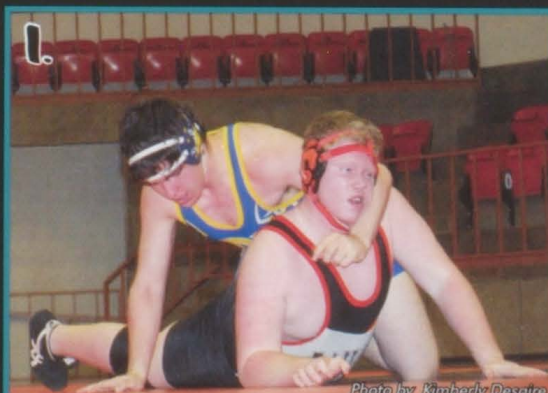
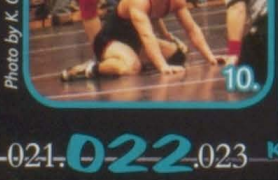
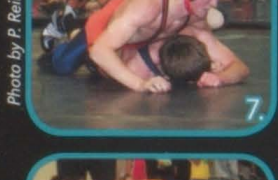
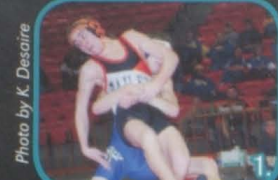
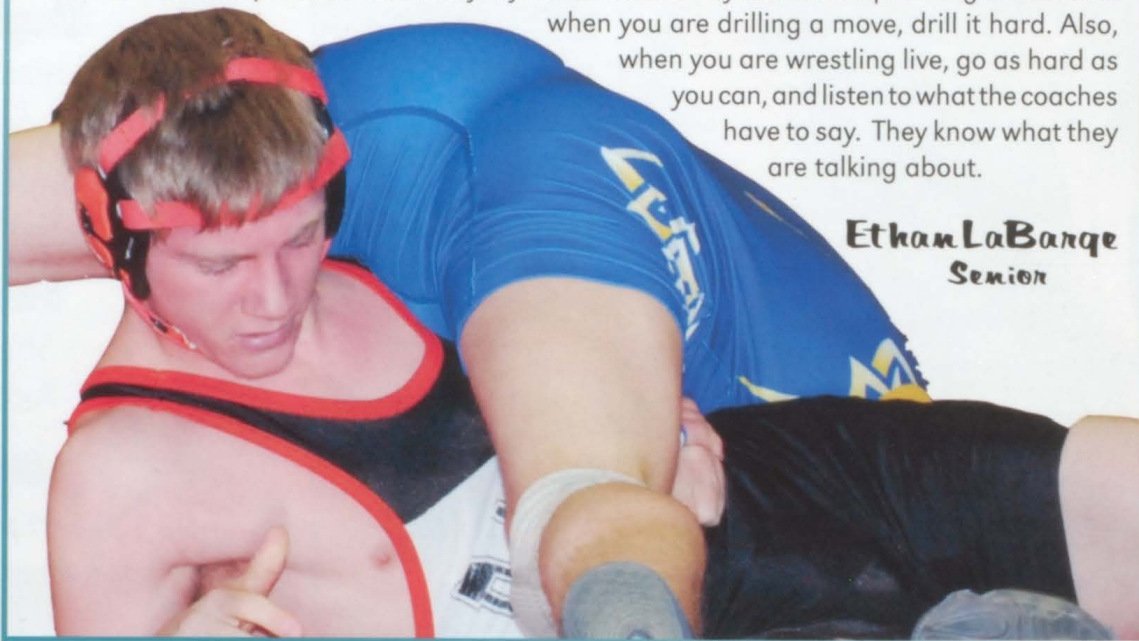
Shooting for the Top

Wrestlers aim high but fall short

Somewhere in between the whistle and the pin...

..you'll find me, doing the Three Quarter Nelson. My goal this year was to make it to state and to place. I am good at being on my feet and shooting up from the bottom, but my weakness is being on top and holding my opponent down. Even though Wayne Augustine was the coach that has helped me and been there to watch me since I was 4 years old, Coach Dinkel and Coach Kohman helped me with my mistakes so I could achieve my goals. Even though cutting weight can be tough, I just have to eliminate junk food and also work out in school and practice with many layers of clothes. My advice to upcoming wrestlers is when you are drilling a move, drill it hard. Also, when you are wrestling live, go as hard as you can, and listen to what the coaches have to say. They know what they are talking about.

Ethan LaBarge
Senior



1. Headlock Garrett Rupp^{so} takes a headlock at the home dual. Rupp wrestled JV and varsity throughout the season.

2. Shoot Up Jacob Begler^{sr} waits to shoot up as the whistle blows. "The Osborne tournament is the first tournament, and after practicing awhile, you want to get out there and compete," Begler said.

3. Pep Talk Nate Townley^{sr} has a pep talk with Coach Dinkel before his match at the WaKeeney dual.

4. Looking for a Pin Riley Hunsicker^{so} looks coach for advice while trying to pin his opponent at the Bob Kuhn Classic in Hays. Hunsicker finished the tournament with 2nd place.

5. Struggling for a Win Gage Younger^{sr} tries to escape from his opponent at the Bob Kuhn Classic. "I was wrestling for third and fourth and I ended up losing a tough match 6-2," Younger said.

WRESTLING

112 lbs.

Gage Younger^{fr} 31-8

119 lbs.

Brandon Hall^{fr} V 8-11 JV 7-3

125 lbs.

Riley Hunsicker^{so} 21-6

Alan Percy^{so} 2-4

130 lbs.

Ethan LaBarge^{sr} 19-16

135 lbs.

Austin Lopez^{so} 27-11

140 lbs.

Ben Wickizer^{so} 1-1

Chris Lee^{fr} V 2-10 JV 3-4

152 lbs.

*Dillon Kinderknecht^{sr} 19-2

Zach Werth^{fr} 2-1

160 lbs.

Jared Knoll^{fr} 0-1

Nate Townley^{fr} 1-6

Josh Reilly^{so} 1-6

171 lbs.

Todd Smith^{fr} V 1-13 JV 2-2

189 lbs.

William Poland^{sr} 18-8

Logan Mattheyer^{fr} 3-2

215 lbs.

Jacob Begler^{sr} 14-2

285 (HWT) lbs.

Garrett Rupp^{so} V 5-2 JV 1-2

***State Qualifier**

Weight Classes

Drill for a Pin

Austin Lopez^{so} wrestles his opponent at the Bob Kuhn Classic at Hays High. Lopez has been in wrestling for two years. Lopez had a 3-2 record at the tournament, finishing with 4th place.

Catch 'em Off Guard

Josh Reilly^{so} uses a move called the Cow Catcher at the WaKeeney dual against his Hill City opponent.

Fighting for a Pin

Dillon Kinderknecht^{sr} looks to see how much time he has left to pin his opponent. "The Bob Kuhn Classic is probably my favorite tournament besides State. It really tests you and shows you how good you are," Kinderknecht said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

How Many...

One Too Many

TIMES WRESTLERS WORE THEIR JACKED UP SHORTS INTO THE GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

After practice, while going to the locker room, the wrestlers would stop in the gym trying to impress the girls with their short, rolled up shorts.

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TEAM PINS FOR THE SEASON

Gage Younger^{fr} led the team with 18 followed by Dillon Kinderknecht^{sr} with 13 and William Poland^{sr} with 10.

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APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF MILES TRAVELED BY THE TEAM DURING THE SEASON

The JV and Varsity traveled many different places. The farthest was Minneapolis, a distance of about 250 miles roundtrip.

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TIMES AUSTIN LOPEZ WORE A FUNNY SINGLET THROUGH GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Wrestling practice always ended before the girls were done in the gym, providing a perfect opportunity for Austin to showcase his new outfit.

Railers Prove To Be Something Joining Forces

Somewhere in between the free throw line and the basket...

....you'll find me with 10 seconds on the clock, I dribble harder while moving my feet to the sound of the ball hitting the ground. I move my way through the other team thinking they'd best be getting out of my way. I put the voices saying I'm not good enough to play in the back of my head. I put all my focus into making this basket.

There's a scout in the stands, watching my every move, my every facial expression. Everything I'm doing, he's watching. I know I have to impress; I know I have to prove to those voices that told me I would never play varsity wrong. I think of my mother's voice telling me that I can do anything I set my mind to. I see my goal, I shoot, I score, the siren sounds. Everyone crowds around to congratulate me, but I just smile knowing it wasn't me, but the whole team.

Natasha Hollingshead
Senior



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

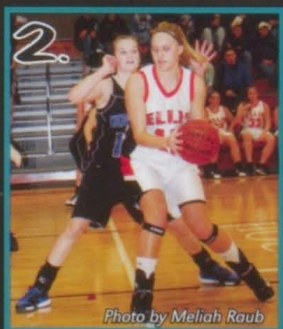


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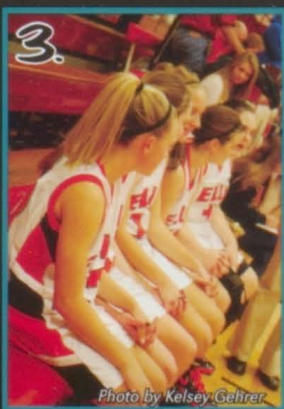


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1. Seeking a Savior

Courtney Waldschmidt¹ looks past the wall of opponents for help from her teammates against Smith Center.

2. Movin' Around

Bethany Polifika² maneuvers herself past a Wheatland opponent. Lady Railers beat the Mustangs at Quinter 56-36.

3. Bending Time

Varsity starters sit side by side on the bench and join hands as they await for their name to be called before the game.

4. From the Sidelines

Mr. Mick, head coach, directs the players to where they are supposed to be.

5. Running Circles

Bailey Hensley⁵ dodges her opponent of Phillipsburg Panthers. The Lady Railers took at hard loss with a final score of 44 - 61.

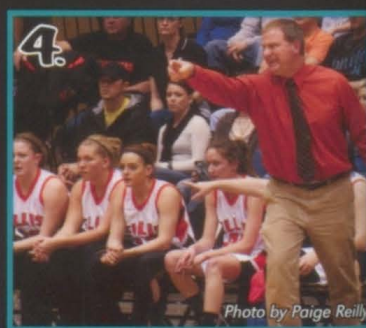


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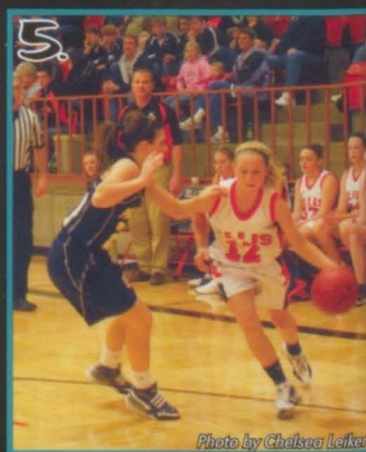


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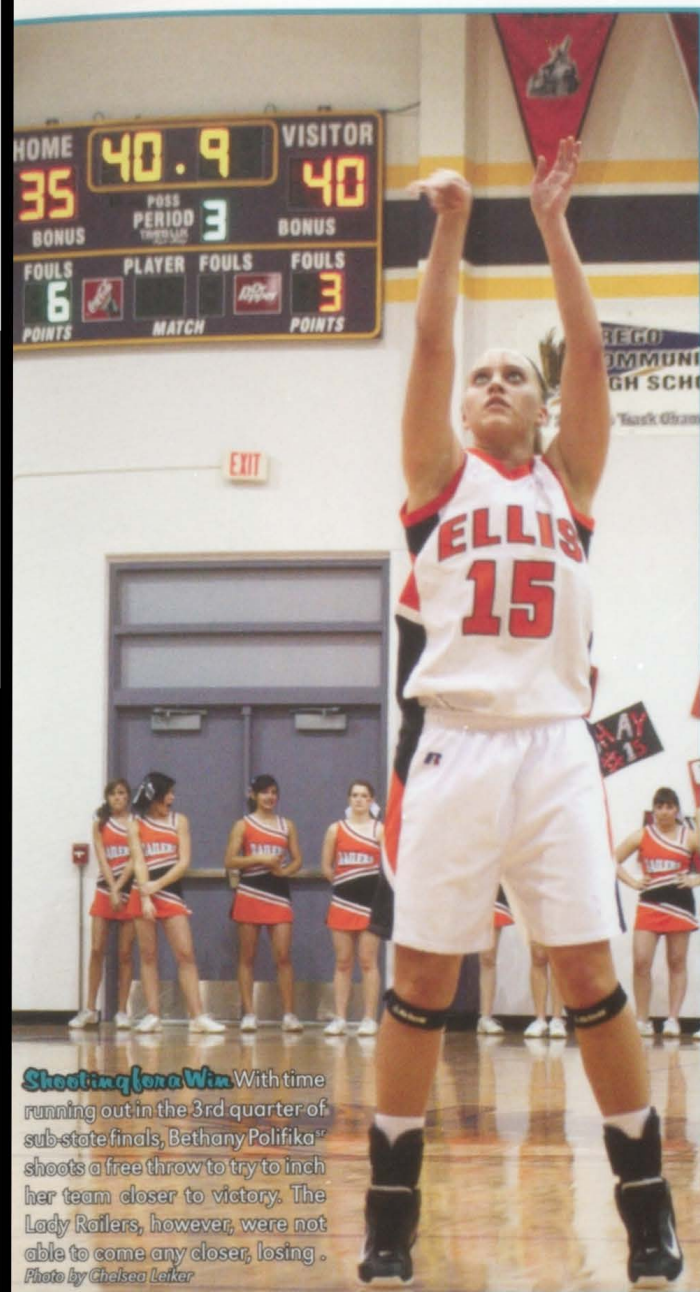
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Shooting for a Win With time running out in the 3rd quarter of sub-state finals, Bethany Polifika² shoots a free throw to try to inch her team closer to victory. The Lady Railers, however, were not able to come any closer, losing. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

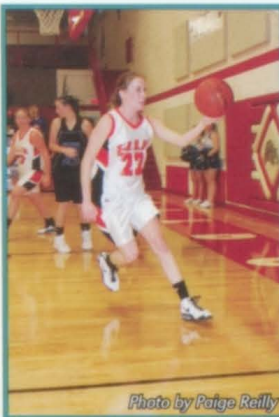


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Reel in the Rebound

Kayla Jacques⁴ runs down a rebound in the game against Wheatland. Jacques was 3rd leading rebounder on the team and averaged 4.6 boards per game.

Quick Feet Erin Groff² moves quickly around her opponent during the Castle Rock Tournament. Lady Railers were runner-up to Oakley this year.

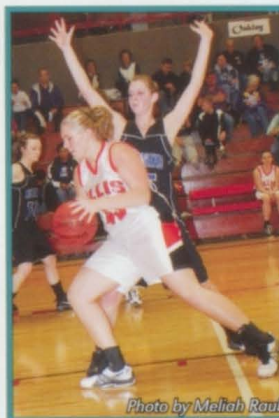


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BASKETBALL

| OPPONENT | Us | THEM |
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| Phillipsburg | 44 | 61 |
| <u>Castle Rock Tour.</u> | | |
| Golden Plains | 59 | 18 |
| Wheatland | 56 | 36 |
| Oakley | 52 | 58 |
| Palco | 58 | 16 |
| Osborne | 30 | 43 |
| Stockton | 62 | 43 |
| Trego | 55 | 43 |
| Hill City | 47 | 50 |
| <u>MCL Tour.</u> | | |
| Phillipsburg | 52 | 42 |
| Stockton | 37 | 27 |
| Hill City | 45 | 51 |
| Victoria | 48 | 37 |
| Plainville | 36 | 52 |
| Quinter | 49 | 44 |
| Smith Center | 45 | 59 |
| Spearville | 46 | 58 |
| Northern Valley | 41 | 55 |
| Natoma | 73 | 62 |
| Norton | 40 | 38 |
| <u>Sub-State</u> | | |
| Trego | 61 | 55 |
| Oakley | 54 | 50 |
| Hill City | 48 | 63 |

Record 13-10

Scoreboard

How Well Do You Know Your Team?

Answer the questions below and see how much of a team player you are!

1. What team member didn't want to wash away the good luck after a good game or practice?

- A. Courtney Waldschmidt
- B. Natasha Hollingshead
- C. Bailey Hensley

2. Who had a total of 187 rebounds for the season and a 8.1 average per game?

- A. Natasha Hollingshead
- B. Kayla Jacques
- C. Mikayla Gottschalk

3. Which team member gave food names to the whole team?

- A. Courtney Waldschmidt
- B. Kayla Casey
- C. Candace Bollig

4. Who played in an All-Star game?

- A. Courtney Waldschmidt
- B. Bethany Polifika
- C. Natasha Hollingshead

5. Which team member always carries a penny in their shoe for good luck?

- A. Kayla Jacques
- B. Candace Bollig
- C. Becca Aschenbrenner

6. Which team member had a total of 61 assists on the season and 2.7 average per game?

- A. Courtney Waldschmidt
- B. Bailey Hensley
- C. Bethany Polifika

If you answered...

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You watch from the stands

You're a fan of Lady Railer basketball, but you aren't on the court. Don't quit, though. The team can always use your support!

3-4

You're a manager

You're with them most of the time and get some of the jokes, but you're busy doing your own thing. Just remember that the team couldn't do it without you there!

5-6

You're suiting up

You're at every practice, bus ride, and game, bonding with your teammates. You're a true team player!

Railers step it up

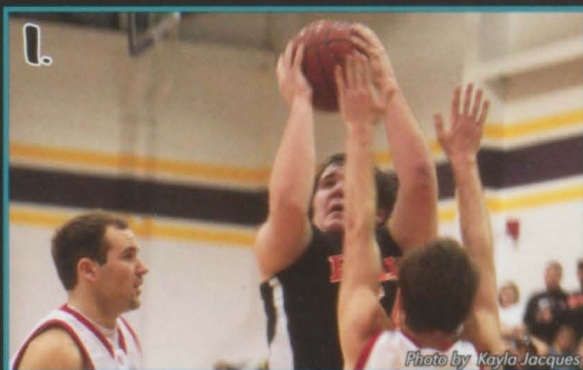
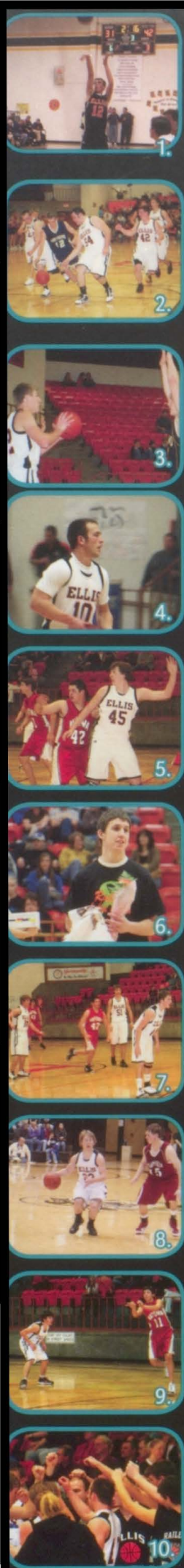
Big Shots

Somewhere in between the 3-point line and the goal...

...you'll find me. I usually play post for our team. I have been in basketball all four years of high school. My favorite thing about being playing basketball is just being a part of the team. This year was definitely a step up from years past because we played more as a team, and that helped us win more games. Our record this year really showed people what we can do. This season is one I will remember for a long time.

Ryan Weber
Senior

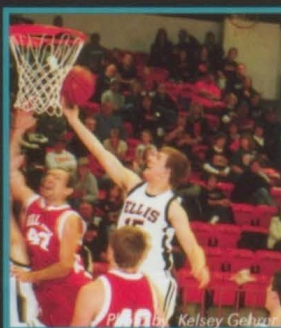
ELLIS



1. Strong Shot Matt Erbert^{Jr} goes above the defense during the sub-state finals in WaKeeney against Hill City. Erbert averaged 17.1 points a game for the season.



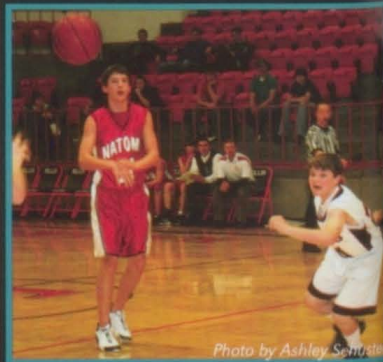
2. Guarded Gideon Fuchs^{Jr} plays tough defense during the Hill City game in the finals of sub-state.



3. Hoopin' it Up Jared Herl^{so} drives to the lane for a lay-up during the first Hill City match-up in January.



4. Wait For It Daniel Honas^{Jr}, Kyle Fox^{Jr}, and Jacob Kinderknecht^{Jr} get position for the rebound.



5. Fast Feet Tanner Fischer^{Jr} tries to intercept the basketball during a JV game. Fischer was one of 13 freshmen on the team.



Above the Others Senior Matthew Erbert goes up for a lay-up during the Palco game. The boys ended up winning against Palco with a score of 60-44. Photo by Kelsey Gehrler

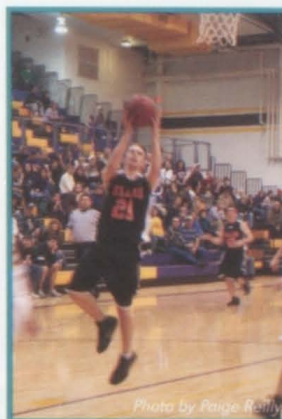


Photo by Paige Reilly

Take It To the Hoop

During the Trego game, Kyle Fox^{sr} prepares to shoot a lay-up. Ellis won the game with a score of 58 to 44 against in-league rival, Trego.

Leadership

Jakeual Delaney^{jr} stands with assistant coach Jeff Hawkins as he gets recognized on senior night. "Coach Hawkins was a great coach and he always kept practice fun," said Delaney.



Photo by Paige Reilly

BASKETBALL

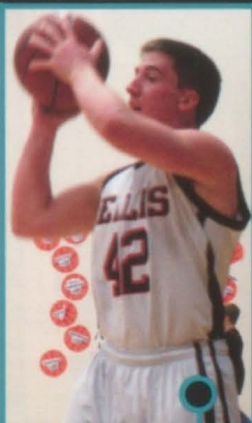
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Scoreboard

Record 16-7

The day before

in practice, we work more on strategy. We focus on what the other team will do defensively and what their offenses look like. Before the game I just try to focus and visualize the events that could happen during the game. I would also eat nachos from the concession stand with Aaron Gnad^{jr} during the girls game for my pregame meal. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Gideon Fuchs
Senior

Game Plan

What Players Do to Prepare For a Game

The day before

a game in practice, I usually take it a little easy and not go as hard so my body is well rested for the game, and just get mentally focused. I spend some time knowing which player does well so I know what to watch for. Before the game, I just get focused in and listen to all the key things that the coach has to say that will help the whole team out on the court. Photo by Lacey Gaschler



Dylan Pfeifer
Senior

The day before

a game in practice, we would go over the scouting report for the team that's upcoming, and go over goals and what we needed to do to win the game. Personally, I go over what we needed to do and how I envisioned the game going, always with us coming out on top. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez



Matthew Erbert
Senior



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Play It By Ear Ryan Weber^{sr} sings a duet with his brother Kyle Weber^{so} at the Dinner Theater.

How Low Can You Go? Chelsea Leiker^{sr} limbos during the Dinner Theater. The crowd was encouraged to join in on the limboing activity.



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

All in One Place Kayla Jacques^{sr} sings "Put Your Records On," accompanied by EHS graduate Michael Young.

Serve Her Right Kimberly Gottschalk^{sr} fills cups after Dinner Theater "Serving the attendees didn't bother me since I have been a waitress before," Gottschalk said.



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

Practice Makes Perfect Kayla Casey^{sr} goes over her music in the band room before the Dinner Theater. This is Casey's first year in Railairres.

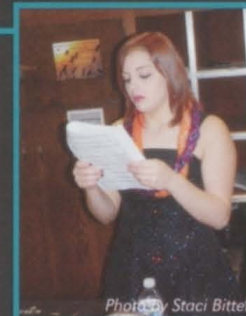


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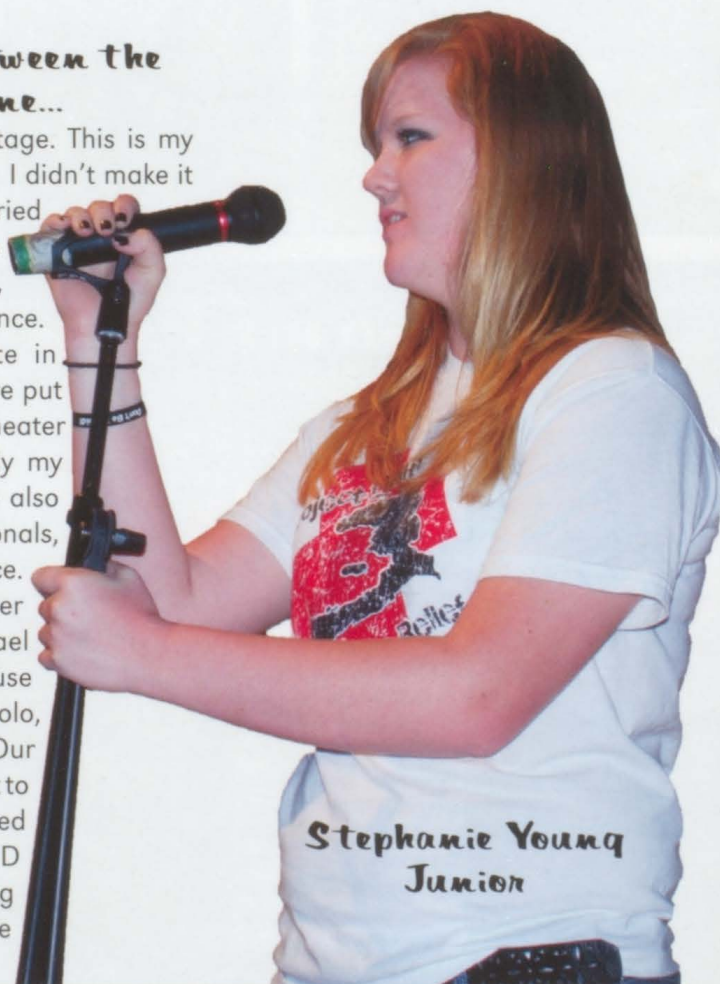
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Sing Another Tune

Railairres take the stage

Somewhere in between the notes and the tune...

...you'll find me, up on stage. This is my second year in Railairres. I didn't make it my Freshman year, so I tried out again my Sophomore year. I made it that time, and I've been in it ever since. We usually just compete in Regionals, but this year we put on an annual Dinner Theater as well which is definitely my favorite. Lucky for us, we also got to compete in Regionals, which was a new experience. Before the Dinner Theater show, my brother Michael [Young] was there because he played guitar for my solo, along with Kayla J's. Our warm-up was jamming out to Michael's playing. He played everything from Tenacious D to The Fray. I plan on trying out my Senior year and hope to make it again.



Stephanie Young
Junior



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

Down in Kokomo Seniors Jacob Begler and Ryan Weber chose "Kokomo" by the Beach Boys to fit the theme of the evening.

King of the Road Maggie Zody^{sr} sings the classic "King of the Road" at the Dinner Theater. "My favorite part was sporting my cowboy boots," Zody^{sr} said.



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

Side Bar ID: 1. Seniors Kayla Jacques, Kayla Casey, and Chelsea Leiker 2. Kayla Casey^{sr}, Kayla Jacques^{sr}, and Kimberly Gottschalk^{sr} 3. Bernadette Frickey^{so} 5. Chelsea Leiker^{sr} 7. Stephanie Young^{sr}, Luke Lohrmeyer^{sr}, Kayla Jacques^{sr}, Jacob Begler^{sr}, Ryan Weber^{sr}, Bernadette Frickey^{so} 8. Erin Groff^{sr} 9. Kyle Weber^{so} and Olivia Zody^{sr} 10. Stephanie Young^{sr} and Michael Young. All photos by Courtney Waldschmidt

Write Out Loud Chelsea Leiker^{SR}, Jessica Wheeler^{JR}, and Kelsey Butler^{JR} answer a math question at the Scholar's Bowl meet in Ellis. There were 6 schools competing in the meet.

Papane Fan Domination Matt Gehring^{JR} listens closely to a question asked in hopes of answering correctly.



Listen Up Freshmen Jordan Rohr, Olivia Zody, and Kelly Robb listen closely to the question being asked.

Talk Back Freshmen Cadyn McCoy and Kelly Robb discuss a question during the Ellis scholar's bowl meet.



Step It Off

Kylie Waldschmidt^{JR} takes a little break in between matches during a meet. This is Waldschmidt's first year on the team.

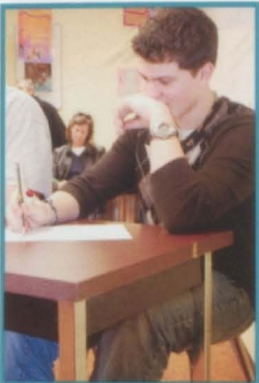


Hand Dedication

Chelsea Leiker^{SR} and Jessica Wheeler^{JR} wait for the question for the meet in Ellis. "Scholar's bowl is not all blood, sweat, and tears. The truth is we have a lot of fun, even if we aren't the best team out there," Wheeler said.

Pop the Quest10n

Scholar's Bowl team shows their skills



Mental Math

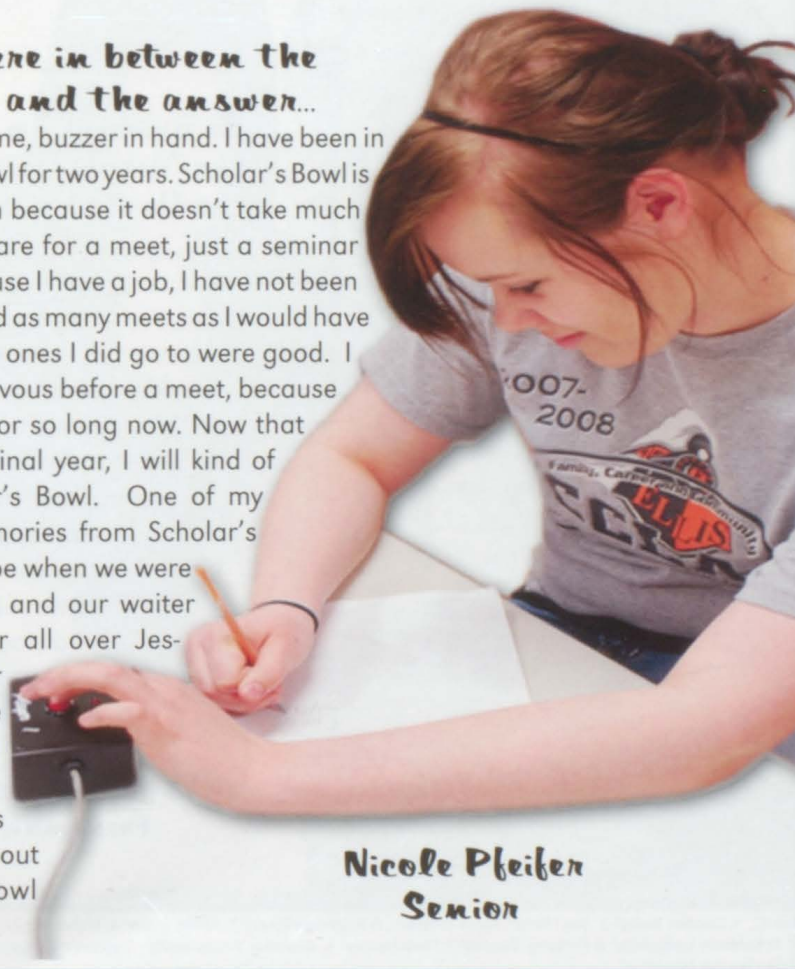
Brandon Hesse^{SO} uses the time allowed by the judge to figure out a difficult math question.

Talk Big Jessica Wheeler^{JR} and Kelsey Butler^{JR} take a break before the Ellis Scholar's Bowl meet starts. Wheeler and Butler have each been in Scholar's Bowl for three years.



Somewhere in between the question and the answer...

...you'll find me, buzzer in hand. I have been in Scholar's Bowl for two years. Scholar's Bowl is good to be in because it doesn't take much time to prepare for a meet, just a seminar or two. Because I have a job, I have not been able to attend as many meets as I would have liked, but the ones I did go to were good. I don't get nervous before a meet, because I've done it for so long now. Now that I am in my final year, I will kind of miss Scholar's Bowl. One of my favorite memories from Scholar's Bowl has to be when we were at Pizza Hut and our waiter spilled water all over Jessica Wheeler and I. Those and many others are the moments I will miss about Scholar's Bowl next year.



Nicole Pfeifer
Senior

Top 10 Best Things about Scholar's Bowl

According to the team

- 1 You get to show off knowledge
- 2 Learn a lot of new things
- 3 Meeting new people
- 4 You feel smart in the end
- 5 The game can get intense
- 6 Get good food
- 7 Good feeling of competitiveness
- 8 Suburban rides
- 9 Getting out of school
- 10 Getting treated with pizza

Lacey Gaschler

Scholar's Bowl

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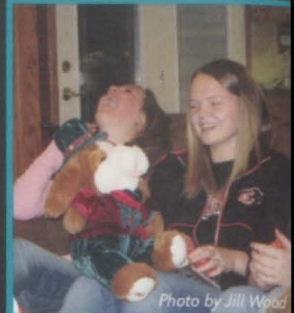
Picky, Picky Nancy Dinges^{so} picks a gift during the gift exchange at the girls basketball party.
My Hero Bethany Polifka^{sr} and Chelsea Leiker^{sr} get into Guitar Hero during a New Year's Eve party at Polifka's house.



Don't Judge Chelsea Leiker^{sr} tries to figure out which card to choose while playing the game "Apples to Apples" at the Journalism Christmas party at Young's house.
Whend'd You Get That? Mikayla Gottschalk^{so} laughs at Alesha Brenner^{sr} after opening her "expensive" gift from Bailey Hensley^{sr}.



Ready to Strike Logan Mattheyer^{sr} prepares himself for an intense night of bowling to celebrate the coming of a new year with all of his friends.



Let It Snow

Winter Break Getaway

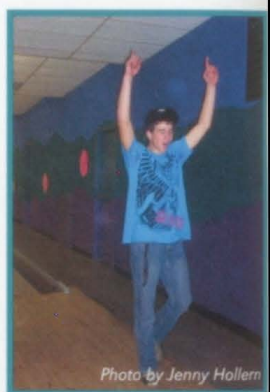


Somewhere in between the Yukon Territory & the United States...

...you'll find me, spending my Winter break in Canada. While there, I went to Body Works and the biggest instrument store in the world. I also went on some scary buses and subways with lots of creepy people that kind of smelled bad. Canada was mainly enjoyable because all I did was eat a bunch of great food, shopped, and learned more of their culture.

Shea Harper
Freshman

Story by Kimberly Gottschalk



Stunnikel
Kyle Weber^{so} shows some excitement after another good round at the bowling alley on New Year's Eve.
Cookie Monster
Kayla Jacques^{sr} steals a cookie from Alesha Brenner^{sr} who had become distracted at the girls basketball Christmas party.



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One In Every Crowd
Garrett Rupp^{so} helps cook the homemade tortillas. "Being the only guy in Spanish Club is pretty cool," Rupp said.

That Serves You
Bertha Rodriguez^{sr} helps Mikayla Gottschalk^{so} and Jessie Lopez^{sr} to a piece of homemade Three Milk Cake.

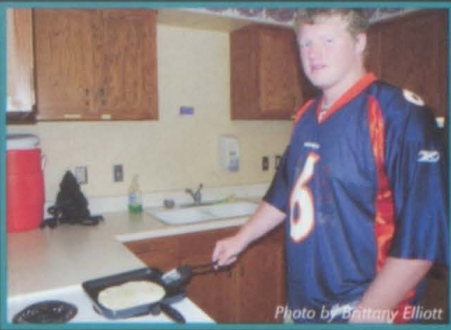


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Patience Makes Perfect
Making sure not to overcook, Shelby Gottschalk^{sr} waits to flip her tortilla.

Mix It Up
Mikayla Gottschalk^{so} and Kayla Jacques^{sr} add ingredients together for home-made tortillas.



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Photo by Kayla Jacques



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Delicious
Jennifer Kinderknecht^{sr} watches as Mrs. Grogan prepares a homemade tortillas. The food was cooked by the Spanish Club members.



Photo by Brittany Elliott

Gnabba' a Brta
Mara Morales^{sr} scoops up some food at the Cinco de Mayo party. The Spanish Club ate home-made mexican food to celebrate during lunch. "The food was great and I really enjoyed the celebration," Morales said.

Club Espanol

Starting Out Fresh



Photo by Brittany Elliott

Overload
Staci Bittel^{sr} enjoys taking one for the team as Shelby Gottschalk^{sr} sprays whipped cream in her mouth.

Surprise Attack
Stunned that she now has whipped cream everywhere, Shelby Hollern^{so} tries to remove it off herself. This is Hollern's first year in Spanish Club.

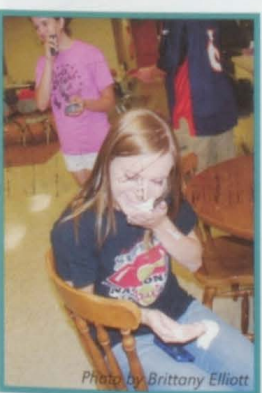


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Somewhere in between a new idea & an authentic meal...
...you'll find me. I have been in Spanish Club since it started, one year. My favorite thing we've done is the Spanish Club party. We all got to cook a dish, so I did my favorite Three Milk Cake. We all loved the food that was cooked and it was a really fun night. I put all the time that I can into Spanish Club. Usually I'm the one who puts out ideas of what we are going to do when Mrs. Grogan asks me for opinions or ideas. If I could rank Spanish club, I would give it a 10!

Bertha Rodriguez
Senior

Top 10 Best Things

about

SPANISH CLUB

According to Alesha Brenner^{sr}

- 1 Eating amazing food
- 2 Learning about cultures
- 3 Learning leadership
- 4 Learning about expenses
- 5 Learning culture outside of Ellis
- 6 Hanging with club members
- 7 Making authentic Latino food
- 8 Whipped cream wars
- 9 Speaking Spanish
- 10 Interacting on different levels



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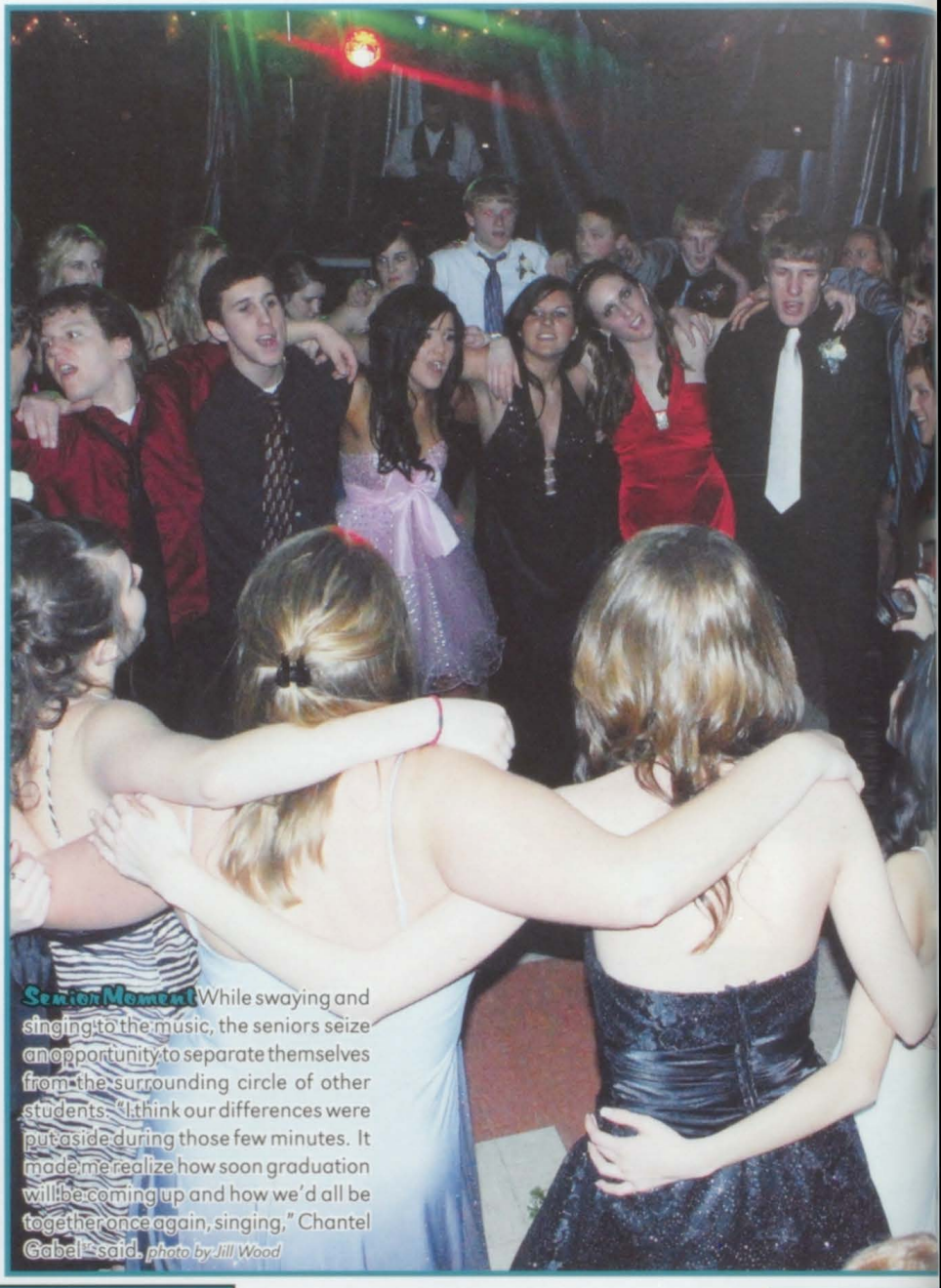
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1. Check me out! Lyle Fischer^{SO} displays his dancing talents, while Dillon Kinderknecht^{SR} watches and learns. "I did enjoy Snoball this year and had a funky, groovetastic time!" Fischer said.

2. Three-Dimensional! Bernadette Frickey^{SO} and Emily Durham^{SR} pose for a quick snapshot before the dance begins. "If people didn't take pictures at Snoball, it would be a lost memory," Durham said.



photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Senior Moment While swaying and singing to the music, the seniors seize an opportunity to separate themselves from the surrounding circle of other students. "I think our differences were put aside during those few minutes. It made me realize how soon graduation will be coming up and how we'd all be together once again, singing," Chantel Gabel^{SR} said. photo by Jill Wood

Choices, Choices, Choices!

The night is here and decisions must be made. Students share what they chose to eat and wear - and the money they dished out to get it!

Shirt, Tie, Shoes, & Pants = Free; already owned!



Dress = \$60
Hair = Free!

Staci Bittel^{SR}
Guterrez's
Sancho Grande



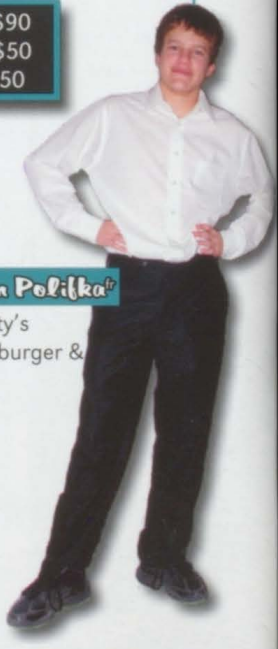
Tie = \$25
Shades = \$10

Matt Gehring^{SR}
Applebee's
Double Bacon
Cheeseburger



Dress = \$90
Shoes = \$50
Hair = \$50

Mikayla Gottschalk^{SO}
Guterrez's
Hombre



Sam Polifka^{SR}
Thirsty's
Hamburger &
Fries

Out of This World

Students go "Starstruck" for a night

Somewhere in between the dance floor and the decor...

...you'll find me, having a good time. To prepare for this night, I practiced my sweet dance moves two weeks in advance. Although I would have enjoyed a Hogwarts theme, the decorations were wicked awesome, and the free water was definitely a bonus. Riding over to Hays in Tasha's mini-van to eat at Wendy's stuck out to me the most this year. The magical aspect of being a first-time freshman at Snoball eventually fades, but I still love dances because they embody the free spirit of America!

Maggie Zody
Junior



photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

Your Majesties Royalty winners Candace Bollig^{fr}, Tanner Fischer^{fr}, Breanna Kroeger^{so}, Matt Cunningham^{fr}, Kayla Jacques^{fr}, Jared Knoll^{fr}, and Kathryn Sleight^{fr} receive their awards and pose for a group photo. "It was pretty cool winning royalty, and it made Snoball exciting!" Bollig said.

Fountain of Youth While taking a break, Tanner Fischer^{fr}, Harley Wright^{fr}, Brandon Hall^{fr}, and Brandon Kever^{fr} gather around the fountain to fill their cups. The crowded room and hot dancing made the fountain a popular place to cool down.



photo by Jill Wood



Photo by Jill Wood

Bust a Move! Brandon Rush^{fr} breaks out his moves on the dance floor.

Friends in Low Places Courtney Waldschmidt^{fr}, Kelsey Gehr^{fr}, Lacey Gaschler^{fr}, and Kimberly Desaire^{fr} belt it out to *Friends in Low Places*. "It was fun this year because everyone got involved in the dancing right away," Waldschmidt said.



Photo by Jill Wood



Photo by Jill Wood

Steppin' Out Kimberly Gottschalk^{fr}, Caroline Beilman^{fr}, Shea Harper^{fr}, and Alicia Kroeger^{fr} get down to the cha-cha slide.

Like Mother, Like Daughter Kelser Gehr^{fr} visits with her Mom and KAY sponsor, Dava Gaschler. Both ladies helped decorate prior to the event.



Photo by Jill Wood

Fresh Fun Kylie Waldschmidt^{fr} and Brooke Wellbrock^{fr} dance hand-in-hand. "This was the first dance I attended. You don't need a date to have fun. I had just as much fun without one," Waldschmidt said.



Photo by Kayla Jacques

Star Power

Ashleigh Basgall^{so} focuses in to create purple, cut-out stars. Those that decorated had to be efficient and innovative to get the job done in one night.



Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

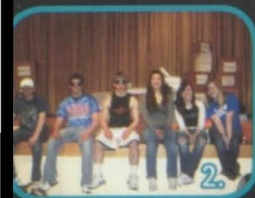
Kayla Jacques

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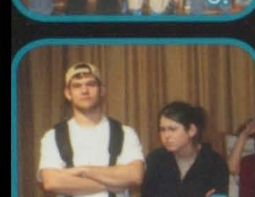
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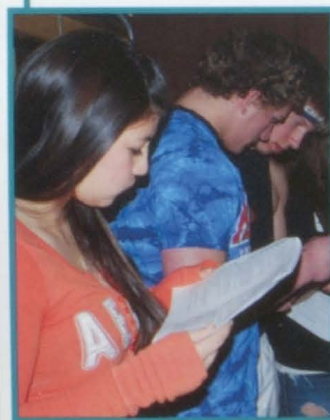


Hugging The Nerves Away

Kimberly Desaire and Jordyn Dessel give each other a reassuring hug before the first performance. "The nerves had finally hit us, so we held each other and assured one another that it would be okay," Desaire said.

Rehearsing Lines

Before the play, Jessie Lopez, Jared Knoll and Jacob Kinderknecht study their lines before going on stage for the performance to the student body. "At first I was a little nervous about how the play was going to turn out, but we ended up pulling through and doing a good job in the end," Knoll said.



Hum...What's This? Julene Fairchild, played by Meliah Raub, Marty E. Lockhead, played by Daniel Honas, and Hazel Smity-Withy, played by Rachel Mick, look to see what the "treasure" to the old museum is.

Junior Class Play By the Numbers

With a bit of chaos, the play was performed in March. Here's a quick rundown of the hard facts in the case.

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Practices

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Weeks of Rehearsal

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Stacy Bittel
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Night Of Wax

Juniors Discover Mysteries and Solve Crimes

Somewhere In-Between the Stage & the Crowd...

(Curtain opens. Desiree and Staci appear on stage, seated center stage.)

STACI: What character did you play?

DESIREE: Cleopatra.

STACI: What was the hardest part about the play?

DESIREE:(giggling softly) It was difficult to get into character because

my character Cleopatra and I have completely different personalities. Cleopatra, in her mind, was better than everyone else and was considered to be really bossy, and when she wanted something she wanted it NOW. For me, being bossy and snappy wasn't exactly easy.

STACI: Did you enjoy your character?

DESIREE:(smiling) I enjoyed my part because I wasn't in scenes with a lot of other people, so it was easier to remember lines with only one or two characters on stage.

STACI: What was the best part about the play?

DESIREE:(thinking back, remembering) The best part about the play was hearing that in the end it turned out really well. We were all so worried during practices that we were going to forget our lines and mess up, so it was good to hear that people didn't think it was terrible.

Desiree Basqall

Junior



Lights, Camera, Action. Ashley Augustine works backstage as a crew member. "The night before the play we didn't have much, but the afternoon show we pulled together and made it happen and the night show was the best that we had performed," Augustine said.

Something Interesting Kathryn Sleigh, Alesha Brenner and Alex Lavoto try and find something "interesting." "The practice for the play didn't go so well, but then we pulled it together. In the end the play was good," Brenner said.



Familiar Face Rachel Mick uses a face of Mr. Mick as one of the props in the museum. "The cast thought it would be funny to use a picture of my dad to scare the character Ivy (Chelsey Walters)," Mick said.

Relief The cast of the play poses for a picture after the afternoon performance for the student body. "We performed a lot better Friday night," Rachel Mick said.



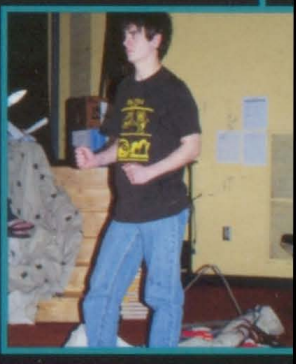
Under Fire Calamity Jane, played by Emily Durham, keeps a close eye on Violet Sneed (Alesha Brenner) and Polly Popper (Kathryn Sleigh).

Go Figure Tanner Gugler, who played the character of Pancho Villa, practices being perfectly still for the play. At the beginning characters were supposed to be "stiff as a board."

Arrgh Matey Blackbeard the Pirate, played by Dawson Augustine, gets ready to start a rumble with the cowboys during a fight scene in the play. Augustine lead the six other pirates to battle.



Gun Show Jacob Kinderknecht shows off his muscles during a scene. "At the beginning, I was very nervous for the play. After a few practices it became more fun," Kinderknecht said.



Staci Bittel

Jr. Class Play

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S pring

I thought the DJ was cool because he played music we wanted to play, and he made the dance really fun.

Riley Hunsicker^{SO}



Photo by Bertha Rodriguez

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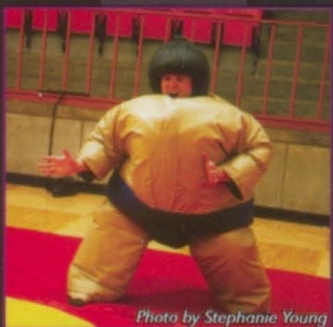


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Photo by Jill Wood

Prom was fun this year. I enjoyed the music selection of the night. I especially loved when they played "Yellow Submarine."

Aaron Gnad^{Sr}

The dance line was fun. It was something different and something that we could all do and just act crazy.

Staci Bittel^{Sr}



You did what?

"Over spring break, while my mom was out of town, my dad let me go out for an hour. Yes, only an hour. Of course, no one was out so Alesha and I decided to spend our time at the park. Best hour of fun...ever." – Kathryn Sleight



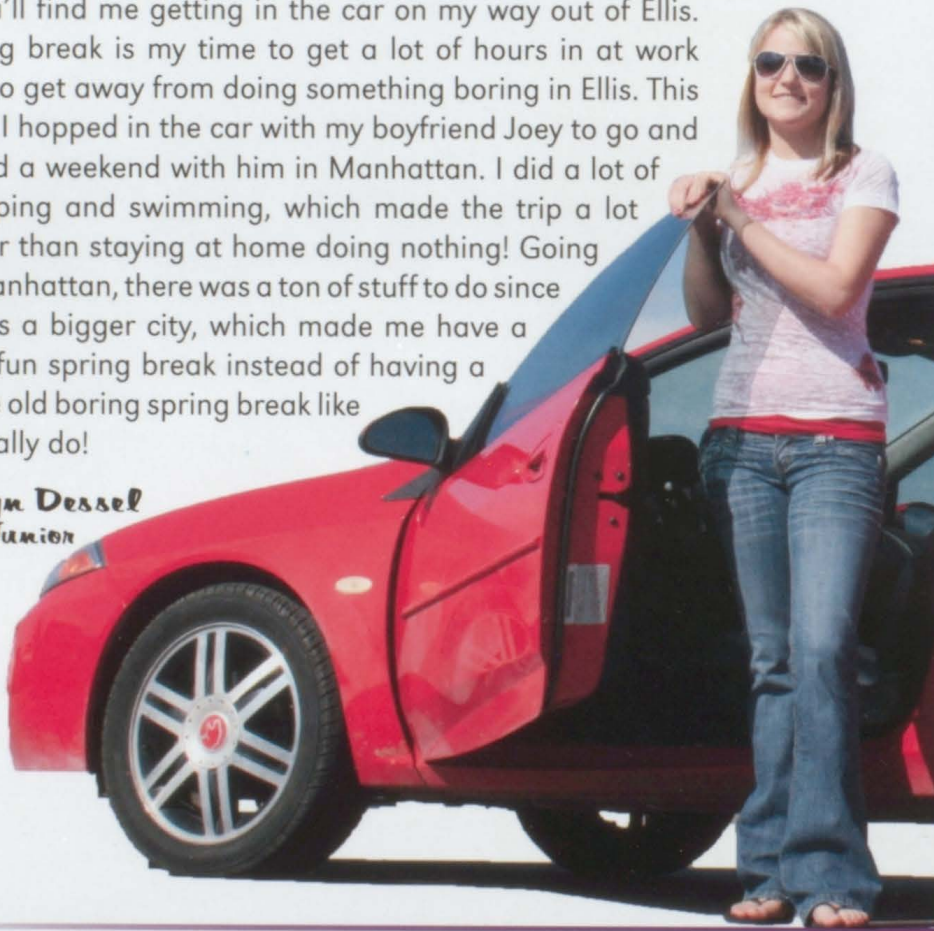
No Time For Boredom

Spring Break: a time to let loose

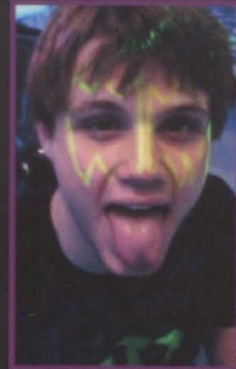
Somewhere in between the highway and the city limits...

...you'll find me getting in the car on my way out of Ellis. Spring break is my time to get a lot of hours in at work and to get away from doing something boring in Ellis. This year, I hopped in the car with my boyfriend Joey to go and spend a weekend with him in Manhattan. I did a lot of shopping and swimming, which made the trip a lot better than staying at home doing nothing! Going to Manhattan, there was a ton of stuff to do since it was a bigger city, which made me have a very fun spring break instead of having a same old boring spring break like I usually do!

Jordyn Dessel
Junior



Colorful Colorado Lacey Gaschler and Kimberly Desaire take a trip to Broomfield, Colorado during their Spring Break. "It was really nice to get out of Ellis for a couple days, even though it was a blizzard while we were there so we couldn't do much," Desaire said. Photo by Sheila Gaschler



Glowin' in the Dark Matt Gehring, with highlighter drawn on his face by Desiree Basgall, takes a break at glow bowling on a night during Spring Break. Photo by Desiree Basgall

Puppy Love Bethany Polifka holds Jacob Begler's new puppy that was born over spring break. "The litter of puppies were a fun experience. My favorite was Dozer," Polifka said. Photo by Jacob Begler



Mud Bath Candace Bollig and Bailey Hensley take a dip in the muddy road after softball practice during Spring Break. The girls decided they wanted to practice surf diving into the mud. "It was very fun, but we got in trouble by our parents afterwards," Bollig said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



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Photo by Kat Sleight



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Photo by Bethany Polifka



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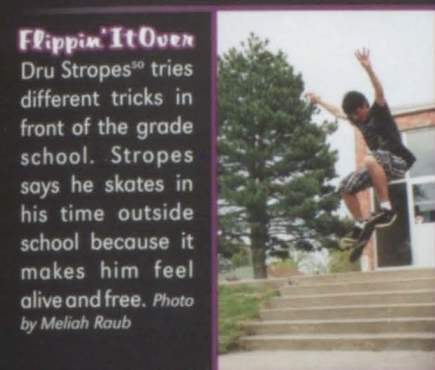


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Liftoll Jared Knoll⁶ cleans a 230-pound bar at the lift-a-thon, a fund raiser for the football team. "The lift-a-thon was pretty fun and we raised money for the football team," Knoll said. Photo by Staci Bittel



Flippin' It Over Dru Stropes¹⁰ tries different tricks in front of the grade school. Stropes says he skates in his time outside school because it makes him feel alive and free. Photo by Meliah Raub



Wonkin' For a Livin' Matt Gehring⁶ gives a customer his change back at DQ. "Yeah, I make ice cream for a living...I make a cookie dough blizzard that will knock your socks off," Gehring said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Snowin' Around Emily Durheim⁹ pushes Kat Sleigh's⁸ car out of a pile of snow from being stuck. "Kat, Kim, and I all decided to go sledding, so we went behind the highschool. Kat's car ended up getting stuck so I got out and started pushing," Durheim said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

You did what?



"Once at Subway, Babs (Brittney) and I were closing. It was 9:30 and we were ready to go home and all we had to do was a finish a few things up. I was sweeping and Babs was putting the soup away. To make a long story short, Babs tripped and the soup went flying. We had soup everywhere. It was so horrible! We had a really hard time cleaning it all up because it was both chunky and wet, so we ended up taking this squeegee thing and pushing it to the back where the drain was!" – Jessie Lopez

Breaking Ground

Students find things to do after school



Somewhere in between the wheels and the board...

...you'll find me on my skateboard, just wanting to express my individuality. Instead of playing basketball or throwing a football around with my friends, I choose to grab my skateboard and take off. Skating is what I love to do. To me, it's my way of getting rid of emotions I don't want anymore. It's my stress reliever. When I get angry and want to do something stupid, I hop on my skateboard and do a few kick flips. It's like all my bad emotions just disappear. I think of the nice parks in Hays that I always skated on when I lived there. Coming over to Ellis, I found that there were a lot of cracks and rough landings, making it hard to skate on. It was a very difficult change moving from Hays to Ellis because I had to leave everything behind, but thanks to my love of skating, I could bring that with me.



6. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



7. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



8. Photo by Meliah Raub



9. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



10. Photo by Staci Bittel

Travel t@ State

First Golfer to State Since 2007

Somewhere in between the green and the hole...

...you'll find me. I have been playing golf for half of a year; I just started this last summer. I picked golf over track and baseball because it's fun and way more exciting than baseball or track. I would encourage others to go out for golf because it's relaxing. It feels amazing to be the first Ellis golfer to go to state since 2007. I was so excited, especially since I have only been playing for a half of a year, when most other guys have been playing since age 6. That was my only goal this year and it feels good to accomplish it!

Austin Lopez
Sophomore



Heading to Victory Ethan LaBarge[®] works his way towards the green to putt the ball into the hole. LaBarge is one of the three seniors leading the team this year. *Photo by Tori Clark*



Foam! Brandon Hall[®] follows through with a long shot down the fairway. Hall was one of the three freshmen to play varsity this year. "Consistency wins the game," Hall said. *Photo by Tori Clark*



Aim For the Best Josh Reilly[®] makes it to the green, with a steady arm. "I really enjoyed being in golf because I got to see my friends every day, and it's a relaxing sport," Reilly said. *Photo by Tori Clark*



Master Advice Austin Lopez[®] takes suggestions and tips from Coach Carroll while waiting his turn to tee off. With a score of 94, Lopez was a fifth place medalist at the Ellis Invitational. *Photo by Tori Clark*



New What? Tyler Walters[®] watches his shot and plans his next move. Walters took home nine tournament medals this year including one at the Ellis Invitational where he placed 9th. *Photo by Tori Clark*



Looking To The Sky Ben Leiker[®] tees off a long, high shot down the fairway, and keeps his eye on the ball to see where it might land. Leiker's personal best out of nine holes was 56 for the year. *Photo by Tori Clark*



Swing It Kyle Weber[®] takes his approach shot and works his way towards the green. "I love golf and would encourage anyone to go out for it," Weber said. *Photo by Tori Clark*

Looking Ruddy Chelsey Walters[®] puts herself in an open stance while taking her shot to sink the ball. Walters is the only girl on the Ellis golf team. *Photo by Tori Clark*



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Tori Clark
Golf

By the Numbers

Golfers earn stats during the season

| Golfer | <17 put ts | 3+ pars | Fairways | Birdies | Medals | Chip-ins |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|----------|
| Ethan LaBarge ^{sr} | 16 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Garret Vandenberg ^{sr} | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Ryan Weber ^{sr} | 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| Chelsey Walters ^{sr} | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Isaac Henman ^{so} | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Ben Leiker ^{so} | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Austin Lopez ^{so} | 2 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 7 | - |
| Josh Reilly ^{so} | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 |
| Kyle Weber ^{so} | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Brandon Hall ^{fr} | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Tyler Walters ^{fr} | 2 | 2 | - | - | 4 | - |
| Gage Younger ^{fr} | 2 | 3 | - | 3 | 4 | - |



Eye of the Tiger Ryan Weber^{sr} lines up his shot. "I did golf for two years, then tried track. I ended up going back to golf my senior year because I liked golf better than track," Weber said. Photo by Tori Clark

G O L

**Ethan
LaBarge**
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**Austin
Lopez^{sr}**
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**Garret
Vandenberg**
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**Josh
Reilly**
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**Ryan
Weber**
43

**Kyle
Weber**
42

**Chelsey
Walters**
58

**Brandon
Hall**
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**Isaac
Henman**
57

**Gage
Younger**
40

**Ben
Leiker**
56

**Tyler
Walters**
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*state qualifier

Personal Bests



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7. Photo by Tori Clark



8. Photo by Tori Clark



9. Photo by Matt Carroll



10. Photo by Matt Carroll



Ahead of the Game Meliah Raub gets down and ready to field a grounder during a game at Ellis. "Softball has been a great experience to share with all of my friends," Raub said. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



Take My Advice Terra Upham gives words of encouragement during the first game on senior night. Kayla Casey and Staci Bittel were the only seniors on the team this year. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Got It Covered Covering third base, Candace Bollig prepares to make a play during a home game. Bollig plays third baseman, short stop, and, on occasion, outfield. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



We're in This Together Between games, the softball team gathers around to discuss about the first game and mentally prepare themselves for the next one. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



One Step at a Time After getting a hit, Becca Aschenbrenner makes a run for first base. "For my first year on the team, I thought our season went well," Aschenbrenner said. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre

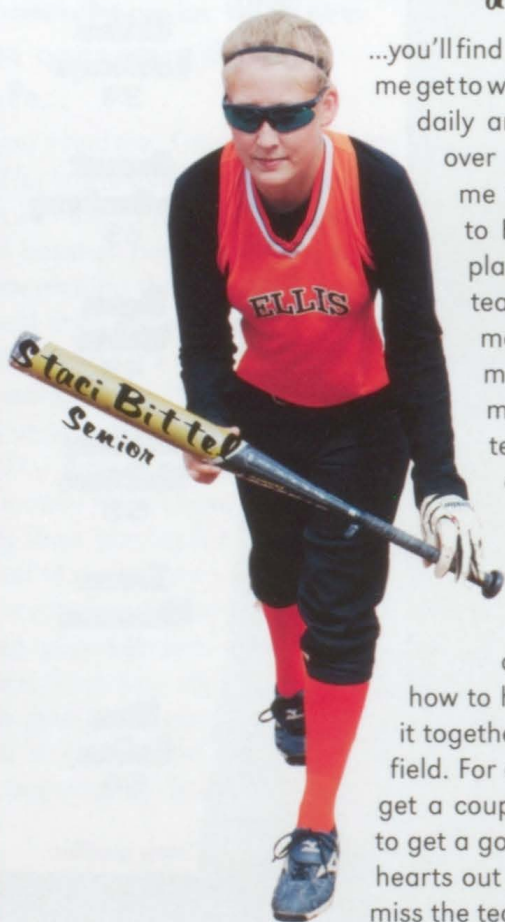


All in the Wrist Ashley Augustine winds up for a pitch during a game at Ellis. Augustine has pitched throughout all three years of her softball career. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre

In It TO Win It

Leave it on the Field

Somewhere in between the swing and home base...



...you'll find me. Starting softball at age 5 helped me get to where I am today. Attending practices daily and repeating techniques over and over to help muscle memory allowed me the opportunity to try walking on to Barton's softball team. Although I plan to continue my career with new teammates, I will always remember the moments I shared with all my teammates growing up. One of my favorite memories would have to be when our team had a bonding night by going out to eat then staying up all night at my house. Also, I'll never forget the day we had our barbeque at Stephanie Young's house and all went on a bike ride when we were done eating. Although we knew how to have fun, we also knew how to pull it together and take what we learned to the field. For example, when we knew we had to get a couple of wins under our belt in order to get a good seat at Regional, we played our hearts out against Sylvan Grove. I'll definitely miss the team next year!



Standing Strong Jessica Lopez lines herself up before taking stance in the batter box. During off season, Lopez plays in summer softball leagues. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre
Batter Up Kayla Casey takes a swing during one of her last games on the Ellis softball field. Casey signed to play softball for Pratt Community College in the upcoming year. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



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I once was a player for the Lark's softball team, I enjoy hunting deer, and I work at the lake during the summer.

Who Am I?

Guess Who!

My favorite movie is the Benchwarmers, I'm addicted to Mt. Dew snowballs, and I've collected over 45 movie tickets in a three year period.

Who Am I?



Slip 'n Slide Candace Bollig" slides into third base during a game against Sylvan Grove. Bollig had extra practice sliding after running and sliding into puddles of mud after practice one day.
Photo by Kelsey Gehrler

Scoreboard

SOFTBALL

WILSON
L2-8/W12-2
HAYS HIGH
W16-1/W18-8
SPEARVILLE
L11-2/L15-0
GOODLAND
L1-3/L7-9
PLAINVILLE
W15-0/W13-3
SYLVAN GROVE
W9-6/W9-4
PLAINVILLE
L16-13/L17-7
COLBY
W12-1/W19-3
RUSSELL
L12-8/L18-8

Record 9-9



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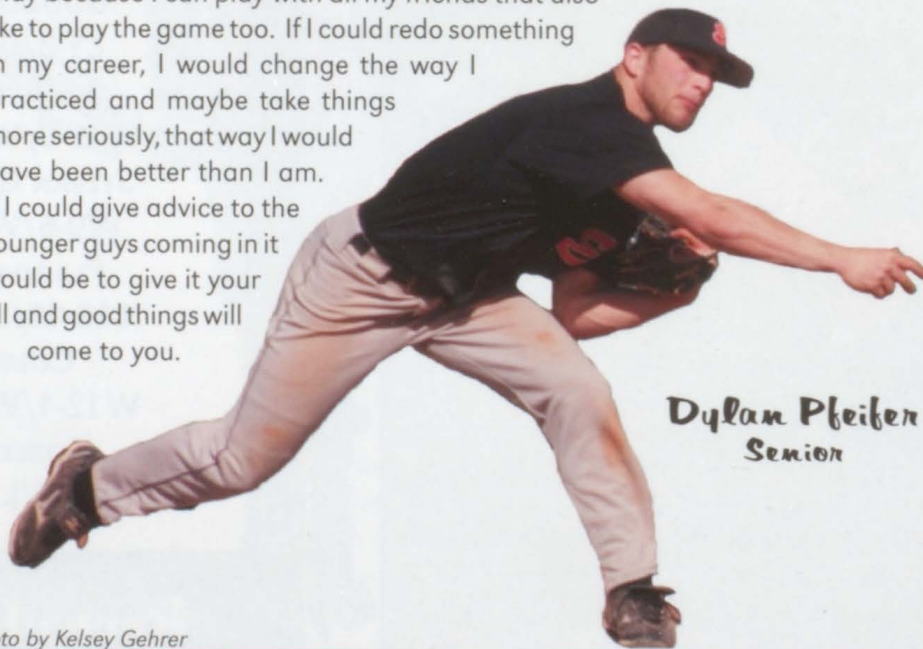
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Making History Third Time's the Charm

Somewhere in between the mound and home plate...

...you'll find me. Compared to my other seasons I felt that this year was it. I felt that we had a lot of returners and we would have a good chance to get to the state tournament. I enjoy short stop because there is a lot of chances to make plays there. I like to play because I can play with all my friends that also like to play the game too. If I could redo something in my career, I would change the way I practiced and maybe take things more seriously, that way I would have been better than I am. If I could give advice to the younger guys coming in it would be to give it your all and good things will come to you.



Dylan Pfeifer
Senior

Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



Strategy Coach Rick Cunningham talks with Dillion Kinderknecht before he goes up to bat versus Wilson on March 31. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



Knuckle Ball Jacob Kinderknecht throws a pitch during the Plainville game. "Making it to state means a lot because it is a reward for all of the hard work that has been done," Kinderknecht said. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



Huggin' It Out Dylan Pfeifer and his mother share a hug during the Senior Night presentation on April 19. Every year the school shows their appreciation to the seniors and their parents. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez



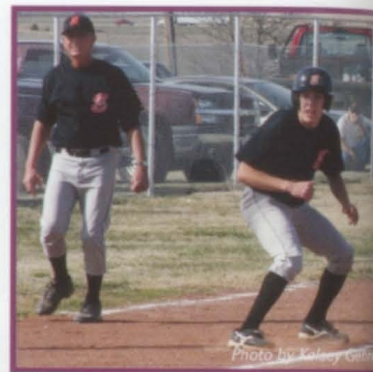
Catch the Ball During the game at Wilson, freshman catcher Dillon Kinderknecht waits for the pitch. The Railers went on to sweep Wilson on their home field. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre



Watch the Ball Matt Cunningham watches a pop fly from the dug-out. "I knew we had a lot of veteran guys and I expected to make it to state and make some noise," Cunningham said. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez



Safe! After sliding into third, Patrick Dreiling recovers his base. "It was our first year to win Regionals and make it to state," Dreiling said. The Railers went on to place fourth at state. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Should I Stay or Go Trying to decide whether or not to steal home, Aaron Gnad waits for the pitch during the Wilson game. Gnad is a third year starter.

Close Call Cadyn McCoy slides into third base during the Regional finals versus Syracuse. "I was pretty pumped. We're going to state!" McCoy said.



Photo by Lacey Gaschler



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5. Photo by Linda Pfeifer

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Players

Coke or Pepsi?

What kind of pet
would you like to
have?

Favorite show when
you were younger?



Meny Rodriguez^{SO}

Pepsi



Pitbull/Boxer

Power
Rangers



Jared Mick^{JA}

Neither

Poodle



South Park



J.J. Hernandez^{SO}

Coke



Leaping
Lizard

Young and the Restless



Cole Pfeifer^{JA}

Coke

Hippo



Barney



Battens Up! Dillon Kinderknecht^{SR} waits for the pitch as Matt Cunningham^{SR} takes a few practice swings at home versus Hoisington. Photo by Kelsey Gehrre

BASEBALL

LEOTI
W 23-6/W 22-0

WILSON
W 24-3/W 17-1

HOISINGTON
W 11-0/W 11-10

SE SALINE
L 4-6/L 1-3

NATOMA
W 19-7/W 11-0

SYLVAN GROVE
W 12-2/W 13-4

PLAINVILLE
W 16-12/W 11-10

HAYS*
L 9-11

GOODLAND*
L 4-14

COLBY*
L 8-18

SALINA CENTRAL*
L 1-13

Regionals

LEOTI
W 15-0

SYRACUSE
W 17-7

State

SUBLETTE
W 8-0

PITTSBURG/
COLGAN
W 13-0

ELL-SALINE
L 8-9

*Western Diamond Classic

Record 16-7

Scoreboard



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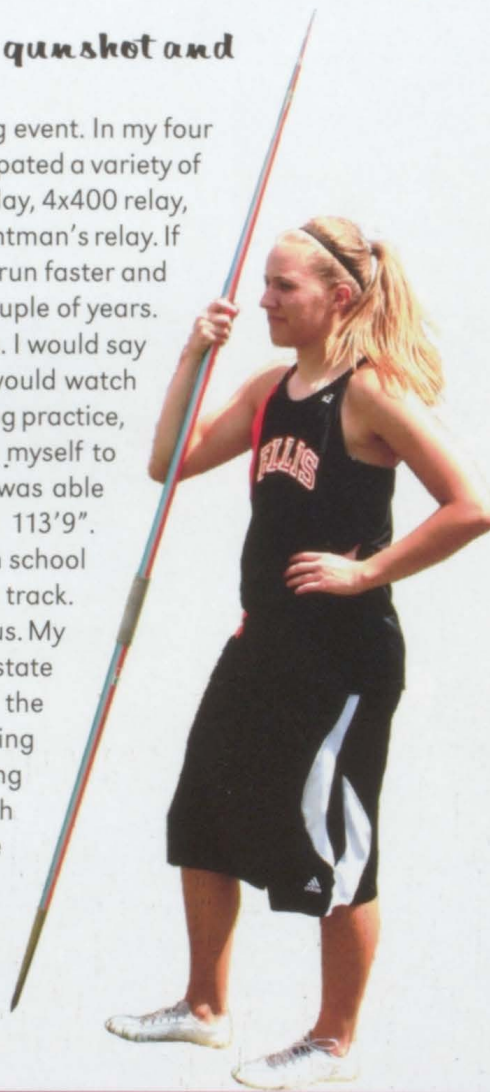
Reaching For Gold

Looking Towards State One More Year

Somewhere in between the gunshot and finish line...

...you'll find me in a running or throwing event. In my four years of high school track, I have participated a variety of events, such as javelin, discus, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay, and, during my freshman year, the weightman's relay. If I could change one thing it would be to run faster and throw further than I have in the past couple of years. I've missed state by inches and seconds. I would say Whitney Taylor inspired me in track. I would watch her throw every single day. After throwing practice, she'd run with me and make me push myself to keep up with her. Because I did this, I was able to set a record this year in javelin at 113'9". Going to state track all my years of high school is probably my greatest memory about track. My freshman year, I went to state in discus. My sophomore and junior years, I went to state in the 4x100 relay. This year, I went in the discus and placed 6th. I'm definitely going to miss going to track meets and meeting my friends from other towns. Even though we didn't place as a team, we all came home with medals, which was a great way to end the season.

Bethany Polifka
Senior



One Big Leap Chelsea Leiker^{sr} enters her second jump in triple jump. "I tried triple jump in 7th grade because my sister did it. Ever since that first jump, I fell in love with it!" Leiker said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Up & Over Kayla Jacques^{sr} prepares to jump the hurdle at the Victoria track meet. "Hurdles were an exciting but challenging event to work towards improving at," Jacques said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



On Your Mark Jenny Hollern^{so} gets ready to take off in the 100m dash during the Plainville meet. "Track season has always been unfortunate for me. I always end up hurting myself!" Hollern said. Photo by Lacey Gaschler



Winners' Circle Bethany Polifka^{sr} stands on the podium to get her 6th place medal for discus at state track. Polifka has been to state all four years of her high school track career. Courtesy photo



Quick Advice Alicia Lang^{sr} talks to throwing coach Steve Erbert before throwing javelin in the Victoria meet. "I struggled in javelin this year, but I got my personal record, 101' 1/2"," Lang said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Forward Heave Randi Hook^{sr} uses her strength to heave the shot put during the Victoria meet. The Lady Railers placed fifth during the Victoria Invitational. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Rising to the Top Maggie Zody^{sr} gets ready to vault over the bar. Maggie qualified for state with an 8 foot jump at regionals.

Heading Into History Mikayla Gottschalk^{so} gets set to throw the Javelin. Gottschalk is looking to break the school record next year, which is currently held by senior Bethany Polifka at 113'9".



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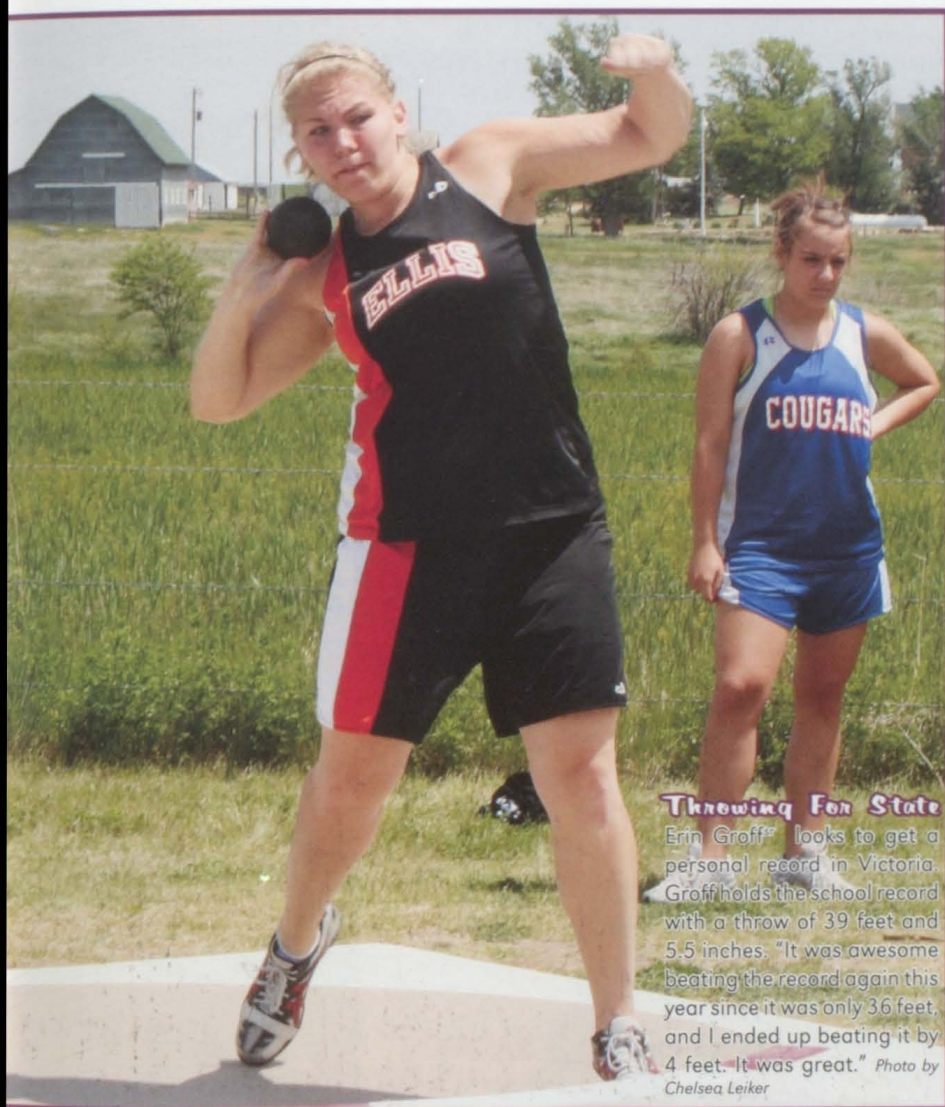
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Who's Who?

You see these people everyday in the halls and have them in class, but can you tell who's who from the knees down?



Throwing For State

Erin Groff looks to get a personal record in Victoria. Groff holds the school record with a throw of 39 feet and 5.5 inches. "It was awesome beating the record again this year since it was only 36 feet, and I ended up beating it by 4 feet. It was great." Photo by Chelsea Leiker

T R A C K

Team Placings

Ellis Invitational - 4th
Stockton Invitational - 8th
Plainville Invitational - 7th
Osborne - Kaser Relays - 5th
Quinter Invitational - 5th
Victoria Invitational - 5th
Hill City Invitational - 5th
MCL - 9th
Regionals - 10th

State Results

Erin Groff
Shot Put 5th
Natasha Hollingshead
Shot Put 6th
Bethany Polifka
Discus 6th
Maggie Zody
Pole Vault 10th

Scoreboard



Photo by Kimberly Desaire



Photo by Kimberly Desaire



Photo by Lacey Guechlar



Photo by Kimberly Desaire



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Golden Decisions

Trying Something New Pays Off

Somewhere in between Winter and Summer...

...I realized I was bored. School was almost out, and I decided I wanted to try something new. When I heard the announcement about joining track, I decided to give it a go. This was the first time in my high school career that I went out for track, so I didn't know what I was going to do. During practice one day, Mr. Hayes made me run a timed 400. I came to find out that it wasn't a bad time at all, so that became my event. I didn't think I'd do very well in it. Turns out, I was good at it. I made it to state, where I placed 9th and ran my best time - 52.40. I'm definitely going out next year. Hopefully I can get my time down to a 50 and possibly break the school record.

Zach Werth
Junior



Making a Record Blake Hudson¹ prepares himself for an attempt in pole vault. Hudson took 4th place at the Trego track meet with a personal record of 8'6 in pole vault. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Keepin' Up Zach Werth⁹ makes an effort to catch up in the 400 meter dash at the regional track meet. Werth came in 4th with his best time of 52.4 seconds, qualifying him for the state track meet. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Get Recognized Matt Erbert⁷ gets handed his Railroaders 2010 gym ball from Junior Cheerleader Courtney Waldschmidt, while Junior cheerleader Rachel Mick gives Erbert's mom a flower. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



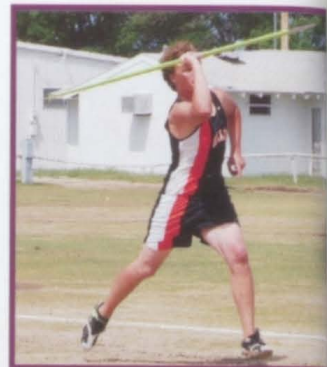
First Jump Dru Stropes³ long jumps at the Ellis Invitational. Stropes best jump for the day was 14' 4". "I thought track was kind of fun and challenging," Stropes said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Practice Makes Perfect Finishing out his form, Scott Fuller⁴ throws 120 feet at the regional track meet, held at Trego. "My favorite event to do has always been discus," Fuller said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Leap of Faith Preparing to land, Daniel Honas¹ jumps a length of 16'8" in long jump at the Ellis Invitational. This is Honas's third year in track. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Fast Speed Ahead Jacob Begler² runs to make a throw of 134'3" in javelin. "My favorite event in track would have to be javelin because it's fun to chuck spears with Gideon Fuchs," Begler said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Home During the regional track meet, at Trego, Matthew Erbert⁸ throws the shot put. Erbert's best throw was 50' 9" in Stockton. Photo by Staci Bittel



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Whose Shoes?

Everyone has their own preference of running/throwing shoes. Some people buy a new pair every year. Some choose to save money by using some old ones. No matter what, everyone needs shoes for track. Do you think you can figure out who each pair of shoes belong to? Find the answers on the scoreboard!

A.



B.



C.



D.



Focus Concentrating on his approach, Gideon Fuchs* throws the javelin at the regional meet at Trego. "Track is always a nice, relaxing way to end the school year. Jacob, Matt and I were the only three senior guys and we always had a pretty good time at track meets," Fuchs said.
Photo by Chelsea Leiker

T R A C K

Team Placings

Ellis Invitational - 6th
Stockton Invitational - 8th
Plainville Invitational - 8th
Osborne Kaser Relays - 11th
Quinter Invitational - 9th
Victoria Invitational - 7th
Hill City Invitational - 5th
MCL - 8th

State Results

Matthew Erbert
Shot Put - 4th
Discus - 6th
Zach Werth
400m Dash - 9th

Scoreboard

Whose Shoes Answers: A. Devin Jaques* B. Jacob Begler* C. Sam Pollock* D. Blake Hudson*



Would You Rather...

...wear a long dress or a short dress?



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...get a spray tan or go without?

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...go without your cell or camera for the night?

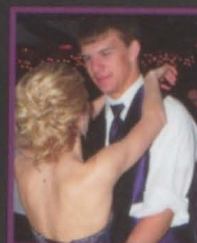


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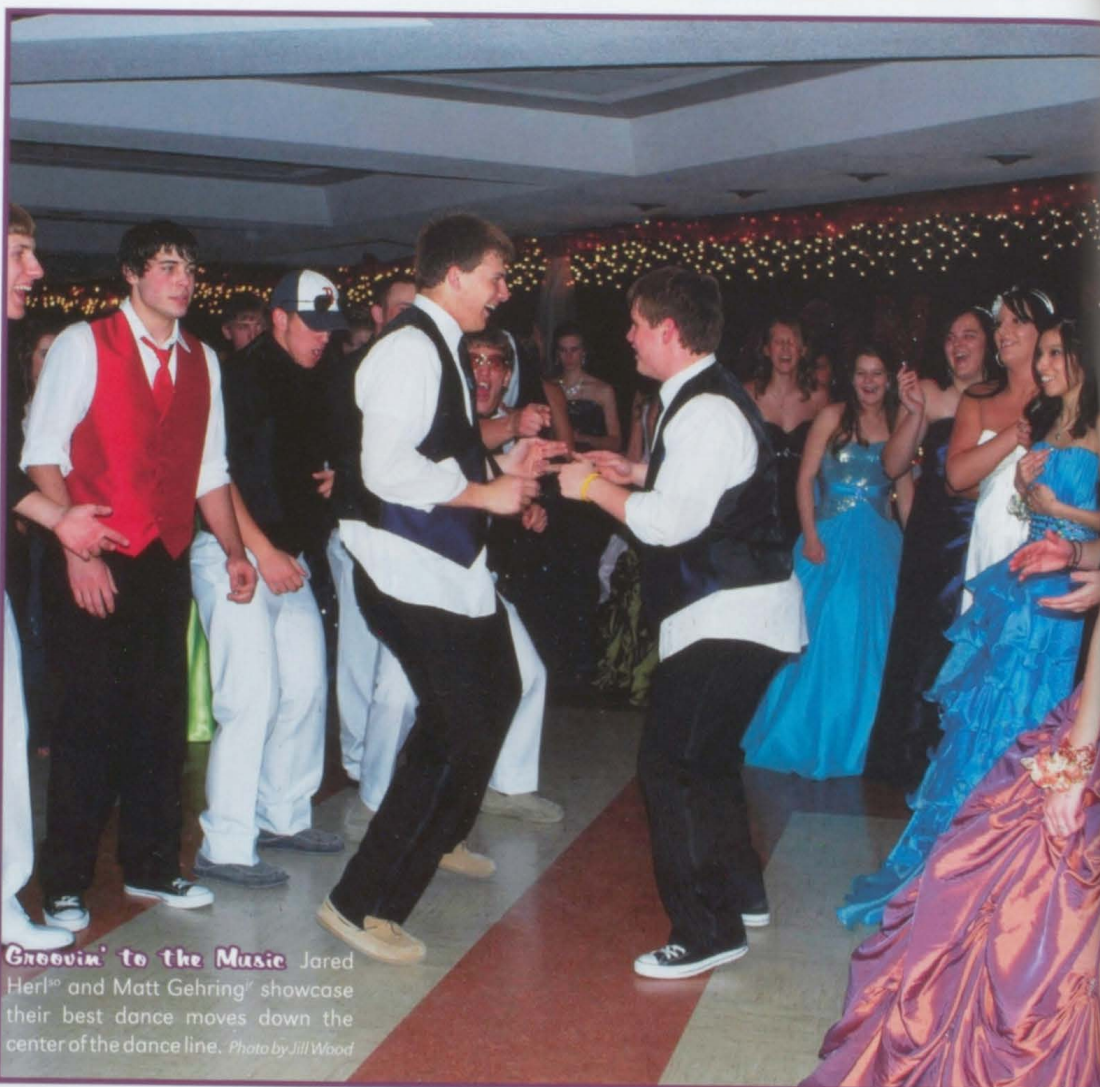
...sport an updo or let it flow?

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Helping Hands Preparing for an eventful next day, Stephanie Young¹ helps Chelsey Walters² set up the prom backdrop. "I was surprised how fast the set went up," Young said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

Connections Kimberly Gottschalk³ and Shea Harper⁴ take a moment from dancing to pair up and create the universal sign of love. Photo by Jill Wood



Groovin' to the Music Jared Herl⁵ and Matt Gehring⁶ showcase their best dance moves down the center of the dance line. Photo by Jill Wood



1.

Photo by Jill Wood



2.

Photo by Jill Wood



3.

Photo by Jill Wood



4.

Photo by Stephanie Young



5.

Photo by Jill Wood

Take the Lead

Dancing the night away, Gideon Fuchs^{sr} leads partner, Danielle Weber^{sr}, in a slow dance. Fuchs and Weber arrived at their last prom in a stretch Hummer. Photo by Jill Wood

Helping Hands

Dylan Krause^{so} prepares the dinner tables the day of prom. Students were allowed to choose between chicken or prime rib for their main dish. Photo by Jill Wood



Last Memories

Kelsey Gehr^{sr} and Courtney Waldschmidt^{sr} share one last slow dance together. "I wanted to make Kelsey Gehr^{sr}'s last prom the very best," said Waldschmidt^{sr}. Photo by Jill Wood

Cute, Huh?

Kimberly Desaire^{sr} takes a break from decorating to discuss sophomore prom server outfits with Mrs. Drennon. The decorating for prom took place the night before prom. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Just a Little to the Left

Austin Bittel^{sr}, Emily Durheim^{sr}, and Devin Henderson^{sr} take things to new heights while hanging the Casino Royale prom banner above the entrance. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Party Like a Rockstar

Danielle Weber^{sr}, Chelsea Leiker^{sr}, and Paige Reilly^{sr} take it to the next level by taking a stroll down the red carpet, bringing the party outside. Photo by Jill Wood



Somewhere in between a limo ride & the dance floor...

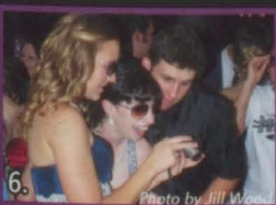
...you'll find me. I've attended two proms at EHS. Out of those two, this year's was my favorite. It started out with a luxurious limo ride, leading to a fine dining experience. Then, once my food settled, we had a night full of shredding the dance floor. Not only was there a good choice of music, but they started off the dance with my favorite song to dance to, "The Train". I must say that ending the night with prizes and a full stomach of pop always makes it a great experience.

Matt Erbent
Senior

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Casino Royale

The Party Don't Stop 'Til 2 a.m.



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Photo by Jill Wood



7.

Photo by Jill Wood



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Photo by Jill Wood



9.

Photo by Jill Wood



10.

Photo by Stephanie Young

Seniors decide on their future beyond high school



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Early Shot Chelsea Leiker, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Garret Vandenberg, Brittany Elliott, and Erin Groff take a picture before the ceremony. "It was a honor to graduation with my fellow co-workers," Leiker said. *Photo by Kimberly Desaire*

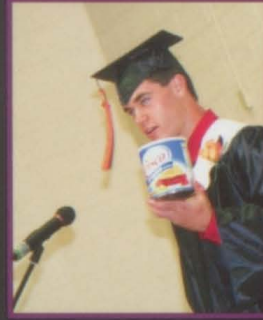
Take Me Higher Jessica Estrada, Heather Hupka, and Kayla Casey join the class as they sang, "Higher" by Creed. The seniors got together as a class to choose the song that they will treasure as a memory forever. *Photo by Kimberly Desaire*





Memory for Life Bethany Polifka hugs her dad, Mark Polifka, after receiving her diploma. "It was a once in a lifetime experience. I will always treasure this memory when I look at my diploma, since its signed by my father," Polifka said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

A Song to Remember Matt Erbert, William Poland, and Alicia Lang joins their class at the graduation ceremony as the entire class sings "Higher by Creed together." Photo by Kimberly Desaire



A Few Last Words William Poland starts off his speech to the graduates with a can of Crisco. "I have always heard that the recipe for a good speech includes some shortening," Poland said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Chit Chat Karen Estrada and Jessica Estrada have a little talk before their big walk for the ceremony. Seniors waited either in the lobby or office prior to the ceremony. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



Cheering for the Future Gideon Fuchs receives his diploma at the graduation ceremony with many hoots and hollers from his family. "All I could think when I was receiving my diploma is, wow my family is crazy," Fuchs said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



Walking to the Future Nicole Pfeifer and Dylan Pfeifer walk to be seated by the ushers in the beginning of the ceremony. The ushers this year was Mrs. Deges and Mr. Kohl. Photo by Meliah Raub

Somewhere in between the memories and the future...

...you'll find me looking back on my high school years. My Junior year Homecoming bonfire night will always stick out. The best part was everyone being thrown into the fountain at Memorial, but the whole night was a blast. I will miss sitting in the hallway with my friends and gossiping daily. Even though I am just going to Fort Hays State University in Hays, I am excited yet scared. I plan to major in Marketing and hope to get a good job after I graduate. Being close to home, I still can attend games and support the teams. I will always be a Railer.

Jamie Dunheim
Senior



Seniors finish up high school and move towards the future

Stepping Out



6. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



7. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



8. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



9. Photo by Meliah Raub



10. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Student Life

Mr. EHS was the probably the greatest thing I've ever seen at any of our pep rallies. When Logan (Fuchs) was walking down the aisle, no one knew what he was trying to do, but it was the funniest thing I've ever seen.

Ryan Weber ^{Sr}



Photo by Kayla Jacques



Photo by Tari Clark



Photo by Chelsea Leiken

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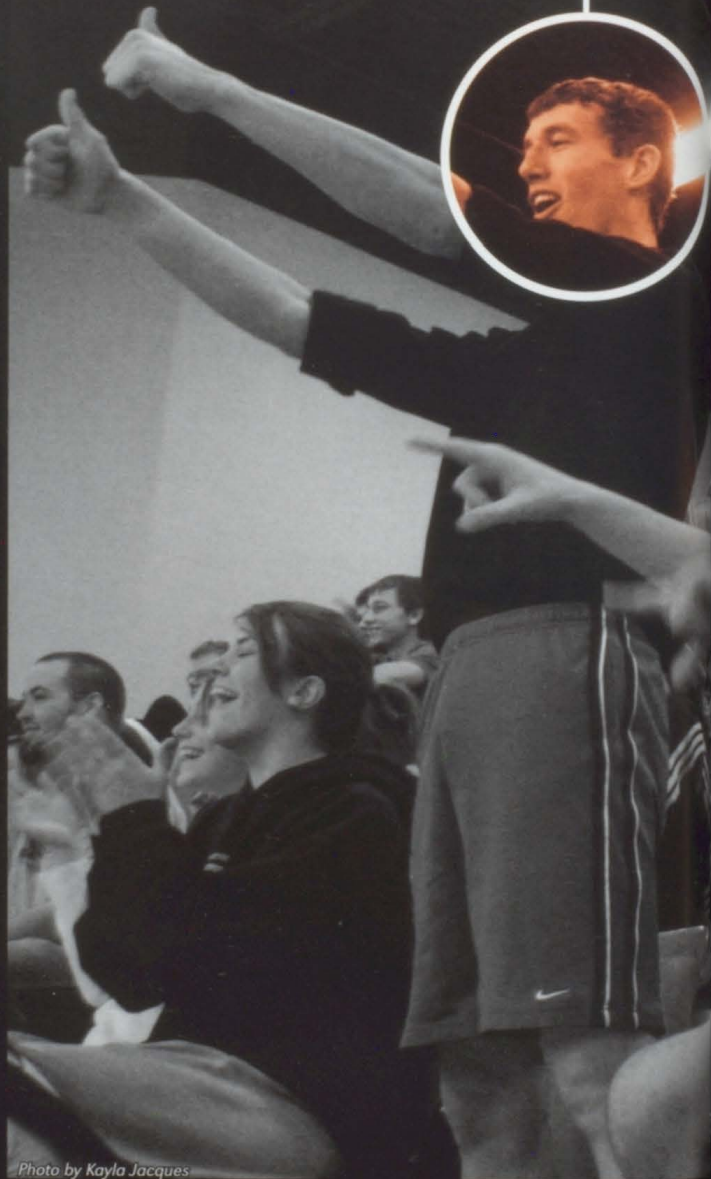


Photo by Kayla Jacques

I would say that I have pretty good school spirit. I'm no cheerleader by a long shot, but I support the teams when I can.

Erin Gnoff^{SR}

I thought Mr. EHS was entertaining, but I think the voting was biased. The voting should be done by popular vote.

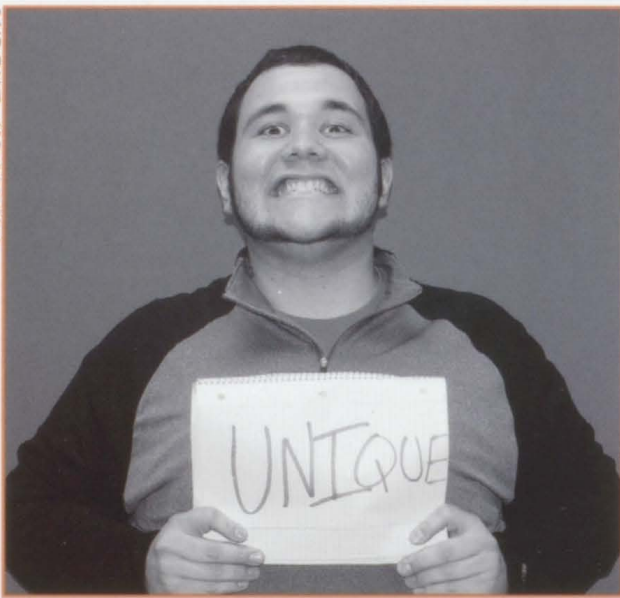
Lyle Fischer^{SO}



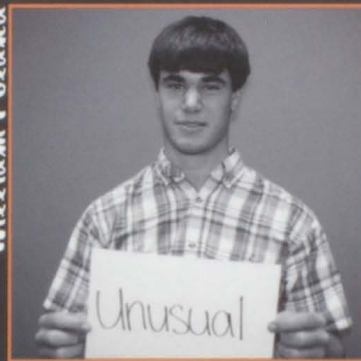
SENIORS

Twelve years of victories, defeats, and memories come to an end.

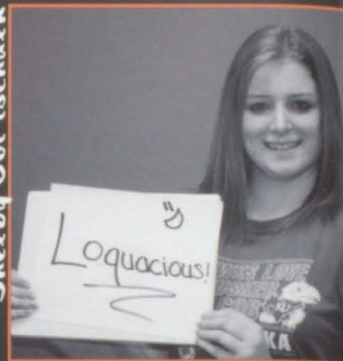
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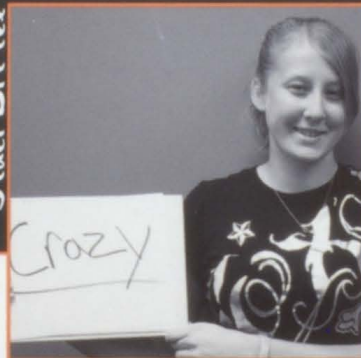
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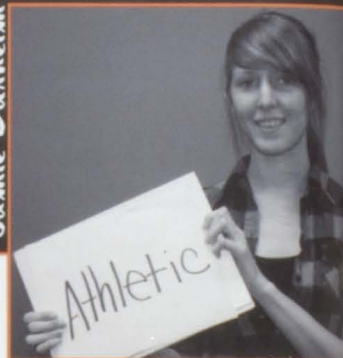
Shelby Gottschalk



Staci Bittel



Jamie Dunheim



Describe your class in one word.

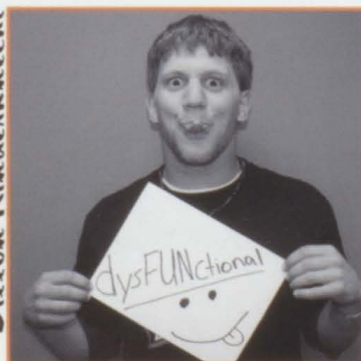
Chelsea Leiken



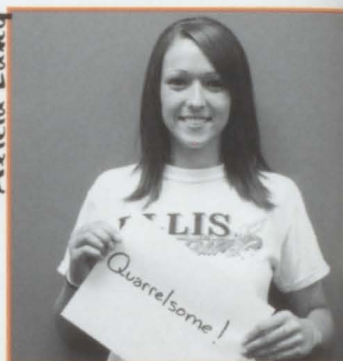
Paige Reilly



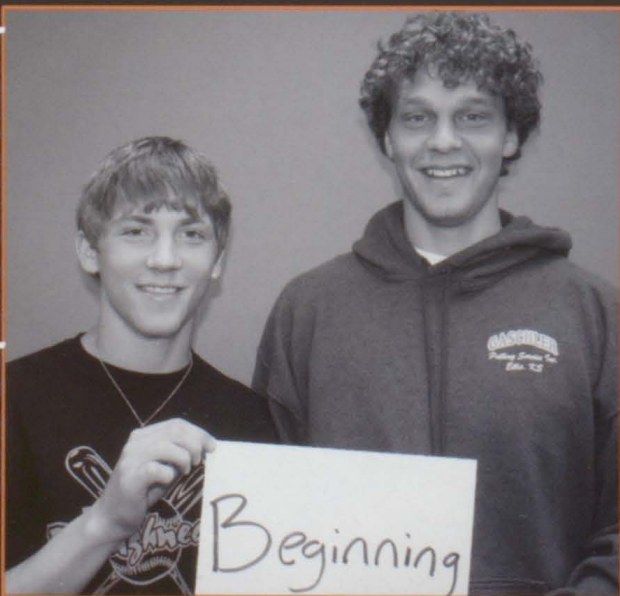
Dillon Kindenknecht



Alicia Lang



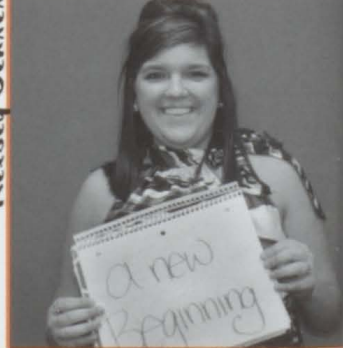
Jacob Beglen & Ethan LaBarge



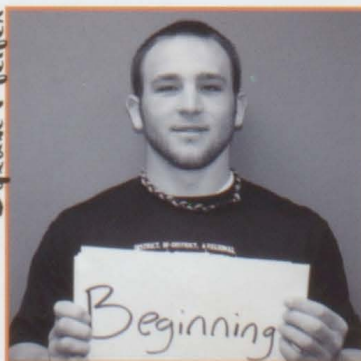
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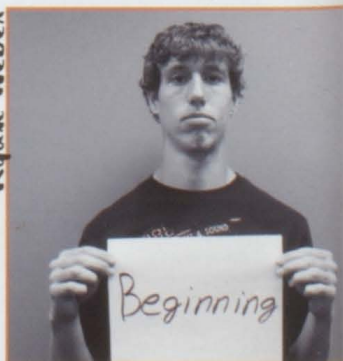
Kelsey Gekren



Dylan Pfeiffer



Ryan Weber



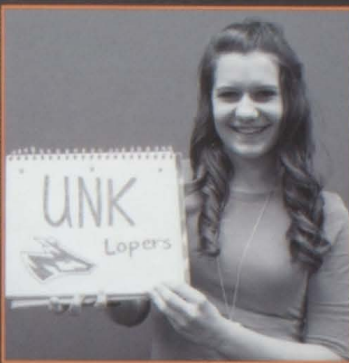
Do you see graduation as the beginning or end for you?

Kyle Fox



Where are you going to college?

Danielle Weber



Jennifer Kindenknecht



Enin Gnoth



Bentka Rodriguez



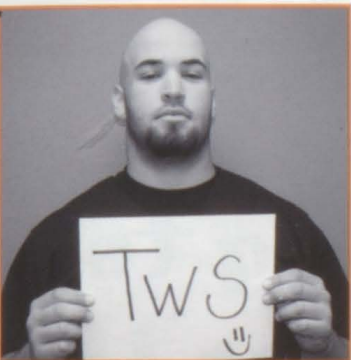
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Kayla Casey



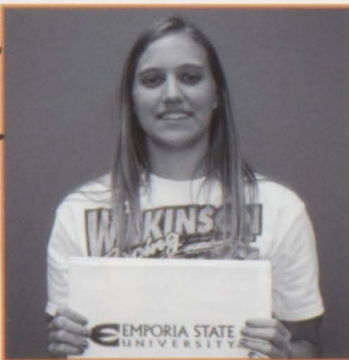
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Kayla Jacques



Bethany Poljka

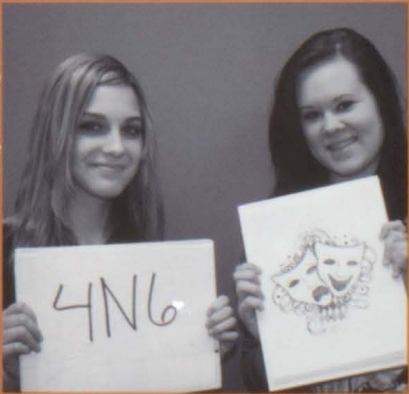


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Nicole Pfeifer

Kiley Wayman

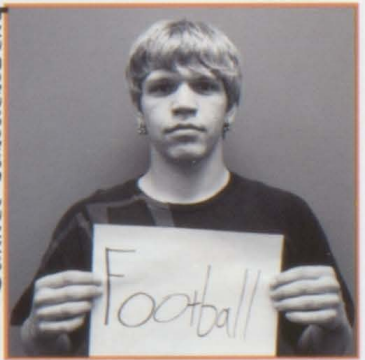


What's your favorite high school memory?

Caroline Brilman



Gannet Vandenberg



Matthew Cunningham



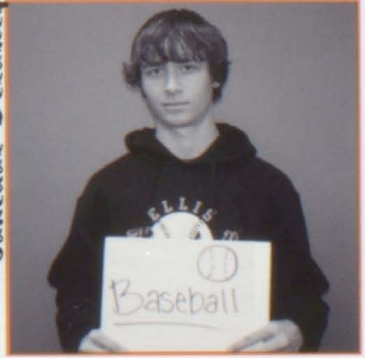
Chantel Gabel



Jessica Estrada



Jakeual Delaney





First Row: Shelby Gottschalk, Paige Reilly, Kayla Casey, Danielle Weber, Heather Hupka, and Chelsea Leiker.

Second Row: Kelsey Gehrre, Caroline Beilman, Ashley Schuster, Brittany Elliott, Nicole Pfeifer, and Alicia Lang.

Third Row: Dillon Kinderknecht, Dylan Pfeifer, Kayla Jacques, Bertha Rodriguez, Kelsey Noble, Kiley Wayman, Erin Groff, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Staci Bittel, Jamie Durheim, Jessica Estrada, and Karen Estrada.

Fourth Row: Matthew Cunningham, Garret Vandenberg, Gideon Fuchs, Aaron Gnad, Ethan LaBarge, Patrick Dreiling, Kyle Fox, William Poland, Matthew Erbert, Jacob Begler, Ryan Weber, Natasha Hollingshead, Bethany Polifka, and Randi Hook.

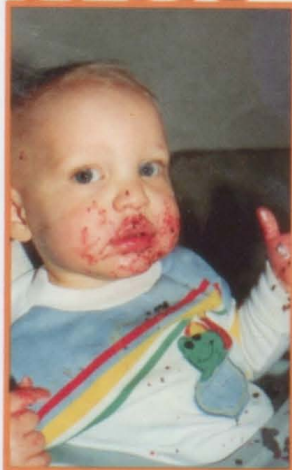
"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find how far they can go." ~ T.S. Eliot

Jacob,

You have come a long way. Remember to go for your dreams and reach for the stars.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jacob Begler



Senior Activities

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
 FCCLA 11, 12
 Football 9, 10, 11, 12
 (1st Team MCL DE 12)
 (2nd Team MCL OT 12)
 Jr. Class Play
 KAYS 9, 10, 12
 Railairres 9, 10, 11, 12
 Track 9, 10, 11, 12
 Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

Caroline,

I can't believe how fast time has flown by! Seems like yesterday you were sitting in your kindergarten class with your turtle neck pulled up over your face and now look at you... probably doing the same thing! I am so proud of the girl you are! You can make me laugh anytime! I'm going to miss you when you leave for college, but I'm looking forward to all of your new adventures!

I love you always,
Mom

Caroline Beilman



Senior Activities

Basketball 9
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12
(All-American)
(Co-Captain 11)
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 11
Journalism 11
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 10, 12

Staci,

Wishing you all the best in the world as you take your first steps out into the world. The future awaits you with open arms; do not be afraid to embrace it. Remember, you can change your direction by first standing and taking that first step.

Love and Kisses,
Mom, Dad, and Dusty

Staci Bittel



Senior Activities

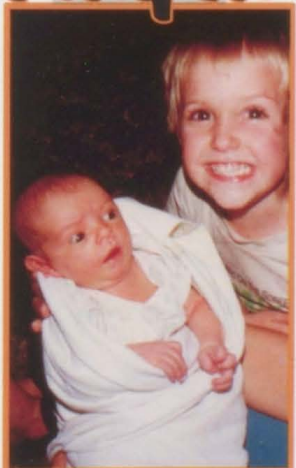
Band 9, 10, 11
Cross Country Mgr 9
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Football Mgr 12
Journalism 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball 10, 11, 12
Spanish Club 12
Web Team 11, 12
Wrestling Mgr. 9, 10, 11, 12

Kayla,

I will miss our talks at supertime. Good luck in college and sports. We will always be proud of you in whatever you do. May God always bless you and watch over you.

Love Always,
Your Family

Kayla Casey



Senior Activities

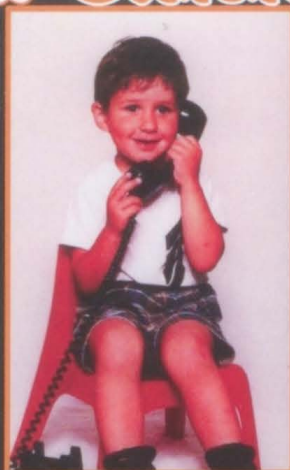
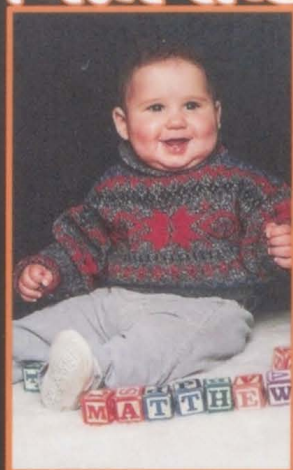
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9
Journalism 10
Jr. Class Play
Railairres 12
Softball 10, 11, 12
Track 9
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

Matthew,

The biblical meaning of your name "Gift from God" was the best name we could have chosen for you, Matthew. You truly are a gift and we are ever so thankful to be a part of your life. Words cannot express how proud we are of you. May God be with you always on your life journey.

Forever loved,
Mom and Richard,
Dad and Nancy

Matthew Cunningham

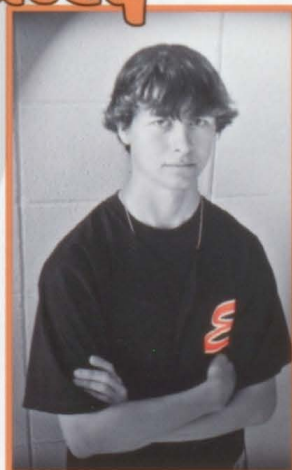


Senior Activities

Baseball 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Class Vice President 12
FCCLA 11, 12
FFA 9, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew 11, 12

Congratulations!

Jakeual Delaney



Senior Activities

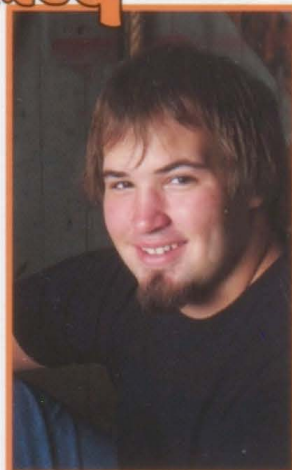
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 12
FCA 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10
National Honor Society 11

Patrick,

We are proud of you. We enjoyed watching you grow up. We are happy that you are in our lives.

Love you Always,
Mom and Dad

Patrick Dreiling



Senior Activities

Band 9
Baseball 10, 11, 12
FFA 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9
Track 9

Jamie,

Jamie Durham

Senior Activities

Cross Country 10
 FCCLA 12
 Football Manager 12
 KAYS 10, 11, 12
 Track 9, 10, 11, 12
 Volleyball Manager 9

We are so proud of you!
 You are an exceptional
 person and we know that
 you will go far in life. With
 your outgoing personality,
 positive attitude, and your
 caring and giving ways,
 you can do whatever your
 heart desires. You will
 conquer all that faces you!

We love you so much!
 Mom, Dad, and Emily



Brittany,

Brittany Elliott

Senior Activities

A-B Honor Roll
 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
 (V.P. of Community Service)
 Journalism 12
 KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
 SADD 9, 10
 Scholar's Bowl 10, 11
 Science Bowl 11
 Spanish Club 12

Congratulations baby
 B.B.! We are so proud of
 you and wish you great
 success in your future.
 We love you, forever for
 always our baby you'll be.

Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Letisha, and Logan



Matthew,

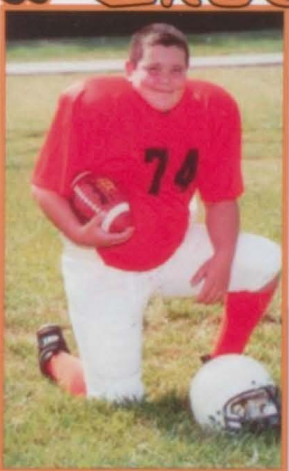
Matthew Enbent

Senior Activities

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
 (All-League 11, 12)
 (All-State 11, 12)
 FCCLA 12
 FFA 9
 Football 9, 10, 11, 12
 (All-League 10, 11, 12)
 (All-State 11, 12)
 (Shrine Bowl)
 Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
 Jr. Class Play
 KAYS 11, 12
 Track 9, 10, 11, 12
 (State Placer)
 Web Team 10, 11

I am so proud of all your
 accomplishments. I know
 you can achieve any goal
 you set.

Love,
 Mom



Jessica,

Congratulations! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We wish you the best of luck.

We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Erick, and Mariela

Jessica Estrada



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11
Eco-Team 9
FFA 12
Forensics 11
KAYS 9, 10
Perfect Attendance 10, 11

Karen Estrada

Congratulations!



Senior Activities

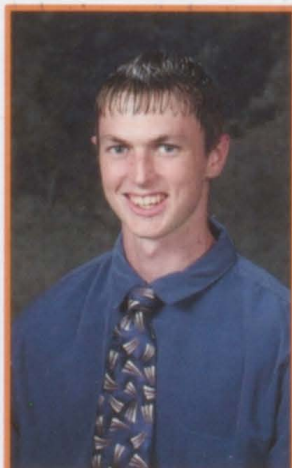
Choir 9, 10

Kyle,

It has been a joy to watch you grow. We are very proud of the fine young man you have become.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Derek,
Austin, and Cooper

Kyle Fox



Senior Activities

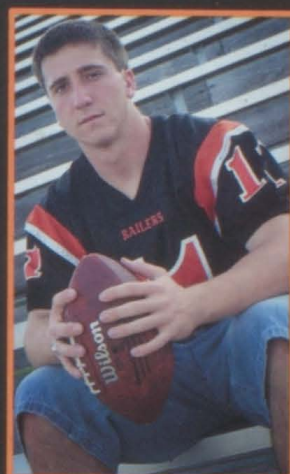
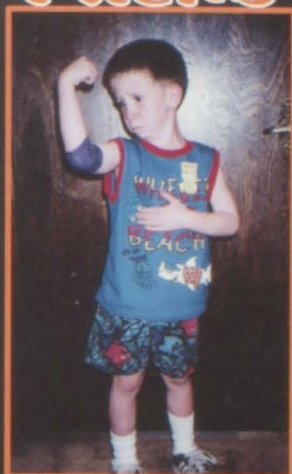
Baseball 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 11, 12
FFA 9
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
Perfect Attendance
Prom Server
Web Team 10, 12

Gideon,

You have been a real joy in our lives, giving us hours of fun and entertainment. We're proud of your many accomplishments, but most of all, we are proud of who you are!

Love ya Gweed!
Mom and Dad

Gideon Fuchs



Senior Activities

A-B Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
(All League 2nd Team 12)
FCCLA 11, 12
FFA 9, 10
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
(All League RB 10, 11, 12)
(All League LB 10, 11, 12)
(All State LB 11, 12)
Homecoming King
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew 11, 12
National Honor Society 12
Powerlifting 9, 10, 11, 12
Railaires 11
STUCO 9, 10, 11, 12
(Vice President 12)
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 10

Chantel,

We know that when you want to accomplish something, you will achieve it. You have great knowledge, common sense, respect and compassion for other people, and you wrench better than most guys. We know you will go far.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Chantel Gabel



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11
Choir 11
Class Secretary 11, 12
FCCLA 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11
SADD 9, 10
Web Team 12

Kelsey,

Congratulations! We are so proud of everything you've accomplished. You can do anything you set your mind to. We hope you have the best future!

Love,
Mom, Kent, Cody,
Dad, Dana, and Matt

Kelsey Gehnen



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10
Basketball Mgr 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
(Treasurer 10, 11, 12)
Football Mgr 12
Forensics 9
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Journalism 11, 12
(Editor 12)
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
(Board Member 10)
(Vice President 11)
(President 12)
National Honor Society 11, 12
Softball 10, 11
(Manager 11)
Web Team 12

Aaron,

We are so proud of you! Thanks for all the memories. We know you will be able to do whatever you want in the future because of all your hard work. College is the next adventure.

We love you,
Mom, MJ, and Justin

Aaron Gnad



Senior Activities

Baseball 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 12
FFA 9, 10, 11
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
(2nd Team MCL DB)
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play

Shelby,

Wish, hope, dream...then make it happen. We are proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Sidney

Shelby Gottschalk



Senior Activities

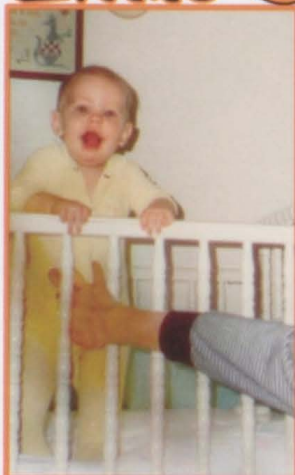
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Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
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(Board 10,11)
(Secretary 12)
Link Crew 11, 12
National Honor Society 11,
(President 12)
Perfect Attendance 9,
SADD 9, 10
Spanish Club 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11

Erin,

Wishes for a bright future filled with joy, love, and fun!

Mom, Dad, and Family

Erin Gnoft



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11,
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 10
Honor Roll
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11
National Honor Society 11
Railairres 10, 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
State Band 11, 12
State Solos 9, 10, 11,
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11

Natasha,

Great job! We knew you could do it. God bless you in your future.

Love you lots,
Mom and Sisters

Natasha Hollingshead



Senior Activities

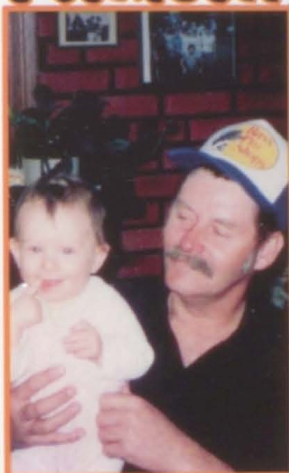
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Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10
Honor Roll
Perfect Attendance
Track 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11

Randi,

We are very proud of you and wish you much happiness and success in the future.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Randi Hook



Senior Activities

Basketball 9
FCCLA 9
KAYS 9
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9

Heather,

We are extremely proud of you for all your accomplishments and all that is yet to come. Best wishes for your future!

We love you!
Mom, Joel, and Family

Heather Hupka



Senior Activities

KAYS 9
Track 9

Kayla,

We are so proud of the person you have become. You are unique in so many ways and we are blessed to have you in our lives. Follow your dreams. With your talents and personal angel anything is possible.

We love you Pixel,
Mom and Jennifer

Kayla Jacques



Senior Activities

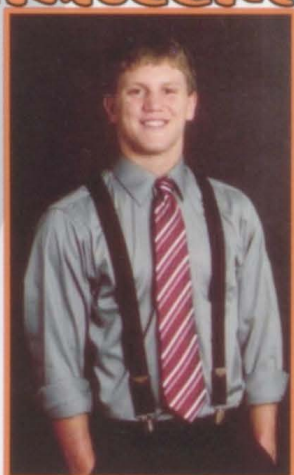
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Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
Class President 9, 10, 11, 12
CYO 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
(Vice President 10, 11, 12)
Forensics 10, 11, 12
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Journalism 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
(Board Member 10, 11, 12)
Kansas Honor Scholar
Link Crew 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
Railairres 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
Spanish Club 12
STUCO 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

Dillon,

You have reached the beginning of a new chapter in your life. Take charge, love, and believe.

We Love You!
Dad, Mom, and Jacob

Dillon Kinderknecht



Senior Activities

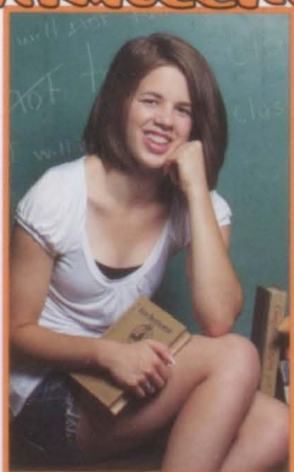
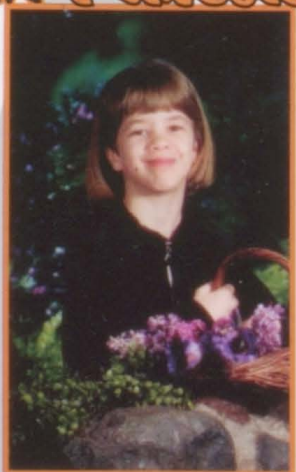
Baseball 10, 11, 12
Class Vice President 9, 11
FFA 9, 11
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew 11, 12
SADD 10
STUCO 11, 12
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

Jennifer,

Cheerleading, band nerd, we know why you liked "Cadillac Ranch" as a child. It's about making something great out of what you have. You've made something great out of a "pre-mature" life. Cheer captain, honor roll, band president and our favorite daughter.

You make our lives great,
Mom and Dad

Jennifer Kinderknecht



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11
(President 11)
(Color Guard Captain 11)
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12
(Captain 12)
(UCA All Amer. Cheerleader)
FCCLA 9
Forensics 9
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
Kansas Honor Scholar
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
Peer Tutor 10, 11
Perfect Attendance 9, 10
Spanish Club 12
STUCO 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 12

Bouks,

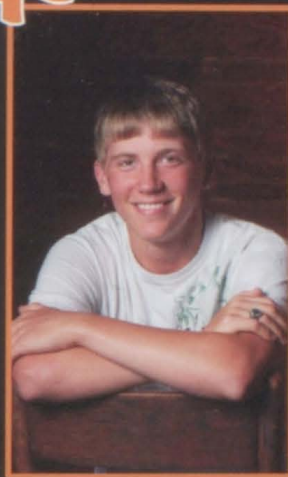
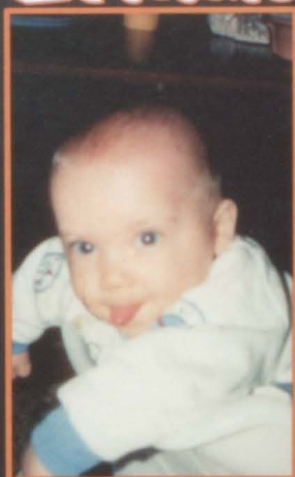
Ethan LaBarge

Senior Activities

Choir 12
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 11, 12
Golf 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

It has been a blessing watching you grow into a young man. We are so very proud of you. Keep reaching for those stars because we know you can accomplish anything. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Lenny,
Dad, and Trevor



Alicia Lang

Senior Activities

Basketball 9
Class Treasurer 9, 10, 11, 12
CYO
ECCLA 9
Girl Scouts
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYS 9
SADD 9
Track 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
(HMKansas Volleyball Association)

Alicia,

"Seasons come and seasons go.
Where this path
in life leads,
time will show."

We are so proud of the woman you are becoming! Keep up the great work!

With love,
Mom, Troy, and Louis



Chelsea Leiken

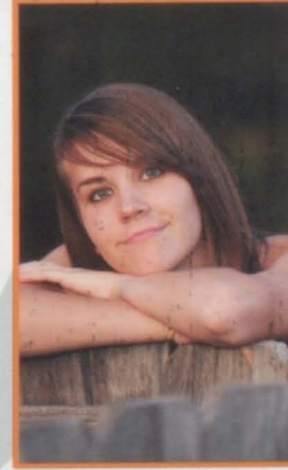
Senior Activities

Basketball 9, 10, 11
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Journalism 11, 12
(Editor 12)
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9
Prom Server 10
Railairres 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
Scholar's Bowl 12
STUCO 9, 12
(Treasurer 12)
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 12

Chelsea,

As you move on to the next chapter in your life, always remember this: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.

We love you
and will miss you,
Mom and Dad



Dylan,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and everything you have accomplished so far. This is only the beginning. Thanks for the wonderful memories. We wish you success and happiness in everything you do.

Love You,
Dad, Mom, and Cole

Dylan Pfeifer



Senior Activities

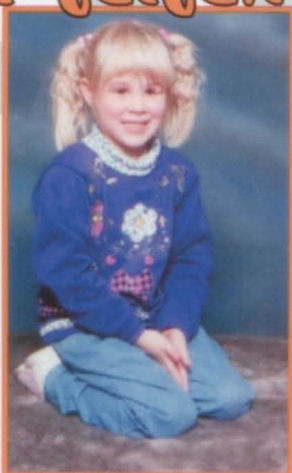
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Basketball 9, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew 11, 12
Prom Server 10
Perfect Attendance 9
Web Team 12

Nicole,

Congratulations!
May all your hopes and dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Nicole Pfeifer



Senior Activities

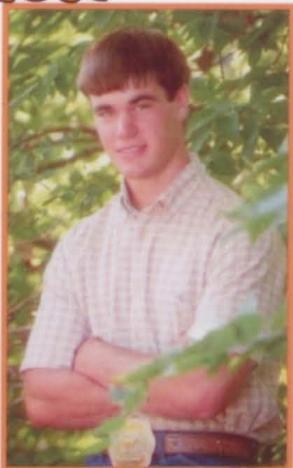
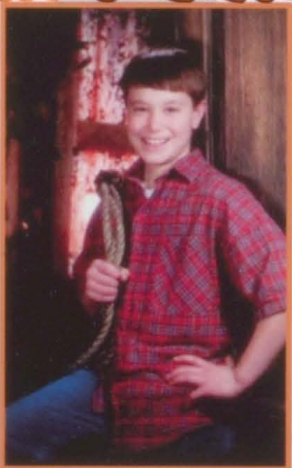
Cross Country 9, 10
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12
(State Qualifier 11, 12)
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Scholar's Bowl 11, 12
Track 9

William,

Congratulations.
May God continue to bless you as you work hard to meet your goals. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad and Mom

William Poland



Senior Activities

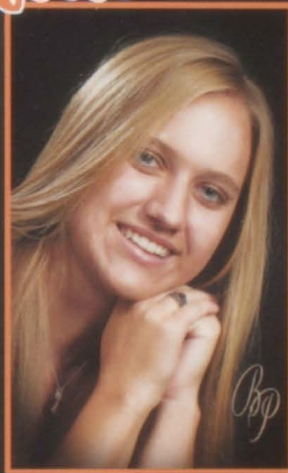
Choir 10, 11
Cross Country 9, 10, 11
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12
(Officer 10, 11, 12)
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
National Honor Society 11, 12
Railairres 10, 11
Scholar's Bowl 10, 11
Track 9
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

Bethany,

May you always be the "cool kid" that wears what makes you happy and does what makes God happy. "Try to make good choices! Remember He holds you in the palm of His hand and He knows all you do or think. I Thessal 5:16:23"

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, and Sam

Bethany Polifka



Senior Activities

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
(All-State HM 12)
(2nd Team MCL 12)
Jr. Class Play
Perfect Attendance 11
Prom Server
STUCO 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
(MCL Javelin Champ 9)
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
(MCL Honorable Mention 11)

Paige,

Congratulations!
We love you and know
your future will be bright!

Good Luck!
Mom, Dad, Jake, and Josh

Paige Reilly



Senior Activities

Basketball 10
FCCLA 12
Forensics 10
Journalism 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
SADD 9
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

Bertha,

We are wishing you the
best in the future and
wherever you go. We've
enjoyed having you in
our family.

Best wishes,
Phillip and Romanita

Bertha Rodriquez



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11
Choir 9
FCCLA 11, 12
Journalism 12
Soccer 9, 10
Spanish Club 9, 10, 12
Track Manager 11

Ashley,

Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off. We are proud of you and your grandmothers would also be proud. Good luck in everything you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Heather,
and Michael

Ashley Schuster

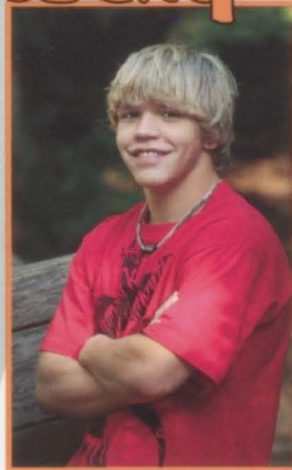


Senior Activities

Basketball Mgr 9, 10, 11
Choir 9, 10, 11
FCCLA 9, 10, 12
Journalism 12
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
(Board Member 12)
Volleyball 9
Web Team 12

Congratulations!

Garnet Vandenberg



Senior Activities

FFA 11, 12
Football 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
Golf 10, 12

Kiley,

We are so proud of you and know that you will be amazing in anything you set out to do in the future.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, and the gang

Kiley Wayman



Senior Activities

FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
(Board Member 12)
Link Crew 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
Softball 10

Danielle Weber

Danielle,
Congratulations,
Danielle! You are a special
young lady and we are
so proud of you. With
your determination and
personality, you will reach
your goals and succeed
in everything you do.
Remember that we love
you and will always be
there for you.

Dad, Mom, Megan,
Kristen, Heather,
and Kaleigh



Senior Activities

Band 9, 10, 11
Baseball Mgr 10
Basketball 9, 10, 11
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12
(Co-Captain 12)
Choir 9
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9, 10
Homecoming Queen
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
(Board Member 10, 11)
(Points Chair 12)
Link Crew 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
SADD 9, 10
STUCO 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11
Web Team 12

Ryan Weber

Ryan,
It seems like yesterday that
you started Kindergarten.
You have accomplished so
much and made us so very
proud. May your future
be full of happiness and
success.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Kyle, and Ali



Senior Activities

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir 10, 11
Cross Country 9, 10, 11
Football 12
Forensics 9
Golf 9, 10, 12
Jr. Class Play
KAYS 11, 12
Prom Server 10
Railairres 10, 11, 12
Track 11

Whose lockers is this?



See answers in index

Ashley Augustine
Dawson Augustine
Joseph Augustine
Brandon Beiker
Austin Bittel
Alesha Brenner



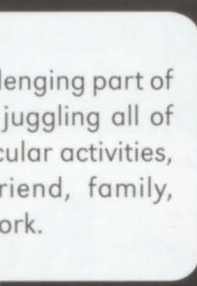
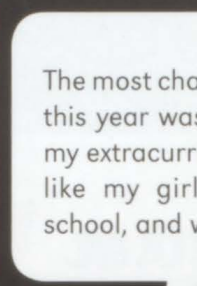
This year seemed really long, but looking back it was a pretty fun year! I tried some new things and got better at old things.



Desiree Bunker
Kelsey Butler
Tori Clark
Ethan Cox
Kimberly Desaire
Jordyn Dessel
Emily Durham

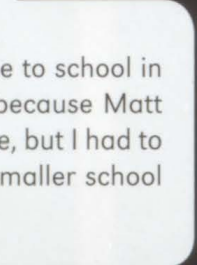
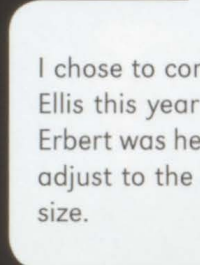


Dalton Fischer
Scott Fuller
Lacey Gaschler
Matthew Gehring
Kimberly Gottschalk
Tanner Gugler



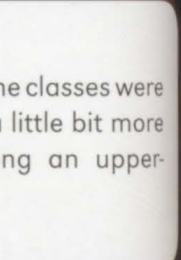
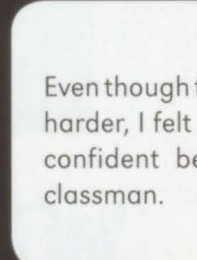
The most challenging part of this year was juggling all of my extracurricular activities, like my girlfriend, family, school, and work.

Devin Henderson
Daniel Honas
Devin Jacques
Jacob Kinderknecht
Jared Knoll
Matthew Kreutzer



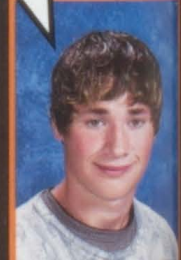
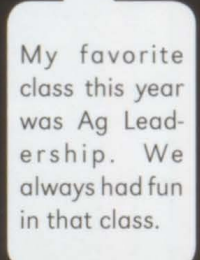
I chose to come to school in Ellis this year because Matt Erbert was here, but I had to adjust to the smaller school size.

Derek Kvasnicka
Jessica Lopez
Alex Lovato
Logan Mattheyer
Rachel Mick
Makala Ocamb



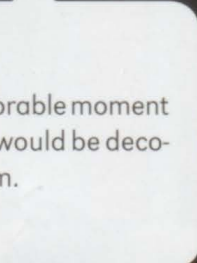
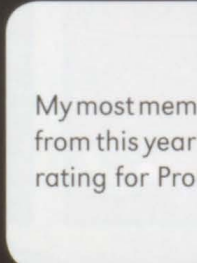
Even though the classes were harder, I felt a little bit more confident being an upper-classman.

Meliah Raub
Kevin Robb
Katheryn Sleigh
Todd Smith
Nathaniel Townley
Kayla Wahlmeier



My favorite class this year was Ag Leadership. We always had fun in that class.

Courtney Waldschmidt
Chelsey Walters
Zachary Werth
Jessica Wheeler
Stephanie Young
Maggie Zody



My most memorable moment from this year would be decorating for Prom.

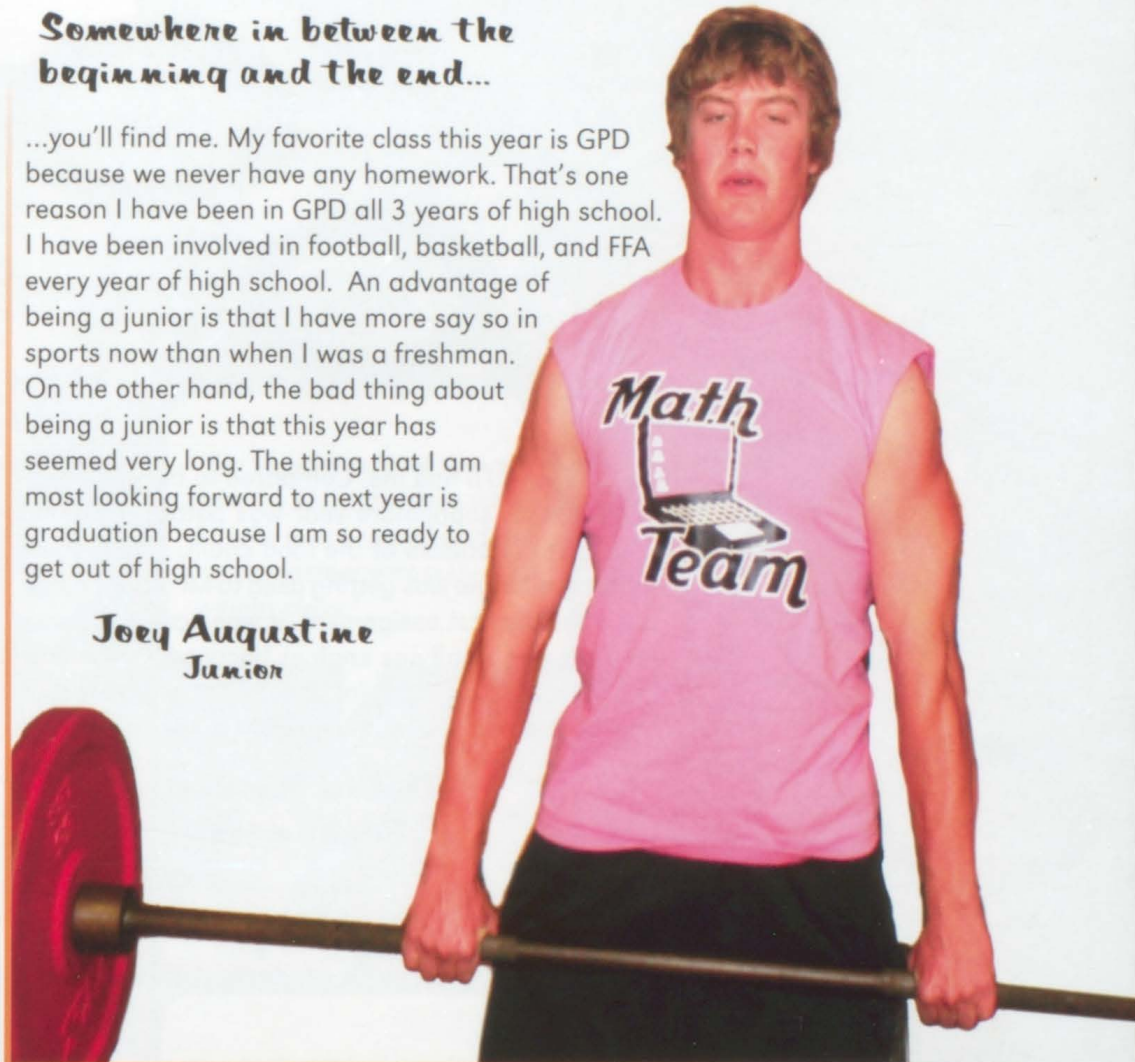
One Step Closer to Graduation

Moving On Up

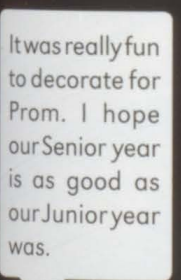
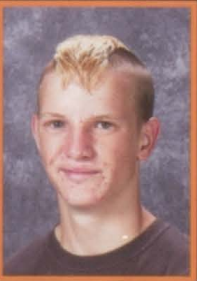
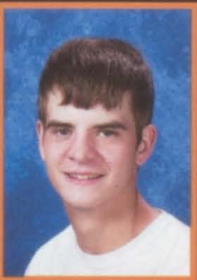
Somewhere in between the beginning and the end...

...you'll find me. My favorite class this year is GPD because we never have any homework. That's one reason I have been in GPD all 3 years of high school. I have been involved in football, basketball, and FFA every year of high school. An advantage of being a junior is that I have more say so in sports now than when I was a freshman. On the other hand, the bad thing about being a junior is that this year has seemed very long. The thing that I am most looking forward to next year is graduation because I am so ready to get out of high school.

Joey Augustine
Junior



I have no complaints about this year. I will carry the memories from this year with me the rest of my life.



It was really fun to decorate for Prom. I hope our Senior year is as good as our Junior year was.

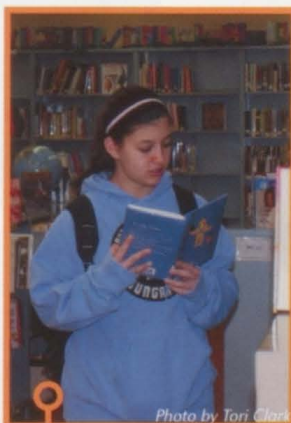


Photo by Tori Clark

Looking Through Jessica Lopez looks for a book in the library. "I don't have a favorite book, I like them all," Lopez said.



Photo by Kim Desaire

What's the Answer Zach Werth works on a webquest during Earth Science. Students are assigned a certain topic and they use the internet to find information.

Looking It Up Emily Durham works on a crossword during Mr. Kohl's class. "The crosswords always help me study for my tests," said Durham.



Photo by Brittany Elliott



Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

Lunch Break Kayla Wahlmeier and Makayla Ocamb eat sitting on the floor in the lobby. Students have the freedom to choose where they eat.

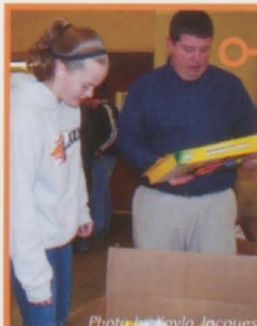


Photo by Kayla Jacques

Helping Others Ashley Augustine and Mr. Kohman look through one of many boxes of toys that FFA collected in December. The toys were given out to families in need during the Christmas season.

Ascending Rank, One Year At a Time

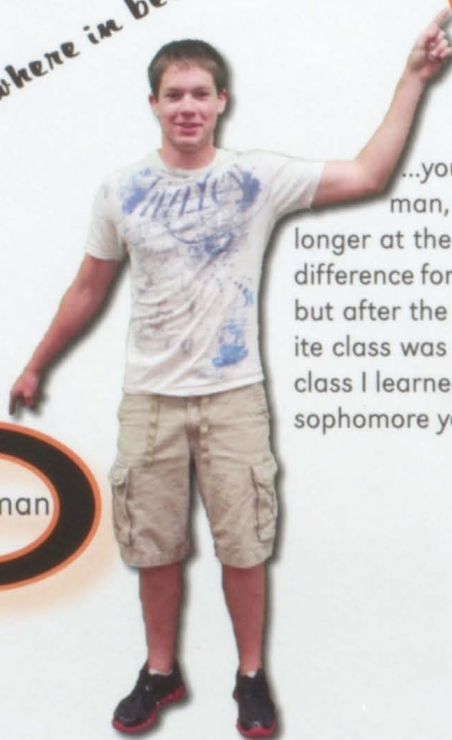
Fall Into Place

Somewhere in between the rookie and the pro...

Senior

Junior

Freshman



...you'll find me. Compared to being a freshman, sophomore year was better. I was no longer at the bottom of the food chain. The biggest difference for me was getting used to Mr. Kohl's class, but after the first assignment, it was easy. My favorite class was small gas engines because it's the only class I learned anything in. The only downside is that sophomore year has nothing really special about it.

Dylan Krause
Sophomore



"One more year closer to graduating!"



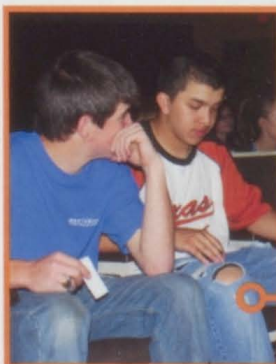
Chillin' Joshua Reilly kicks his feet up to relax and enjoy a good read during a weekly reading day in English. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



At Your Service Prom server, JJ Hernandez cleans up and collects unclaimed glasses in preparation for the dance. Photo by Jill Wood



Metal! Memory Rusty Ellis dives into a book in search for his choice of a class ring. "I chose a yellow-gold ring with my birthstone and initials," Ellis said. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Sketch Emily Long zones in on her watercolor of Bob Marley for art. Photo by Meliah Raub

Plan Ahead During a meeting, Kyle Weber and Meny Rodriguez debate participating in the junior class play. Photo by Kayla Jacques



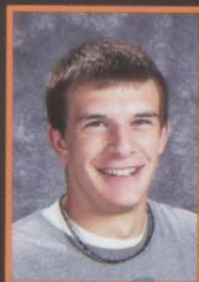
Teamwork Kyle Weber and Alan Percy work together to stock lumber for Mr. Carroll's Cabinetmaking I class. "I like how we get to build stuff in this class that I can use at home," Percy said. Photo by Meliah Raub



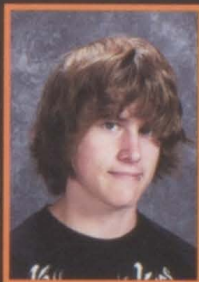
"I have gained many new friends that I didn't have my freshman year."



Leah Begler
Ashley Bunker
Katharyn Dacy
Nancy Dinges
Jerica Dinkel
Russell Ellis



Lyle Fischer
Bernadette Frickey
Mikayla Gottschalk
Isaac Henman
Jared Herl
JJ Hernandez



"My favorite part of the year was the EHS lift-a-thon when I broke every record and got my name clear across the 130 weight class."



Jenny Hollern
Shelby Hollern
Heather Hollingshead
Riley Hunsicker
Aaron Knoll
Dylan Krause

"Being a sophomore was nice because we were allowed to be in GPD, unlike the freshmen."



Breanna Kroeger
Benjamin Leiker
Emily Long
Austin Lopez
Alan Percy
Joshua Reilly



"My favorite classes were Woods and Ag because it's all hands-on."

Manuel Rodriguez
Garrett Rupp
Israel Smitherman
Jessica Stanton
Kyle Weber

Taste Test Heather Hollingshead, Nancy Dinges, and Jenny Hollern sample their creation during FACS Class. "I took FACS because I needed an elective, and I ended up really liking it. It's a small class of six, and I like all the people in it," Hollingshead said. Photo by Meliah Raub



Stunt Jared Herl works the runway during a pep rally. "I'm not upset that I didn't win, because nothing is wrong with silver and Matt Erbert is without a doubt Mr. EHS," Herl said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

Think About It Nancy Dinges contemplates her next move in a heated card game against opponent Jasmine Slaughter during fifth quarter. "I go to fifth quarter because it's a good place to have fun and hang out with my friends," Dinges said. Photo by Kayla Jacques



Rebecca Aschenbrenner
Beth Augustine
Candace Bollig
Thatcher Brown
Ryan Downing
Tanner Fischer



In Algebra I one day, I was talking to Mr. Hayes and I said, "Whenever I get a math problem right, I get a secret high!"



Logan Fuchs
Cody Grubb
Brandon Hall
Shea Harper
Bailey Hensley
Katelyn Herl
Courtney Hollingshead



Megan Honas
Blake Hudson
Brandon Keever
Robbie King
Christopher Lee
Luke Lohrmeyer



"I thought Homecoming was really fun! With the mixture of spirit week, the pep rally, and the homecoming dance I think that it all completed my freshmen year memories."



Alicia Kroeger
Ashley Lopez
Taylor McClung
Cadyn McCoy
Jared Mick
Ashley Morales



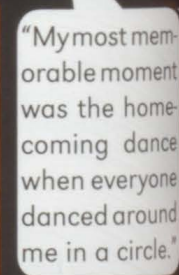
"I would say my most memorable part of my freshman year was when a group of people blocked Mr. Dale's office in the hallway!"

Maharai Morales
Cole Pfeifer
Samuel Polifka
Kelly Robb
Jordan Rohr
Alexis Rose

"The best time of my freshman year was freshman fun night, especially the part where we could run around the halls trying to solve the mystery when it was pitch black."

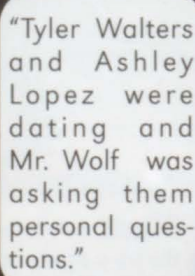


Brandon Rush
Chase Rutherford
Jasmine Slaughter
Dru Stropes
Gage Stropes
Kylie Waldschmidt



"My most memorable moment was the homecoming dance when everyone danced around me in a circle."

Tyler Walters
Brooke Wellbrock
Brayden Werth
Harley Wright
Rachelle Wynn
Gage Younger
Olivia Zody



"Tyler Walters and Ashley Lopez were dating and Mr. Wolf was asking them personal questions."

Change of OplniOn

Freshmen begin baffled and end bold

Somewhere in between the beginning and the end...

...you'll find me, in the hallway with my iPod and my friends. I may have overreacted and freaked out over nothing in the beginning, but eventually I walked down the hallways as if I was here for as long as the seniors. High school and junior high are different because you will get bumped around in the hallway, you have less homework, and you get treated like an adult. The many sports, clubs, and academics I was in helped me get involved in high school. My advice to upcoming freshmen are keep your friends close, pay

attention, and ask teachers if you don't understand something. If you do just that, high school will be just as you want it to be.

Olivia Zody
Freshman



"Even though I spent home-coming in the hospital due to injuries, spirit week made up for it!"



"In Spanish, when they were working on the roof, Shea hid under the desk like it was an earthquake."



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

School Spirit Cadyn McCoy and Cole Pfeifer cheer during sub-state basketball. "We were pumped that both teams were in the championship, so we decked ourselves out," McCoy said.

Quilting Colors Taylor McClung works on her quilt in the Intro to FACS class. The first semester of the class is cooking and then second semester is quilting.



Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Lunch Munch During lunch, Gage Stropes squirts some ranch on his tray to dip his pizza in. "I like eating ranch with my pizza because it gives it extra flavor," Stropes said.

Self Defense Chase Ruthertford and Brandon Keever practice self-defense moves during P.E. Students worked with an instructor to practice tactics that could save them in a real life situation.



Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



Photo by Tani Clark

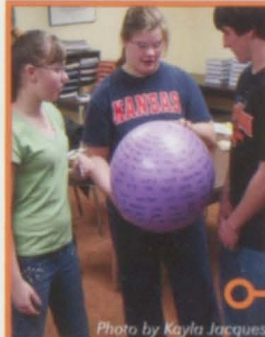
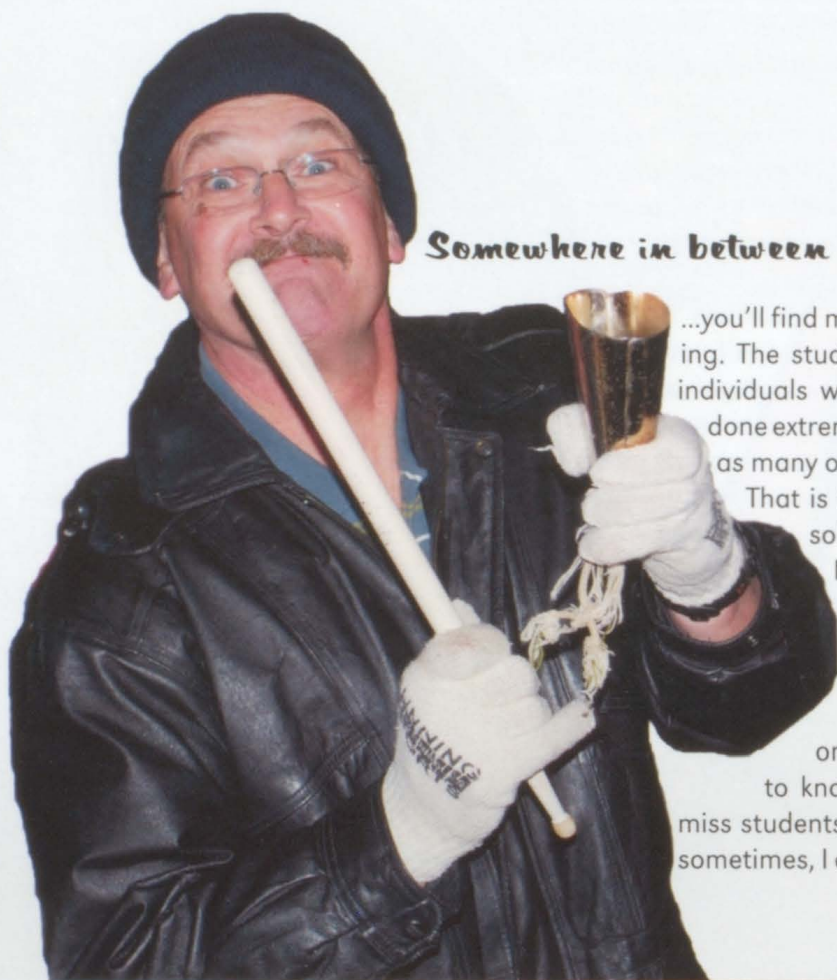


Photo by Kayla Jacques

Crunch Time Katelyn Herl tries to brainstorm a root word quickly as Logan Fuchs and Ashley Morales look ahead to find a root word. "Mrs. Madorin got mad at us while playing this game, so we never played it again," Herl said.

There's always two sides to a story

Life on the Outside



Somewhere in between Jayhawks and Railers...

...you'll find me. This year at Ellis was truly amazing. The students are wonderful, hard-working individuals with a desire to succeed! We have done extremely well considering we didn't have as many out for band that I would have liked.

That is the only negative thing. We had 4 solos and 2 ensembles going to State Music Festival at the end of April. I have enjoyed everything about Ellis, the only downer is the commute! That has been pretty rough on me and my family. That is the only negative thing. I enjoyed getting to know the students as individuals. I'll miss students, even though I was hard on them sometimes, I always will deeply care about them.

Dannell Cox
Band



Get the Scoop Mrs. Nilhas helps out at the ice cream social held the last week of school. Students paid \$3 for ice cream and toppings. Proceeds went to Mrs. Drennon whose son, Ashton, is undergoing cancer treatments. Photo by Stephanie Young



Robin Hood Doing an experiment in Physics, Mr. Mick shoots an arrow so the students can test the velocity of an arrow using work and kinetic energy. Photo by Kayla Jacques



Green Machine Mr. Amrein paints a wall green for the multimedia production class. The wall is used for video productions and photo opportunities. Photo by Stephanie Young

Teacher Treat During a fundraiser for Mrs. Drennon, Mr. Kohl and Mrs. Deges react to being "pied" by students. Students voted for teachers by donating money to the teacher's jar. Teachers with the most money got a whipped-cream pie in the face. Photo by Stephanie Young



Hawkins Fan Mrs. Wood gets her KU jersey signed by Jeff Hawkins. "It was cool that I had his jersey and he was subbing across the hall," Wood said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Ashley Anderson
Softball



Troy Dale
Counselor, Football



Paula Greenway
Special Education
Paraprofessional



Gwen Honas
Food Services



Mary Parke
Nurse



Joan Winters
Special Education
Paraprofessional



Craig Amrein
Multimedia, Webpage,
Football



Brandon Armbruster
PE/Health, GPD,
Co-Activities Director



Kristi Bittel
Cheerleading



Corey Burton
Principal



Matt Carroll
Industrial Technology,
Computer Applications, Golf



Darrell Cox
Band,
Freshman Class Sponsor



Rick Cunningham
Baseball



"I think I would teach history. I love history, and it ties well with literature."

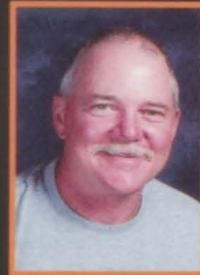
Susan Deges
English, Forensics,
Senior Class Sponsor



Casey Dinkel
Wrestling



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



Steve Erbert
Track



Sherri Faulkender
Librarian



Dava Gaschler
KAY Sponsor



Jacqueline Grogan
Spanish, Psychology,
Senior Class Sponsor

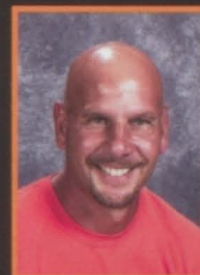


Butch Hayes
Math, Football, Track

"If I wasn't a teacher, I would be a cultural anthropologist and go on site to archeological digs."



Shelly Hensley
Volleyball



Randy Herman
Custodian



Steve Herrman
Technology Director



Julie Honas
Food Services



Jeff Kohl
History, Government
STUCO Sponsor



Bob Kohman
Agricultural Education,
FFA, Wrestling,
Junior Class Sponsor



Karen Madorin
English,
Scholar's Bowl Sponsor,
Eco-Team



Maria Mick
Secretary

"I would like to be a professor and teach art at the college level."



Perry Mick
Math, Physics,
Girls Basketball



Breanne Nilhas
FACS, FCCLA,
Sophomore Class Sponsor



Isaac Robbins
Choir, Railaires,
Jr. Class Play Director



Sandy Shupe
Special Education



Terra Upham
Softball, Volleyball



Charlie Waldschmidt
Custodian



Brian White
Art
Sophomore Class Sponsor



David Wildeman
Science, Boys Basketball,
Baseball



"I made the decision in 2nd grade that I wanted to be a teacher."

Jill Wood
IMPACT, Journalism,
Girls Basketball



Stephanie Young
Science,
Cross Country, Track

Not Pictured

Jeff Hawkins
Boys Basketball

Alice James
Volleyball

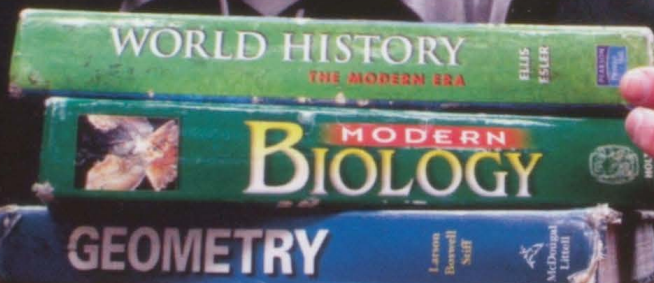
No Negotiation

They're required, so just do it

Somewhere
in between promo-
tion and graduation...

I'm forced to take classes. The one that I enjoy the most is geometry, mostly because Mr. Hayes is a beast. One downfall is having my buddy Kyle Weber in there too, because he is a nuisance. If I could eliminate a required class, it would be Biology. It's a pain in the butt and just happens to be tough for me.

Ben Leiker
Sophomore



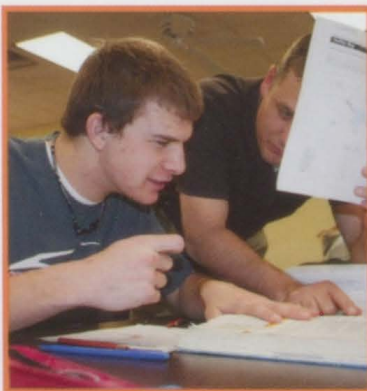
Shape Up Freshmen Blake Hudson and Gage Younger encourage their classmates Kelly Robb, Jared Mick, and Alexis Rose to finish their sit-ups in P.E. class. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



4N6 Fanatic Olivia Zody^{jr} entertains the class with a poetry piece. "I like forensics because I can be silly with friends while performing and not get in trouble for it," Zody said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker



Showin' Serbia Jenny Hollern^{sr} shows her project for World History class. Students were each assigned a country to research. "Now I can proudly say I know where Serbia is located in the world!" Hollern said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

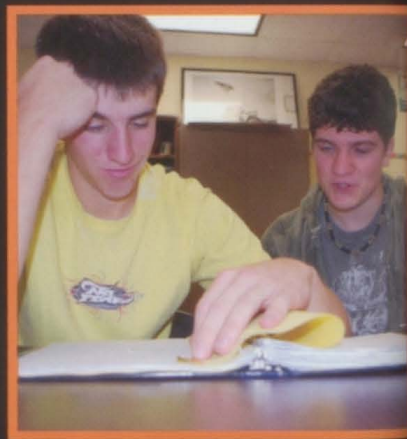


A Helping Hand Jared Herl^{sr} relies on Mr. Kohl to point him in the right direction on his World History worksheet. "Mr. Kohl makes simple maps seem like the most difficult thing in the world, but I'm still a big fan of the guy," Herl said. Photo by Kayla Jacques



Math

Algebraic Action Riley Hunsicker^{sr} focuses in on his algebra worksheet during fourth hour. "Math is a little difficult for me, but I like algebra because of the teacher. The best part about this class is getting free days," Hunsicker said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

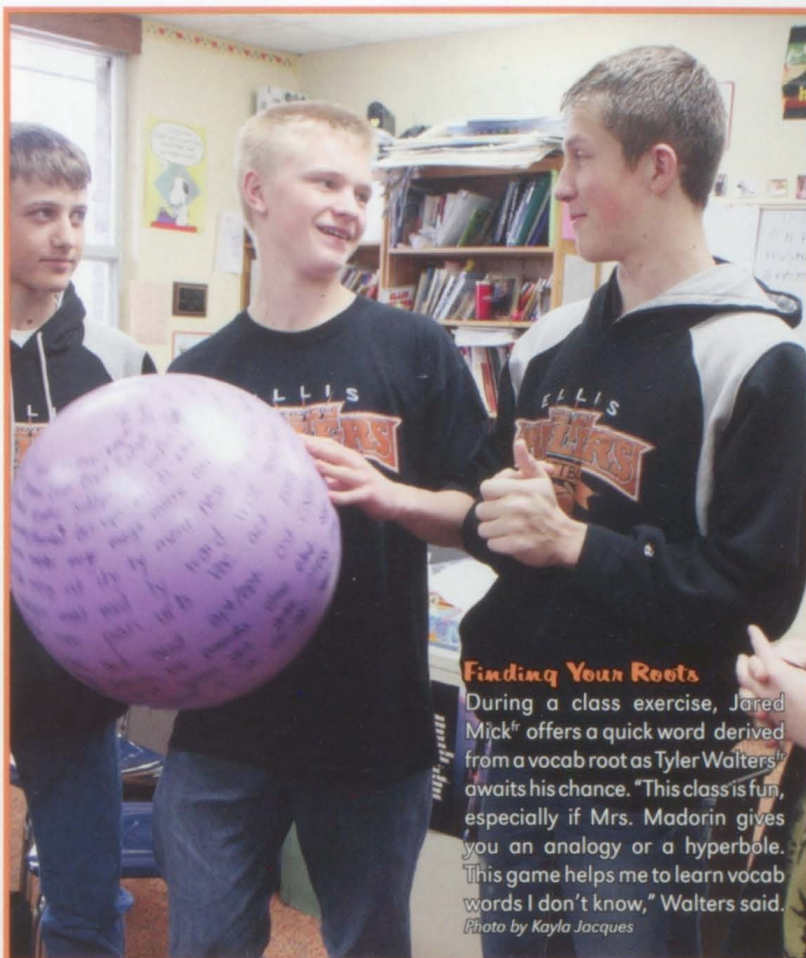


Science

3-2-1 Fine Ryan Weber^{sr} shows the effect of conservation of energy for Physics. Students need a minimum of three science courses to graduate. "I took Physics to help prepare for college. It's neat to see what you're learning and watch it happen," Weber said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

Sleeping Beauty Ashleigh Basgall¹⁰ and Emily Long¹⁰ put the finishing touches on their scarecrow for English II. Each group brought materials and clothing to create their own character. "We used our little sisters' clothes and play clothes to dress it!" Long said. Photo by Karen Madorin

English

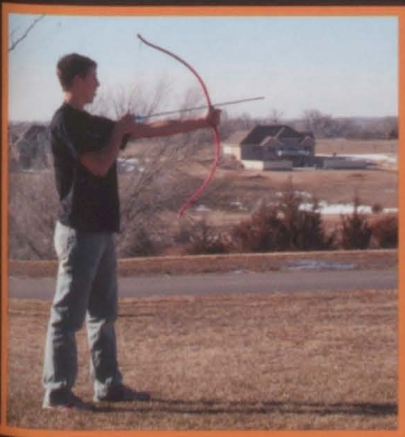


Finding Your Roots

During a class exercise, Jared Mick⁹ offers a quick word derived from a vocab root as Tyler Walters¹⁰ awaits his chance. "This class is fun, especially if Mrs. Madorin gives you an analogy or a hyperbole. This game helps me to learn vocab words I don't know," Walters said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

Pantmen Prep Sophomores Kyle Weber and Brandon Hespe take time to review for their first semester final in World History. "I enjoy this class because I have always liked learning more about the past successes and mistakes of mankind," Hespe said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

Social Studies



Bumping Heads

Should forensics be a required class?



Yes, because...

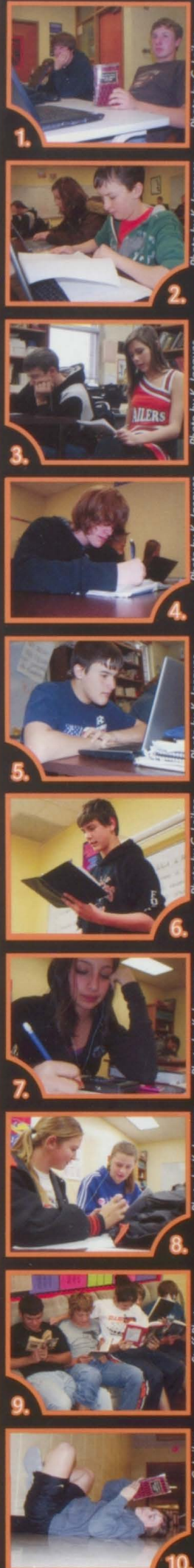
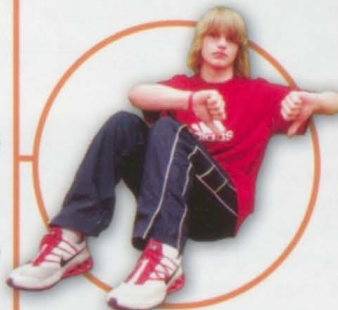
- It helps you talk in front of others and feel comfortable in your own skin
- It challenges you
- It makes you find out what you're good at

Kiley Wayman⁹

No, because...

- Only some people might like it
- Some people feel uncomfortable and nervous in front of others
- The time it takes out of my day to write a speech

Hanley Wright¹⁰



Side bar ID: 1 - Devin Jacques⁹ and Austin Bittel⁹; 2 - Kelly Robb⁹; 3 - Brayden Werth⁹ and Shea Harper⁹; 4 - Aaron Knoll⁹; 5 - Brandon Keever⁹; 6 - Jordan Rohr⁹; 7 - Ashley Lopez⁹; 8 - Beth Augustine⁹ and Rebecca Aschenbrenner⁹; 9 - Juniors Todd Smith, Dawson Augustine, Maggie Zody, Nate Townley, and Derek Kvasnicka; 10 - Blake Hudson¹⁰

Kayla Jacques

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Plethora of Possibilities

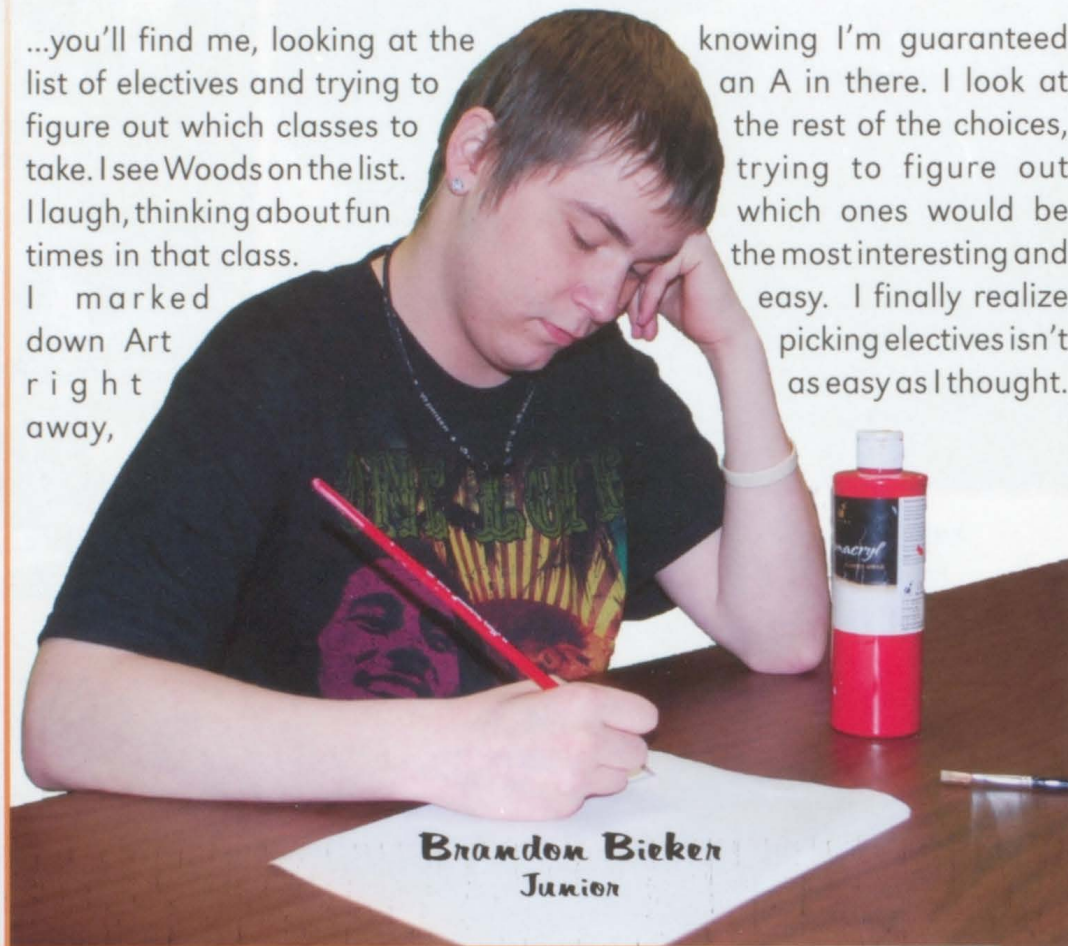
Students Choose Classes to Fill Day

Somewhere in between term papers and note taking...

...you'll find me, looking at the list of electives and trying to figure out which classes to take. I see Woods on the list. I laugh, thinking about fun times in that class.

I marked down Art right away,

knowing I'm guaranteed an A in there. I look at the rest of the choices, trying to figure out which ones would be the most interesting and easy. I finally realize picking electives isn't as easy as I thought.



Brandon Bieker
Junior



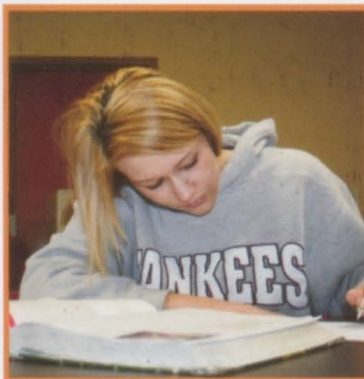
Helping Hands Staci BittelTM helps Maria Mick in the office during Office Aide. "My favorite part of being an office-aide would have to be the fun we have in the office," Bittel said. Photo by Paige Reilly



A Link of Work Austin BittelTM and Joey AugustineTM work on their project during Ag Fabrications. "I am rebuilding my motor for my lawn mower," Bittel said. Photo by Paige Reilly



Measuring Up While in Mr. Mick's Physics class, William PolandTM participates in one of the many experiments that are performed during this course. Photo by Kayla Jacques



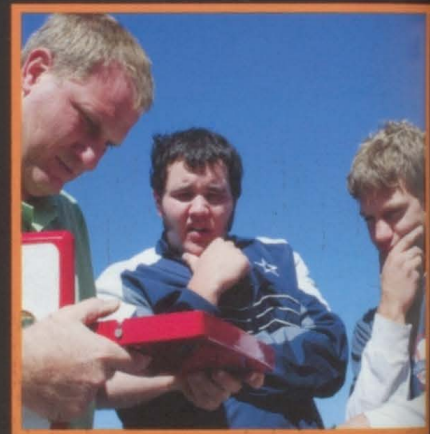
Free Time Lacey GaschlerTM works on a graphic organizer while in Impact. "I enjoy being in Impact because I don't have to do my homework the night before. I usually have time to do all my homework during that hour," Gaschler said. Photo by Meliah Raub



Woods

Learning the Ropes

While learning a technique from Mr. Carroll, Dylan KrauseTM waits in anticipation to start working on his entertainment project for cabinetmaking. "My favorite part of cabinetmaking is probably staining my project," Krause said. Photo by Jill Wood



Creative Textiles

Time for Something New

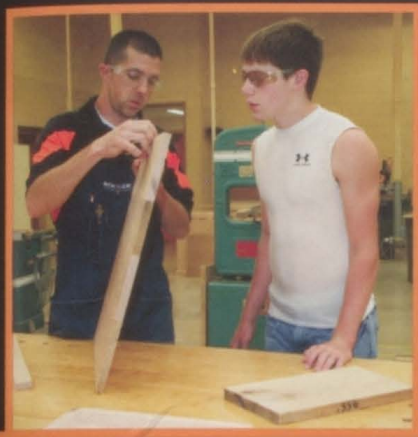
While in Creative Textiles, Heather HupkaTM works on putting together her quilt. This class allows you to pick your own pattern and fabric of your choice. Hupka's favorite part of the class is to see how better it looks a little at a time.

Photo by Paige Reilly

Blowing off Steam

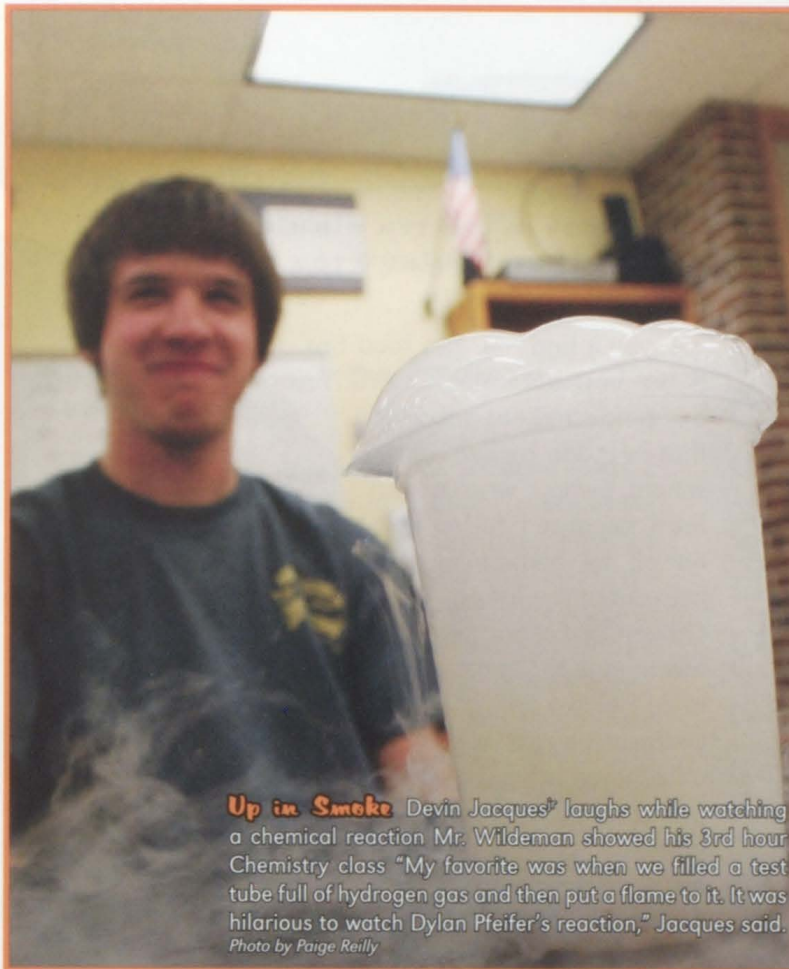
During GPD, Kayla Casey¹ squats as much weight as possible. Casey took the class as a way to build her muscles for softball. "Being a catcher, you need strong legs, and it just lets off steam from a bad day of school," Casey said. Photo by Paige Reilly

GPD



Newton's Law Matthew Erbert², Dillon Kinderknecht³ and Mr. Mick work together to try and solve a problem presented during physics class. This class is usually offered as a science credit your senior year. "The class is intuitive and is a very distinguished curriculum to participate in," Erbert said. Photo by Kayla Jacques

Physics



Up in Smoke Devin Jacques⁴ laughs while watching a chemical reaction Mr. Wildeman showed his 3rd hour Chemistry class "My favorite was when we filled a test tube full of hydrogen gas and then put a flame to it. It was hilarious to watch Dylan Pfeifer's reaction," Jacques said. Photo by Paige Reilly

Do You Think Art Should Be a Required Class?



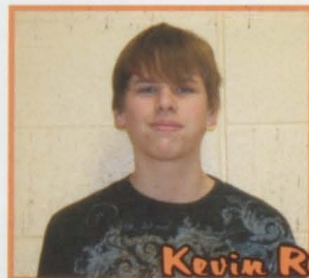
Nicole Pfeifer⁵

"I would say no, it shouldn't be required. Art is fun for some students, but for others it can be very difficult, and because of that art should be optional."

"I believe art should be required because it gives students a chance to release and express themselves through something creative while learning different techniques and history about different art pieces."



Alicia Lang⁶



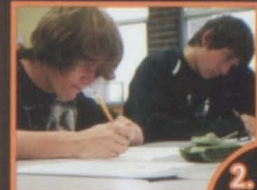
Kevin Robb⁷

"I believe that art should not be required, because not everyone has to desire to be artistic and have the need to explore their creativity and talents."



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Meliah Raub

Electives

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Close Up



Cole Pfeifer

How much time do you put in this activity?

I spent a bunch of time in KAYS going to events.

How long have you been in KAYS?

This was my first year being part of KAYS.

How has KAYS made a difference in you?

KAYS has taught me to be a better person as well as a leader.

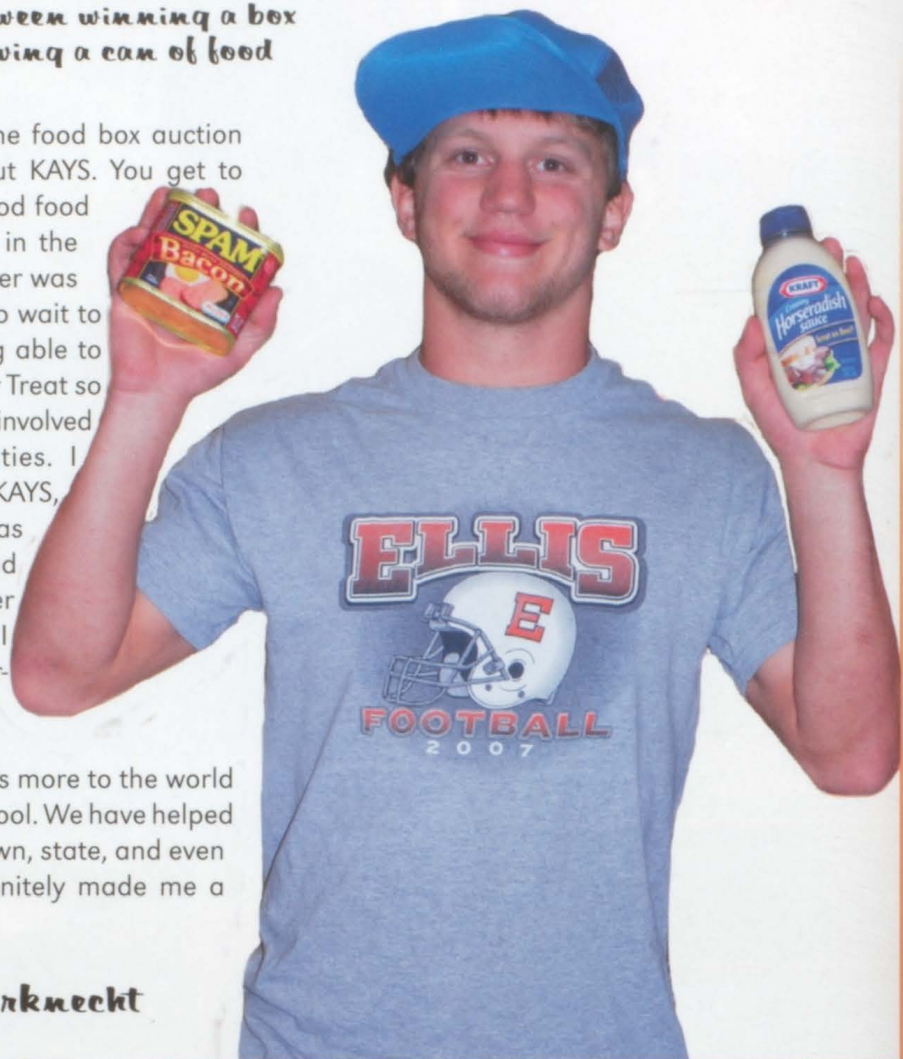
Encouraging others to make a difference

Time On Hand

Somewhere in between winning a box for myself and giving a can of food for a good cause...

...you'll find me. The food box auction is the best part about KAYS. You get to buy a box and eat good food that is made by kids in the school. Being a wrestler was hard, because I had to wait to eat all my food. Being able to help out at the Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat got me involved more in KAYS activities. I enjoy being a part of KAYS, because it helped me as a freshman to meet and get to know the older students. Now that I am a senior I encouraged many people to join. KAYS has helped me realize that there is more to the world than just me or my school. We have helped other people in our town, state, and even nationally. It has definitely made me a better person.

Dillon Kinderknecht
Senior



Senior Recognition

Being a senior, Matt Cunningham receives a gift certificate from Tori Clark at the KAY Celebration. Every senior who was part of the KAYS organization was recognized at the celebration. "I really enjoyed being around the seniors while doing activities for KAYS," Clark said. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

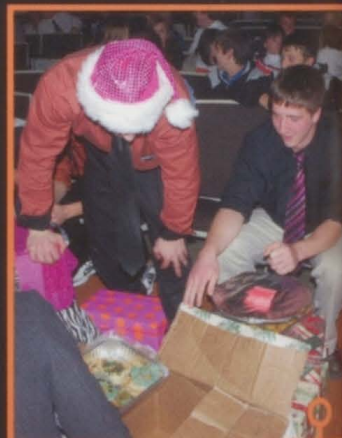


Taking Over

Kimberly Gottschalk gives a speech about her expectations for the KAY club in 2010-2011. Gottschalk has been an active KAY member since her freshman year. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

Can Collection

Staci Bittel brings in cans of food to be counted and organized at the annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat. A total of 1,300 cans of food were brought in. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk



EHS Royalty

Kayla Jacques attempts to fix her tiara while getting ready to pose with Matt Cunningham for a photo after being announced Snoball king and queen. Photo by Jill Wood



Offer to Offer

Sorting through their boxes of goodies, Dylan Pfeifer and Gideon Fuchs get a look at all the treats that they bought at the Food Box Auction. Photo by Tori Clark

It's Sold!

As Kiley Wayman presents a box at the Food Box Auction, Kelsey Gehrger calls for bidders. The auction is the biggest fundraiser for KAYS, bringing in \$1,037 this year. Photo by Tori Clark

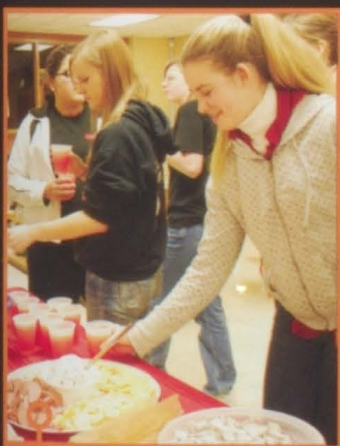
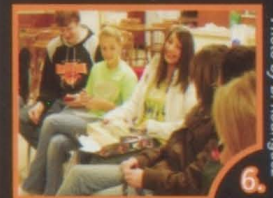
Bolt Into FCCLA

Somewhere in between leadership and life skills...

...you'll find me. I have been in FCCLA since I was a freshman. As president for this organization, I preside over the meetings, but I also do more of the behind-the-scenes things. Most of the order forms, time sheets, and flyers you see are the things I have made or am in charge of. I also make a point to participate in every fundraiser and activity we do. One of the most difficult things I have done for FCCLA this year was to work out room arrangements for the State Convention trip in April. Although some things are more work than others, I really enjoy being in FCCLA, and I feel that it has taught me better leadership and people skills that will serve me the rest of my life.

Jessica Wheeler
Junior

Members take steps towards leadership



Cooking For a Good Cause

Working hard to earn her points at the cookie bake sale, Emily Long³⁰ concentrates in making chocolate chip cookies. This fundraiser is done every year by FCCLA. Photo by Kim Desaire

Getting Social

Before starting the regional meeting in Phillipsburg, Meliah Raub⁹ and Matt Erbert¹⁰ enjoyed some free time before the the FCCLA convention meeting. Photo by Brittany Elliott



Ready to Party Taylor McClung¹ reaches for a cup of punch while participating in the FCCLA Christmas Party. The Christmas Party was held right before Christmas break. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez

Taking the Lead Cadyn McCoy² and Kimberly Desaire⁴ accept roses after the officer installation. The annual FCCLA Banquet is held every year to celebrate club accomplishments. Photo by Kayla Jacques



Big Surprise

Jessica Wheeler¹, and Kelsey Gehrre² watch Stephanie Young³ open the mystery Christmas box during the FCCLA Christmas gift exchange. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez

State Qualifiers

**Nicole Pfeifer^{AN}
and Chelsea Leiker^{AN}**
Duet Acting

Kevin Robb^{IN}
Extemp
Informative (semifinalist)

**Kevin Robb^{IN}
and Kelly Robb^{IN}**
Improv Duet Acting

Kiley Wayman^{AN}
Humorous Solo
Informative

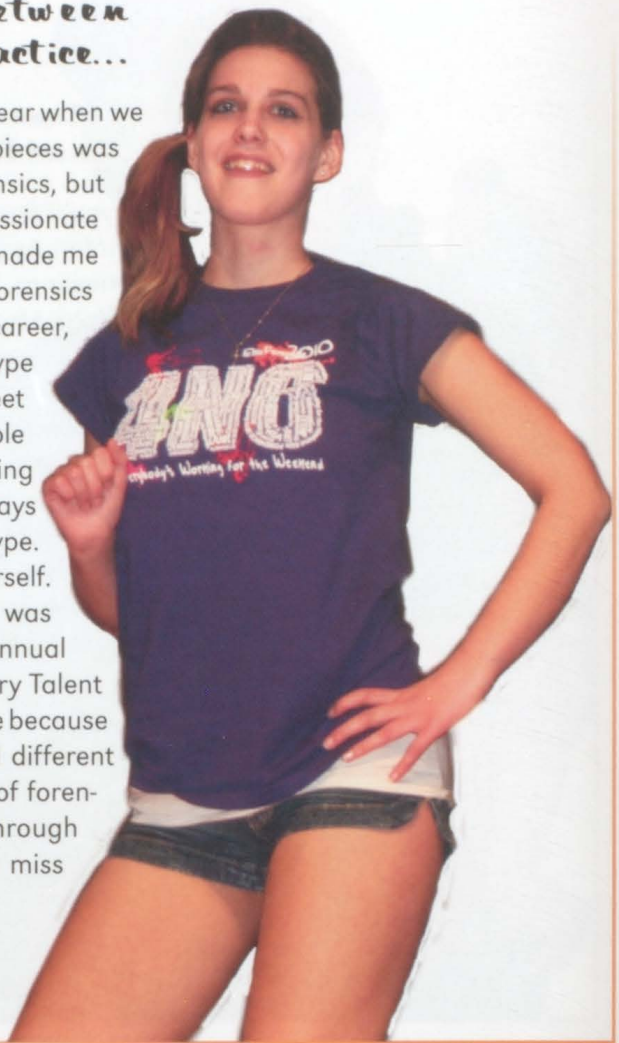
Kelsey Butler^{IN}
Informative
Oration

Working For the Weekend

Somewhere in between performance and practice...

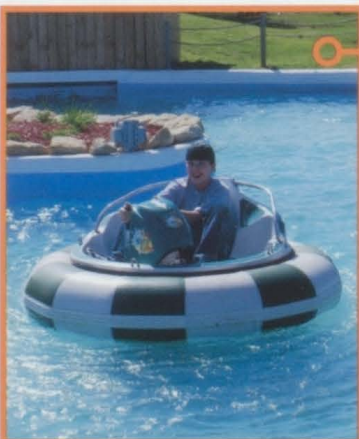
...you'll find me. My freshman year when we were doing poetry and prose pieces was when I started to get into forensics, but having a coach who is so passionate about forensics is what really made me fall in love with it. I've been in Forensics all four years of my high school career, and every year I have taken a type of forensics class. You also meet very talented and outgoing people at tournaments! I like competing in forensics because I've always been more of the emotional type. It's a good way to express yourself. My favorite piece to perform was my Humorous Solo- "The 17th Annual Malcolm X Jefferson Elementary Talent Show." It was an awesome piece because it had a lot of characters and different emotions in it. The best part of forensics is expressing yourself through someone's work. I'm going to miss forensics next year.

Kiley Wayman
Senior



Sunglasses At Night

Kevin Robb^{IN} gives an informative speech about movies on Forensics night. "I think Forensics is a very cool and exciting experience. It's a great way to meet new people," Robb said. Photo by Tori Clark

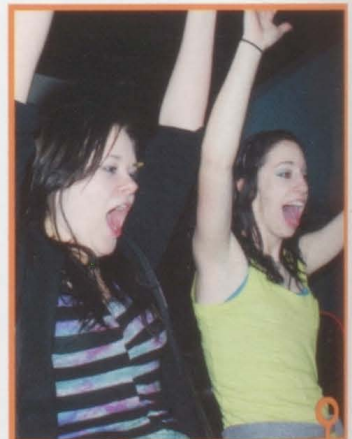


Splash Splash

Kelly Robb^{IN} takes time off from state Forensics to cool down and enjoy some time in the bumper boats. The team had a blast at All-Star Sports while participating in state. Photo by Paige Reilly

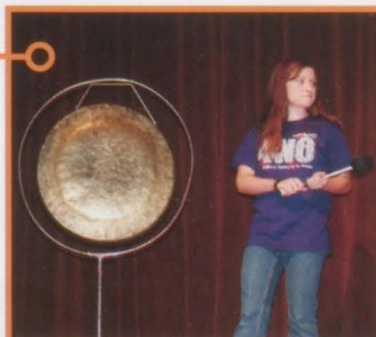
Flying Solo

Ashleigh Basgall^{AN} performs her serious solo "Pretty" by Yolanda Williams during Forensics night. Basgall has been in Forensics for two years and is in the Forensics II class. Photo by Tori Clark



Hot Hot

Kelsey Butler^{IN} stands ready to bang on the gong for Forensics night. Forensics night was based on "The Gong Show." "That night was really fun. I had a blast performing," Butler said. Photo by Tori Clark



Whoo!

Paige Reilly^{AN} and Nicole Pfeifer^{IN} show excitement while at All-Star Sports during state Forensics. Reilly and Pfeifer tried a rollercoaster stimulator. "It was pretty neat," Reilly said. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Practice Makes Perfect

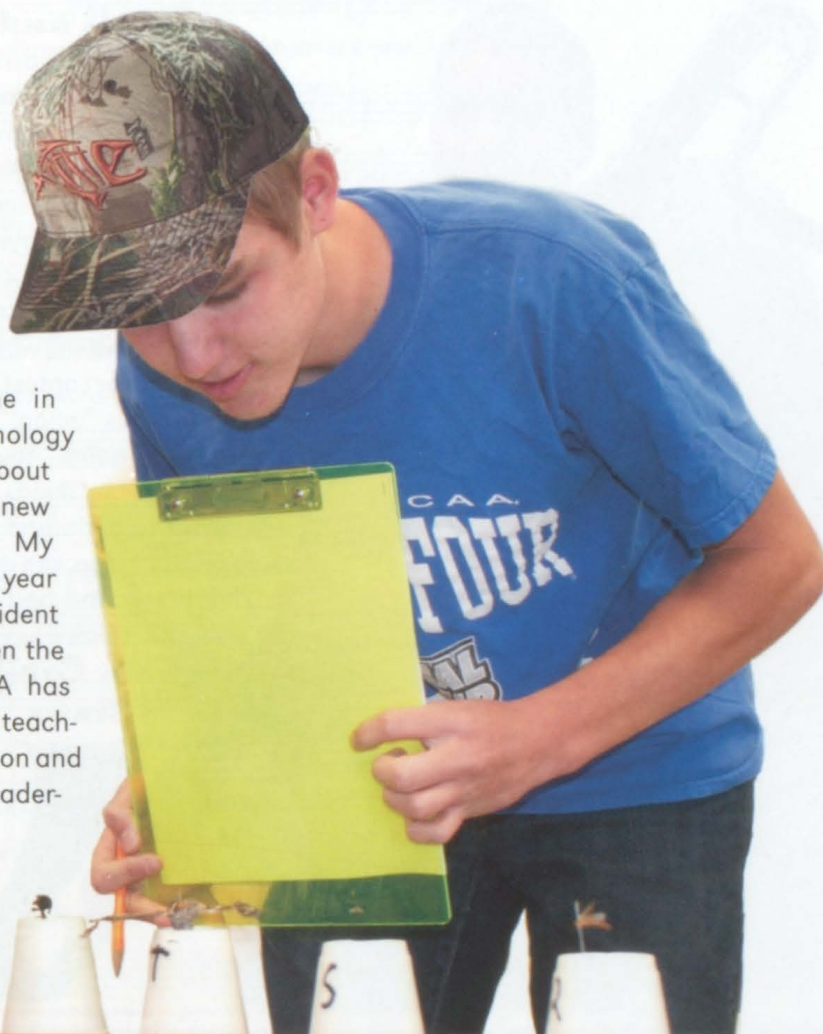
Becca Aschenbrenner^{IN} rehearses her prose piece. Forensics is a required class as a freshman, and they are also encouraged to go out for the team. Photo by Chelsea Leiker

Stepping Out

Somewhere in between the soil and the sky...

...you'll find me. I have participated in FFA for three years, two of which I have been the reporter and vice president. My favorite areas to judge in completions are entomology and land. The best part about FFA is getting to meet new people and socialize. My biggest responsibility this year with being FFA vice-president is having to step up when the president is absent. FFA has helped me in the future by teaching me to be a better person and develop better life and leadership qualities.

Derek Kvasnicka
Junior



Learning to Do, Doing to Learn



Photo by Tori Clark

Photo by Bob Kohman

Photo by Paige Reilly

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Come To Think Of It

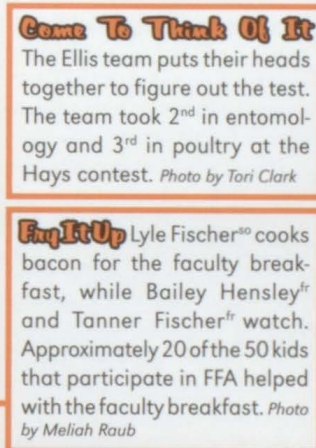
The Ellis team puts their heads together to figure out the test. The team took 2nd in entomology and 3rd in poultry at the Hays contest. Photo by Tori Clark

Eng It Up

Lyle Fischer^{so} cooks bacon for the faculty breakfast, while Bailey Hensley^{fr} and Tanner Fischer^{fr} watch. Approximately 20 of the 50 kids that participate in FFA helped with the faculty breakfast. Photo by Meliah Raub

Dig It

Bailey Hensley^{fr} surveys the soil while trying to stay warm in the rain. Hensley didn't place at this meet, but did place at the land judging meet in Cheylin. Photo by Stephanie Young



Receiving The Green Ethan LaBarge^{sr} accepts his \$500 FFA scholarship from Mr. Kohman at the annual FFA banquet. LaBarge was one of the five seniors to earn a scholarship. Photo by Ashley Schuster

Start Your Engines Bob Kohman, Cole Pfeifer^{fr}, Brayden Werth^{fr}, and Alicia Kroeger^{fr} stop to take a photo at Indianapolis Motor Speedway while at the national FFA convention in Indianapolis. Courtesy Photo



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Close Up

Band Takes On New Challenges

Taking NOte

Somewhere in between the staff and the notes...

...you'll find me playing the E-flat Contra-Bass Clarinet, which I love. I have been in band for seven years and have participated in District Honor Band where I received some good ratings. The best memory I have of band comes from the days of Renetta Dawson. She was very helpful to me. I remember all those funny things she had to say, such as the times when I would be working on my next solo for contest. She would look at me with this "whoa!" look and say, "You're really good! You know what? I think this is your thing..." or when I was about to go in and perform a solo for the judge, she would say, "Play pretty and perfect and don't screw up."

Erin Groff
Senior



Bailey Hensley

What instrument do you play?
Trumpet

How long have you been in band?
5 years

What's your favorite memory from band?
My favorite memory would be the day when Mr. Armbruster was our sub. Everyone switched instruments, and it sounded so terrible!



SoundOff Erin Groff^{sr} tunes the E-flat contra bass before the first performance of the year, the Christmas concert. "Erin Groff is the ultimate musician. She not only knows her music, she is also dependable and reliable!" Mr. Cox said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



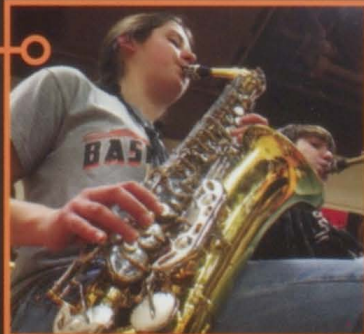
Drummer Boy Isaac Henman^{so} and Brandon Hespe^{so} wait for the go at the Christmas concert. Henman has played drums for six years, while this is Hespe's first. photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

I'm With the Band During the Homecoming parade, Luke Lohrmeyer^{sr} marches down the road at attention. Because of low numbers, the high school band marched with the junior high band. Photo by Bertha Rodriguez

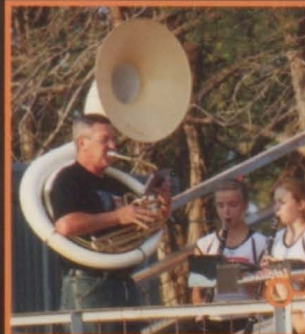


Patience Ashley Lopez^{sr} and Chelsey Walters^{sr} wait to come in during the Christmas concert. Lopez and Walters have both been in band since they were in 5th grade. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

Help Wanted To help bring out some sound, band teacher Darrell Cox multi-tasks by directing and playing the tuba with the pep band during a home football game. Photo by Kayla Jacques



Belt it Out Maggie Zody^{sr} contributes to the band with her alto saxophone. The band plays during half times and in between the boys and girls games. Photo by Paige Reilly

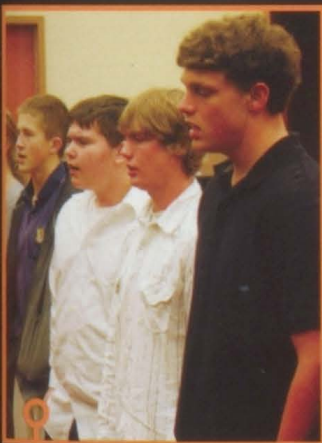
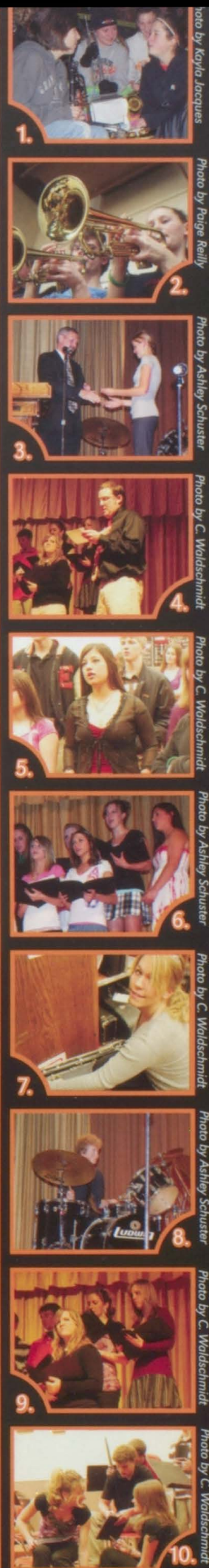
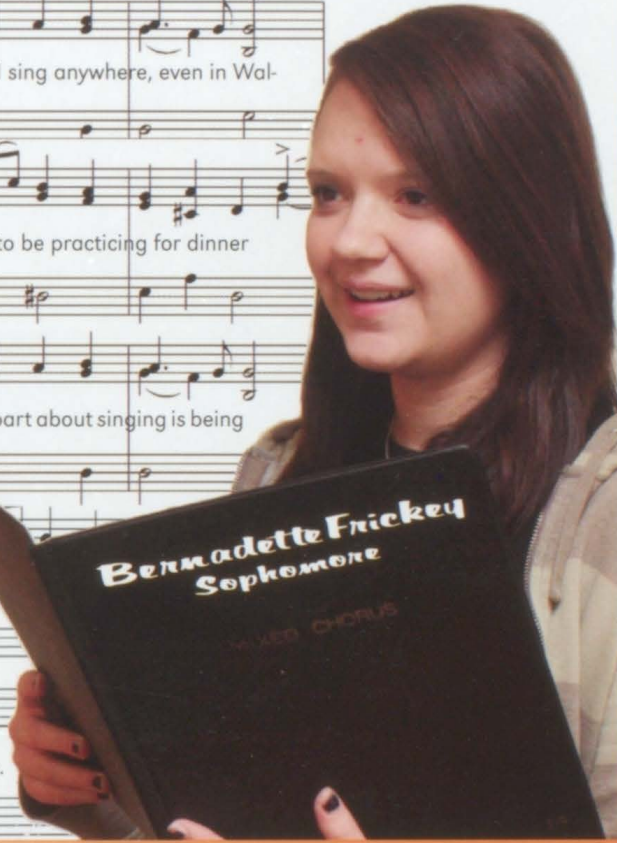


Sling Out

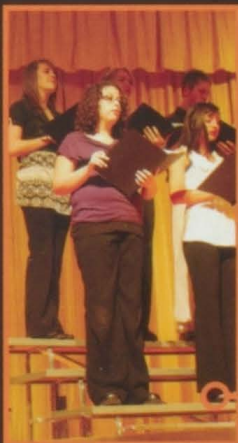
Lives Expressed Through Music

Somewhere in between a carol and a chant...

...you'll find me, in the alto section. I have been in choir for 2 years now. I sing pretty much 24/7 and have music going all the time. I sing anywhere, even in Wal-Mart! My favorite memory from this year would have to be practicing for dinner theater because we had a lot of fun. The most amazing part about singing is being able to express myself in the songs I sing. I sing so I can get my emotions out. Music is pretty much my life.



Tune Up Tyler Walters^{fr}, Chase Rutherford^{fr}, Joey Augustine^{fr}, and Jacob Begler^{fr} warm up to the song "Festive Processional" by Audrey Snyder for the Christmas concert. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



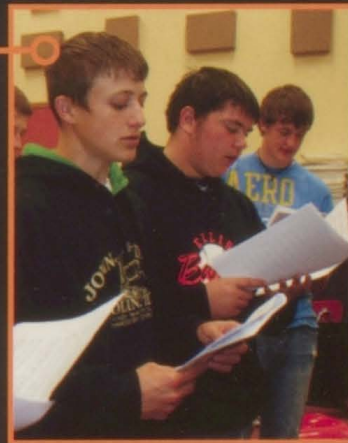
Practice Makes Perfect

In preparation for the Spring concert, freshmen Brayden Werth, Chase Rutherford, and Thatcher Brown practice the song "Fly Me to the Moon."

Photo by Kayla Jacques

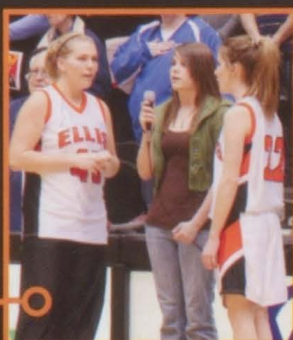
The Sopranos During the annual Christmas concert, sopranos Chelsea Leiker^{sr}, Nancy Dinges^{so}, Erin Groff^{sr}, and Ashley Lopez^{fr} sing out.

Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

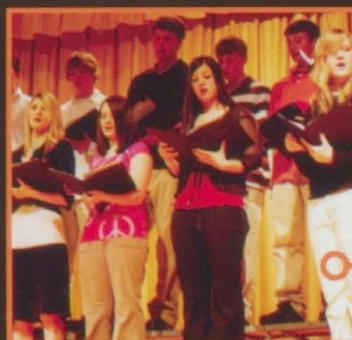


Fa La La

The choir sings "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arranged by John Carter. This song was one of the five the choir choose to sing at the annual concert.



Set to Sing Before the finals in the MCL basketball tournament at FHSU, seniors Erin Groff, Chelsea Leiker, and Kayla Jacques perform the Star Spangled Banner. Photo by Paige Reilly



Groups

BAND



First Row: Maggie Zody, Kelsey Butler. Second Row: Beth Augustine, Bailey Hensley, Olivia Zody, Candace Bollig, Ashley Lopez. Third Row: Erin Groff, Luke Lohrmeyer, Isaac Henman, Chelsey Walters, Robbie King, Band director Darrell Cox. Photo by Meliah Raub

BOYS BASKETBALL



First Row: Cadyn McCoy, Ryan Downing, Stephanie Young, Tanner Fischer, Cole Pfeifer. Second Row: Jacob Kinderknecht, Gideon Fuchs, Matt Cunningham, Kyle Fox, Dylan Pfeifer, Joey Augustine, Kyle Weber. Third Row: Asst. Coach Jeff Hawkins, Blake Hudson, Sam Polifka, Jordan Rohr, Logan Fuchs, Harley Wright, Tyler Walters, Jared Mick, Brayden Werth, Coach Dave Wildeman. Fourth Row: Jakeual Delaney, Luke Lohrmeyer, Daniel Honas, Matt Erbert, Jared Herl, Ryan Weber, Aaron Gnad. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

CHOIR



First Row: Chelsea Leiker, Ethan LaBorge, Kayla Jacques, Jacob Begler, Erin Groff. Second Row: Brayden Werth, Nancy Dinges, Bernedette Frickey, Ashleigh Basgall, Shea Harper, Jessica Lopez. Third Row: Tyler Walters, Thatcher Brown, Chase Rutherford, Joey Augustine, Alesha Brenner, Stephanie Young. Photo by Ashley Schuster

BASEBALL



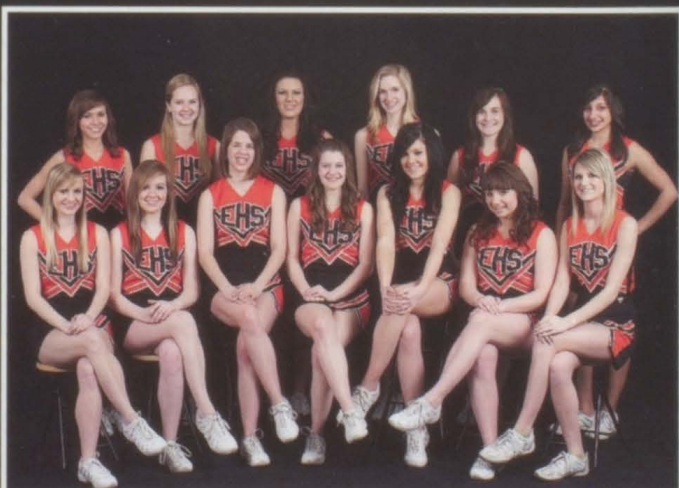
Front Row: Meny Rodriguez, Jared Mick, Jordan Rohr, J.J. Hernandez, Cadyn McCoy, Chase Rutherford, Cole Pfeifer, Garrett Rupp. Back Row: Patrick Dreiling, Jacob Kinderknecht, Dylan Pfeifer, Kyle Fox, Dillon Kinderknecht, Matt Cunningham, Aaron Gnad, Jakeual Delaney. Photo by Linda Pfeifer

GIRLS BASKETBALL



First Row: Mgr. Kelsey Butler, Nancy Dinges, Megan Honas, Beth Augustine, Bailey Hensley, Becca Aschenbrenner, Candace Bollig, Taylor McClung, Jasmine Slaughter. Second Row: Asst. Coach Jill Wood, Courtney Waldschmidt, Kayla Casey, Shelby Gottschalk, Kayla Jacques, Bethany Polifka, Natasha Hollingshead, Mikayla Gottschalk, Alesha Brenner, Coach Perry Mick. Third Row: Erin Groff, Mgr. Kelsey Gehr, Mgr. Meliah Raub, Mgr. Jessica Wheeler. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

CHEERLEADING



Front Row: Jenny Hollern, Breanna Kroeger, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Danielle Weber, Caroline Beilman, Jessica Stanton, Ashleigh Basgall. Back Row: Shea Harper, Chelsey Walters, Kimberly Gottschalk, Rachel Mick, Courtney Waldschmidt, Ashley Lopez. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

CROSS COUNTRY



Kelsey Butler, Maggie Zody, Nate Townley, Tanner Gugler, Kyle Weber. Photo by Jill Wood

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Front Row: Tori Clark, Stephanie Young, Kimberly Desaire. Back Row: Jessica Wheeler, Kayla Jacques, Kelsey Gehr, Bernadette Frickey. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

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Lyle Fischer, Austin Bittel, Maggie Zody, William Poland, Tanner Gugler, Derek Kvasnicka, Ethan Cox. Photo by Ashley Schuster

FOOTBALL



First Row: D. Kinderknecht, M. Cunningham, P. Dreiling, M. Erbert, G. Fuchs, J. Begler, D. Pfeifer. Second Row: M. Gehring, L. Mattheyer, J. Kinderknecht, A. Gnad, G. Vandenberg, E. LaBarge, R. Weber. Third Row: E. Cox, S. Fuller, J. Augustine, M. Kreutzer, J. Knoll, D. Augustine, T. Smith. Fourth Row: J. Herl, G. Rupp, I. Henman, M. Rodriguez, R. Hunsicker, D. Krause, K. Robb. Fifth Row: C. McCoy, A. Lopez, J.J. Hernandez, H. Wright, C. Pfeifer, G. Younger. Sixth Row: B. Hudson, T. Walters, J. Mick, S. Polifka, J. Rohr, L. Fuchs, C. Rutherford. Seventh Row: Mgrs. K. Robb, A. Kroeger, K. Waldschmidt, K. Gehr, S. Bittel, J. Durham. Eighth Row: Asst. Coach C. Amrein, Coach B. Hayes, Asst. Coach T. Dale. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

FORENSICS



Front Row: Beth Augustine, Kylie Waldschmidt, Kelsey Butler, Kelly Robb, Ashleigh Basgall. Back Row: Tanner Gugler, Kevin Robb, Chelsea Leiker, Nikki Pfeifer, Kiley Wayman, Sam Polifka, Brandon Keever. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

GOLF



Isaac Henman, Garret Vandenberg, Ben Leiker, Josh Reilly, Ryan Weber, Brandon Hall, Tyler Walters, Gage Younger, Kyle Weber, Austin Lopez, Chelsey Walters, and Ethan LaBarge. Photo by Ellis Review

KAY OFFICERS



Front Row: Tami Clark, Chelsey Walters, Rachel Mick, Danielle Weber, Kiley Wayman, Ashleigh Basgall, Breanna Kroeger. **Back Row:** Ashley Schuster, Kelsey Gehrer, Bernadette Frickey, Maggie Zody, Shelby Gottschalk, Kimberly Gottschalk. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

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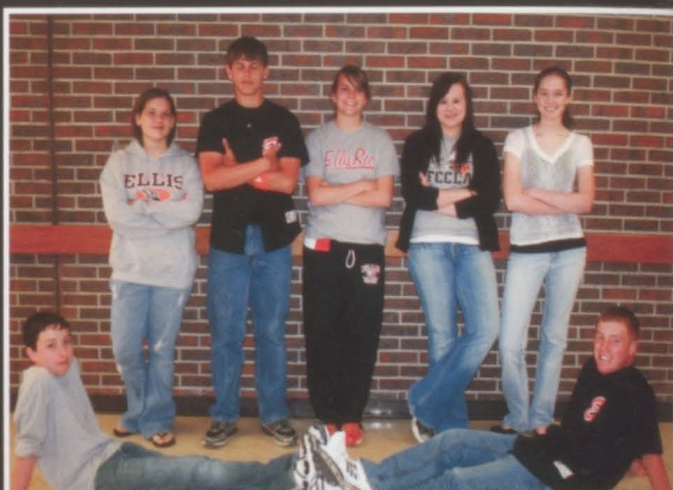
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NHS



Front Row: Kayla Jacques, Shelby Gottschalk, Kelsey Gehrer, Jennifer Kinderknecht, William Poland. **Back Row:** Gideon Fuchs, Maggie Zody, Alesha Brenner, Erin Groff, Kelsey Butler, Danielle Weber. Photo by Cheryl Kinderknecht

SCHOLARS BOWL



Front Row: Kelly Robb, Cadyn McCoy. **Back Row:** Olivia Zody, Jordan Rohr, Chelsen Laiker, Nikki Pfeifer, Jessica Wheeler. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

SOFTBALL



First Row: Staci Bittel, Kayla Casey. **Second Row:** Melian Raub, Ashley Augustine, Stephanie Young, Jessie Lopez, Candace Bollig, Ashley Morales. **Third Row:** Coach Terra Upham, Bailey Hensley, Becca Aschenbrenner, Beth Augustine, Katie Dacy, Shelby Hollern, Rachelle Wynn, Alexis Ross, Asst. Coach Ashley Anderson. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

BOYS TRACK



First Row: Tanner Gugler, Devin Jacques, Dylan Krause. **Second Row:** Brandon Rush, Sam Polifka, Logan Fuchs, Blake Hudson. **Third Row:** Dru Stropes, Logan Mattheyer, Luke Lohrmeyer, Scott Fuller. **Fourth Row:** Zach Werth, Jacob Begler, Matt Erbert, Gideon Fuchs. Photo by Ellis Review

GIRLS TRACK



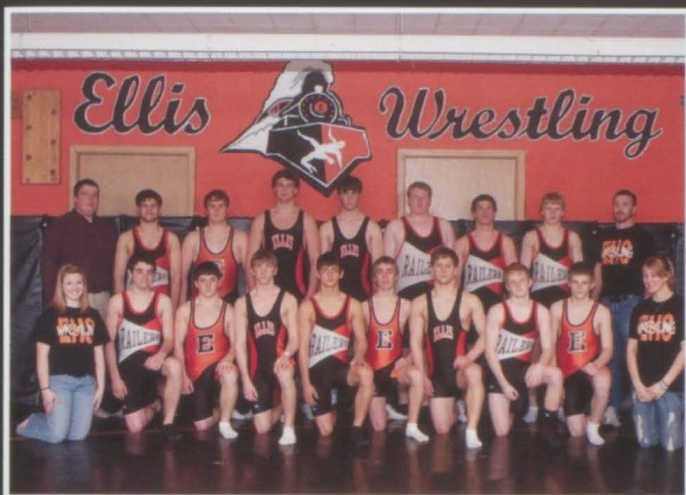
First Row: Ashley Lopez, Kelsey Butler, Alicia Kroeger. **Second Row:** Kathryn Sleigh, Jenny Hollern, Paige Reilly. **Third Row:** Jamie Durheim, Megan Honas, Kylie Waldschmidt, Randi Hook, Natasha Hollingshead. **Fourth Row:** Alesha Brenner, Olivia Zody, Maggie Zody, Jennifer Kinderknecht, Mikayla Gottschalk. **Fifth Row:** Erin Groff, Chelsea Leiker, Kayla Jacques, Bethany Polifka, Alicia Lang. *Photo by Smoky Hill Photography*

STUCCO



Danielle Weber, Gideon Fuchs, Bethany Polifka, Chelsea Leiker. *Photo by Lacey Gaschler*

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VOLLEYBALL



Front Row: Alexis Rose, Beth Augustine, Ashley Lopez, Jenny Hollern, Shelby Hollern, Megan Honas, Becca Aschenbrenner. **Second Row:** Courtney Waldschmidt, Alicia Lang, Kayla Jacques, Chelsea Leiker, Paige Reilly, Bethany Polifka, Caroline Beilman, Kayla Casey, Kimberly Gottschalk. **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Terra Upham, Mgr. Jessie Stanton, Bailey Hensley, Candace Bollig, Ashley Augustine, Taylor McClung, Alesha Brenner, Rachel Mick, Chelsey Walters, Jessie Lopez, Jordyn Dessel, Stephanie Young, Mikayla Gottschalk, Mgr. Meliah Raub, Coach Alice James. *Photo by Smoky Hill Photography*

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Connie Waldschmidt, Superintendent Steve Taylor, Dava Gaschler. *Photo by Lacey Gaschler*

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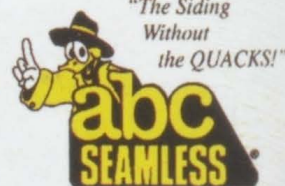
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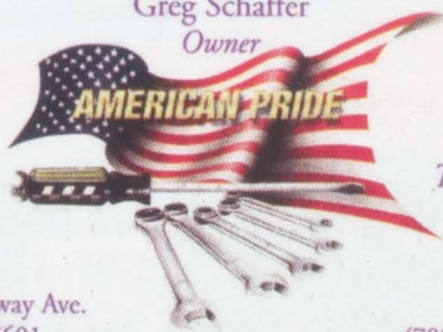
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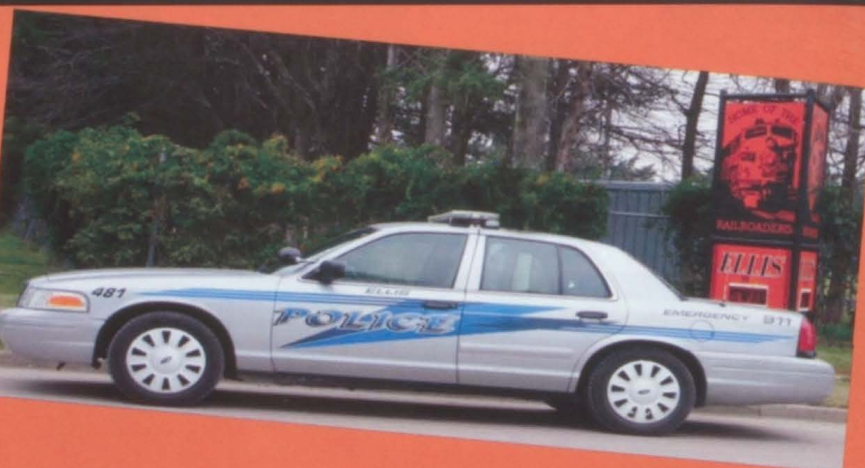
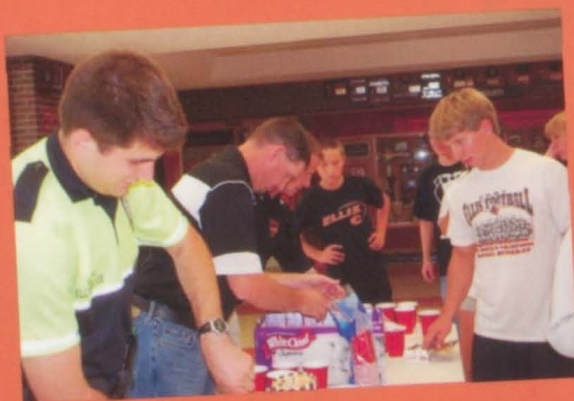
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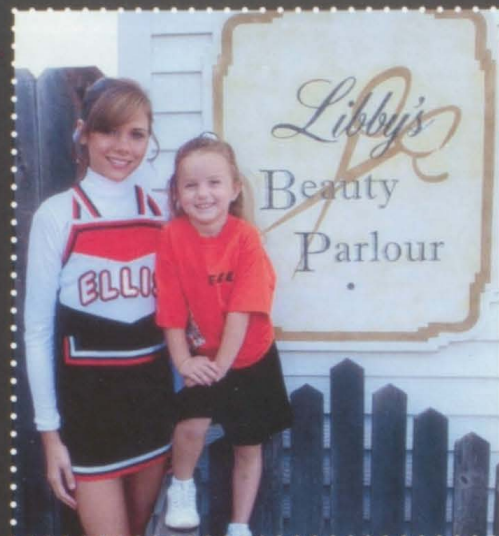
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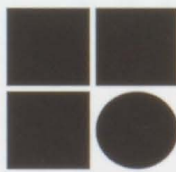
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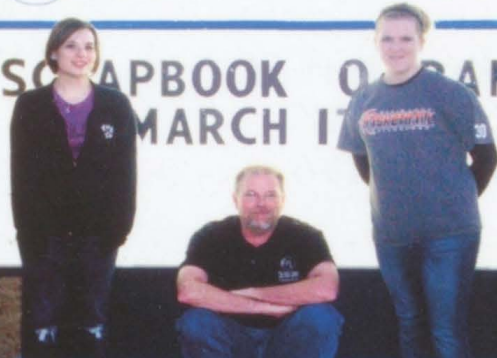


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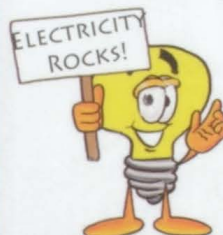
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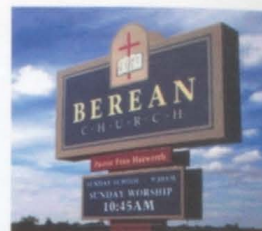
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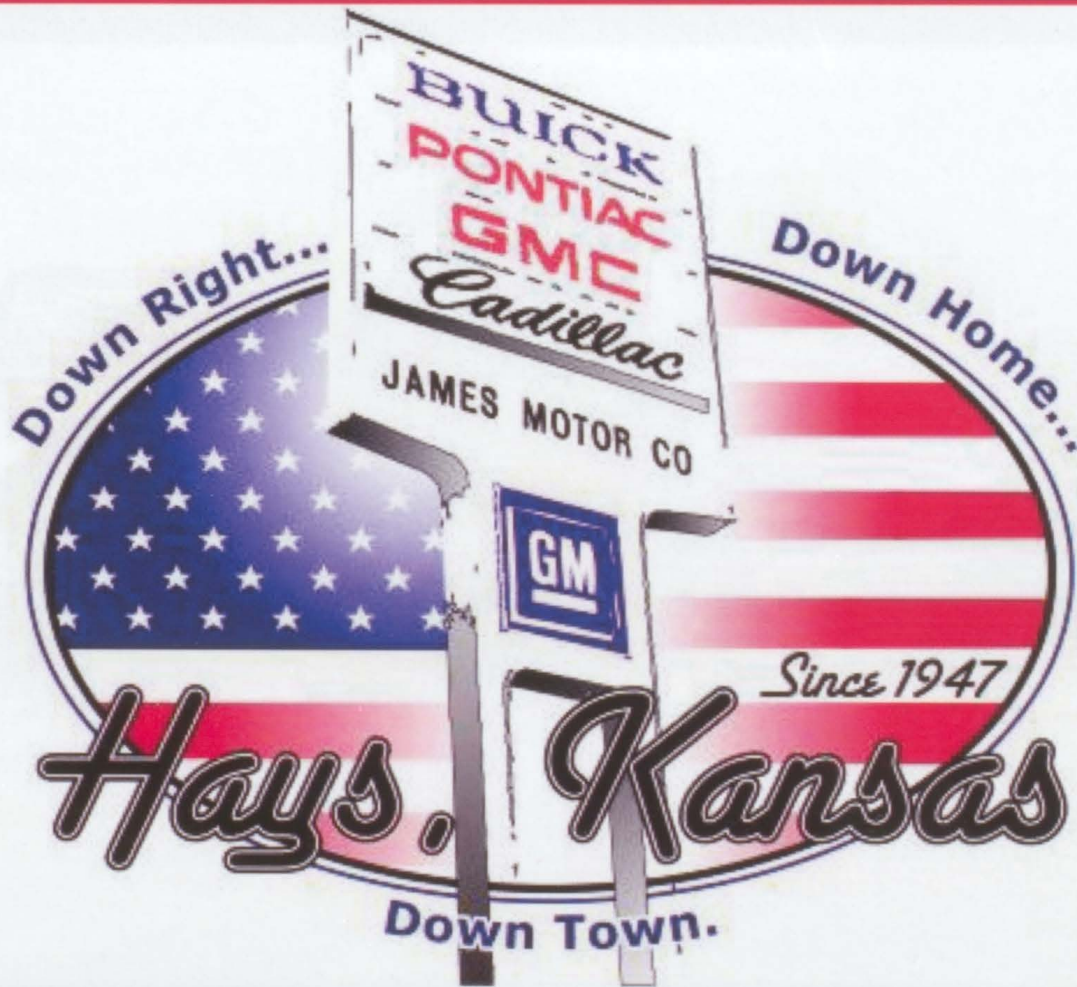
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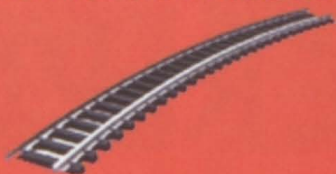
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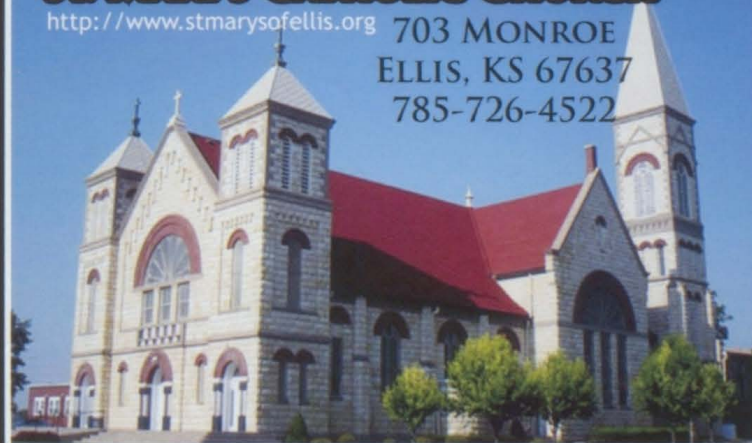
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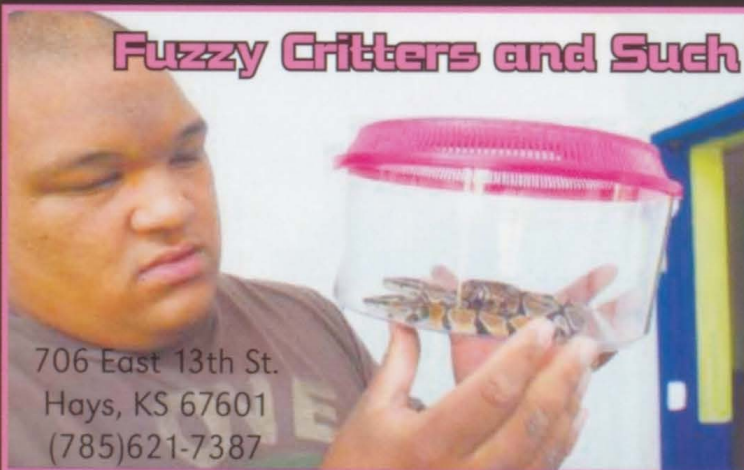
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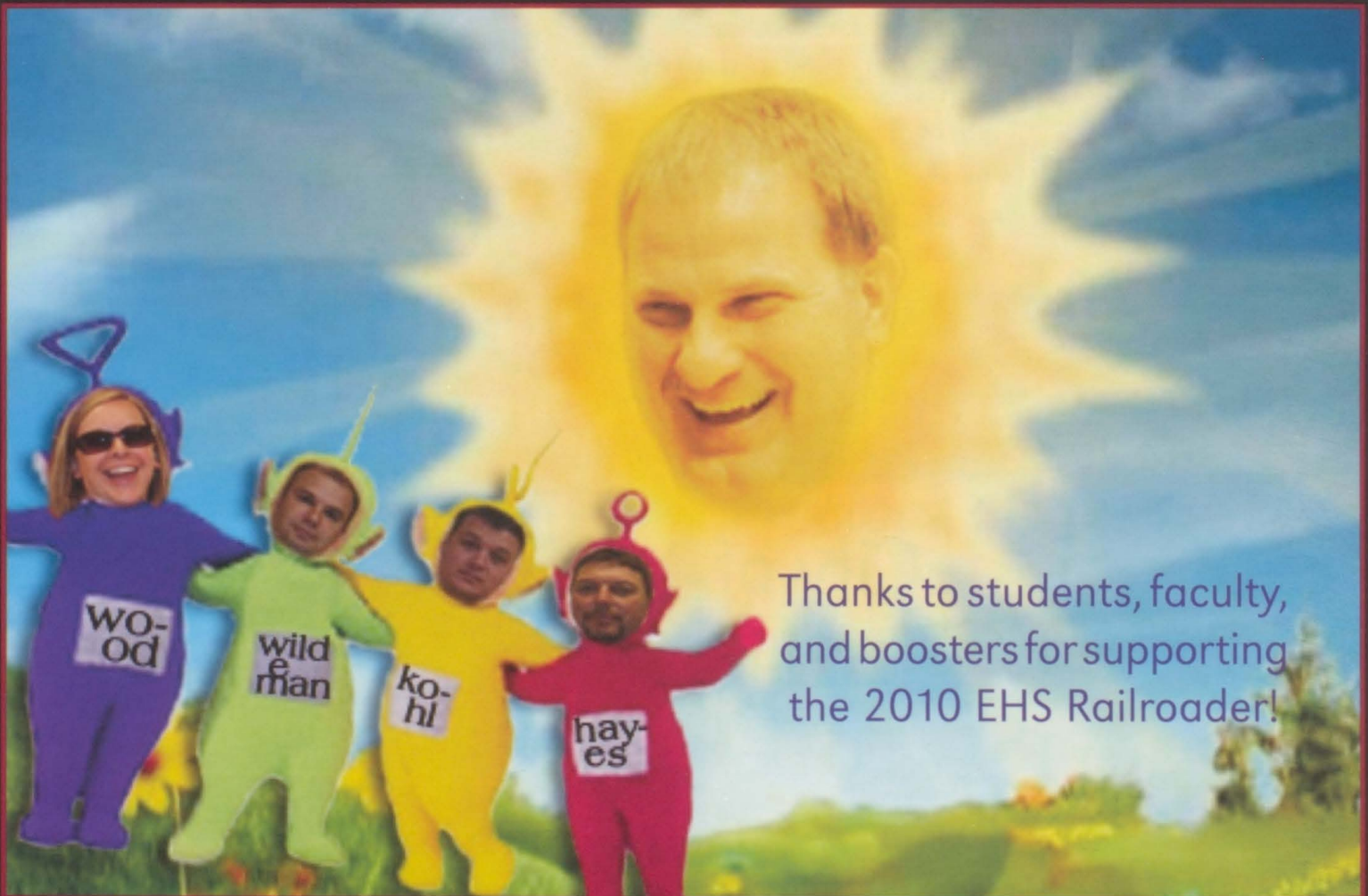
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Somewhere in between sneaking in a game of Bubble Struggle 2 during class and staying up too late working on your term paper, the 2009-2010 school year slipped away. Though the year comes to a close, the memories made during that time won't. Everyone will always have their personal memories, like watching a friend slip or acing a pop-quiz, but there are always those moments that everyone in the school will share, such as the pie-in-the-face fundraiser, homecoming, or a state-qualifying baseball season, as well as the moments that will be shared with the rest of America, like the H1N1 epidemic, the Saints winning the Super Bowl, and the passage of President Obama's healthcare bill. As the years go by, let this book help you hold on to the memories made at Ellis High School. Though 2010 may be another year in your life, it's a year worth remembering. Whether being at the top of the food chain or the fresh meat, you weren't just a student **Somewhere in Between**. You were, and always will be, a Railer.

Final Walk Dillon Kinderknecht^{sr} marches away from the school after completing the first day of senior finals. Photo by Kimberly Gottschalk

