

Our Day²





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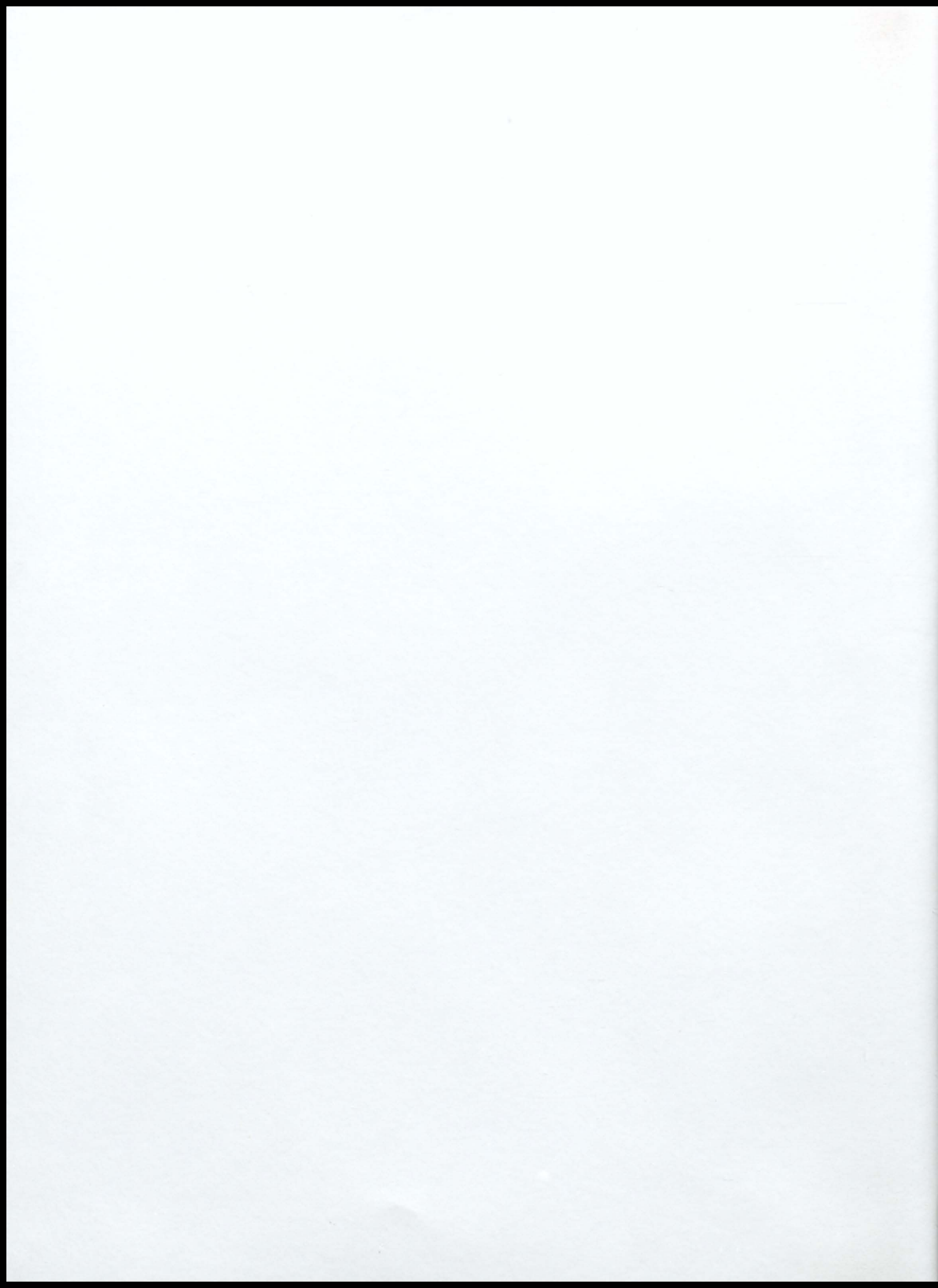
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No matter what we may be doing, these are *The Best Days* as we live our 2010-2011 year. Times come and go but we always remember and cherish these memories. Some of us may look forward to summer to be over with, but some of us want to hang out by the pool longer than the season lets us. Many of the same events will happen again in the next year, such as graphic organizers, tardies, and 8th Hours. Even though all of these events will take place again, many of us will be making our own changes. New friends and new challenges will provide us each with a new stepping stone to exciting adventures. These are the times in our lives that we are going to remember. These are

Our Day

Fall

Get Messy Sophomores Brayden Werth and Beth Augustine participate in a game during Homecoming at the pep rally. The object of the game was to put grapes smothered with whipped cream into your partner's mouth without looking. "It was a fun experience to be able to have whipped cream spread across my face," Augustine said.
Photo by Lacey Gaschler

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Fall Division

Courtney Waldschmidt





Skylar McGann¹²



Jacob Towns¹¹



Maggie Zody¹² and Kelsey Butler¹²



Dusty Bittel⁹

Believing to Succeed Small but Mighty

This year, the Cross Country team was small in size, but strong in will power. The team, made up of three seniors and one freshman, had to keep a positive outlook to have a successful season. With two returning members and two new members, Coach Wolf had to push the team to do their very best.

"Getting kids in believing they could succeed through hard work was the hardest thing about this season," Coach Wolf said.

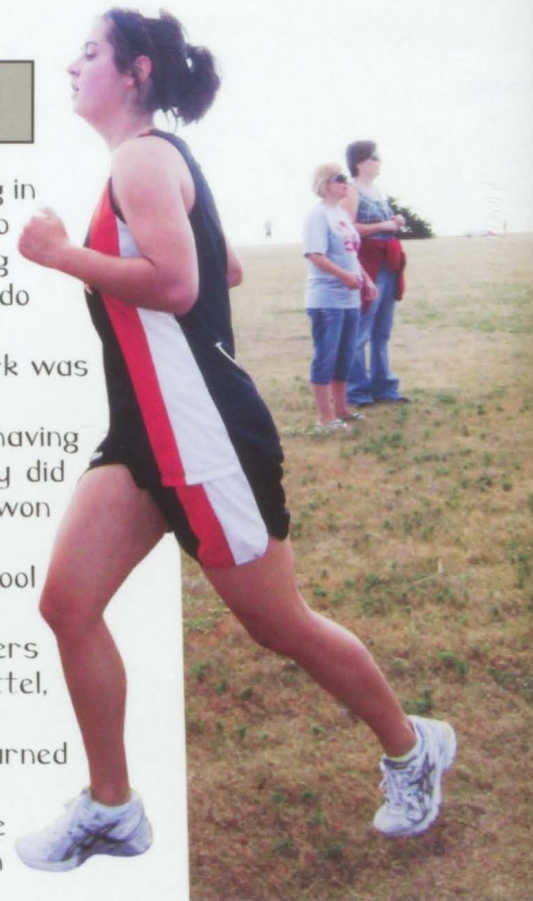
One way Wolf got the team to have a positive outlook was having laid-back practices and doing fun things during the season. Not only did team members run during practices, but they also played games and won prizes.

"My most favorite thing we did was play soccer at the grade school when we were joined by a bunch of little kids," Butler said.

Dusty Bittel⁹ and Skylar McGann¹² were the two new members of the team this year along with Jacob Towns¹¹, the team manager. Bittel, however, was the only underclassman on the team.

"It wasn't really that hard being the only freshman because I learned as I went and was able to get help from the seniors," Bittel said.

The Cross Country team finished out the season with everyone bettering their own personal times. At the end of the season, the team celebrated by conquering a 29-inch "Challenger" pizza at Arthur's.



Maggie Zody¹²

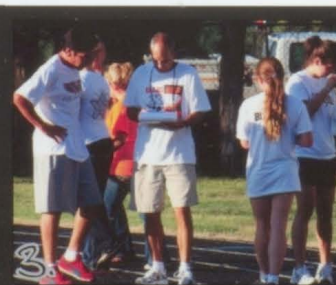
1. Thirst For Speed Dusty Bittel⁹ refuels with a cup full of H₂O during his race.

2. Passing Time Maggie Zody¹² pushes herself to pass an opponent at the Quinter meet.

3. And the Answer is... Coach Wolf tells runners Maggie Zody¹² and Kelsey Butler¹² their times after the Soap Scrimmage.

4. Breaking Through In Quinter, Skylar McGann¹² passes a group of opponents.

5. Eyes On The Prize Kelsey Butler¹² concentrates on the road ahead at the Quinter Meet.





Skylar McGann¹²



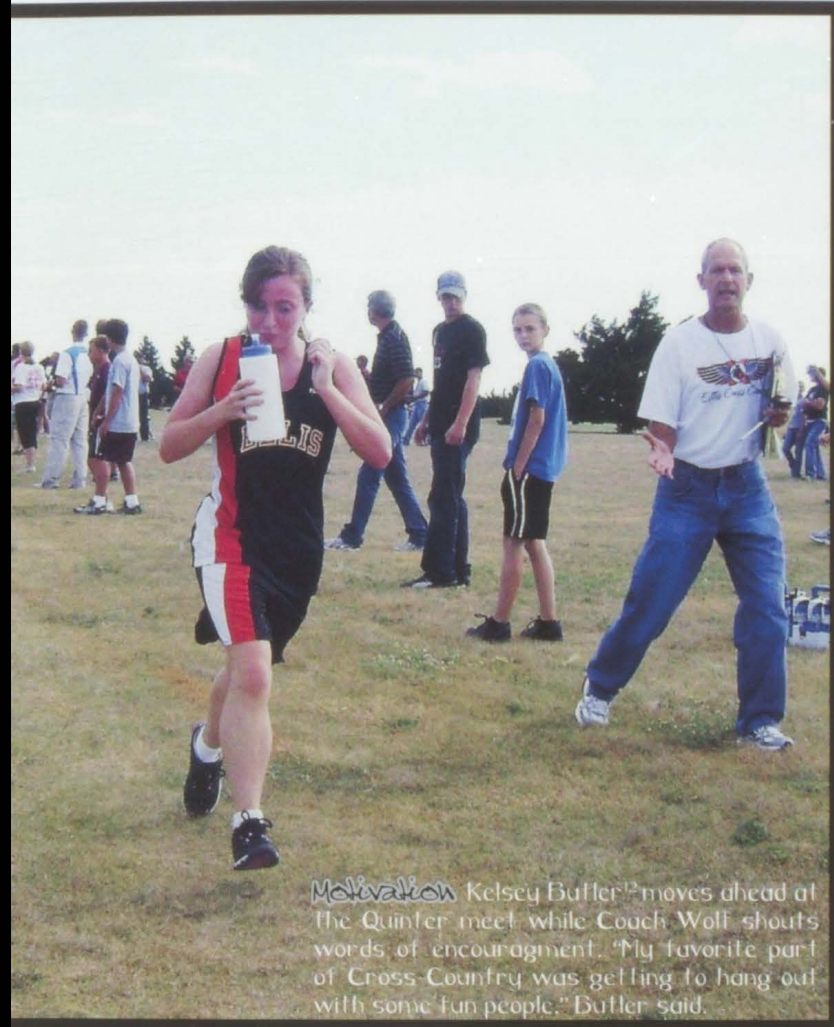
Kelsey Butler¹²



Maggie Zody¹²



Dusty Bittel⁹



Motivation Kelsey Butler¹² moves ahead at the Quinter meet while Coach Wolf shouts words of encouragement. "My favorite part of Cross Country was getting to hang out with some fun people," Butler said.



Leader of the Pack Maggie Zody¹² pulls ahead of the other runners at the Quinter meet. "Lady Gaga was my favorite music to listen to in order to get pumped. The Gaga always gets me a go go," Zody said.



In the Zone Dusty Bittel⁹ prepares for a meet. Bittel was the only freshman on the team this year. "My favorite song to get pumped would have to be "Creeping In My Soul" by Cryoshell and "When You're Evil" by Voltaire."



Time To Spare Jacob Towns¹¹ stands ready at the finish line to take down the times of the runners. As manager, Towns also had to make sure the runners were plenty hydrated.

"I think I had 8-10 pieces."

How many slices of pizza did you eat at the end of the season party?

Skylar McGann¹²



What was your best time?

Dusty Bittel⁹

23:30 at Wheatland

Kelsey Butler¹²

17:55 at Oberlin (Regionals)

Skylar McGann¹²

18:16 at Oberlin (Regionals)

Maggie Zody¹²

19:57 at Quinter

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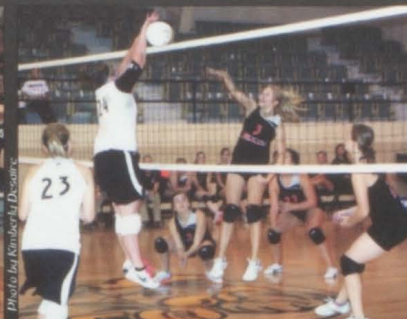
Cross Country
Olivia Zody



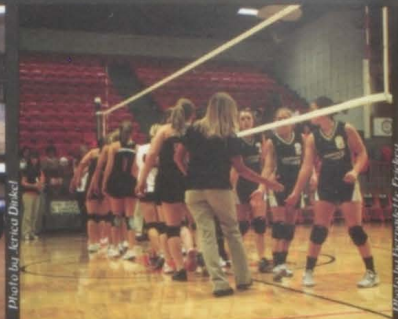
Bailey Hensley¹⁰



Candace Bollig¹⁰, Alesha Brenner¹²
Courtney Waldschmidt¹²



Chelsey Walters¹²



The Team

"No, I was planning on getting used to the school, then I might go out next year!"

Hard Work Pays Off

Kimberly Gottschalk¹² approaches for a tip against Natoma. Gottschalk played the role of outside hitter for the Lady Railers and was honored at the end of the season for most kills on the team.

Photo by Kimberly Desaire



Superstitions

Before each game, the Lady Railers had Kimberly Gottschalk¹² touch each of their shoes with her foot for luck. "It became something we always had to do before a game," Gottschalk said.

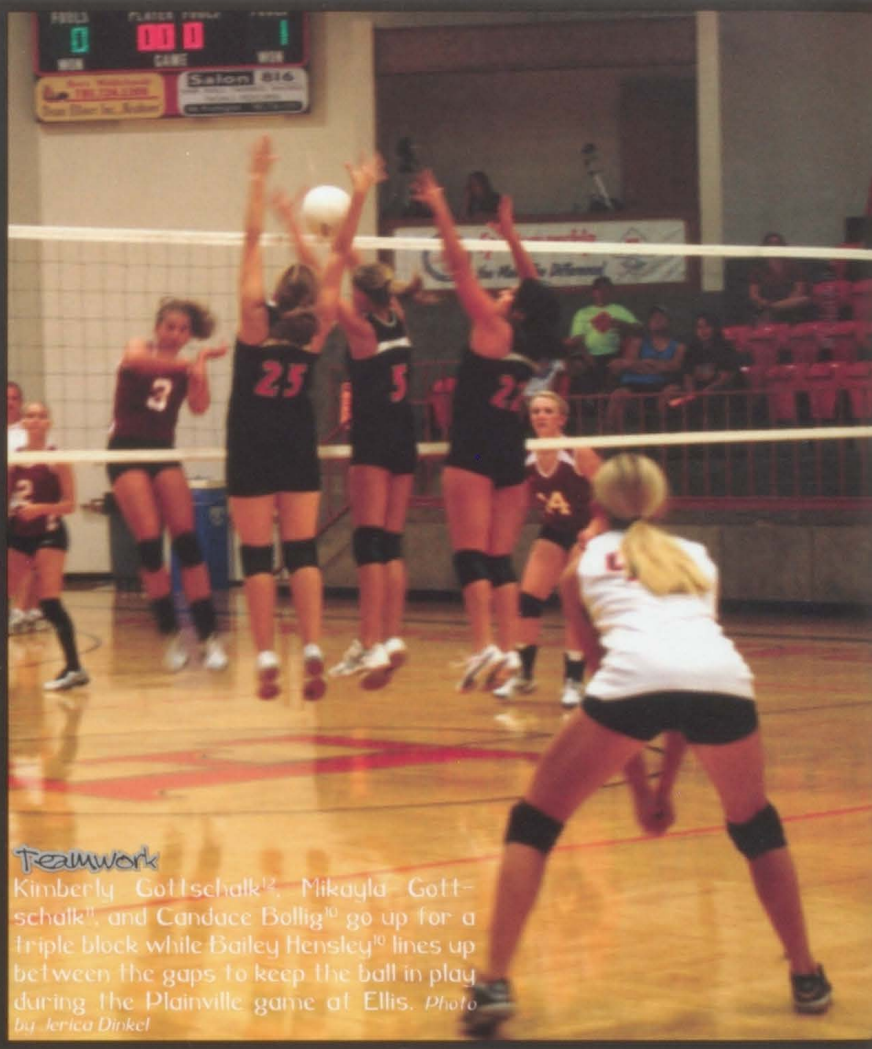
Photo by Ashleigh Basgall



Emotions Fly

Alesha Brenner¹² shares a moment with her parents on Senior Night. "My dad always says he doesn't love me, but now we have proof!" Brenner said. Brenner has been involved in volleyball for all four years.

Photo by Ashleigh Basgall



Teamwork

Kimberly Gottschalk¹², Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, and Candace Bollig¹⁰ go up for a triple block while Bailey Hensley¹⁰ lines up between the gaps to keep the ball in play during the Plainville game at Ellis.

Photo by Jerica Dinkel

Coming to a new school were you planning on joining the volleyball team?

Monica Townis⁹



SCORE

Hill City 10-25 7-25 L
Palco 25-19 25-12 W
Plainville 13-25 12-25 L
LaCrosse 25-12 25-29 W

Otis-Bison Tournament

Triplains 25-15 25-13 W
LaCrosse 25-16 18-25 24-26 W
Kinsley 25-13 25-12 W
Clafin 25-23 25-14 24-26 L

Smith Center 19-25 8-25 L
Victoria 16-25 25-20 25-18 W
Trego 25-19 21-25 15-25 L
Western Plains 25-23 25-18 W
Stockton 25-22 25-22 W
Phillipsburg 10-25 19-25 L
Osborne 22-25 22-25 L

Ellis Invitational

Palco 25-3 25-9 W
Northern Valley 25-17 26-24 W
Stockton 25-23 23-14 W
Victoria 25-9 23-25 17-25 L

Western Plains 25-12 25-22 W
Quinter 15-25 19-25 L
Natoma 28-26 25-17 W
Palco 25-12 25-12 W

MCL

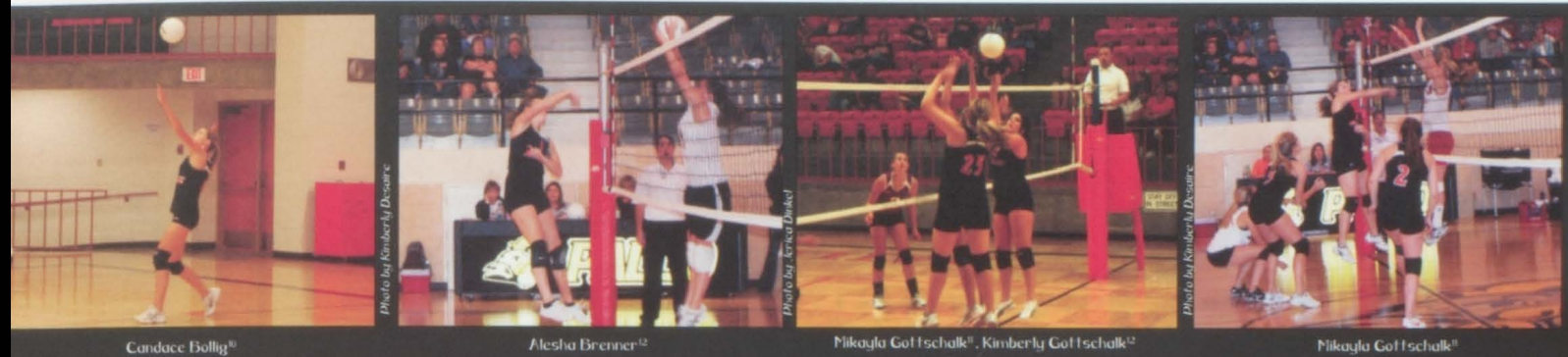
Smith Center 17-25 11-25 L
Phillipsburg 12-25 25-25 L
Norton 19-25 25-28 25-18 W

Sub-State

LaCrosse 21-25 25-19 23-25 L

All League Honorable Mention

Courtney Waldschmidt



Candace Bollig¹⁰

Alesha Brenner¹²

Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, Kimberly Gottschalk¹²

Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹

New Coach, New Ideas

Changing Tradition

In sports, some things change but the fun is always there. For the Lady Railers, the tradition of winning was very present, even though for the past four years they've had three different coaches. The previous coaches have had coaching experience, but for Ellen Dreyer it was a new experience.

Coach Dreyer had new drills, techniques, and skills to show the girls in practice. Dreyer had played volleyball for Fort Hays previous to coaching. She was eager to have a new experience, one that started with the Lady Railers.

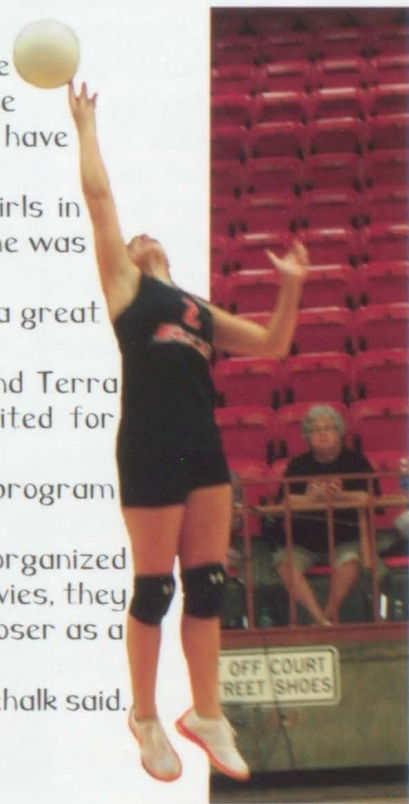
"It was so much more than I ever could have expected. The girls did a great job this season, and I can't wait to see what else is to come!" Dreyer said.

The Railers had two returning assistant coaches, Shelly Hensley and Terra Upham. The drills Dreyer brought kept everyone on their toes and excited for practice.

"Her new ideas and drills will develop a very fundamentally-based program with a lot of future success," Upham said.

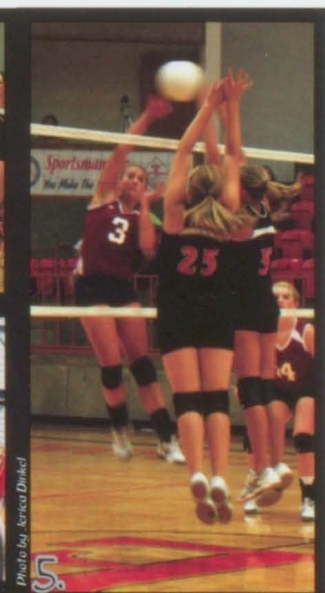
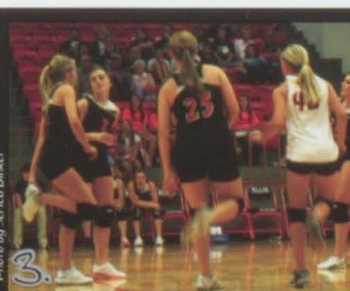
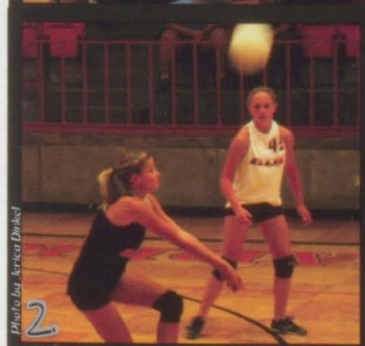
Dreyer wanted the girls to come together more as a team, so she organized a night out at Thirsty's and a movie afterwards. While they were at the movies, they took sticky stars and put them all over the movie theater. The girls came closer as a team and as friends.

"The experience was the best and brought us closer as a team," Gottschalk said. Dreyer plans to return for the 2011 season.



Courtney Walschmidt¹²

Photo by Jerica Dinkel



1. Undivided Attention The team listens closely to Coach Dreyer during the Hill City game.

2. Patiently Waiting Candace Bollig¹⁰ passes the ball during the Plainville game.

3. Team Celebration The Railers celebrate an ace serve against Plainville.

4. Throwin' Candy Bailey Hensley¹⁰, Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, Candace Bollig¹⁰, and Stephanie Young¹² ride on the volleyball float during Homecoming.

5. She Said No Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹ and Candace Bollig¹⁰ block a spike against Plainville.

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Jared Herli¹¹



Garrett Rupp¹¹, Logan Fuchs¹⁰, Scott Pfeifer⁹



Team Huddle



Cadyn McCoy¹⁰

New Season, New Obstacles Perseverance

A new season finally arrived for the Ellis football team this fall with a roster of 37 guys on the team. Much time and preparation went into becoming the team that they were this year.

In the middle of the season, three key players were injured and out for the remainder of the season.

"I just tried to help coach some of the guys whenever I could here and there mainly on defense though. It was definitely hard at times for me to be positive, but the Oakley game was really exciting, and I was pumped for the team afterwards coming away with a big win!" Jared Herli¹¹ said.

The Railers had a constant battle in the game against the Oakley Plainsmen. The two teams fought for the lead throughout the game. In the end, Ellis finally pulled out the win, 23-15.

"Beating Oakley for the district championship was most memorable because of what was at stake and the way the team overcame adversity to play one of their best games of the season. It was a great win and will always be one of the most memorable for me, even if it was the last victory of the season," Coach Hayes said.

The Railers lost to Stanton County at home in the bi-district game, 7-52, ending their season with a record of 5-5.

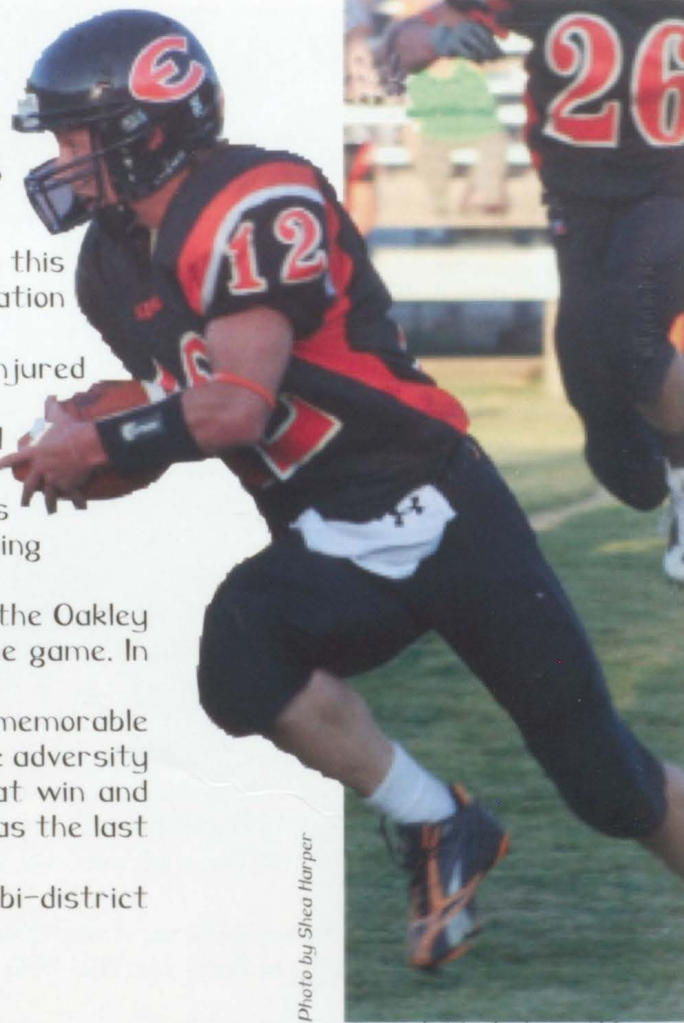


Photo by Shea Harper

Jacob Kinderknecht¹²

1. **Down, Set, Hit** Todd Smith¹² stands ready during the Plainville game. "The guy across from me didn't know what he was getting himself into," Smith said.

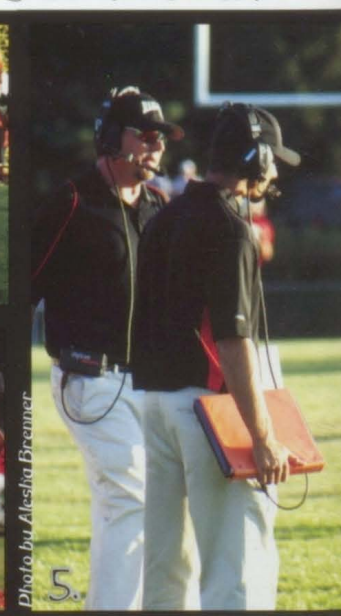
2. **Pushing Off** Riley Hunsicker¹¹ attempts to get open for a pass.

3. **Turn on the Afterburners** Jacob Kinderknecht¹² runs the ball against the Norton Bluejays.

4. **Let the Games Begin** Senior captains meet in the middle of the field before the game against Leoti.

5. **Complete Passion** Coaches Hayes and Amrein discuss strategy during the Plainville game.

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Ethan Cox¹² and Jared Knoll¹²



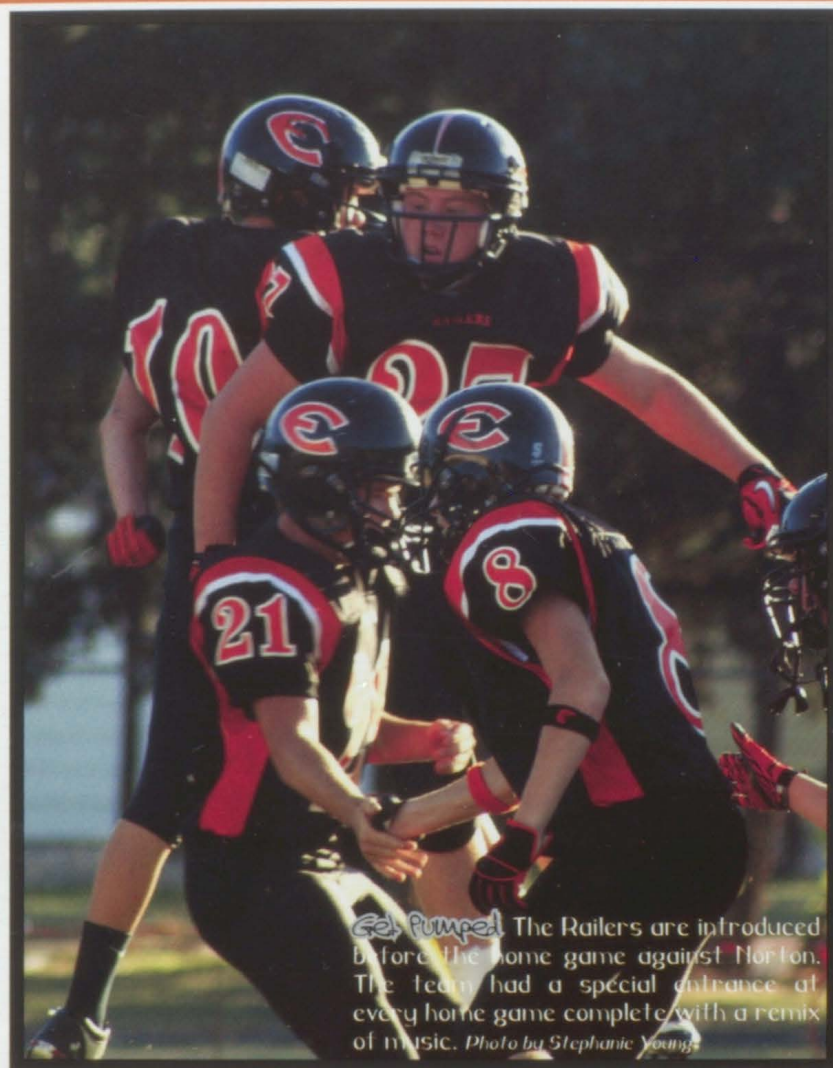
Jared Herl¹⁰, Matt Gehring¹², Logan Mattheyer¹²



Meny Rodriguez¹¹ and Todd Smith¹²



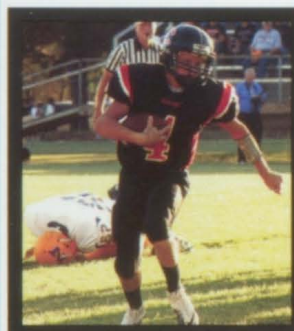
Logan Fuchs¹⁰



Get Pumped The Railers are introduced before the home game against Norton. The team had a special entrance at every home game complete with a remix of music. Photo by Stephanie Young



I Love You Man
Coach Hayes gives Todd Smith¹² a hug after the Railers defeated Oakley, 23-15. "I was pumped for the team afterwards coming away with a big win and for Coach, too, because I know how bad he wanted revenge on Oakley," junior Jared Herl said. Photo by Stephanie Young



It's All Good
Riley Hunsicker¹¹ receives the football after a completed pass from Jacob Kinderknecht in the game against Norton. The Railers opened their season being defeated by the Bluejays, 13-0. Photo by Stephanie Young



Intently Watching
Several Ellis Varsity watch the varsity against Smith Center, trying to scope out their weaknesses. The players had to be ready at a moment's notice to be put into the game. Photo by Jessie Lopez

"Wide Receiver because, I think it would be fun!"

you want to play and why?
Brittany Dinkap



Scores

Team

Score

MCL All-League

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|----------------|-------|
| Norton | 0-13 |
| Plainville | 22-10 |
| Smith Center | 12-22 |
| Phillipsburg | 7-24 |
| Atwood | 35-21 |
| Leoti | 34-14 |
| St. Francis | 6-22 |
| Oberlin | 35-8 |
| Oakley | 25-15 |
| Stanton County | 7-52 |

1st Team Offense
Jacob Kinderknecht (QB)

1st Team Defense
Jacob Kinderknecht (DB)

2nd Team Offense
Tyler Walters (WR)
Scott Fuller (TE)
Matt Gehring (C)

2nd Team Defense
Matt Gehring (DE)
Garrett Rupp (DT)
Riley Hunsicker (DB)
Scott Fuller (LB)
Jared Herl (LB)

Honorable Mention Offense
Jared Herl (TE)
Logan Mattheyer (C)
Meny Rodriguez (K)

All-State

Jacob Kinderknecht - 1st Team Defensive Back
Matt Gehring - Honorable Mention Linebacker

"Orange and black day. It is the day of the football game."

Which spirit day did you enjoy the most?

Nancy Dinges¹¹



Austin Lopez¹¹ and Mr. Dale



Cheerleaders



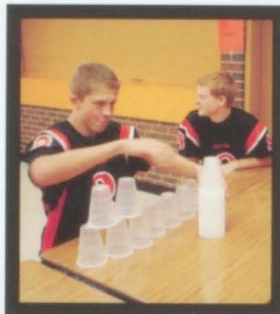
Zach Werth¹² and Emily Durheim¹²



Dru Stropes¹⁰

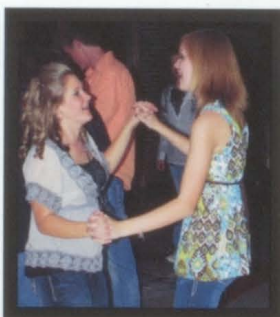
Hard Concentration

Tyler Walters¹⁰ focuses on building a pyramid out of cups for the "Minute to Win It" games held during Homecoming week while teammate Blake Hudson¹⁰ watches other competitors. Photo by Lacey Gaschler



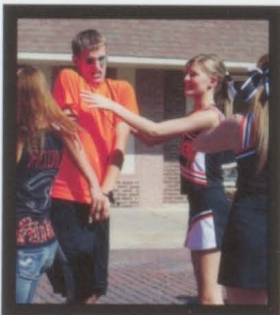
Get Jiggy With A Freshmen

Regan Krause and Samantha Graves share a song together at the Homecoming dance. "As a freshman, I didn't expect homecoming to be as exciting and busy as it was," Krause said. Photo by Jill Wood



Spinnin' Round

Lyle Fischer¹¹ and Shelby Hollern¹¹ get turned around by classmates at the homecoming pep rally. They then lay on the ground and attempted to put grapes with Cool Whip in their partners' mouths. Photo by Lacey Gaschler



Striving for the Touchdown

Bailey Hensley¹⁰ runs the ball during the powderpuff football game while Ashley Augustine¹² tries to grab her flag. Photo by Nicholas Rault

Career Day



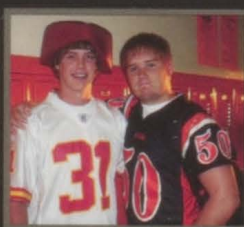
Jared Herl¹¹ and Rachel Mick¹²

Retro Day



Kaleigh Soneson⁹

Sports Team Day



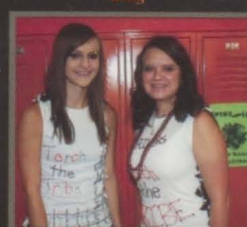
Joey Augustine¹² and Logan Mattheyer¹²

Costume Day



Cadyn McCoy¹⁰

Orange and Black Day



Shelby Hollern¹¹ and Bernadette Frickey¹¹

Spirit Week's Best Dressed

All Photos by Jenny Hollern



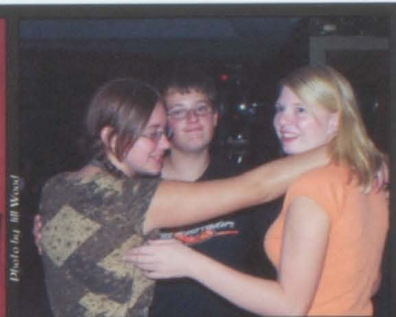
Braden Parke⁹



FFA Float



Jerica Dinkel¹¹ and Brittany Dinkel⁹



Ashley Morales¹⁰, Alan Wilson⁹, Alexis Rose¹⁰

Save the Best For Last Spirit on Fire

Another year of homecoming has come and gone. For seniors, it was their last one, for the freshman, it was their first experience, and as for the sophomores and juniors, they got to enjoy another year of spirit week, homecoming activities, the bonfire, a parade, pep rallies, the football game, and the homecoming dance.

"The best thing about the bonfire this year was the size and heat of it. I got compliments about it from people all around town saying it was the biggest one ever," Senior Daniel Honas said who helped build the 2010 bonfire.

Thursday night, the bonfire ended early because it was too big, but people did not go home. Everyone ended up at Memorial Park with the guys running around catching people to throw into the water fountain just like years before. On Friday, EHS crowned a new homecoming king and queen, added another win to the football record, and went to the dance later that night.

"This year's homecoming was probably the best of my high school career," Stephanie Young¹² said.

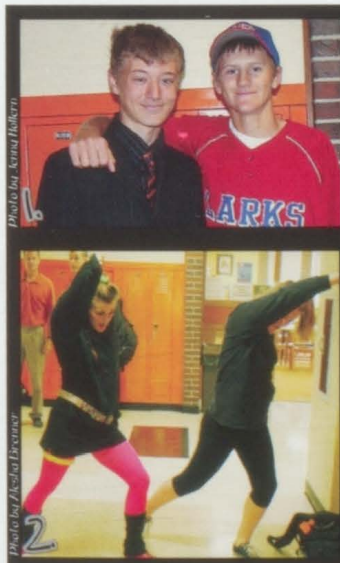


Photo by Anna Holten



Photo by Stephanie Young



Photo by Lacey Gaschler

1. Takin' Time Out Freshmen Scott Pfeifer and Dusty Bittel pose for a picture during career day.

2. Jaggercise Courtney Waldschmidt¹² and Stephanie Young¹² do a workout in their retro outfits.

3. Royalty Senior homecoming candidates Jacob Kinderknecht, King Matt Gehring, Jared Knoll, Courtney Waldschmidt, Queen Chelsey Walters, and Alesha Brenner pose with the flower girl Makenna Kohl and the crown bearer Jose Herman.

4. Creativity Sparks Ashleigh Basgall¹¹ makes a poster to be put on the royalty cars during the homecoming parade.

5. Two in One Seniors Emily Durham and Kimberly Desaire share being a Rubik's Cube for costume day. "Even though I didn't dress up in my own costume, my friend was there to share with me," Desaire¹² said.



Kathryn Sleigh¹²



Todd Smith¹², Tanner Gugler¹², Maggie Zody¹²



Emily Durheim¹²



Todd Smith¹²

"I really enjoyed my first Homecoming this year! It was fun."



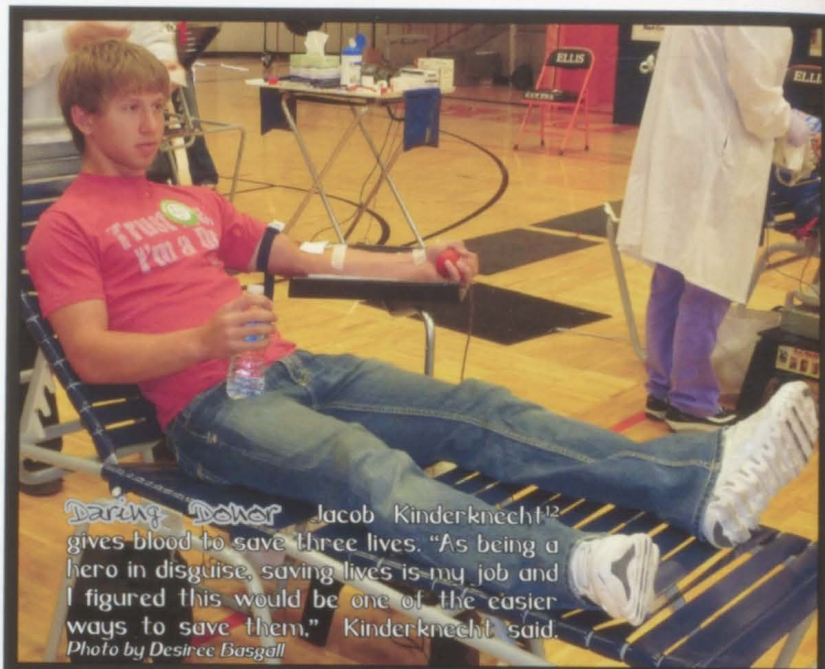
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Maggie Zody¹²

Vice Pres
Courtney Waldschmidt¹²



Treasurer
Todd Smith¹²

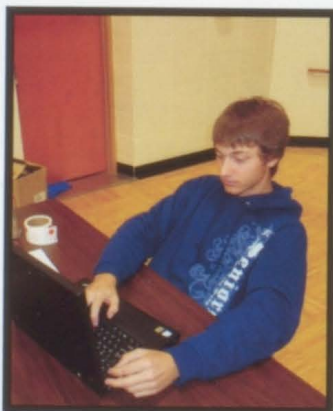
Secretary
Rachel Mick¹²



Daring Donor Jacob Kinderknecht¹² gives blood to save three lives. "As being a hero in disguise, saving lives is my job and I figured this would be one of the easier ways to save them," Kinderknecht said.
Photo by Desiree Basgall

How did you like homecoming this year?

Kourtney Kaicy⁹



A Helping Hand Daniel Honas¹² volunteers at the snack and juice table for people who were courageous enough to donate blood. "I got to give the people who donated a sticker when they came to the table," Honas said. Photo by Desiree Basgall

Leading by Example One School, One Council

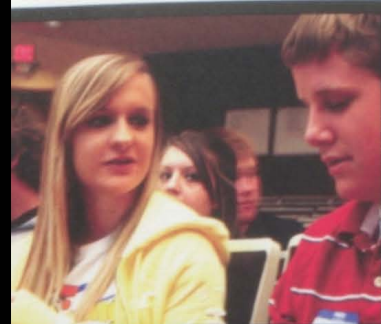
Student Council is an organization that teaches students how the government system works. STUCO president Maggie Zody¹² was elected by her peers last year in the student elections.

"I feel honored that my fellow schoolmates would elect me to represent them. I try to stand for and support them as much as possible," Zody said.

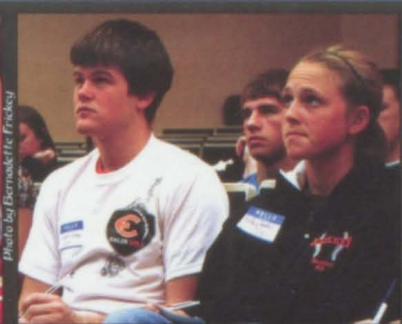
STUCO is a big part in getting all the homecoming activities together. They also hold the blood drive at the high school. About 76 students and staff donated this year.



Tanner Gugler¹² and Todd Smith¹²



Jenny Hollern¹¹



Landon Younger⁹ and Bailey Hensley¹⁰



Dylan Krause¹¹



Nick Gehring⁹



Gabe He Monckies, Brittany Dinkel⁹ and Jared Herl¹¹ get lunch during the Class Leadership meeting. "It's fun being in Class Leadership because you get to meet new people and learn the roles of being a good leader," Dinkel said. Photo by Bernadette Frickey

"In order to be extrardornary you have to stop being ordinary."
-Landon Younger⁹

What did you learn?

"I learned to not think just about yourself, but to think about others in the situation, and treat them the way YOU want to be treated."

-Breanna Kroeger¹¹

"I made a lot of new people and became friends with most of them. It's fun to be able to see people from other schools like me."

What is your favorite thing about class leadership?

Nick Gehring⁹

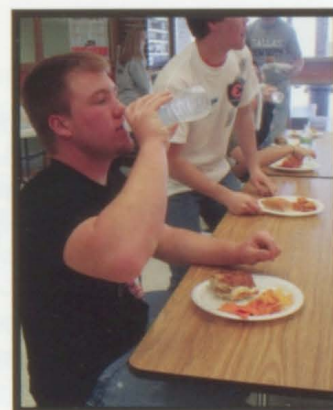
New Leaders Emerge Becoming More Involved

This year Ellis High School joined the Class Leadership program with Ness City and LaCrosse. The students that are involved in this program were selected by the teachers to participate in this program, and most of them are class or club officers.

The students traveled to different schools once a month to listen to a variety of speakers and to have a tour of each school they visited.

They participated in many leadership activities as they visited each school. Each time they would learn a new leadership role.

"It was fun being able to listen to what great ideas the speakers had in becoming a better leader in and out of school. It was also fun to meet new people from other schools. I was able to make many new friends," Cadyn McCoy¹⁰ said.



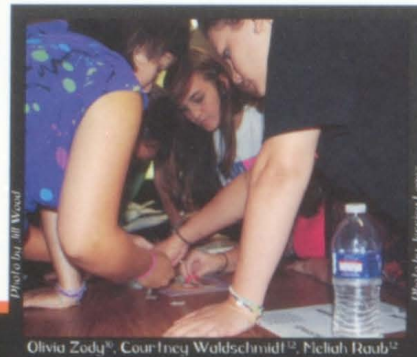
Clug 4 Sophomore Cadyn McCoy takes a drink during the lunch Ellis High School provided for the Class Leadership groups. "It's fun eating with the other people from other schools. It's the best time to get to know them," McCoy said. Photo by Bernadette Frickey



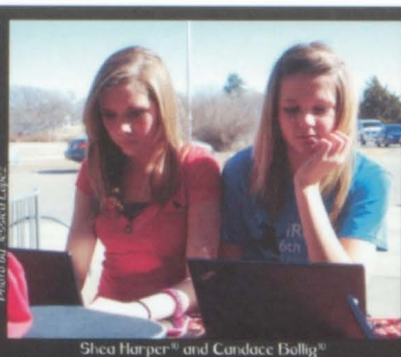
Shelby Hollern¹¹

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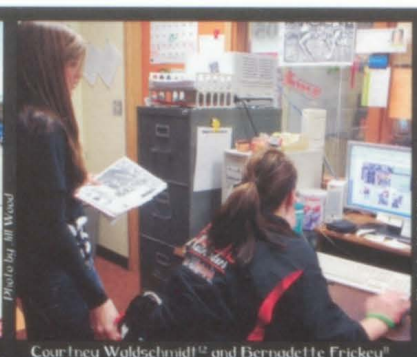
Class Leadership
Bernadette Frickey



Olivia Zody¹², Courtney Waldschmidt¹², Meliah Raub¹²



Shea Harper¹⁰ and Candace Bollig¹⁰



Courtney Waldschmidt¹² and Bernadette Frickey¹¹

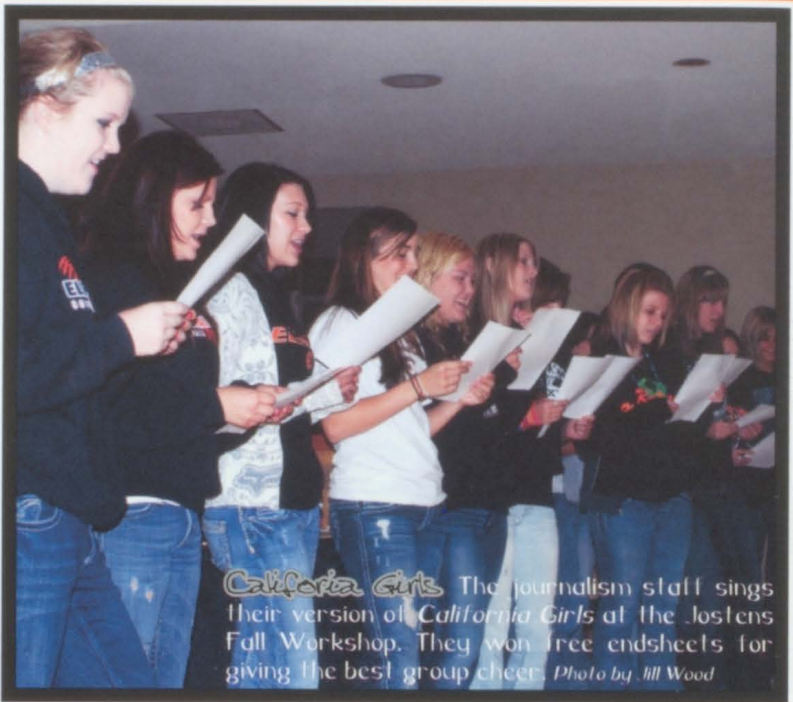


Jessica Lopez¹²

"Well, I think it's a little bit of both!"

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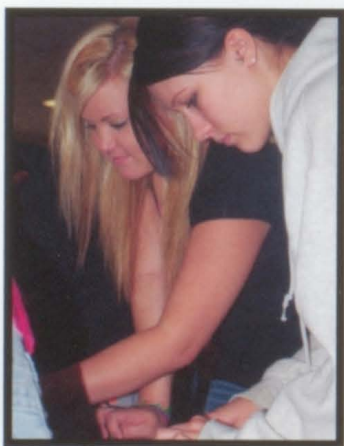


California Girls The journalism staff sings their version of *California Girls* at the Jostens Fall Workshop. They won free endsheets for giving the best group cheer. Photo by Jill Wood

That's What We Said

Wrap Your Head Around This

Is Journalism more fun than it is work?



Puzzle Kimberly Desaire¹² and Lacey Gaschler¹² try and put together a puzzle for a journalism teambuilding activity the first week of school. They had to work together in a group without talking to complete the project. Photo by Jill Wood

Bleeding pictures. COBs. Gutters. What language is this? Yearbook-speak, of course. Beginning staffers have much to learn in the first few weeks of school, but eventually they figure out what goes into the creation of the yearbook.

"It's interesting to see beyond the pictures and what's really happening!" Bernadette Frickey¹¹ said.

The year began with co-editors Kimberly Desaire¹² and Courtney Waldschmidt¹² traveling to Journalism camp at Kansas State University. The girls went to many sessions that helped them develop a theme and design layouts.

"Even though camp was frustrating, coming back and working with our ideas turned into a great success," Desaire¹² said.

The staff consisted of 13 members this year. They attended a Jostens Workshop and the KSPA conference, both held at Fort Hays State University. Later in the year, six staff members qualified for the State Journalism contest in Lawrence in May by placing at Regionals.



Courtney Waldschmidt¹²

Photo by Meliah Raub



Maggie Zody¹², Kelsey Butler¹²,
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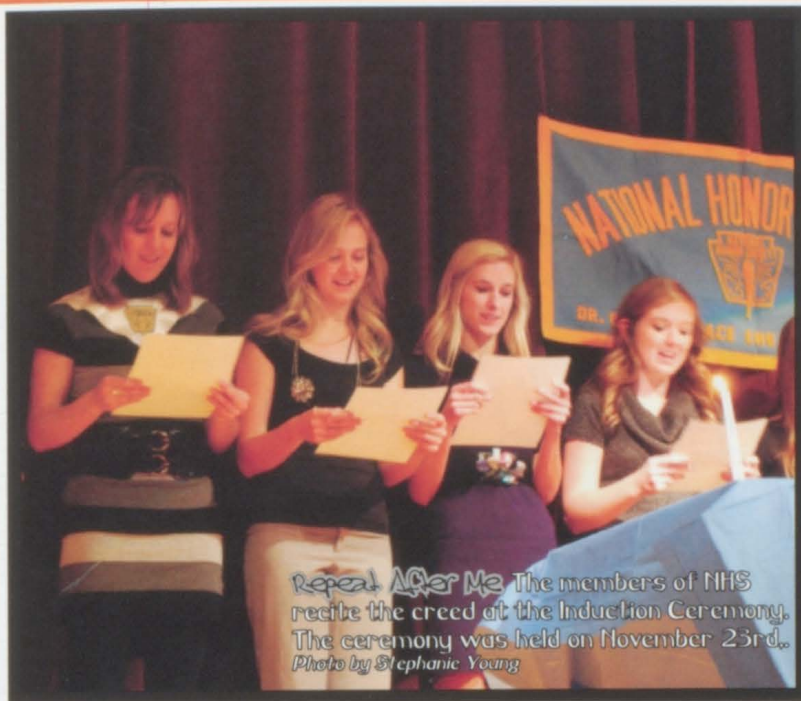
NHS Members



Breanna Kreoger¹¹, Shelby Hollern¹¹, Jenny Hollern¹¹,
Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, Joey Augustine¹²



Chelsey Walters¹² and Courtney Waldschmidt¹²



Repeat After Me The members of NHS
recite the creed at the Induction Ceremony.
The ceremony was held on November 23rd.
Photo by Stephanie Young

| Members | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Alesha Brenner ¹² President | | Joey Augustine ¹² | |
| Kelsey Butler ¹² | | Rachel Mick ¹² | |
| Chelsey Walters ¹² | | Maggie Zody ¹² | |
| Mikayla Gottschalk ¹¹ | | Jenny Hollern ¹¹ | |
| Shelby Hollern ¹¹ | | Breanna Kreoger ¹¹ | |

"It would help me do better in school."

Why would you like to be in NHS?

London Younger¹¹



Above and Beyond Striving for the Best

National Honor Society is both an educational experience and a way to build leadership skills for each of the members. The requirements to be in NHS include having a GPA of 3.5, performing 40 or more volunteer hours, being active in seven or more leadership roles within the school or community, and being evaluated by the EHS teachers on their character. Alesha Brenner¹², president of NHS, has been a member for two years.

"NHS has helped me work hard in school because I know that I must keep a high GPA," Brenner said, "I recommend that many other students strive for NHS. All the hard work pays off."

Maggie Zody¹², senior member of NHS, agrees.

"Although NHS might sound like a lot of pressure and work, in the end it all pays off. It has strengthened my leadership and goals. It is something excellent to strive for and gives infinite potential to the members," Zody said.



Light It Up Joey Augustine¹² lights his candle at the Induction Ceremony. Four candles are lit during the ceremony, one for each of the four core values of the society. Photo by Stephanie Young

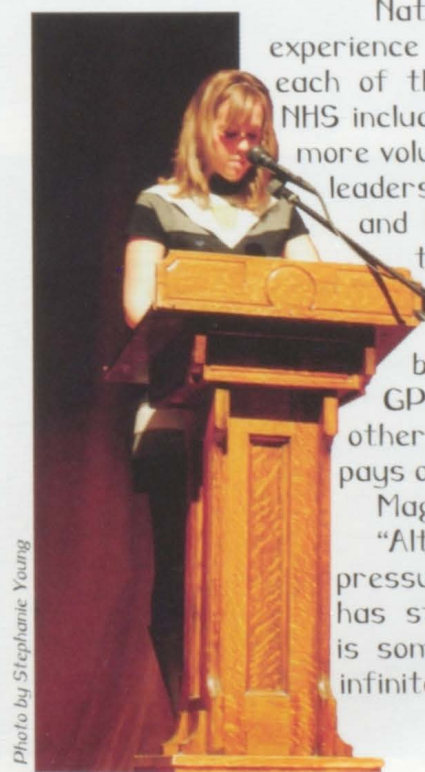


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Alesha Brenner¹²

Jacob Towns¹¹ and Lyle Fischer¹¹Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹Bernadette Frickey¹¹ and Riley Hunsicker¹¹JJ Hernandez¹¹, Breanna Kroeger¹¹,
Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹

Lights, Camera, Action

Practice Makes Perfect

Three hours every practice, two days a week, close to two months straight. Everyone agreed it was a struggle pulling the junior class play together, but they worked hard to get it done and were ready to perform.

"I thought the play went even better than we all expected! We had a lot of problems at our practices because everyone goofed around. At the practice the night before the play, we all managed to focus in and get the deed done. The day of the two plays was the best we ever performed them," Shelby Hollern¹¹ said.

The play, "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night," was staged for November 13. There was a matinee performance during school and then again that evening.

"It surprised me how well the play turned out. It was alot better than I expected. I think they did a great job," Landon Younger⁹ said.

There were plenty of opportunities to throw out a laugh or two during the play. Many characters had the personality to fill their roles.

"It made me giggle when Lyle Fischer broke out his dance moves," Olivia Zody¹⁰ said.

12 cast members, 3 stage crew members, and one coach. That's all it took to perform yet another successful junior class play.

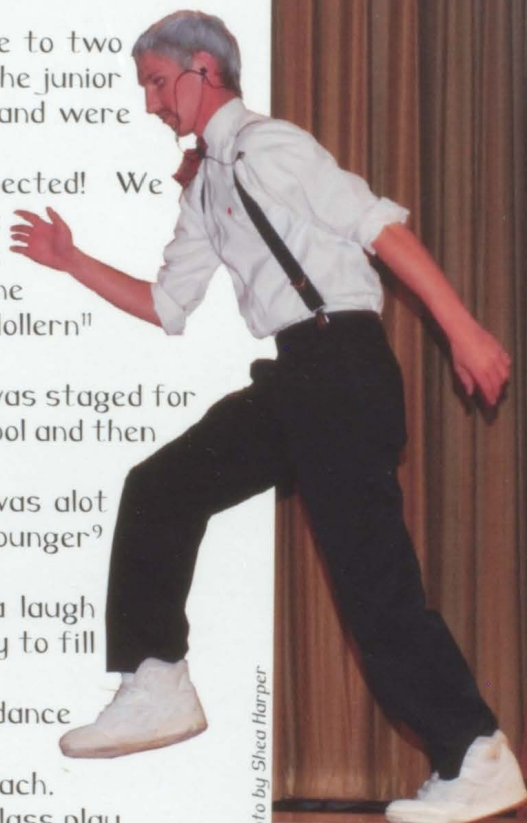


Photo by Shea Harper

Lyle Fischer¹¹

1. Gaffer Round Bernadette Frickey¹¹ tells everyone who will be receiving the assets of the will.

2. I Do Riley Hunsicker¹¹ proposes to Bernadette Frickey¹¹ for the millionth time.

3. Down and Out JJ Hernandez¹¹ and Todd Smith¹² assist Shelby Hollern¹¹ after she gets knocked out.

4. Wait a Minute Jenny Hollern¹¹ is shocked to see that Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, the male clown, was actually a girl.

5. On the Move Riley Hunsicker¹¹ wheels Bernadette Frickey¹¹ out on stage to perform their act.

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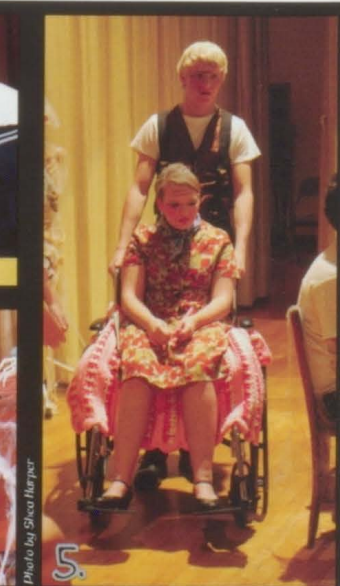
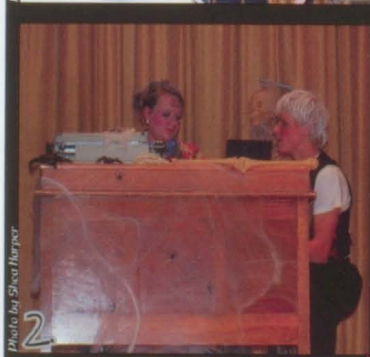


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Nancy Dinges¹¹, Heather Hollingshead¹¹,
Ms. Hanks



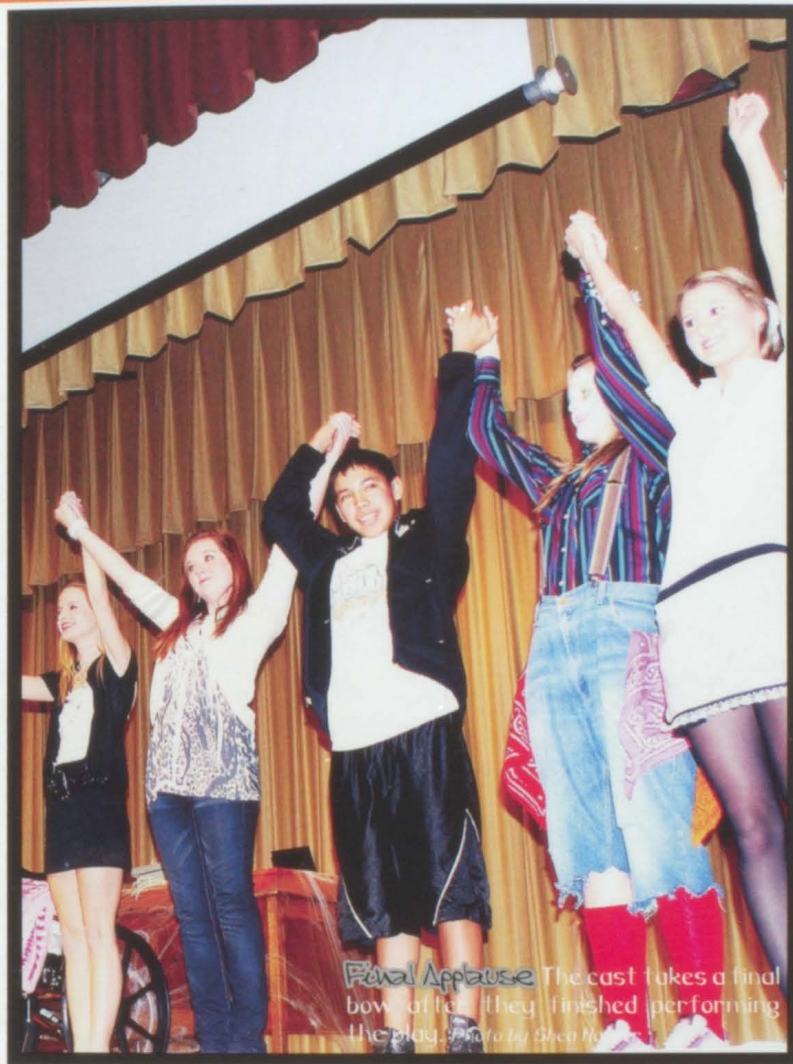
Lyle Fischer¹¹



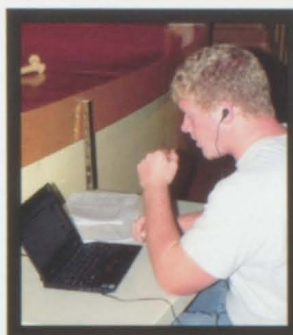
Riley Hunsicker¹¹, Breanna Kroeger¹¹,
Lyle Fischer¹¹



Breanna Kroeger¹¹



Final Applause The cast takes a final bow after they finished performing the play. Photo by Sheela Halper



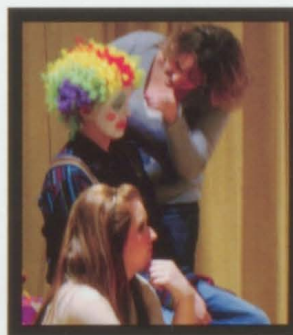
Sound Check

Garrett Rupp¹¹ checks the special effect noises during the play. Rupp wanted to be involved in the play without being in the cast. Stage Crew was an opportunity for him to fill a role with no lines to learn. Photo by Stephanie Young



Helping Hands

Todd Smith¹² and JJ Hernandez¹¹ carry Lyle Fischer¹¹ away from the scene. Smith was selected to help out the Junior Class by filling the role of Ozzie due to injuries. "I really enjoy acting and I felt it would be really fun and easy," Smith said.



Clowning Around

Ms. Hanks applies makeup on Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹, better known as Chuck, the clown. Make-up was a necessity for the play. The make-up helped people visualize the actual character that they portraying to be. Photo by Stephanie Young

"I wasn't nervous until Ms. Hanks put makeup on me."

Were you nervous before the play?

JJ Hernandez¹¹



Cast

Aunt Maggity - Bernadette Frickey¹¹
Humpheries - Riley Hunsicker¹¹
Frankie - JJ Hernandez¹¹
Richard - Kyle Weber¹¹

Chuck - Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹
Lavina - Jenny Hollern¹¹
Lola - Breanna Kroeger¹¹
Al - Jacob Towns¹¹

Dreadon - Lyle Fischer¹¹
Ozzie - Todd Smith¹²
Chloe - Shelby Hollern¹¹

Stage Crew

Nancy Dinges¹¹, Heather Hollingshead¹¹, Meny Rodriguez¹¹, Garret Rupp¹¹

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Jr. Class Play
Courtney Waldschmidt

winter

Takin' Control Austin Lopez" pins his opponent while he has his opponent in a headlock, leading to a 2nd place finish at the Bob Kuhn Classic in Hays. "I realized that I could go to the finals sometime my sophomore year, and after I got beat in the semifinals, I told myself I was making it to the finals no matter what," Lopez said. *Photo by Jessie Lopez*

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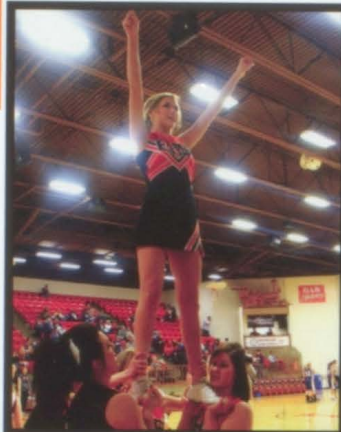
Winter Division
Courtney Waldschmidt



Takin' a Break The Cheerleaders play "Chubby Bunny" during halftime of one of the boys' basketball games. "The game is so much fun, because everyone makes a fool out of themselves by stuffing huge marshmallows into their mouth. Something about people trying to say "chubby bunny" with their mouths full is really funny," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*

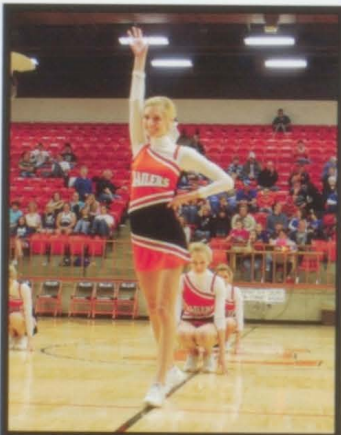
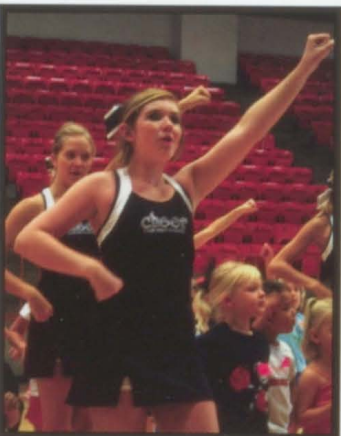


Dance Dance Regan Krause⁹ and Courtney Waldschmidt¹² perform a choreographed dance during halftime of this year's Homecoming game. The cheerleading squad dances every year at Homecoming and at most home games during the football and basketball seasons. "I love to dance at games! It's also fun to try to get the crowd involved and to hear people cheering us on!" Krause said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*



1, 2, Down, Up Kimberly Gottschalk¹², Regan Krause⁹, and Jenny Hollern¹¹ practice lifting Shea Harper¹⁰ before the basketball games. "I've been flying my whole cheerleading career. I have to trust my lifters a lot because after I was dropped a couple times, I learned not to be so scared and know I can depend on them," Harper said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*

A Little Bit of Spirit Breanna Kroeger¹¹ teaches a dance at the annual Pee Wee Cheer Camp. "My favorite part of Pee-Wee Cheer Camp is the night of the performance! I love seeing all of the little girls dressed up and excited to be with the cheerleaders. I think that the little girls get confidence to go out in front of people and perform," Kroeger said. *Photo by Bernadette Frickey*



Introducing... Rachel Mick¹² has her name called before the dance during halftime of a boys basketball game. Mick choreographed most of the dances the cheerleaders performed during the cheerleading season. To get in front of the crowd takes a lot of mental and physical preparation. "I wonder what everyone is thinking about and I am also thinking about the moves," Mick said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*



Dancing Fever The Cheerleading Squad dances at State Wrestling held at Gross Memorial Colliseum in Hays. This is the first time in seven years the cheerleaders were selected to dance at the tournament. *Photo by Stephanie Young*

What was your favorite event during the year?

Cristley Walters⁸



Photo by Candace Bollig



Photo by Candace Bollig



Photo by Candace Bollig

EHS Cheer Squad



The Main Event Seniors Set High Expectations

Cheerleading is a sport that consists of many elements. Dancing is one of them. This year the cheer squad was selected to perform at the State Wrestling tournament at Hays. It is the first time in seven years that the Railers have been selected.

"To even be considered, the KSHSAA office has to receive an e-mail on January 1, 2011. It is a first-come, first-considered basis." Coach Kristi Bittel said.

Bittel came up to the school parking lot at 12:01 am on New Year's Day to e-mail KSHSAA letting them know Ellis wanted to dance at State.

From there they narrow it down and chose the two schools that will perform.

Like every sport, cheerleading also has awards of achievement. At camp, they have competitions for spirit, jumping, and cheering. Ashley Lopez¹⁰ won the jumping competition for the first time. Rachel Mick¹², Kimberly Gottschalk¹², Courtney Waldschmidt¹², and Chelsey Walters¹² were selected for All-American.

"It was a really awesome thing to have all four seniors receive All-American. That doesn't happen very often," Waldschmidt said.

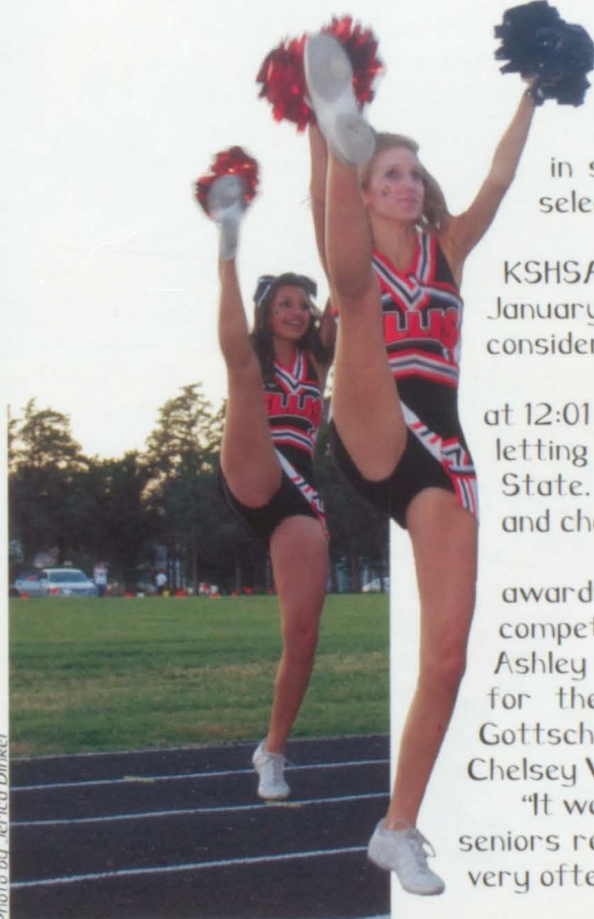


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Rachel Mick¹²

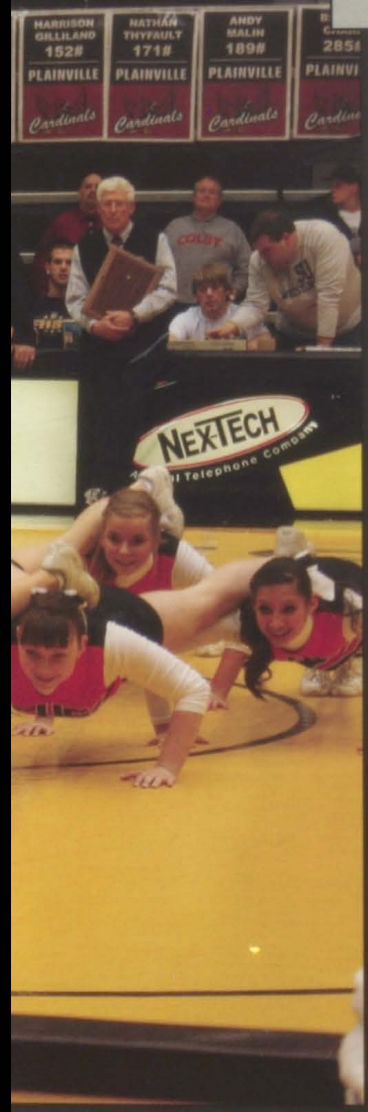


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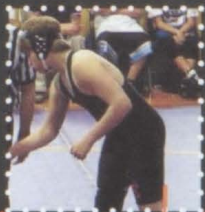


Pin Your Man

I Started When...

Take DOWN!

"I started wrestling in the 5th grade." Brandon Hall¹⁰



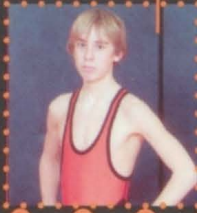
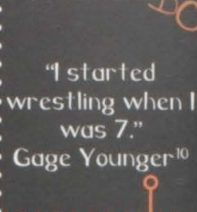
"I started wrestling when I was 5." Landon Younger⁹



"I started wrestling when I was 10." Austin Lopez¹¹



"I started wrestling when I was 7." Gage Younger¹⁰



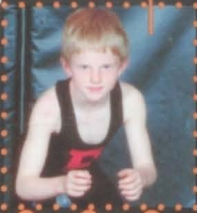
"I started wrestling when I was 13." Logan Mattheyer¹²



"I started wrestling when I was 7." Riley Hunsicker¹¹



"I started wrestling in the 5th grade." Coach Dinkel



P-I-N For a W-I-N State Bound or Bust

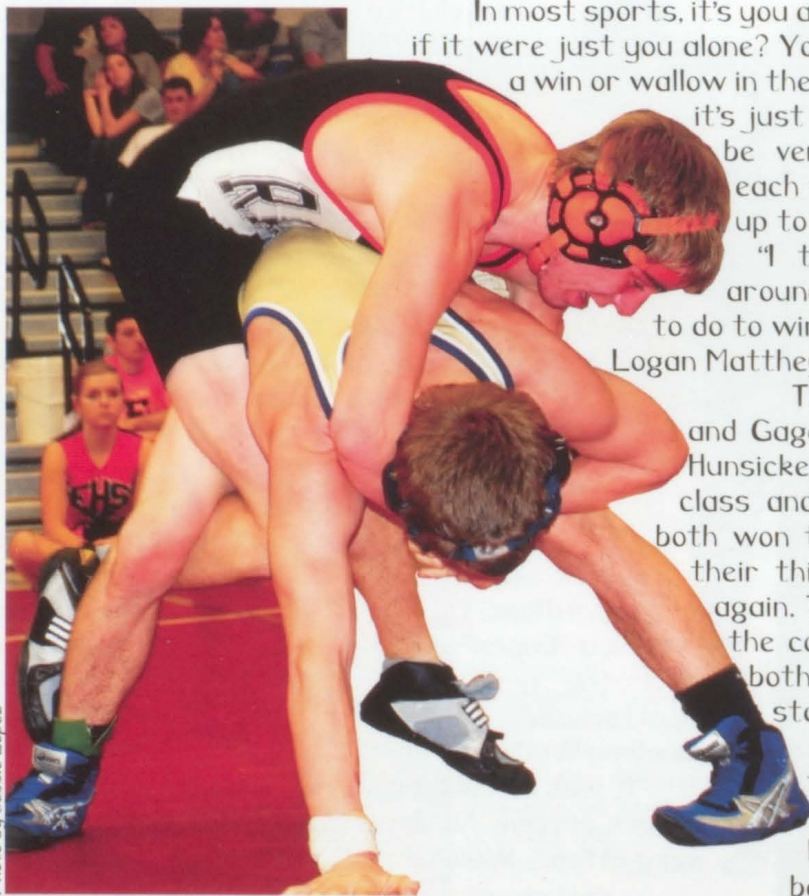


Photo by Jessie Lopez

Brandon Hall¹⁰

In most sports, it's you and your teammates. But what if it were just you alone? You had no one to help celebrate a win or wallow in the sorrow of a loss. In wrestling, it's just you and your opponent. It can be very nerve-wracking, but how each wrestler deals with nerves is up to them.

"I try to block out everything around me and focus on what I have to do to win so I wrestle to my potential," Logan Mattheyer¹² said.

This year only Riley Hunsicker¹¹ and Gage Younger¹⁰ made it to state. Hunsicker¹¹ wrestled in the 140 weight class and Younger¹⁰ in the 130's. They both won their first two matches, lost their third, then came back and won again. They both ended with a loss in the consolations finals, giving them both fourth-place finish in the state tournament.

"I was excited I got fourth, but I was also disappointed in myself because I had beaten that kid the day before," Hunsicker¹⁰ said.



Jared Knoll¹²

Chris Lee¹⁰

Todd Smith¹⁰

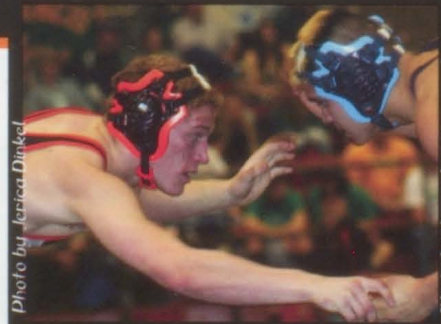


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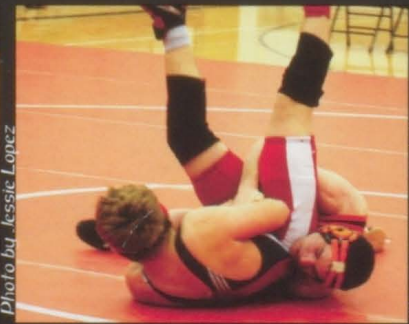


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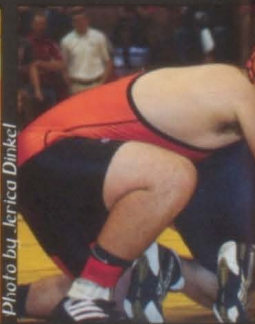
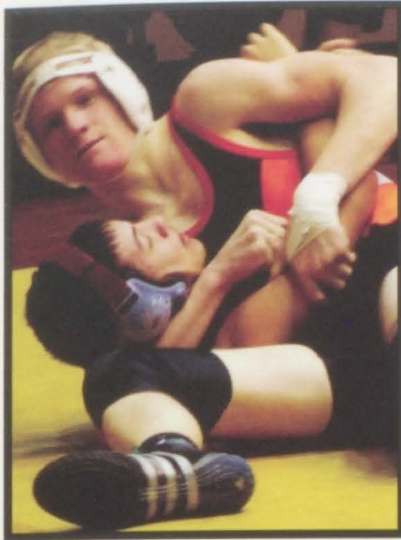
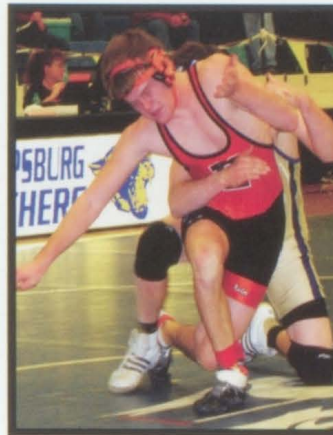


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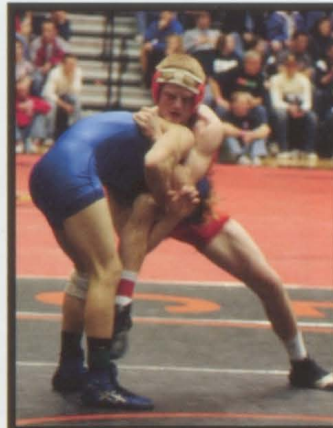
Winning With a Pin

After getting a takedown, Riley Hunsicker¹¹ puts his opponent in a headlock and goes in for a pin during the Bob Kuhn Classic Tournament in Hays. "The best part of the Bob Kuhn Classic is getting in the finals and being under the spotlight," Hunsicker said. Hunsicker took 3rd in the Tournament and ended the season with a record of 34-6 after placing 4th at the 3-2-1A State Tournament in Hays. Photo by Jessie Lopez



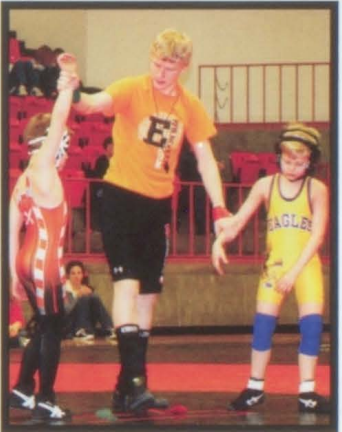
Playin' Ref

Riley Hunsicker¹¹ gets the opportunity to be the referee for a few of the federated wrestlers during a home duel on February 11th. The Federated wrestlers were getting ready for a big home tournament of their own. "I really liked refereeing the little kids. It was fun and it was a good experience," Hunsicker said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



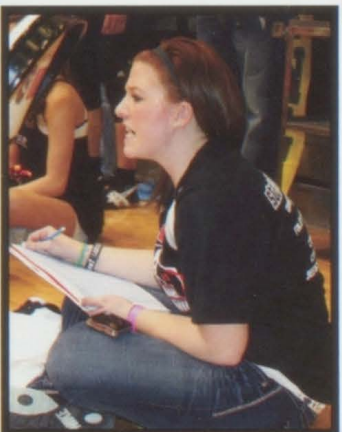
Shootin' Up

Landon Younger⁹ tries to fight his way to his feet while his opponent attempts to keep him down during the Phillipsburg Tournament. "We had a lot of fun in practices and I would recommend this sport to anyone who wants to have fun and stay in shape over winter," Younger said. Younger ended the year with a record of 15-18. Photo by Jerica Dinkel



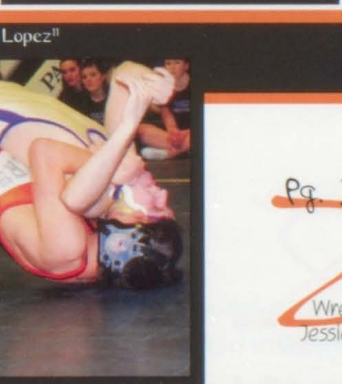
Spike Bound

Gage Younger¹⁰ tries for a take down in the state tournament which took place on February 25th and 26th in Hays. Younger took 4th at the state tournament and ended the season with a record of 25 wins and 8 losses. "It was a good season for me. My goal was to place at state and I did," Younger said. Younger plans to continue wrestling next year. Photo by Jessie Lopez



Book Keeper

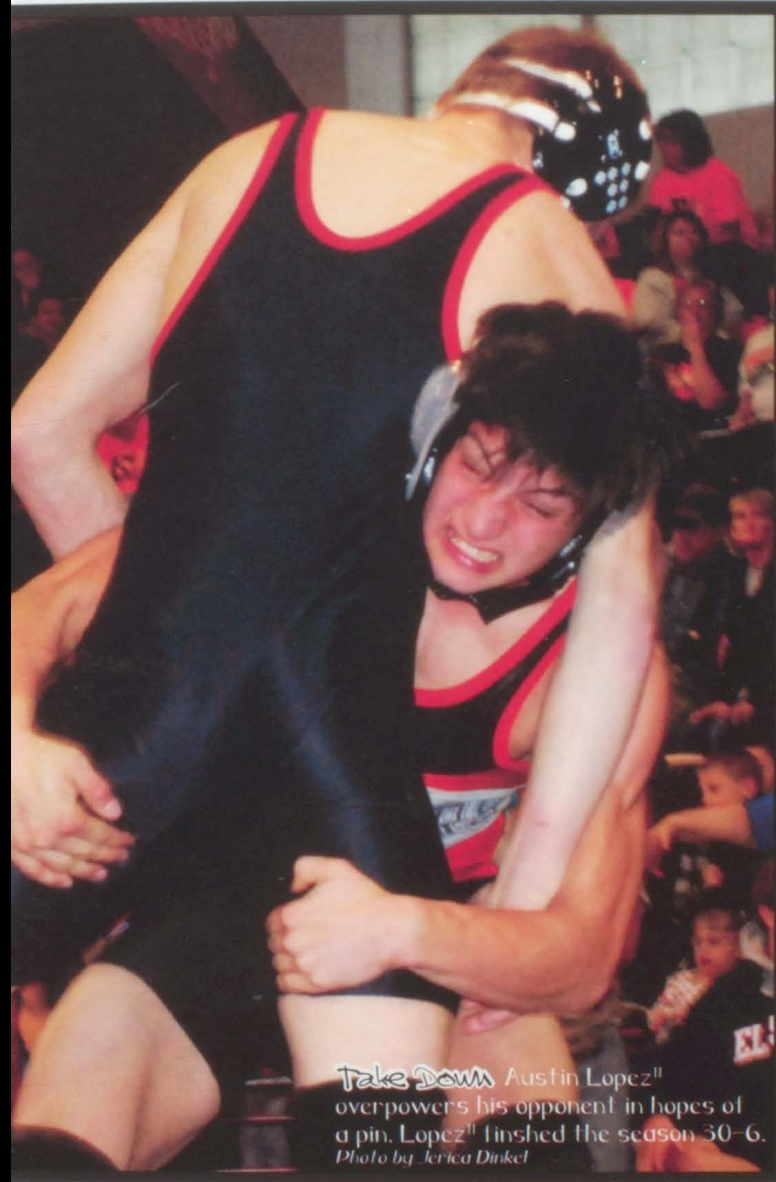
Wrestling manager Jerica Dinkel¹¹ attentively watches the wrestlers at the state tournament in Hays while keeping stats. Dinkel took up managing in high school because it's been a family thing since her sister did it all four years in high school. Dinkel¹¹ has been the wrestling manager for three years. "I'm really glad I chose to be a manager. It gives me something to do and the coaches are fun," Dinkel said. Photo by Candace Bollig



"Tri-Pod Roll, because it's fun to do, and it happens so fast that the other guy doesn't know what happened."

What's your favorite wrestling move and why?

JJ Hernandez

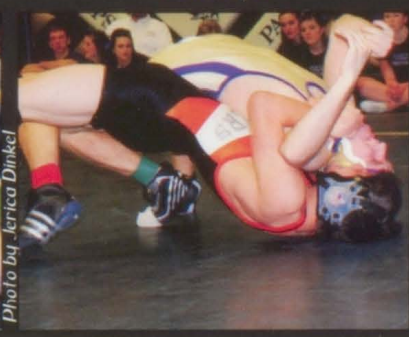
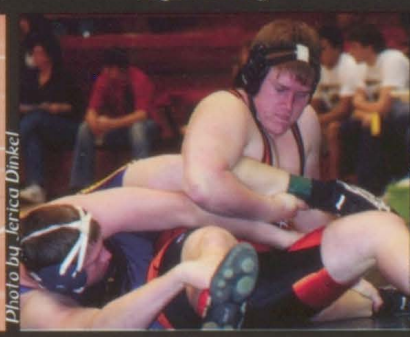
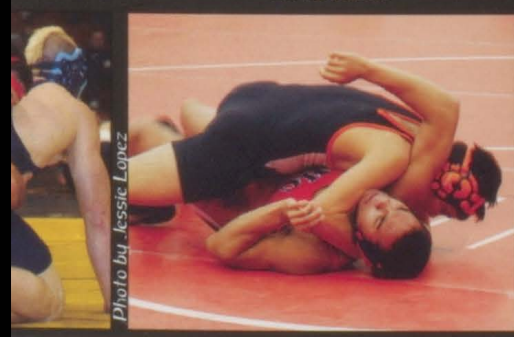


Take Down Austin Lopez¹¹ overpowers his opponent in hopes of a pin. Lopez¹¹ finished the season 30-6. Photo by Jerica Dinkel

J.J. Hernandez¹¹

Logan Mattheyer¹²

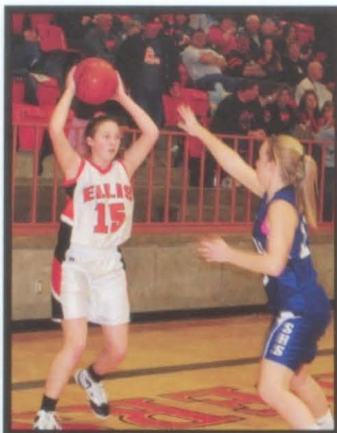
Austin Lopez¹¹



"It was challenging in the beginning, but by the end of the season, we played together really well."

Go For the Win Sidney Gottschalk⁹ looks around the court to see if one of her teammates is open for a pass. This was Gottschalk's first year playing for the Lady Railers. She played for the C-Team, JV, and Varsity. "When we play as a team we can accomplish anything. I also really enjoyed having some playing time on varsity," Gottschalk said.

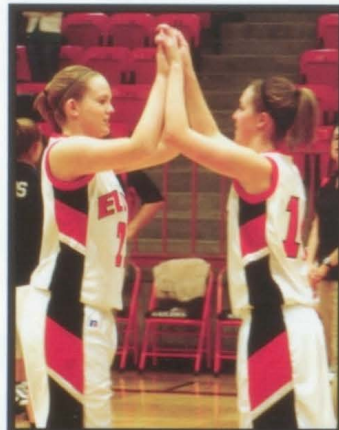
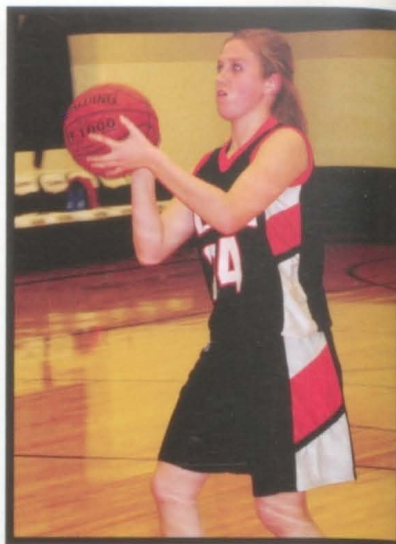
Photo by Jessie Lopez



Sweet!

Becca Aschenbrenner¹⁰ shoots from the free throw line during the Phillipsburg game. Aschenbrenner played on the JV team as well as varsity. This is her second year in basketball. "Our JV team came out of this year's basketball season with a record of 13-3," Aschenbrenner said. "I feel like the second year of basketball really helped me improve my skills. I hope I will be able to play more varsity next year," Aschenbrenner said.

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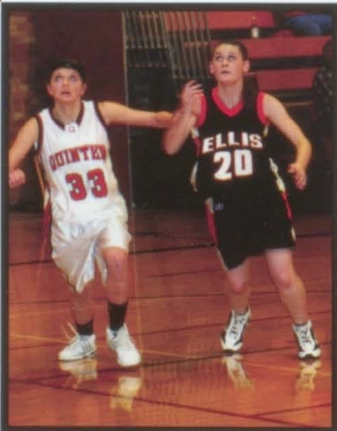


Good Luck Senior Alesha Brenner and Junior Mikayla Gottschalk high five each other before the basketball game. Brenner has been on the team all four years of high school and Gottschalk has been on the team for three years. "It has always been a tradition for us to give each other high fives after the announcement of the starting line-up," Brenner said.

Photo by Bernadette Frickey

Rebound! Beth Augustine¹⁰ watches closely as the ball rebounds off the backboard during the Quinter game. Augustine played on mostly JV and some varsity. This is Augustine's second year playing basketball. "I had a lot of fun playing basketball with my friends this season. The JV team did really well this year, and I'm happy to be a part of it," Augustine said.

Photo by Stephanie Young



Pass & On Bailey Hensley¹⁰ gets ready to pass the ball to her teammate during the Natoma game. Hensley has started on varsity for the Railers for two years now. "Our basketball season was a lot of fun. We all became close together as a team. We had our ups and downs, playing great at times and sometimes not so great, but altogether we had great times," Hensley said.

Photo by Stephanie Young



The Pressure Is On Senior Alesha Brenner runs on the court after her name is announced during the sub-state game. "My adrenaline kicks in when I run onto the court to shake hands with the other team's player," Brenner said.

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Bailey Hensley¹⁰

Courtney Waldschmidt¹²

Sidney Gottschalk⁹, Kaleigh Soneson⁹, and Alesha Brenner¹²

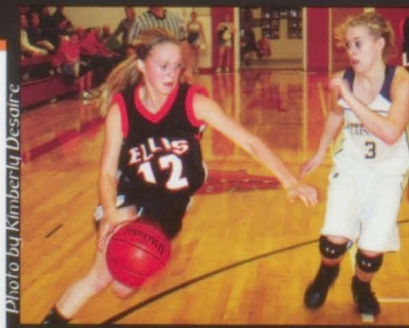


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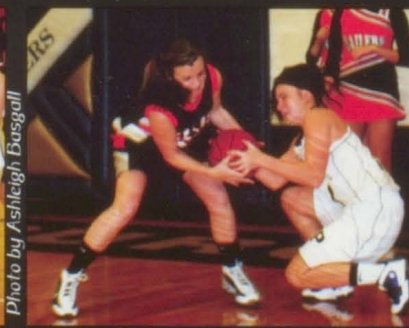


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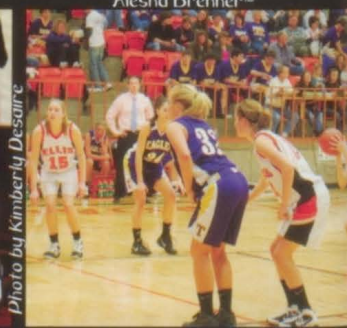


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Phillipsburg L 56-49
 Wheatland* W 54-43
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 Palco W 60-21
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 Stockton W 55-20

Trego W 58-54
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MCL All-League

* Castle Rock Classic ** MCL Tournament *** Sub State

Courtney Waldschmidt - 2nd Team
Bailey Hensley - Honorable Mention

Shooting for the Top

Starting Out Young

The Lady Railer basketball team came out of the season with a record of 9-12. The Railers had a very young team with only two seniors, Courtney Waldschmidt and Alesha Brenner.

There were many underclassmen that were involved in this basketball season. Kaleigh Soneson started for the varsity team as a freshman. With her, Sidney Gottschalk and Brittany Dinkel sat on the bench and subbed in for varsity players.

"Kaleigh really took a strong role on the team. She stepped up and became our leading rebounder, I was really thankful for that," Waldschmidt said.

Many of the other underclassmen played on the JV and C-Team. The JV team ended the season with a record of 13-3, and the C-Team with a record of 1-4.

"We had a lot of new potential on our team this year. I think that we will be able to improve and build up our team each year," said sophomore Candace Bollig.

The future looks bright for the Lady Railers as they return many to the team next year.

"We had 21 girls out for basketball this year, and 17 of them were freshmen or sophomores. Many underclassmen had to play a lot of varsity, and the few upperclassmen had to show tremendous leadership. We will definitely miss our two seniors, Alesha and Courtney, and we hope that the experience pays off for the returning players," said Coach Perry Mick.



Photo by: Jessie Lopez

Mkaela Gottschalk¹⁰

Varsity Bench

Becca Aschenbrenner¹⁰Kaleigh Soneson⁹

Photo by: Shea Harner



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Records

Phillipsburg 46-54 L
Wheatland* 51-42 W
Quinter* 48-53 L
Hoxie* 55-47 W
Palco 61-46 W
Osborne 41-54 L
Stockton 59-78 L
Trego 53-48 W
Hill City 54-58 L
Osborne** 43-45 L
Hill City** 59-67 L

Smith Center** 68-47 W
Victoria 57-58 L
Plainville 58-81 L
Smith Center 69-45 W
Quinter 39-69 L
Natoma 64-55 W
Norton 51-57 L
Oakley 64-59 W
Wilson 49-73 L
LaCrosse*** 36-62 L

MCL All-League Honorable Mention

Tyler Walters

Jacob Kinderknecht

* Castle Rock Classic ** MCL Tournament *** Sub-state

RECORD 8-13

Youth Over Experience Age Proves Nothing



Entering into a new season, the Railers lacked experience. This did not stop them, however, in trying to do their best throughout the season.

Being the only senior on the team, Jacob Kinderknecht¹² had to step up and be a leader.

"I felt like a mentor. There were a lot of young guys with a lot of talent on the team. I just tried to help them mature into smart, athletic, and strong players, yet humble human beings," Kinderknecht said.

Going into Christmas Break, the Railers were right at the .500 mark on their record with their only losses coming from Phillipsburg, Quinter, and Osborne.

After battling it out with many other teams, the Railers did not show all of the hard work that was put into their season. They ended their season with a record of 8-13.

"Our most memorable game this year was an overtime win against Oakley. The game was going back and forth with each team sharing baskets down the stretch. With around five seconds left, we recovered a loose ball and pushed the ball ahead to Brayden Werth¹⁰. Then the game went into overtime. The fans were treated to a very exciting game," Coach David Wildeman said.

The Railers are only losing one senior, returning much experience for the upcoming year.



Photo by Alesha Brenner

Jared Herli

Tyler Walters¹⁰, Luke Lohmeyer¹⁰



Photo by Alesha Brenner

Jacob Kinderknecht¹²



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Kyle Weber¹¹, Thatcher Brown¹⁰

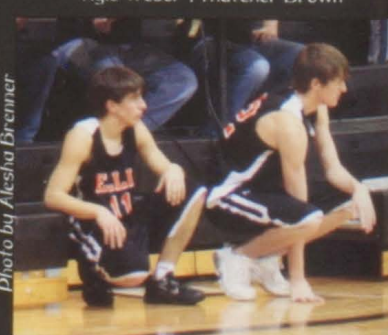
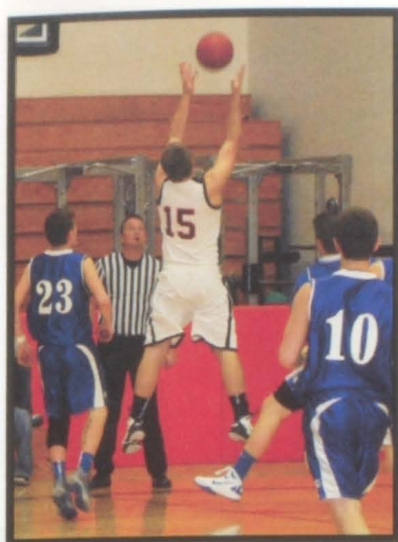


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Basketball

Alesha Brenner

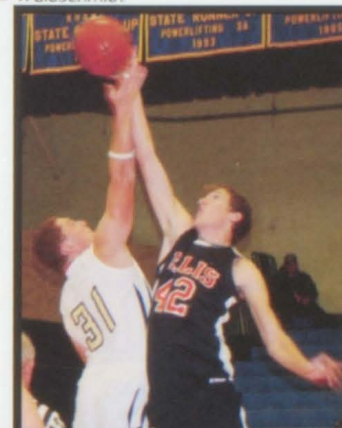


Leap High. Jared Herl¹¹ pulls down the offensive rebound during the Stockton game. He led the Railers in rebounds with 11 during the game. The Railers lost by a score of 57-78. Herl ended the season with a total of 175 rebounds. He missed the first two weeks of practice due to a football injury from the previous season, but returned with a strong vertical to help the young Railer team. The Railers found that his vertical of 32.5 inches was an asset to the team. *Photo by Candace Bollig*

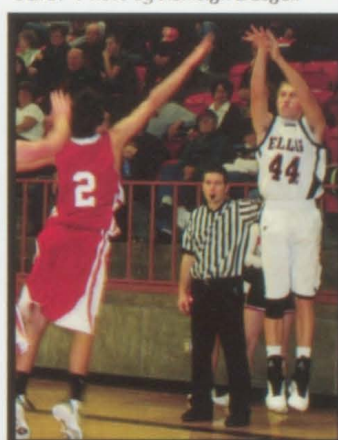


Slap-Hop. Thatcher Brown¹⁰ fights to win the tip to gain possession of the ball to start the game against the Phillipsburg Panthers. The Railers lost with a score of 46-54. "I don't usually get nervous for regular season games, but in the sub-state game I was, because I wanted to play well since I knew it might be the last time I could this year." Brown said. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*

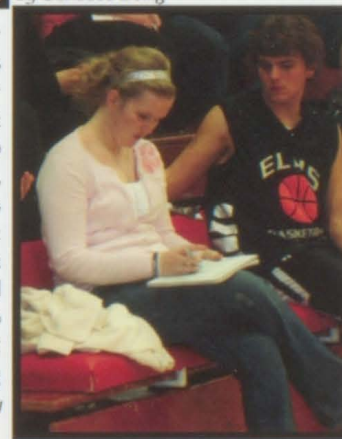
On the Spot. Jacob Kinderknecht¹² receives the ball on the sideline from the referee to inbound the ball and get the game started. The Railers met the Quinter Bulldogs twice this season losing each time with a final score of 48-53 and 39-69. They met them first during the annual Quinter Classic tournament and then once again during the regular season. *Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt*



Hot in the Cookie Jar. Tyler Walters¹⁰ releases a shot from behind the arc during the Smith Center game. Walters shot 37% from the three-point line for the season. He ended the season as the leading scorer for the Railers scoring 257 points. "I always shot around every day before school and after practice. I've also gotten multiple shooting lessons," Walters said. *Photo by Candace Bollig*



Tally That. Manager Stephanie Young¹² keeps stats during the Quinter game. Young has been the manager for the past two years. She kept stats, book, and also handed out towels and water bottles to the players. "Playing didn't work out for me, but I still wanted to be a part of the sport, so managing was the closest thing to it without having to play," Young said. *Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt*



Tip Off. Jared Herl¹¹ gets the game started against the Plainville Cardinals. The Railers lost the game, 58-81. *Photo by Jessie Lopez*

"I'll Man because you can play fast and improvise."

What was your favorite drill in practice?

Logan Fuchs⁹



Tyler Walters¹⁰

Kyle Weber¹¹

Nick Gehring⁹



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

Photo by Alesha Brenner

"It felt like I was not as involved this year because I had to take the ACT the morning of [the dance]."

Slick To Perfection

Shelby Hollern¹¹ examines the decorations for the back drop. "Since there was less time to decorate because of the wrestling that day, I think the decorations were better than expected," Hollern said. The cobblestones were duct-taped down so they would stay and people would not trip while walking up to take their picture. *Photo by Olivia Zody*



Stack 'Em Up

Blake Hudson¹⁰, Gage Younger¹⁰, and Tyler Walters¹⁰ stack empty cups during a break in order to pass time while they weren't dancing. "We were stacking the cups to see how high we could get them," Hudson said. This year there were cups and water provided by the KAY organization so people did not have to drink out of the water fountain. The KAY organization provides all refreshments. The group is also responsible for the decorations. *Photo by Jill Wood*

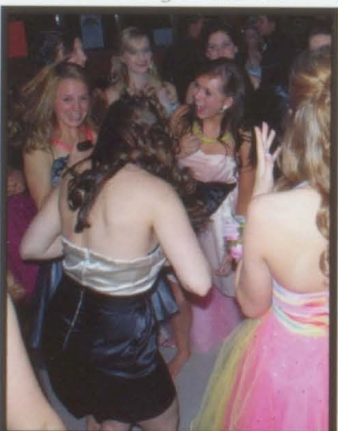
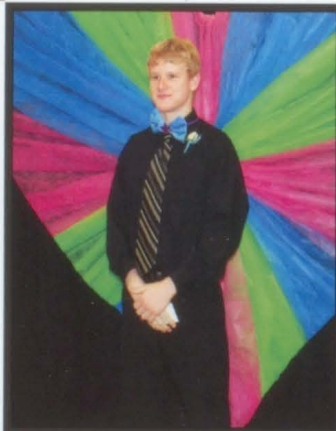


Circle Up

A group of guys show their frustration with the song selection by sitting as the song "Baby" by Justin Bieber is played at the dance. "We were sitting down because none of the guys like Justin Beiber, and we were tired of slow songs," Cadyn McCoy¹⁰ said. As the guys sat, the girls sang and danced in a circle. *Photo by Jerica Dinkel*

Blue Tie Affair

While he was waiting to receive the prize for winning Junior class prince, Hunsicker was the only Junior candidate. Riley Hunsicker wore a blue bow tie that blinked red. Hunsicker's mom told him to take it off for the pictures. "I got my blue tie from Jacob Kinderknecht and it was free," Hunsicker said. Hunsicker's date was wearing a blue dress to match. *Photo by Jerica Dinkel*



Whip Your Hair

A group of girls dance to the song "Whip Your Hair" by Willow Smith that they requested at the beginning of the dance. "A couple of us requested it because Alesha Brenner hates it!" Waldschmidt¹² said. When the song began, all the girls screamed, joined in a circle, and spun their hair around as they were singing to the song. *Photo by Jerica Dinkel*



How was snoball different for you this year then last year?

Breanna Kroeger¹¹



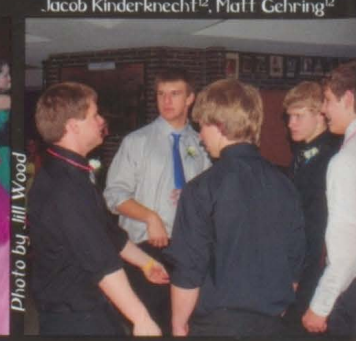
Royalty



Ladies Slow Dance



Jared Herl¹¹, Riley Hunsicker¹¹, Jordan Rohr¹⁰, Jacob Kinderknecht¹², Matt Gehring¹²





Lexi Feiko¹⁰

"I used Jerica's wallet and had my money, her money, and lip gloss in it."

What'd You Bring...

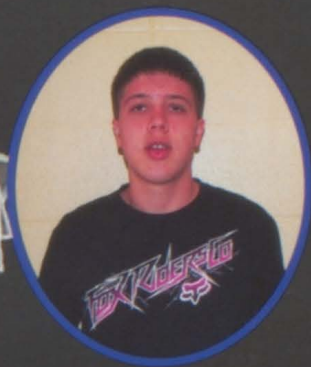


Girls

v.s.



Guys



Brady Jacques⁹

"All I had with me was my wallet and money."

Hands In The Air You Make My Heart Glow

For many years, Snoball was the same. This year it was different: new sponsors, new ideas, and a start of new traditions.

Elementary teachers Kristi Bittel and Tracey Bohnert were sponsors this year. Both teachers already knew many of the high school students and had already interacted with them through other activities.

"Snoball was a little stressful because it was my first year, but having Kristi to work with helped out a bunch. I felt that Snoball went really well and the decorations turned out great," Bohnert said.

Many new themes were thought of this year. The one that was chosen was, "You Make My Heart Glow," a neon theme.

"Although it wasn't like every other year, I'm extremely glad we made changes this year. It kept things interesting and got more people involved," Kimberly Gottschalk said.

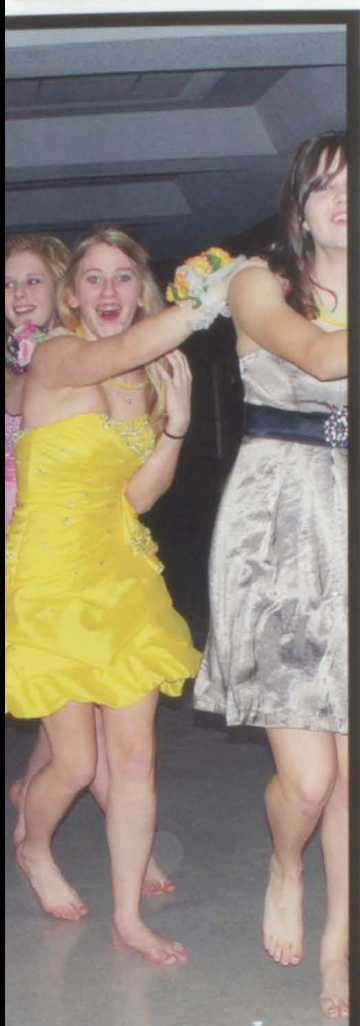
As a new tradition, a promenade was held at the Good Samaritan Society in Ellis. Students received \$1 off admission to the dance for participating. The residents enjoyed being a part of this special event. Bittel and Bohnert thought it would be nice to let them get involved on a night like this.

"I thought it was nice to show our appreciation towards the Good Sam. They don't get to see us dressed up very often, and the promenade was such a good way to get them involved. I loved walking up and down the halls for them and hope we get to continue the tradition," Ashleigh Basgall¹¹ said.



Photo by Candace Bollig

Landon Younger⁹

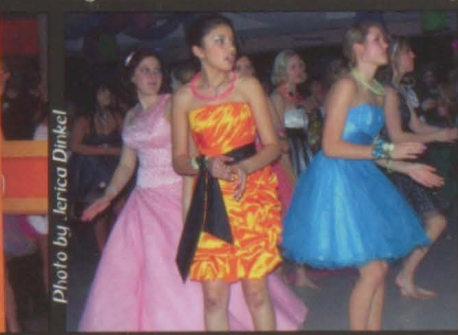
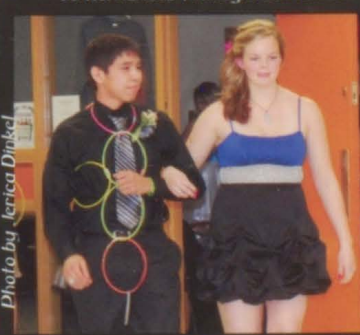


Trains On "The train has been done at every dance dating back to Jr. High," Stephanie Young¹² said. Photo by Jill Wood

Shea Harper¹⁰, Candace Bollig¹⁰, Bailey Hensley¹⁰

J.J. Hernandez¹¹, Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹

Regan Krause⁹, Monica Towns⁹, Candace Bollig¹⁰



Spring

Ed Dwy Sophomore Cadyn McCoy slides into home to score for the team. The Railers split with Wilson on Monday, April 11. The first game was taken by Wilson 17-3. The Railers were down 6-0 in the second game, but came back to win it 10-8. "We showed a lot of heart by fighting back and coming out with a win," McCoy said. *Photo by Meliah Raub*

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Spring Division
Courtney Waldschmidt





Ben Leiker¹¹

Photo by Candace Bollig



Ryan Downing¹⁰

Photo by Shea Harper



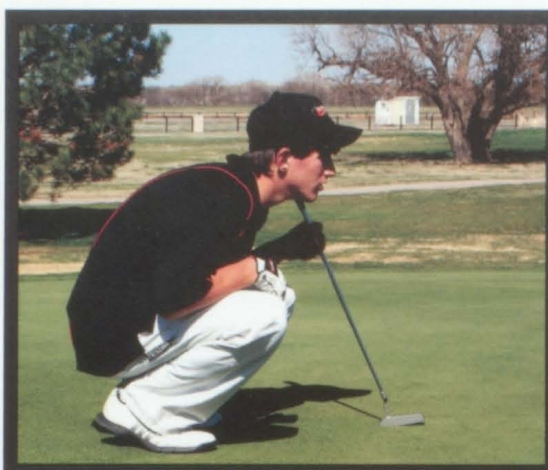
Josh Tway⁹

Photo by Candace Bollig



Skyler Tebo⁹

Photo by Candace Bollig



See him Kyle Weber¹¹ watches his ball go in the hole. His best score was an 89 at the Hill City Tournament. "It was fun playing golf with all of my teammates this year. I was fortunate enough to play in some Varsity meets. We have improved a lot over the past year, and I can't wait to see what next year brings," Weber said. Photo by Shea Harper

PULL PULL Tyler Walters¹⁰ chips the ball at the Ellis Invitational Golf Tournament. Walters placed 4th that day with a score of 85. "I liked golf this year and I will definitely go out again next year," Walters said. Walters played Varsity and attended eight tournaments including state where he placed 17th. Photo by Candace Bollig



State or Bust

Railers Take 8th at State

When most people think of Golf, they think of an individual sport. It usually is, but this year the team made it to state by winning their regional. The team had an unexpected freshman, Skyler Tebo⁹, place eighth or second at every tournament until state where he placed third. Tyler Walters¹⁰ also placed 17th at state.

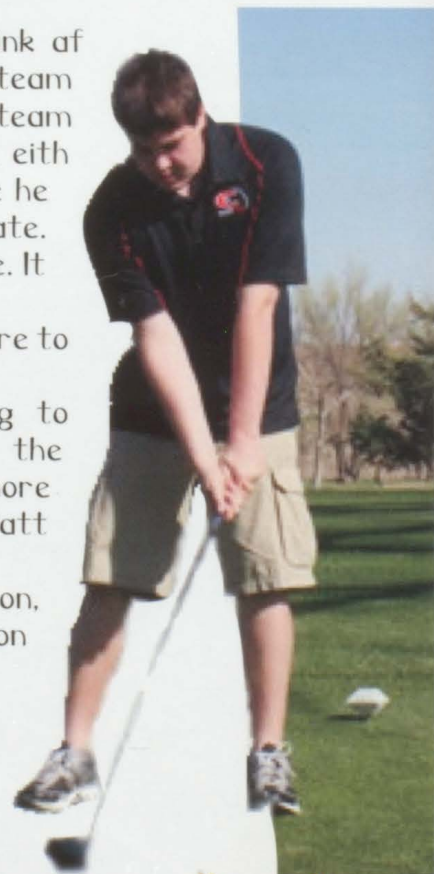
"I was nervous, but we had a lot of practice. It was a good experience," Tebo said.

The team went to Garden City the day before to practice on the course to get the feel of it.

"It was exciting knowing we were going to state, but everyone was nervous. Practicing on the course ahead of time made everyone a little more comfortable. Everyone was ready to please MC [Matt Carroll]," Walters said.

Each golfer improved throughout the season, and by the time State rolled around, each person was an asset to the team.

"We had a successful season this year. I can't wait to see what next year brings," Gage Younger¹⁰ said.





Swinging At State Skyler Tebo¹⁰ lines his ball up to putt in Garden City. Tebo placed third with a score of 82. The team placed eighth. "It was a good experience being able to go to state as a freshman," Tebo said. *Photo by Matt Carroll*



Swing Away Isaac Henman¹¹ tees off at the Ellis Invitational. "My favorite tournament was at Osborne because Ben [Leiker] got mad and threw his club into the pond. He never got it back," Henman said. *Photo by Candace Bollig*



Mark It Austin Lopez¹¹ places a marker where he hit his ball. Lopez golfed an 87 at the Ellis Invitational. "I have improved a lot over this past year and I feel like I can teach my skills to my other teammates," Lopez said. *Photo by Shea Harper*



Personal Caddy Tanner Fischer¹⁰ decides what golf club to use at the Ellis Invitational. Fischer shot a 128 at this tournament, one of his four meets this year. His best was at the Trego meet with a 105. *Photo by Shea Harper*

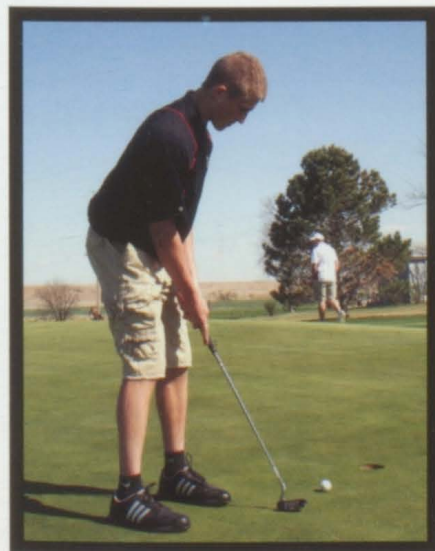
Ben Leiker¹¹

What was your favorite memory from this season?



Best Score of the Season

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| Skyler Tebo | 69 | Tyler Walters | 79 | Cage Younger | 80 |
| Kyle Weber | 89 | Ryan Downing | 87 | Austin Lopez | 75 |
| Josh Tway | 92 | Tanner Keltzley | 103 | Isaac Henman | 126 |
| Tanner Fischer | 105 | Ben Leiker | 116 | | |



Hole-in-One Tyler Walters¹⁰ putts the ball at the Ellis Invitational Tournament. Walters' highest score was a 79 at the Hill City tournament. "My favorite memories were the rides home. They were always fun," Walters said. "We had a good season, and I can't wait for next year." *Photo by Candace Bollig*

Live It Up Gage Younger¹⁰ looks towards the hole before he tees off. Younger placed third with an 85 at the Ellis Invitational. "I really liked how we all pulled together and made it to state as a team. It shows how much we enjoy each other's company," Younger said. *Photo by Candace Bollig*

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Golf
Candace Bollig

Beth Augustine¹⁰

Go Team Go Christen Spinelli⁹ cheers on her team from the dug-out. She was hit with a line drive ball during practice and was unable to finish the season. "When I heard I wasn't able to play for the rest of the season I was upset," Spinelli said. Photo by Jessie Lopez



Keep It Up Jessie Lopez¹² sits by Christen Spinelli⁹ on the side lines to help encourage their teammates. Lopez was injured during the first game of the season in Plainville. "I was sad to know that I couldn't play my senior year," Lopez said. Photo by Meliah Raub



Growler Stephanie Young¹² takes a knee to get the ground ball coming towards her. "I knew coming into this season that we would have an awesome team. It was really fun playing with them, and it was a good way to go out," Young said. Photo by Jessie Lopez



Road Runner Senior Ashley Augustine runs from third base to home plate watching carefully so that she doesn't get out. "It's always exciting running into home plate because you know that you just made a point for your team," Augustine said. Photo by Jessie Lopez

Candace Bollig¹⁰Alexis Rose¹⁰Becca Aschenbrenner¹⁰

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| | Colby 1-5 L 4-16 L | Plainville 12-5 W | Goodland 2-9 L 5-13 L | Record 12-9 |
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Fast Ball The ball flies out of Ashley Augustine's¹² hand to strike out the batter. "I really enjoy pitching for the team and will miss it a lot next year. I also like how we all celebrate as a team, even if we don't play the greatest game," Augustine said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Batter Up Lexi Feik waits patiently as the ball comes towards her bat. "Softball is an amazing sport and I will really miss the seniors leaving the team," Feik said. Photo by Bernadette Frickey



Heads Up Mikayla Gottschalk gets ready to catch the softball coming at her. This was Gottschalk's second year playing softball. "Hopefully next year we get a good coach like we had this year. It's sad that she's leaving to go coach another team, but I'm glad I was a part of this year's softball season," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Jessie Lopez*



Batter Batter Senior Courtney Waldschmidt gets ready to take off towards first base as she hits the ball. This was Waldschmidt's first year to play softball. "It was rough at the beginning to learn all the fundamentals, but in the end it turned out easier than it seemed," Waldschmidt said. *Photo by Bernadette Frickey*

Ashley Augustine⁹

"The most memorable moment of this season was fun times at practice."

What is your most memorable moment of your season this year as a senior?



Out of the Park

Railers Show Improvement



The softball team this year came out of the season with a 12-9 record. They had five seniors on the team this year: Ashley Augustine, Courtney Waldschmidt, Meliah Raub, Jessica Lopez, and Stephanie Young.

"I will miss the seniors very much after just a year of playing softball with them. Even though I only got to play a few games with them I will miss the advice they gave me throughout the season," Lexi Feik¹⁰ said.

The Lady Railers had their best game against Sylvan Grove in the regional tournament. The Railers run-ruled Sylvan Grove with a score of 12-2 in the semi finals to get to the championship game.

"It was very exciting to play in this game. Everyone seemed to have fun and play hard. I hope that next year we will have a chance to win state and be the champions," Candace Bollig¹⁰ said.

Ashley Augustine¹² felt the same way about the Sylvan Grove game.

"It was so fun being able to make it that far my senior year. I hope that some year they will make it to state, and that I will be able to come watch the game and cheer all of my old teammates on," Augustine said.

Bailey Hensley¹⁰

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Softball
Bernadette Frickey

Jacob Kinderknecht¹²



Photo by Ashleigh Basgall

Team



Photo by Shea Harper

Matt Gerling¹²



Photo by Ashleigh Basgall

Meny Rodriguez¹¹



Photo by Jerica Dinkel



Get Down Cadyn McCoy dives back to first during the game against Lincoln in Ellis. "Diving back to a base makes the pitcher think about you, and once he's thinking about you it really throws off his delivery to the batter," McCoy said. Ellis lost both games of the doubleheader, 1-6 and 3-14. Photo by Ashleigh Basgall

Swift Movements

J. J. Hernandez¹¹ swings at a pitch he got during the game with Wilson. Hernandez has been playing baseball since he was ten years old. "I started playing because I grew up watching my dad and grandpa play and I figured I'd like it, so I decided to start playing during Twilight league," Hernandez said. Photo by Meliah Raub



Teammates Forever Together From T-ball to High School

Some teams have four years to work on getting to know their teammates' strengths and weaknesses. For the Ellis baseball team, it is a different story. Many of them have been playing together for years. Some start as early as t-ball and play until they are 20.

"I started playing baseball when I was four, so [I've played] 14 years altogether," Jacob Kinderknecht¹² said.

The students who didn't join the team until high school had to get used to their teammates style of play during games. Some people throw the ball higher than others and some throw straight to the chest. As for pitchers and catchers, they had to find each others' sweet spots where they knew they could get a strike and throw consistently.

"I have played for the last two summers. Every day in practice I can see what they are good at and what they need to work on. I can see how well they do in games," Jared Mick¹⁰ said.

Many teams aren't lucky enough to have players who grew up playing together, but the Railers are. Even with the lack of high school experience, the Railers ended the season second in their Regional with a record of 11-12.

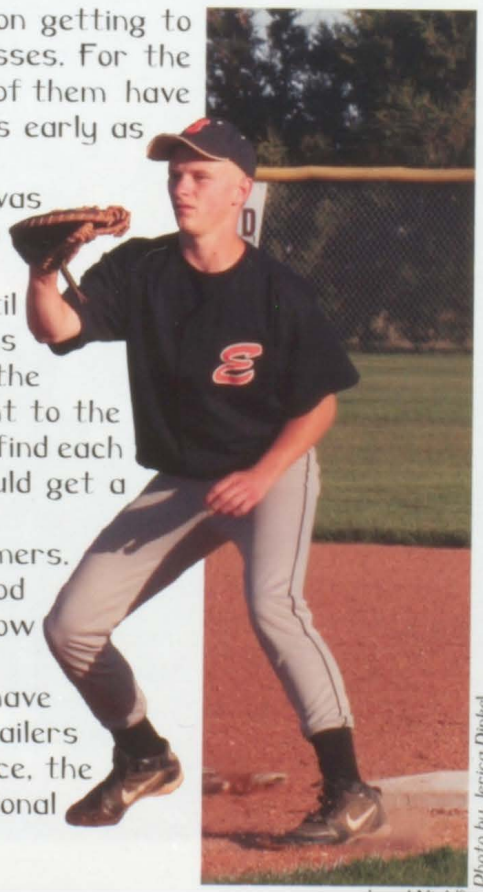


Photo by Jerica Dinkel

"I have been playing baseball for six years already, and I figured in high school the team would be fun."

Why did you choose baseball over other sports?

J.J. Hernandez //



Assuring Success

Matt Gehring¹², Jared Mick¹⁰, and Scott Pfeifer⁹ meet on the pitcher's mound to give Pfeifer some encouraging words. "The team always brought me back up when I got down on myself," Pfeifer said. *Photo by Meliah Raub*



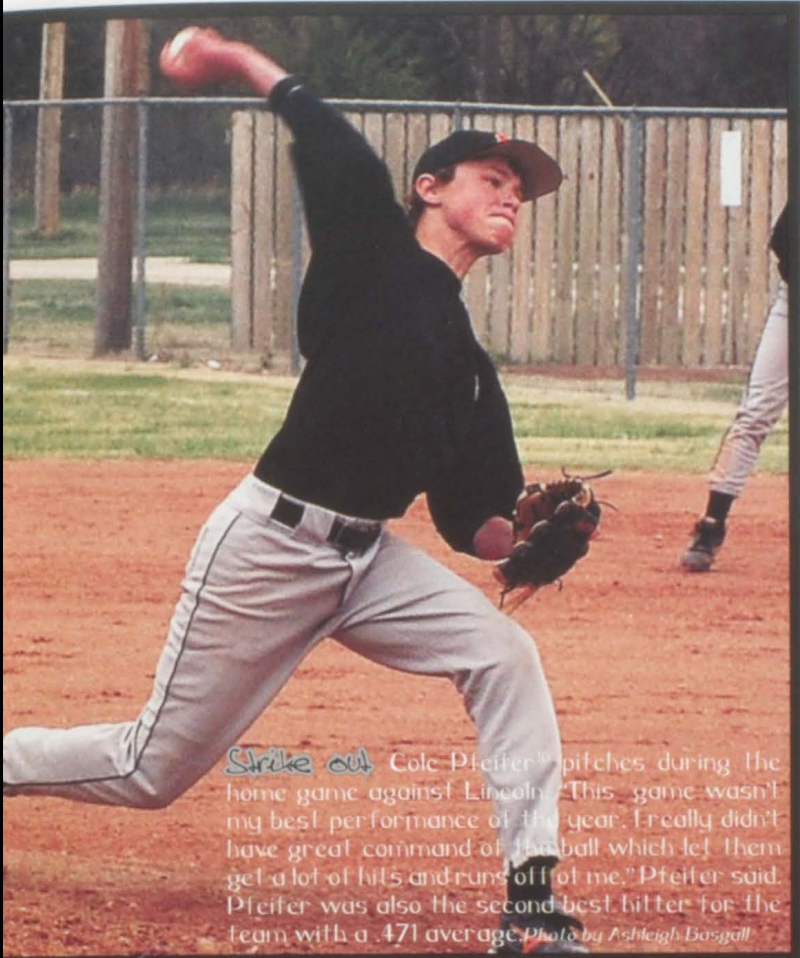
Coach For a Day

Coach Wildeman got a chance to be head coach during the Leoti game while Coach Cunningham was on vacataion. "As a head coach, you're more involved in what the team has to do," Wildeman said. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*



Get Up

Jared Mick¹⁰ stretches to field the ball that is thrown to first base during the rescheduled game with Leoti. Mick usually plays first base but sometimes plays other positions depending on who is pitching. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*



Strike out Cole Pfeifer¹⁰ pitches during the home game against Lincoln. "This game wasn't my best performance of the year. I really didn't have great command of the ball which let them get a lot of hits and runs off of me," Pfeifer said. Pfeifer was also the second best hitter for the team with a .471 average. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*

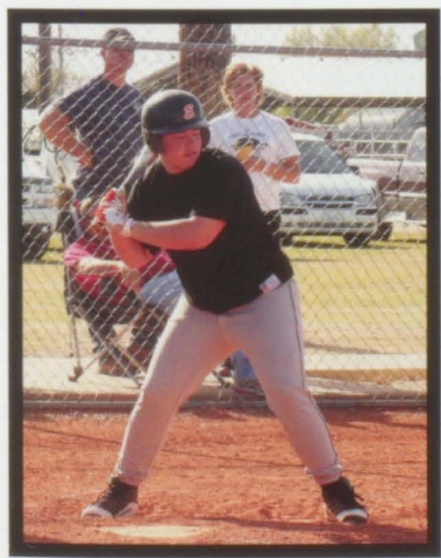
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| Natoma | 3-18 |
| Natoma | 9-10 |
| Wilson | 3-17 |
| Ellsworth | 10-8 |

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| Lincoln | 1-6 |
| Lincoln | 3-14 |
| Sylvan Grove | 1-11 |
| Sylvan Grove | 4-19 |
| Leoti | 26-15 |
| Leoti | 22-7 |
| Hoisington | 3-2 |
| Hoisington | 12-18 |

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| Western Plains Classic | |
| Hays High | 0-15 |
| Goodland | 2-12 |
| Colby | 1-11 |
| Salina Central | 0-15 |
| Regionals | |
| Natoma/Palco | 14-4 |
| Lincoln | 8-5 |
| Minneola | 4-14 |

Final Record 11-12

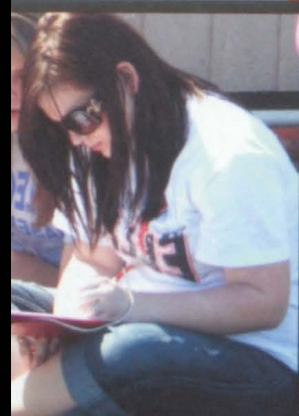


Eye on the Ball

Chase Rutherford¹⁰ sits in the back of the box waiting for the perfect pitch to come to him. Rutherford sometimes bats for Meny Rodriguez¹¹ while Rodriguez plays center field. "I was glad that I could help our team," Rutherford said. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*

Pump Up

Cadyn McCoy¹⁰ meets on the pitcher's mound with freshman Scott Pfeifer⁹ as he pitches during the postponed game with Wilson at Ellis. "I felt like he was a huge asset to the team. Without him we would be short a pitcher," McCoy said. *Photo by Meliah Raub*



Alicia Kraeger¹⁰

Jump to It Kathryn Sleigh¹² jumps over a hurdle at Hill City. Sleigh's best time in hurdles is 19.52. "My favorite thing about hurdles is that it's a quick event! You run them and then you're done," Sleigh said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



Leap of Faith Brittany Dinkel⁹ pushes herself up and over the high jump bar at Hill City. She also participates in hurdles and the 4x100 m relay team. "My favorite part about track is being with friends," Dinkel said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



In It To Win It Ashley Lopez¹⁰ runs in the 4x100 meter relay at the Ellis track meet. The teams best time was 56.96 seconds. "I really like participating in the relays. You feel more like a team player," Lopez said. Photo by Jerica Dinkel



Fly Me Over the Moon Maggie Zody breaks eight feet in pole vault at the Hill City Invitational. Zody's best height was 8'4" and she was one of three state qualifiers. "It also felt really great to better my personal record with a jump of 8'4," Zody said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



Photo By Jerica Dinkel



Alysha Werth⁹

Kaleigh Soneson⁹



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Brittany Dinkel⁹

Multiple Personalities

Members Do Multiple Events

Shot Put and Javelin
79'2"

Regan Krause

Long Jump and Triple Jump
28'11.5"

Sidney Gottschalk



Frogger Desiree Basgall¹² bounds over a hurdle at the Ellis track meet. Basgall's best time was 20.14. "I really enjoyed doing hurdles this year, but it was definitely not the easiest thing," Basgall said. Photo by Jerica Dinkel

Push It Kelsey Butler¹² runs the two mile at the Hill City track meet. Butler's best time this year was 14:47.54 seconds for the two mile. "I'm too short to sprint, throw, or jump. That's why distance is my thing," Butler said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



Stick It Alesha Brenner¹², a four-year track athlete, plants her feet into the sandpit while triple jumping at the Stockton track meet. Brenner's best jump was 33' 2" at the Hill City Invitational. "Triple jump is my favorite event to do, but I really enjoy pole vaulting as well," Brenner said. Photo by Kathryn Sleigh



New Heights Kaleigh Soneson⁹ pole vaults at the regional meet in Hill City. Her best height this year was 7'6", improving her personal best. "I'm really glad Coach Wolf let me go to Regionals at Hill City. It was a really great experience for me watching all the other girls that are older than me," Soneson said. Photo by Olivia Zody



Fearless Souls

Youth Leads Girls Track Team



This year, the girls' track team had 20 participants on the team. This included, eleven freshman, four sophomores, and five seniors. With such a young team, the coaches were very eager about building up the team.

"This was a very exciting year for me. The girls exceeded my expectations and have me even more excited about where our team will be in the future," Coach Steve Erbert said.

This year, sophomore Megan Honas broke the javelin record with a throw of 117' 7". The record was previously held by Bethany Polifka. Although Honas was the only one this year to break a school record, many of the members bettered their personal record.

"It felt amazing when I broke the record because I work so hard at practice. Coach kept telling me to stay composed and humble, but I could see in his face he was just as excited as I was," Honas said.

Three girls qualified for state this year, Alesha Brenner¹², Maggie Zody¹², and Megan Honas¹⁰. Brenner took tenth in triple jump with a jump of 32' 9.25". Honas took eighth in discus with a throw of 115' 11". Zody took eighth in pole vault with a jump of 8'0".

"It was stressful because we didn't know what was going on."

How did it feel having a mostly freshman 4x100 m relay team?

Samantha Graves⁹



Tanner Gugler¹²



Photo by Alesha Brenner

Nick Gehring⁹



Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Harley Wright¹⁰



Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Blake Hudson¹⁰

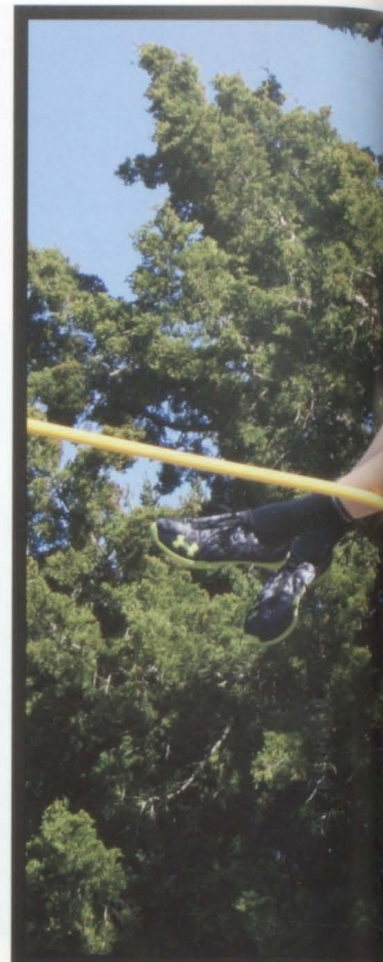


Photo by Alesha Brenner



Kickin' A Into High Gear Seth Fuller⁹ uses every last ounce of energy to try to push past his Plainville opponent in the 800m run at the Ellis Invitational. "I decided to go out for track so I can stay in shape for football and to get out of school. I like the 800m run. It can be a challenge, but I still like it a lot," Fuller said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Mr. Muscles Senior Scott Fuller gets ready to launch his shot put at the Hill City track meet. Fuller has a personal best of 42 feet in shot put, but didn't place at Hill City. He did, however, place 4th in discus. "I like throwing it because I've been doing it for years, and running just takes too much energy for me," Fuller¹² said. Photo by Alesha Brenner



Four Left Turns The Last Chance for Glory

As the year comes to an end at last, the final sport that some participate in is track. Track is one of the most individual sports in high school. Athletes get the choice to do what they like and want to do. This means practices are for making them better in the events. But not everyone likes to run 2 miles or sprint 200 meters.

"I do triple jump. I like it because I usually place," Blake Hudson¹⁰ said.

But some have completely different reasons for going out for track other than medals.

"I run the 4x400m relay and 200m because I am good at them. I do track because I want to gain my speed back that I lost after my knee injury last year," Dylan Krause¹¹ said.

So whether the boys do track to keep in shape or for fun, they still work towards goals and have high hopes for this year. Four athletes met one major goal: making it to the state track meet in Wichita.

The track team brought home some hardware from the state track meet. Zach Werth¹² was the state champion in the 400m dash with a time of 50.91. Riley Hunsicker¹¹ placed 5th in pole vault with a vault of 13'0". Then the 4 x 400m relay consisting of Hunsicker¹¹, Werth¹², Krause¹¹, and Skyler McGann¹² took fourth place with a time of 44.61.

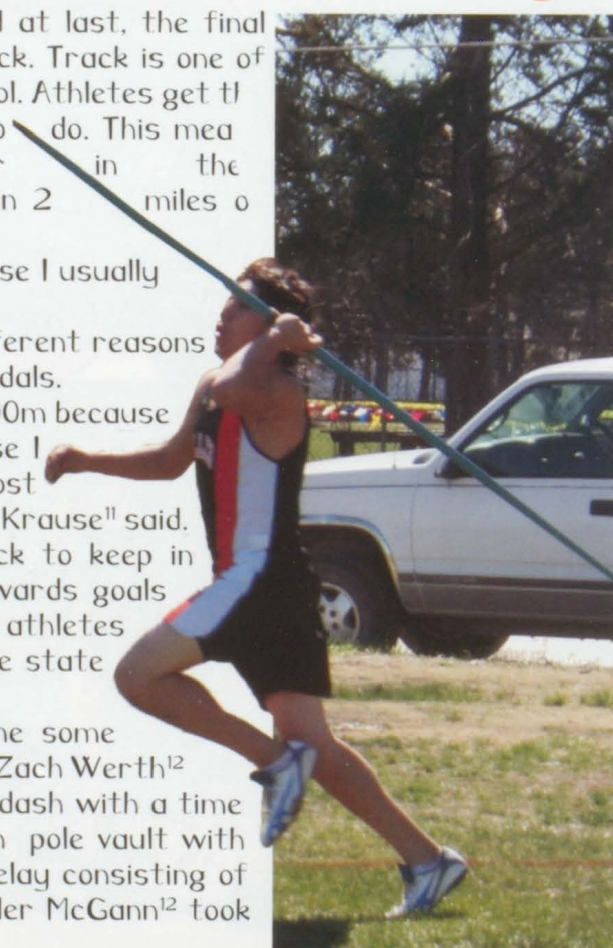


Photo by Kimberly Desaire

"My cousin because I want to be like him and he runs distance."

what inspires you to do track?

Jacob Towns



Team Bowling Logan Mattheyer¹² shows some team love to Seth Fuller⁹ during downtime at the Victoria Invitational. "I think that the underclassmen look up to us because we have had experience in track before," Mattheyer¹² said. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Some Major Hurdles Sam Polifka¹⁰ breaks for the finish line during the 110m high hurdles. Polifka¹⁰ earned a time of 21.12 and a 5th placing at a varsity meet. "I like doing them because I'm good and getting better," Polifka¹⁰ said. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Full Focus Dylan Krause¹¹ waits in his blocks for the action to be during the 200m race at the Plainville invitational. Krause ran a time of 24.43 seconds. He was also with the Ellis team that placed 3rd in the 4 x 100m. Photo by Alesha Brenner



Super Fly Riley Hunsicker¹¹ propels himself over the bar while competing in the pole vaulting event during the Hill City track meet. "I like pole vaulting because it's fun and I'm good at it," Hunsicker¹¹ said. At the Hill City meet, Hunsicker¹¹ vaulted 12 feet, his personal best so far in the year. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Can You Match the Faces to the Facts?



A. "I colored two orange circles on my white Nike track shoes."



B. "I believe I'm awesome at track."



C. "I was doing discus spins when I got dizzy and fell into a sticker patch."



D. "I believe that our home track makes me run faster."



E. I believe that my luck comes from being around Scott¹² or Seth Fuller⁹."

A/J Nick Gehring? B/J Logan Mattheyer? C/Jacob Lorimer? D/J Chris Lee? E/J Logan Fuchs?

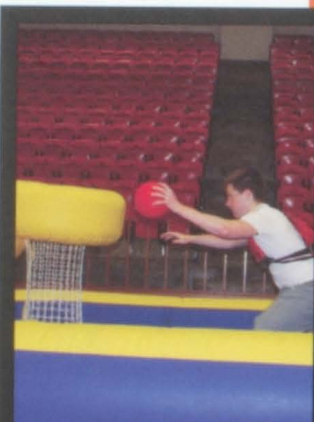
Ready, Set, Jump Brady Jacques⁹ is caught in mid-air during his long jumping event at the Ellis invitational track meet. Although Jacques didn't place in the long jump, he did jump 12'9". "I like long jump and track because I like being outside getting exercise and competing," Jacques⁹ said. Photo by Kimberly Desaire

Eat His Dust Senior Zach Werth¹² tries to push past his Hill City opponent while leaving his Plainville opponent in the dust during the 200m Dash at Ellis. At the Ellis Invitational, Werth¹² took 2nd in the 100m dash with a time of 11.45 seconds. Werth¹² also took first in the 400m dash with a time of 55.19 seconds. Photo by Kimberly Desaire



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Boys Track
Jessie Lopez



Dylan Krause¹¹

Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Lexi Feik¹¹

Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Maggie Zody¹² and Nate Townley¹²

Photo by Candace Bollig



Austin Lopez¹¹

Photo by Jessie Lopez

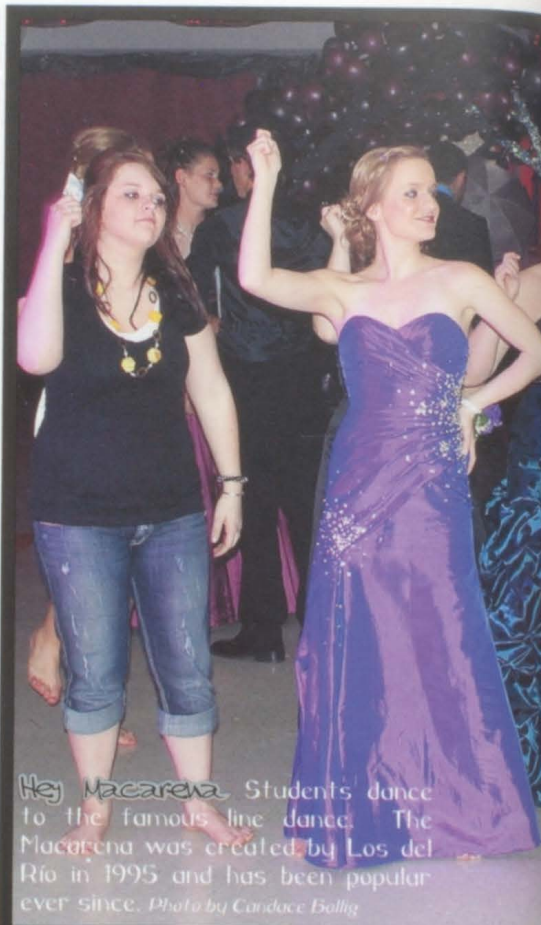
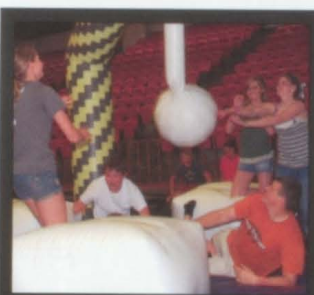
Just Slide 4 Jessie Lopez¹² and her date dance while at the dance. Lopez tore her anterior cruciate ligament during the softball season and was bound to crutches for Prom festivities. Photo by Candace Bollig



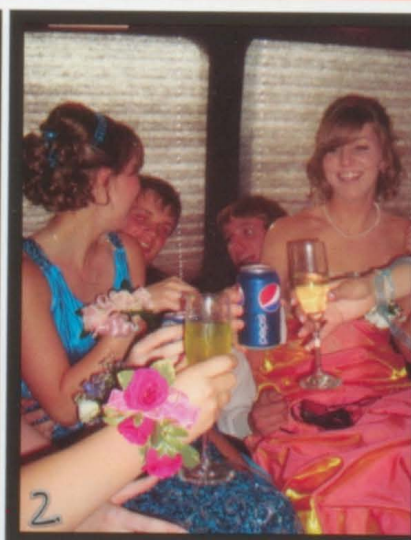
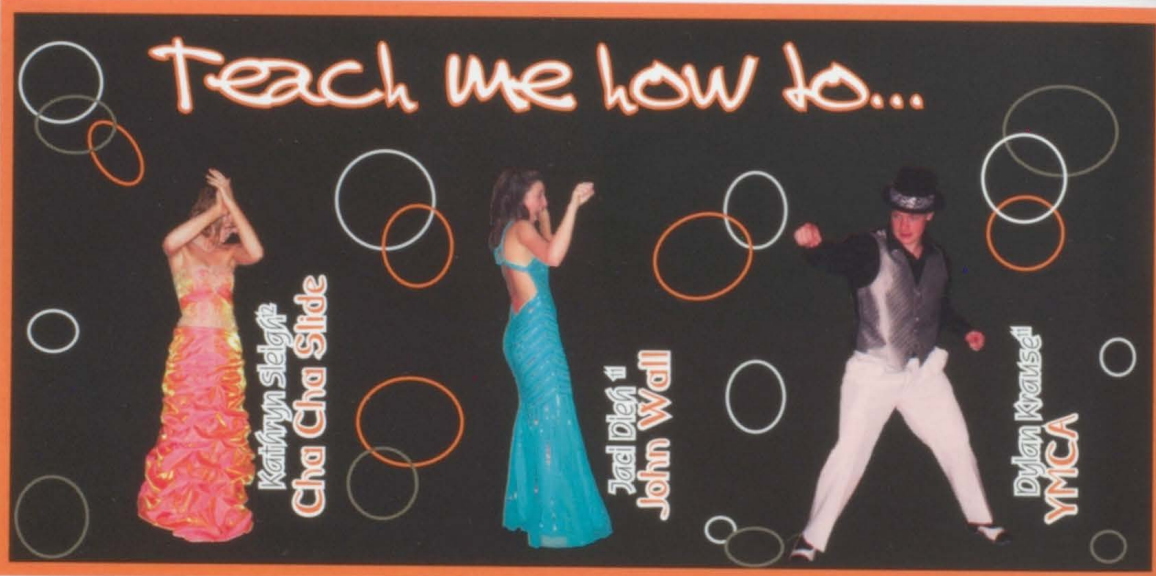
Dance Away Beth Augustine¹⁰ and Kyle Weber¹¹ two-step during one of the many country songs played during the dance. "I always dance at family gatherings and weddings, and that's how I knew two-step," Weber said. Photo by Jill Wood



Run Away Sophomores Candace Bollig, Cole Pfeifer, Shea Harper, Lexi Feik and freshman Skyler Tebo try to hit each other with the jousting blow up. "I got two rubber burns from the blow-ups. They were fun," Feik said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

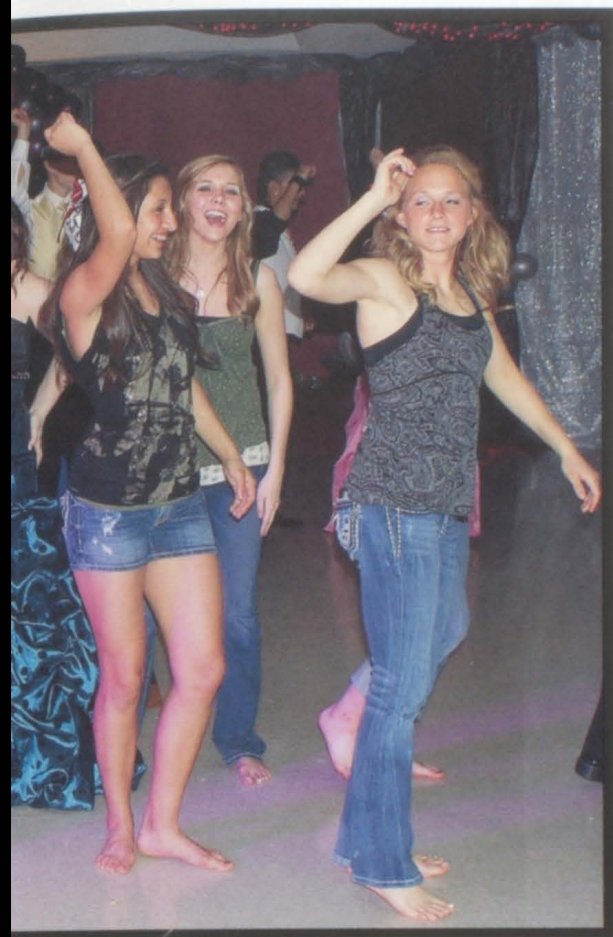


Hey Macarena Students dance to the famous line dance. The Macarena was created by Los del Río in 1995 and has been popular ever since. Photo by Candace Bollig



1. Throw Your Hands Up Showing off for the crowd, Dawson Augustine¹², Kyle Weber¹¹, and Dylan Krause¹¹, dance to "Love Shack" by B52's. "I just kind of went with the dancing because it just happened," Krause said. Photo by Jill Wood

2 Time of Our Lives Alesha Brenner¹², Matt Gehring¹², Lyle Fischer¹¹, and Kathryn Sleigh¹² talk to each other in the Party Bus before Prom. "I thought it was really fun, but we were told it would fit more than it did," Brenner said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



Ringer While dancing, Scott Fuller¹² and his date were circled by Kathryn Sleight¹² and Desiree Basgall¹². "We were trying to get everybody to dance, and since Scott's date doesn't go to our school we wanted to make sure she felt included and was enjoying our prom," Basgall said. Photo by Candace Bollig



"Being able to help out."



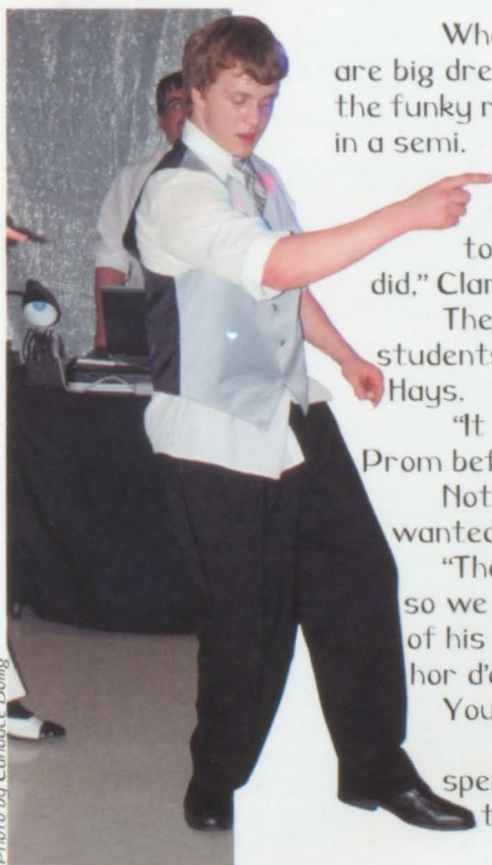
Blow Em' Up Juniors Josh Reilly and Riley Hunsicker help blow up balloons for the prom decorations. The Junior class takes the Friday afternoon off from class to decorate. "The best part about decorating for prom was filling the helium balloons. I think for the most part we worked together as a class," Reilly said. Photo by Alesha Brenner

What was the best part of being a Prom Server?

Tanner Fischer¹⁰

Ellis in Wonderland

Buses, Limos, and Semis, Oh My!



When thinking about Prom, the first things that come to mind are big dresses, limos, and tons of pictures. This year was the year of the funky rides. Tori Clark¹² and her date, Brian Riedel, arrived at Prom in a semi.

"We decided to come to Prom in a semi, because we wanted to be different. I mean, the extreme in Ellis is to come to prom in a limo. We wanted to take it to the next level, so we did," Clark said.

The Semi wasn't the only sight to see this year. A group of students rented out the party bus from Knight Express Limos in Hays.

"It seemed fun, and no one had ever rented the Party Bus for Prom before," Meliah Raub¹² said.

Not everyone wants to try something new for prom. Some just wanted to go in a regular limo.

"The group I go with has gotten a limo for the last three dances, so we decided to get one for Prom too," Dawson Augustine¹² said of his transportation. "We went to Bernadette Frickey's house for hor d'oeuvres, then to the dance."

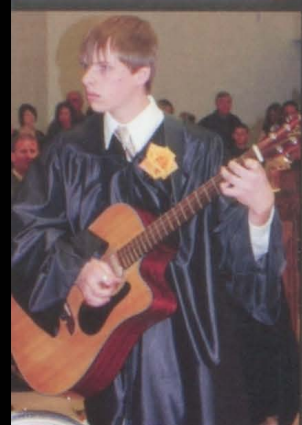
You don't have to rent limos or ride in a Semi to have fun.

"I have college coming up and don't have the money to spend on a limo. Plus we did what we wanted to when we wanted to," Daniel Honas¹² said of his transportation.



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Prom
Stephanie Young



Kevin Robb

Photo by Shea Harper



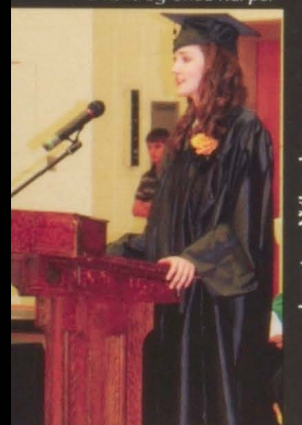
Stephanie Young, Kimberly Gottschalk

Photo by Shea Harper



Daniel Honas, Stephanie Young, Jared Knoll

Photo by Shea Harper



Jessica Wheeler

Photo by Shea Harper



All Hats Off Seniors throw their caps after the graduation ceremony. It's a tradition for seniors to toss their hats in the air after they officially graduate. "It was exciting to throw my hat out," said Devin Henderson. "You always see people do that in movies, so it was neat that I finally got to." Photo by Shea Harper

All Rise Senior graduates stand at their chairs before the ceremony begins. "It's kind of nerve-racking right before graduation. Everyone thinks about that moment throughout all of high school. It's weird that I was finally there," Logan Mattheyer said. Photo by Shea Harper



Reaching Towards the Future

Seniors Look Back

Seniors tend to think about their future and what they want to do after high school, but sometimes they stop and think about what they would have done differently if they could redo high school again and what advice they would give underclassmen.

"My advice for underclassmen is to be involved in as much as you can. It will be worth it in the end," Courtney Waldschmidt¹² said. "If I could go back, I would try to be involved in more leadership positions."

Others give their advice for how to conduct yourself outside school.

"One thing I would do differently in high school would not to be sent to juvy not only my freshman year, but also during my senior year," said Raub. "My advice to underclassmen is if you choose to participate in bad things...don't get caught," Meliah Raub¹² said.

Scott Fuller¹² has a different take on high school.

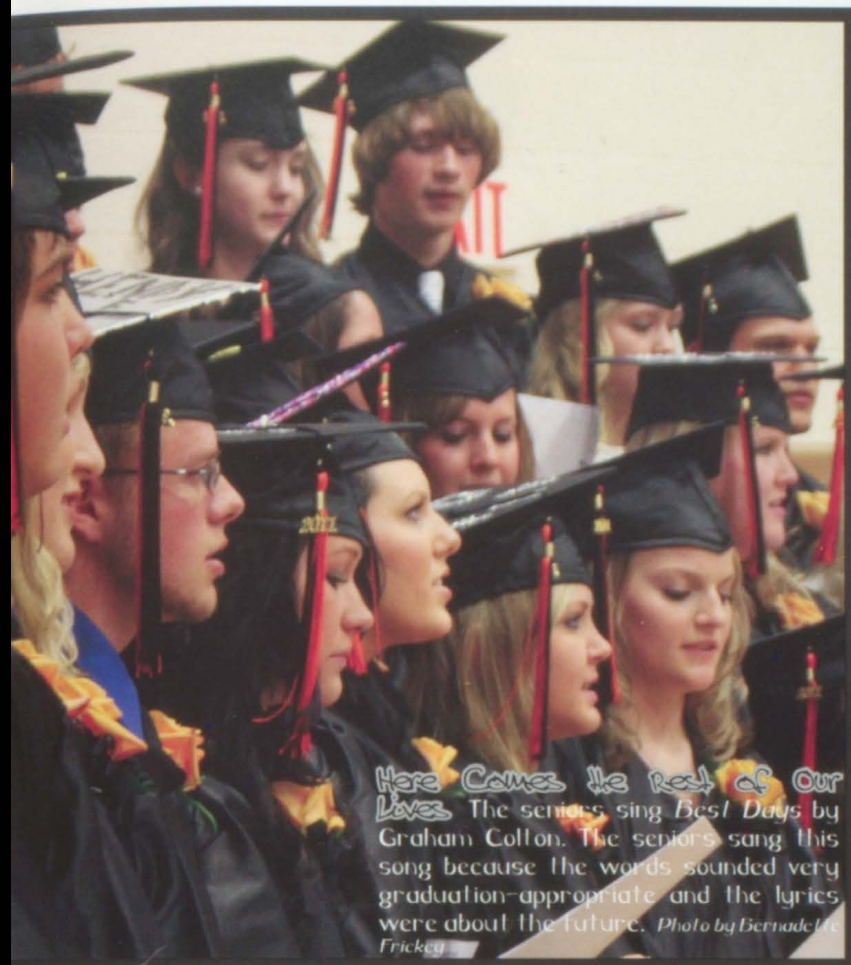
"My advice to underclassmen would be to procrastinate as much as possible. If I could do high school all over again, I'd try to plan my naps throughout the day better," Scott Fuller said.

Looking ahead in the future and looking back at high school years, seniors will always remember their memories from high school while they pave the road to their future.



Photo by Shea Harper

Daniel Mick¹²



Here Comes the Rest of Our Lives The seniors sing *Best Days* by Graham Colton. The seniors sang this song because the words sounded very graduation-appropriate and the lyrics were about the future. Photo by Bernadette Frickey



Rock On Stephanie Young¹² decorated her graduation cap with the University of Kansas logo. "I'm going to KU in the fall and I am a big fan of the Jayhawks, so it was perfect to decorate my cap with it," Young said. Photo by Shea Harper



All Smiles Mr. Kohl and Kimberly Gottchalk¹² pose for a picture after graduation. This is a rare occasion because Mr. Kohl rarely smiles for pictures, but he made an exception for a special day like graduation. Photo by Bernadette Frickey



Say Cheese Stephanie Young¹² takes a picture of Rachel Mick¹², Courtney Waldschmidt¹², and Chelsey Walters¹². The girls grew very close over their four years of high school. They are all attending Barton County Community College. Photo by Shea Harper

Where Do You See Yourself in 10 Years?

"I see myself as a vigilante with Jared Knoll secretly working with the police and taking out bad guys."

- Jacob Kinderknecht



"I see myself starting my career as a pharmacist and married with children."

- Alesha Brenner

"In 10 years I see myself as a large, well-known figure in whatever field I choose to go into."

- Jared Knoll

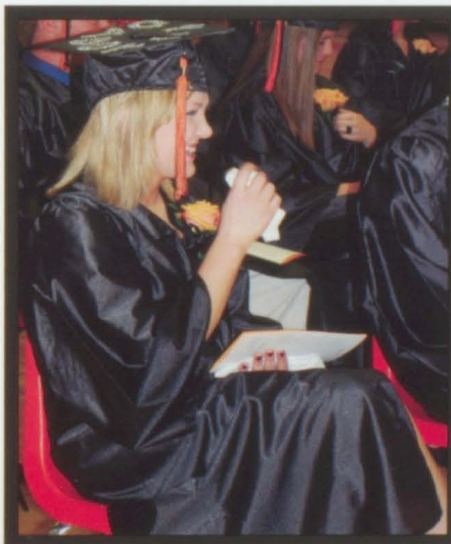


"I hope to be working in a museum somewhere hopefully on the east coast."

- Stephanie Young

"I have no idea where I will be in ten years because I can't predict what the future holds."

- Daniel Honas



Sled a Tear Kimberly Desaire¹² cries during the graduation ceremony. Seniors, their parents, and their friends tend to get emotional during some of the speeches, especially when they're about memories the class had together. "I tried really hard not to cry during the speeches, but it was hard not to. I took a Kleenex with me just in case, and I'm happy I did!" Desaire said. Photo by Shea Harper



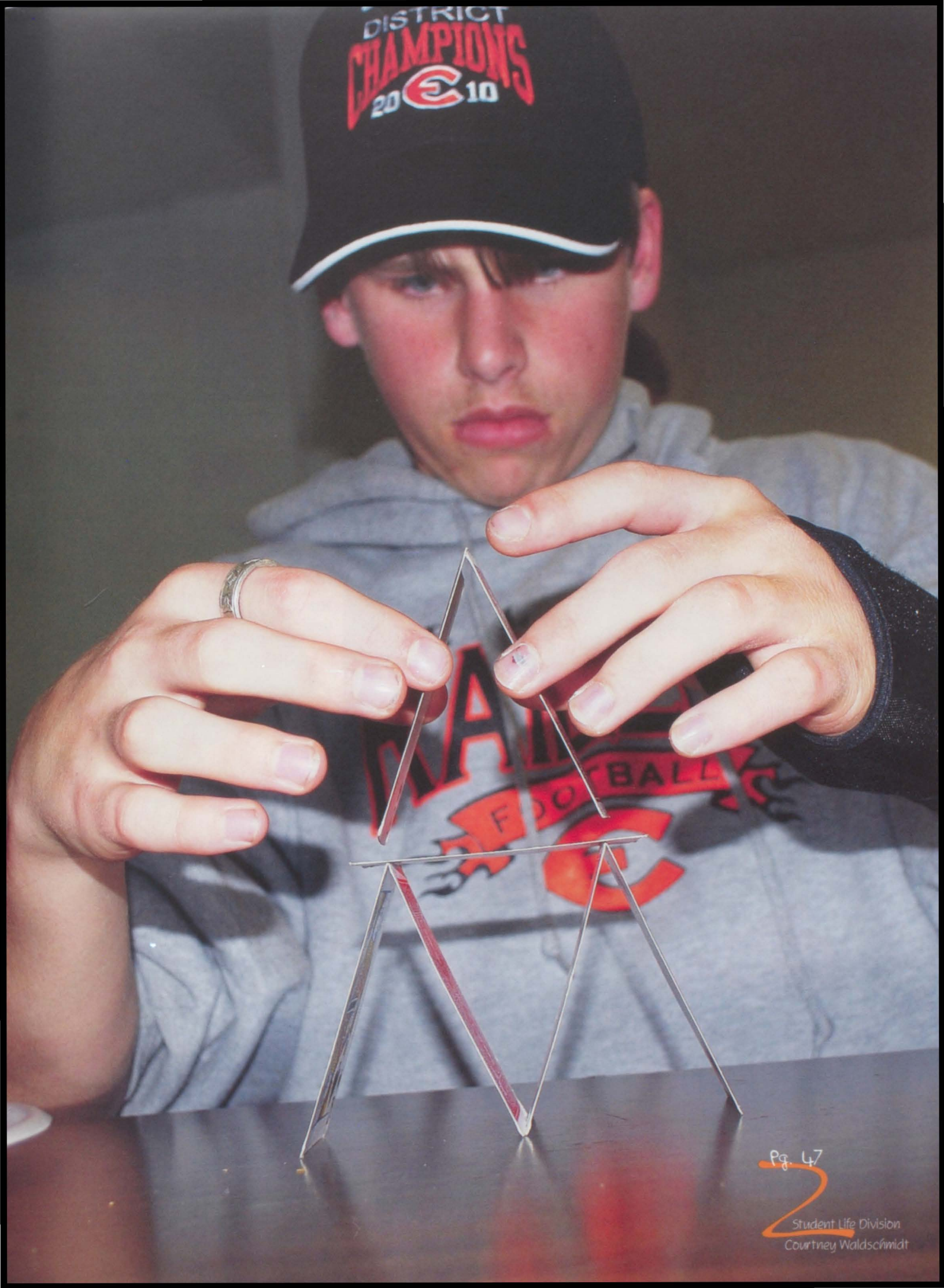
Owe Last Hug Dawson Augustine¹² and Bernadette Frickey¹¹ share a hug after graduation. Graduation is especially emotional for students that are close to the graduating seniors. "It's really hard to say goodbye to everybody I was close with, but I'll still get to see some of them. It's kind of bittersweet," Augustine said. Photo by Shea Harper

Student life

A Tower of Concentration Senior Kevin Robb builds a house of cards during 5th Quarter. 5th quarter is a place provided by the Ellis United Methodist Church for high school students to go after home games for free food, games, and prizes. *Photo by Ashleigh Basgall*

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Student Life Division
Courtney Waldschmidt

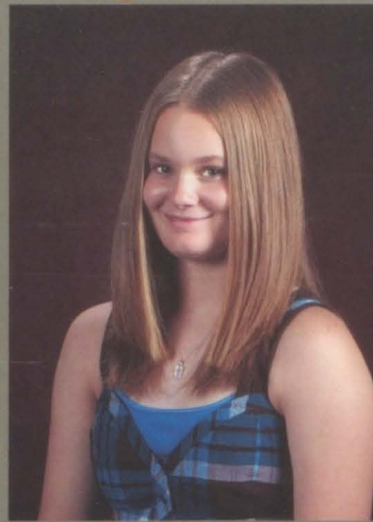


Ashley Marie Augustine

Ashley,

Congratulations. We are very proud of everything you have accomplished. We wish you the best in everything you do.

Mom, Dad, Beth, Ryan, and Lindsay



Band: 9
FFA: 10, 11, 12
-Treasurer: 12
KAYS: 10, 11, 12
Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team: 12
Link Crew: 11, 12
Honor Roll: 11, 12

Dawson James Augustine

Band: 9
FFA: 11, 12
Football: 11, 12
KAYS: 10, 11, 12
Snoball Prince: 10
Snoball Candidate: 11



Congratulations Dawson,

You did it!!! We are so proud of you. Remember, you can accomplish anything if you work hard enough. We believe in you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Joseph Ryan Augustine

Joey,

We are so proud of all your accomplishments. We know you will strive for success in the future.

Go for it all, Buff Jr!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Baseball: 9, 10
Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir: 11
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
National Honor Society: 12
Junior Class Play
All A Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Perfect Attendance: 9, 10
Kansas Honors Program: 12

Brandon Lee Bicker

FFA: 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD: 9
Wrestling: 9, 10
Eco-Team: 9



Brandon,

We always knew that you would be the one in the family that would go on to make something of yourself when you graduated. However Christmas of 2008, that almost ended with your diagnosis of Leukemia, but bless the Lord above, you're here to graduate.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and your brothers

Austin Tyler Billel

Austin,

You make us proud now and we know you'll make us proud in the future. You're a strong person and you've got what it takes to succeed in whatever makes you happy. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Brayden, and Morgan



FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Treasure: 11
Forensics: 9
Honor Roll: 12

Alesha Marie Brenner

Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir: 11
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-FCCLA Treasurer: 12
Forensics: 9
Journalism: 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society: 11, 12
-NHS President: 12
SADD: 9
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Class Treasurer: 10, 11
Link Crew: 11, 12
Eco-Team: 9, 10, 11
Spanish Club: 11
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Junior Class Play
Kansas Honor Scholar
Ellis Site Council Award: 9, 10, 11, 12



Alesha,

We are honored to be your parents and proud of all your achievements. It has been a pleasure to raise you. We have shared lots of laughs, but I guess it does not take much to make you giggle, does it? As you enter the next phase of life's journey remember your family supports you in wherever life takes you. Congratulations, Weasel!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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Desiree Noel Bunker

Desiree,

From the moment you were born you have made the lives of everyone around you brighter. You have grown from a vibrant little girl into an amazing woman. There are no limits to what you can do. I am proud to be who you call momma.

I love you,
Mom



FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball: 9
Track: 12
Volleyball: 9
Web Team: 12
USD 388 News Crew: 11, 12

Kelsey Elita Butler

Kelsey,

Time has flown by so quickly. It seems it was only yesterday that you were taking your very first step and now we are watching you step into adulthood. We are very proud of you and look forward to watching the rest of your life unfold.

Love,
Mommy and Daddy

Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
President: 12

Basketball: 9

-Girls Basketball Mgr.: 10, 11, 12

Cross Country: 11, 12

FCCLA: 9, 10

Forensics: 9, 10, 11, 12

KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12

-Board Member: 12

National Honor Society: 11, 12

Scholar's Bowl: 10, 11, 12

Track: 9, 10, 11, 12

Volleyball: 9, 10

State Band Qualifier: 11

State Forensics Qualifier: 10, 11

Spanish Club: 11

Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12

Link Crew Member: 11, 12



Tori Lea Clark

Tori,

You have stayed true to yourself and have always made us proud in all you've done. It's exciting to see the young lady you've become, and we look forward to what's ahead.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kori



Band: 9
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Vice President of Public Relations: 11
Forensics: 9, 10
Journalism: 11
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
-KAYS Board: 11, 12
SADD: 9
STUCO: 10
Track: 9
Volleyball: 9, 10
Link Crew: 11, 12
Perfect Attendance: 9, 10
Honor Roll: 9, 12
Site Council Award: 9, 10, 11, 12
Junior Class Play
Teachers Aide: 12

Ethan Malcolm Cox

Band: 9
Basketball: 9, 10
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Honor Roll: 11, 12
Student of the Month



Ethan,

Your accomplishments, hard work, integrity, and respectfulness of others has made us very proud of you. Always be true to your faith and to yourself. You must answer for your decisions so choose wisely. May all your dreams become reality.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Emily

Kimberly Marie Desaire

Kimberly,

You are so amazing! Good Luck on your future adventures in life.

Love,
Mom, Danny, and Grandma Homburg



FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-VP of Membership Officer: 11, 12
Forensics: 9
Journalism: 11, 12
-Co-Editor: 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Co-Points Officer: 12
Volleyball: 9
Web Team: 12
Honor Roll: 12
Junior Class Play

Jordyn Nicole Dessel

FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 12
SADD: 9
STUCO: 11
Volleyball: 9, 11
Web Team: 10, 12
Link Crew: 11, 12
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Senior Class Treasure
Junior Class Play



Jordyn,

You make us so proud! We love you like crazy and can't wait to see what your future holds! It's your time! Live for the moment- Dream for tomorrow- Celebrate!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Brandon

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Emily Janae Durheim

Emily,

WOW! How time flies as our baby has grown up to be such a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We know that you'll go far in life as your perseverance will take you there. Keep on keeping on!

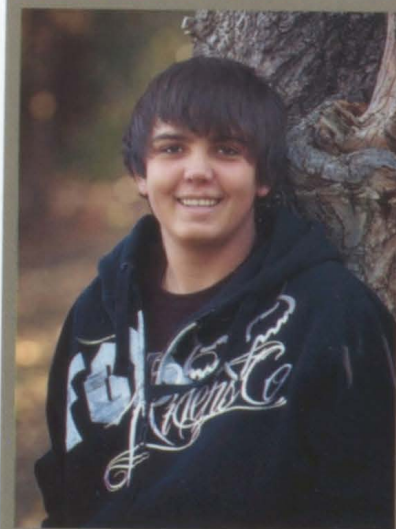
We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, & Jamie



FCCLA: 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 10, 11
Track: 9, 10, 11
Volleyball: 9, 10
Honor Roll: 12

Dalton Alan Fischer

FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12



Dalton,

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Love you,
Mom and Dad

Scott Daniel Fuller

Scott,

Congratulations son, we are proud of you! We look forward to your future as we are sure it will be full of wonders as the last 18 years have been. We love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Seth, and Spencer



Basketball: 9
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9
SADD: 9
Scholar's Bowl: 9, 10
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team: 11, 12

Lacey Nicole Gaschler

Cheerleading: 9, 10
 FCCLA: 9, 10, 11
 Journalism: 11, 12
 KAYS: 9, 10, 11
 Volleyball: 9
 Web Team: 12



Lacey,

The last 18 years have gone by much too fast. We are so proud of you and know you will be successful in whatever you set your mind to. Congratulations!

Love you,
 Dad, Mom, Kristy, Chris, and Danielle

Matthew James Gering

Matthew,

We are so proud of the person you've become.

I can do all things through
 Christ who strengthens me.
 -Philippians 4:13

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Zach, and Nick



Baseball: 9, 12
 Basketball: 9, 10
 Choir: 9, 10
 FFA: 9, 10, 12
 Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Railairres: 9, 10
 Scholars Bowl: 11
 Homecoming King
 All-District Offensive and
 Defensive Lineman
 All-State Honorable Mention
 Lineman
 2nd Team All-League
 Defensive End
 Honorable Mention-Offensive
 Lineman

Kimberly Ann Gottschalk

Band: 9
 Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Choir: 9, 10, 12
 FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Forensics: 9
 Journalism: 11
 KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
 -Vice President: 11
 -President: 12
 Railairres: 10, 11
 Softball: 9
 Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Perfect Attendance: 9, 10
 Link Crew: 11, 12
 A-B Honor Roll
 Junior Class Play
 All-American Cheerleader: 12
 Community Service Award
 Pin-It-Forward Awards: 12
 Multiple Art Awards



Kimberly,

Roses are red, violets are blue, if you smile, we smile too. Words cannot express how proud we are of you. Good luck and may all your dreams come true.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

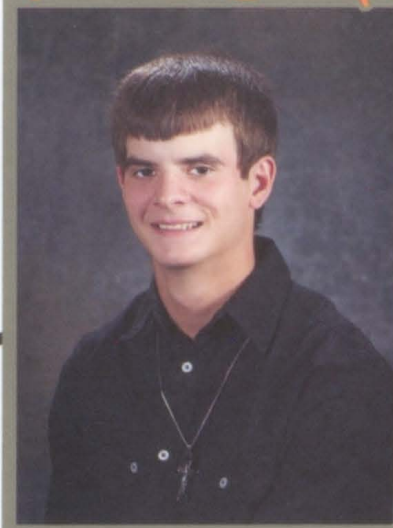
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Tanner Joseph Gugler

Tanner,

It's been a long road but you've finally made it!
Way to go buddy!

Congrats!
Dad, Mom, and Scott



Cross Country: 9, 11
FCCLA: 12
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 10
Forensics: 9, 11, 12
STUCO: 9, 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12

Devin Dean Henderson

FFA: 10, 11, 12
Football: 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD: 9, 10



Devin,

Life gave us the gift of you. Good luck in all you choose to do.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Daniel Lee Honas

Daniel,

You are our joy and blessing. The possibilities for your future is now yours to choose - choose them wisely. May you soar to the stars and your happiness be unending.

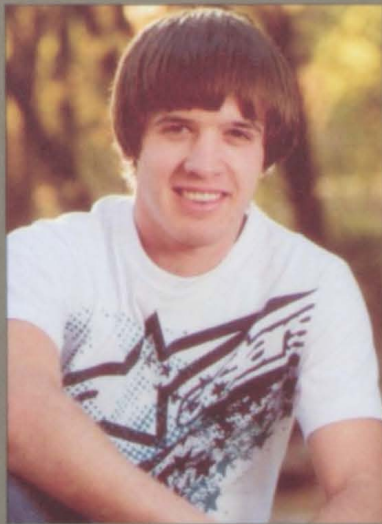
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Mom and Dad



Basketball: 9, 10, 11
Choir: 9
Cross Country: 9
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYS: 9, 10
Railairres: 9
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Class Vice President: 9, 12
Eco-Team: 10
A-B Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Perfect Attendance: 9, 10

Devin Michael Jacques

Basketball: 9, 10
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
SADD: 9
Track: 11
Web Team: 11, 12
Honor Roll
Prom Server



Devin,

Where have the years gone? It seems like only yesterday that you were outside playing in the sand box with your plastic dump truck and loader. Now, you are a young man ready to take on all of life's possibilities. You have accomplished so much already and we know that you will be successful in making your dreams come true. As you journey through life, always know how much we love you.

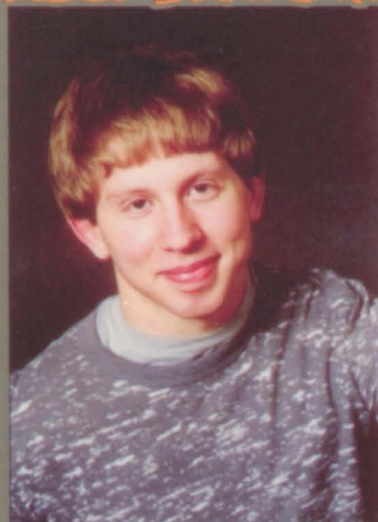
Love always,
Mom, Brady, Grandma, and Grandpa

Jacob Daniel Kunderknecht

Jacob,

Don't forget your roots, believe in yourself and trust in the Lord.
We are so proud of you!

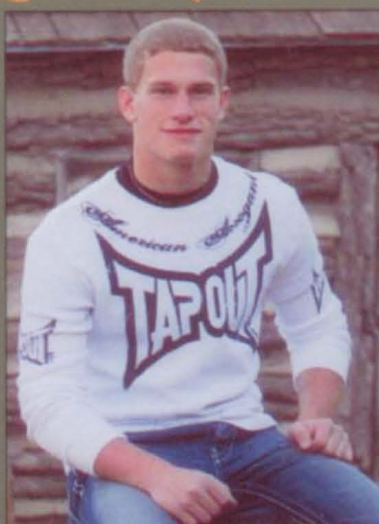
Love you!
Mom and Dad



Baseball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA: 9
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 11
STUCO: 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew: 11, 12
Perfect Attendance: 11
Class President: 9, 10, 11, 12
A-B Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Junior Class Play

Jared Michael Knoll

Basketball: 9
Cross Country: 9
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 11
STUCO: 12
Track: 9
Wrestling: 10, 11, 12
Site Base Council: 11
Snoball King: 11
Prom Server
Junior Class Play



Jared,

From the moment you were born, you have been a dazzling ray of sunshine lighting my days. I'm very proud of the kind, respectful, and intelligent young man you have become. Remember there is no limit to what you can achieve if you believe in yourself as we believe in you.

I love you,
Mom, Aaron, and Dylan

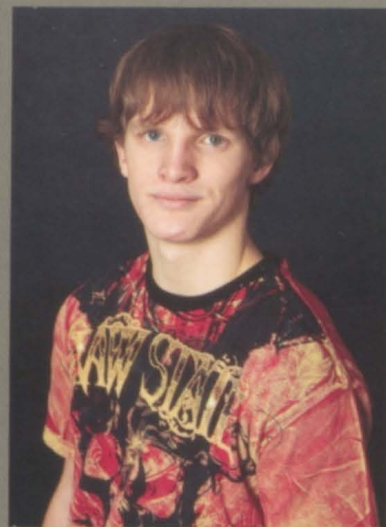
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Matthew Lee Kreutzer

Matt

From diapers to bicycles, to paintball and 4-wheelers, and trips to the E.R., watching you grow from child to young man has never been dull. May your future be as eventful.

Mom and Dad



Basketball: 9
FCCLA: 9
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
STUCO: 9
Wrestling: 11

Derek Kent Kvasnicka

Basketball: 9
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-FFA Reporter
-FFA Vice President
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9
Scholar's Bowl: 9
Eco-Team
Link Crew



Congratulations Derek!

We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sara, Sierra, and Eric

Congratulations from your family in Lucas.
We love you very much.

Jessica Dawn Lopez

Congratulations, Jessie!

With your honesty, sincerity, and dedication, you have everything you need to succeed in life. Spread your wings and fly! We love you and are so very proud.

Dad, Mom, Jaylen, Austin, and Ashley



Choir: 11
FCCLA: 9, 10
Forensics: 9
Journalism: 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD: 9
Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team: 11
Spanish Club: 11
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12

Alex Diego Lovato



Alex,

There are no doubts within our minds
That you'll indeed succeed.
Your future holds so much in store
And that smile is all you need.

No matter where life leads you,
No matter what you do,
We'll always be your biggest fans
And we'll be here for you!

Love, Mom, Tom, Matea, Cody and Jaci

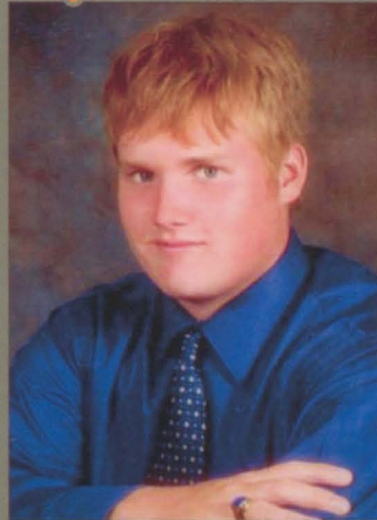
Band: 9

KAYS: 9, 10, 11

Web Team: 10, 12

Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12

Logan Thomas Matheyer



Logan,

It's been great following you through school and sports. Congratulations on a great job!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jordan

Basketball: 9, 10
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling: 11, 12

Skyler Lawrence McGinn



Skyler,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you.
Now your future is in your hands, and we know
you will succeed in everything you choose to do.
Remember we love you and will always be there
for you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Cory, and Austin

Basketball: 9

Cross Country: 9, 10, 11, 12

FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12

KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12

National Honor Society: 9, 10

Track: 9, 10, 11, 12

Science Club: 9, 10, 11

Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12

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Rachel Anne Mick

Rachel,

Congratulations!
May your future be bright and all
your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jared, and Sarah



Basketball: 9
Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Cheer Captain: 12
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
-KAYS Board: 9, 10
-KAYS Treasurer: 11
-KAYS Secretary: 12
National Honor Society: 12
SADD: 9, 10
STUCO Rep: 11
STUCO Secretary: 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11
WebTeam: 10, 11
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Perfect Attendance: 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew Leader: 11, 12
Site Council Service Award:
9, 10, 11, 12
Junior Class Play

Meliah Cheryenne Raub

Meliah,

Though the road has been winding and rough,
it has passed too quickly. We are so very
proud of you for overcoming the hurdles in
your life. Your presence in our family has been
a true blessing and look forward to what
the future has to hold. May you be richly
blessed in all of your endeavors and positively
influence all whom you encounter. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Breanna, Joey and Elijah

Jeremiah 29:11



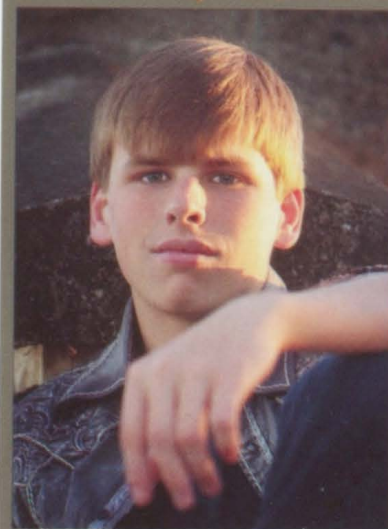
Basketball Manager: 11
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-FCCLA Officer: 12
Forensics: 9, 10, 11
Journalism: 11, 12
Softball: 9, 11, 12
Volleyball Manager: 10, 11, 12

Kevin Michael Robb

Kevin,

The name Kevin derives from the Irish Gaelic
meaning "handsome" and "gentle little one." You
have grown into a handsome, caring young man
who has overcome many obstacles with diligence
and pride. We are so proud of you and love you
with all our hearts! Remember: Focus :)

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Kerry, and Kelly



Basketball: 9
Football: 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYS: 9
SADD: 9
Scholar's Bowl: 10, 11, 12
Web Team: 10
American Legion Boy's
State Delegate: 11

Kathryn Jane Sleigh

FCCLA: 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew: 11, 12
STUCO: 12
-Class Representative: 12



Kathryn,

So many thoughts come to mind when we think about you, but most of all, it's what a special daughter you are to us. We look forward to see how God works through your new circumstances, your new experiences, and your tomorrows. We love you.

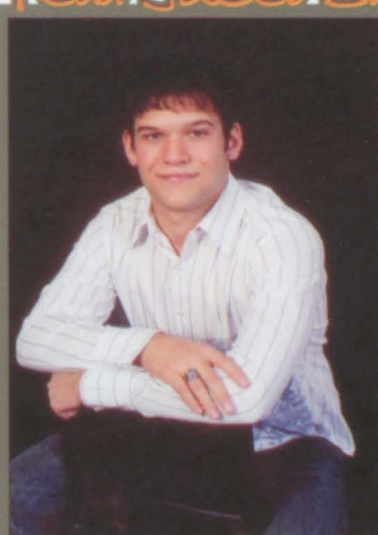
Happy Graduation!
Mom and Dad

Todd Jacob Smith

Todd,

We are proud of your strength, your independence, and your character. We know your life will be full of love, laughter, and adventure. We believe in you and know that you have what it takes to succeed in whatever the world has to offer. We look forward to the next chapter of your life.

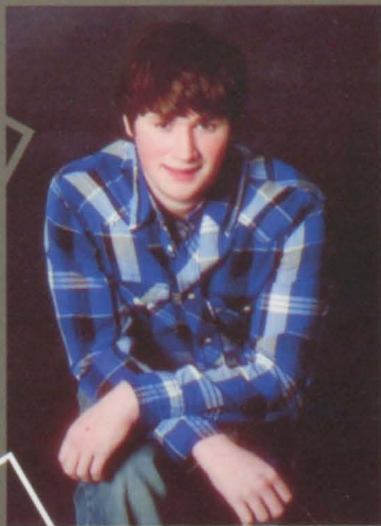
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Josh



Band: 9, 10
Choir: 9, 10
FFA: 11, 12
Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9
Railaires: 9, 10
STUCO: 12
Wrestling: 9, 10, 11, 12
Eco-Team: 10, 11
-State Qualifier: 10, 11
Honor Roll
Junior Class Play

Nathaniel Chase Townley

Cross Country: 9, 10, 11
FFA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Wrestling: 9, 10, 11, 12



Nate,

I am proud of the young man you have become. We love you.

Mom, Evan, Josh, and Grandma

Kayla Marie Wallmeier

Kayla,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. I've watched you grow from a shy little girl to a beautiful young lady. The next chapter of your life is about to begin, and the best is yet to come.

Love you,

Mom, Leanne, Tom, Lukas, Bailey, and Addison



Choir: 12
FCCLA: 9, 10, 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 12
SADD: 9
Volleyball: 9
Web Team: 9
Link Crew: 11, 12
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Peer Tutor: 10
Student of the Month: 12

Courtney Leigh Walschmidt

Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
-All-State Honorable Mention: 11, 12
-2nd Team All-League: 11, 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Honorable Mention All-League: 11, 12
Track: 9
Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Co-Captain: 12
Journalism: 11, 12
-Co-Editor: 12
-Business Manager: 11
-State Journalism Qualifier: 11, 12
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball: 12
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
-KAYS Points Officer: 12
STUCO Vice-President: 12
Choir: 9
Homecoming Candidate: 12
Teacher's Aide: 12
Junior Class Play
Web Team: 12



Courtney,

Keep 'shooting' for the stars and you will go far in whatever you do. We are proud to have you as our daughter and sister!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Kristen, Reese, and Roxy

Chelsey Marie Walters

Chelsey,

Little Missy, Farmer Sister Sparky....Chelsey.... you danced into our hearts eighteen years ago a sweet, beautiful girl and now stand before us as a lovely, giving, tender-hearted young woman. Your energy and fun-loving spirit are captivating. We are so proud of the person you have become, and as the next chapter of your life beckons you, always keep your feet planted firmly on the ground and your soul in the sky!

All of our love and best wishes,
Mom and Dad



Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir: 9
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
Golf: 9, 10, 11
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
-KAYS Board Member
National Honor Society: 12
SADD: 9
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Homecoming Queen
State Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
-I Rating: 9, 10, 11, 12

Zachary Tate Worth

FFA: 10, 11, 12
Forensics: 9
Track: 11, 12
-2A State 400m Champion, 12
Wrestling: 9, 10, 11
Honor Roll: 12



Zachary Tate,

We are so proud of you! You have never given up hope, and you've always tried to reach as high as you could reach. You have always been a courageous young man. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars. Good luck in all you do! You've got a heart of gold.

We love you very much!

Jessica Claire Wheeler

Jessica,

"Success is never found. Failure is never fatal.
Courage is the only thing."

--Winston Churchill

Love,
Mom, David, Lauren, and Paige



Band: 9
Basketball Manager: 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-President: 11, 12
-Vice President of Public Relations: 10
Girls State Participant: 12
Forensics: 9
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
SADD: 9
Scholar's Bowl: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track Manager: 9
Volleyball Manager: 9, 10
Web Team: 12
Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
Link Crew: 11, 12
Spanish Club: 11
Student of the Month

Stephanie Lynnae Young

Band: 9, 10
Basketball: 9, 10
Boys Basketball Mgr: 11, 12
Choir: 9, 10, 11
Eco-Team: 9, 10
FCCLA: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Secretary: 11
Forensics: 9
Journalism: 11, 12
-Head Photographer: 12
-State Journalism Qualifier: 12
Jr. Class Play
Kays: 9, 10, 11, 12
-Board Member: 12
Railaires: 10, 11
SADD: 9
Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Teacher's Aide: 12
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team: 12



Stephanie,

Dare to Dream...
Because dreams really do come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kim, Chris, Karin, and Michael

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Magdalen Anne Zody

Maggie,

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." We are so proud of your accomplishments and of YOU! Go make a difference!

All our love,
Dad, Mom, & Livie



Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
KMEA State Band: 11
Band State Contest: 9, 10, 11, 12
KMEA District Honor Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
KMEA District Honor Jazz: 9, 10, 11, 12
Chair: 9, 10
Cross Country: 10, 11, 12
FFA: 10, 11, 12
Reporter: 11
Secretary: 12
Forensics: 9, 10, 12
State Participant: 9, 10, 12
KAYS: 9, 10, 11, 12
Board Member: 10, 11
National Honor Society: 11, 12
Secretary: 12
Railroaders: 9, 10, 11
SADD: 9
Scholars Bowl: 9, 10, 11
STUCO: 9, 10, 11, 12
President: 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track State Participant: 11, 12
Volleyball: 9
Eco-Team: 9, 10
All "A" Honor Roll: 9, 10, 11, 12
MCL Art Show Award Winner: 12
Hays Arts Council Writing Award Winner: 9, 10
Ellis Site Council: 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics Newcomer of the Year Award: 9

"Remember yesterday,
Dream for tomorrow,
Live for today."

Homecoming 2011



Photo by Jill Wood

First Row: Alex Lovato, Jared Knoll, and Devin Jacques

Second Row: Kayla Wahlmeier, Maggie Zody, Kelsey Butler, Ashley Augustine, Kimberly Gottschalk, Stephanie Young, Alesha Brenner, Rachel Mick, Courtney Waldschmidt, Lacey Gaschler, Kimberly Desaire, and Emily Durham.

Third Row: Tanner Gugler, Jessica Wheeler, Tori Clark, Ethan Cox, Joey Augustine, Devin Henderson, Logan Mattheyer, Jessie Lopez, Chelsey Walters, Meliah Raub, Jordyn Dessel, Desiree Basgall, Kathryn Sleight, Jacob Kinderknecht, and Matt Gehring.

Fourth Row: Dawson Augustine, Austin Bittel, Todd Smith, Daniel Honas, Zach Werth, Skyler McGann, Brandon Bicker, Nate Townley, Derek Kvasnicka, Dalton Fischer, Matt Kreutzer, Scott Fuller, and Kevin Robb.

Senior Transportation



Brandon Beiker
1988 GMC Sierra



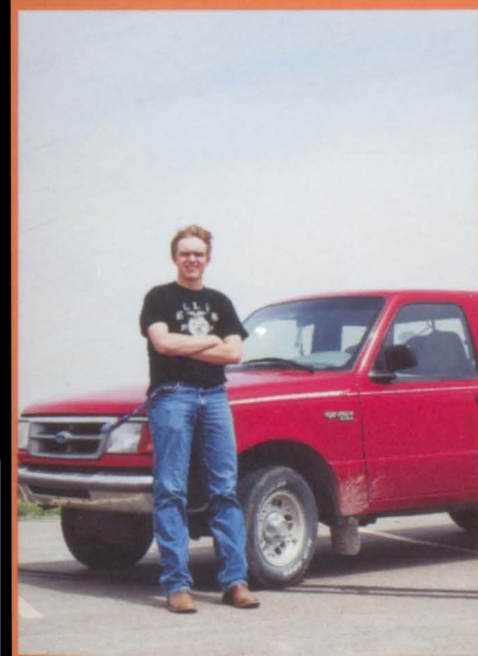
Austin Bittel
2001 Jeep Grand
Cherokee



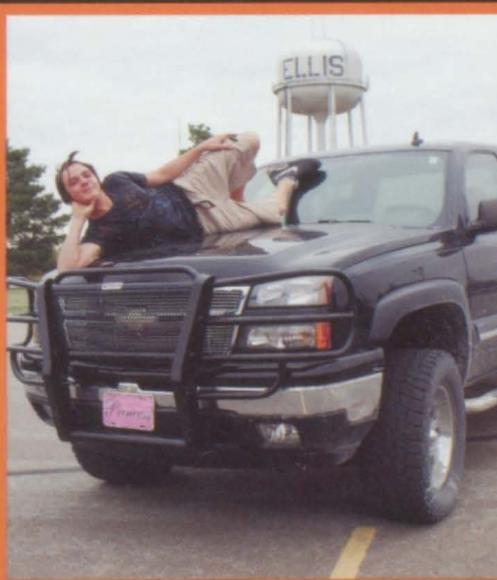
Kayla Wahlmeier
2009 Ford Focus



Ashley Augustine
2001 Oldsmobile Intrigue



Derek Kvasnicka
1995 Ford Ranger



Dalton Fischer
2006 Chevy 1500 Truck



ASHLEY BUNKER



JACI DIEHL



NANCY DINGES



JERICA DINKEL



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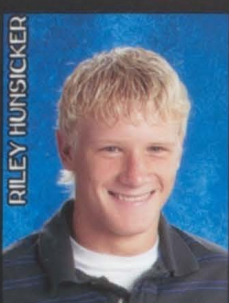
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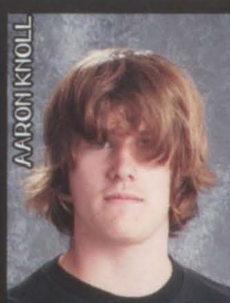
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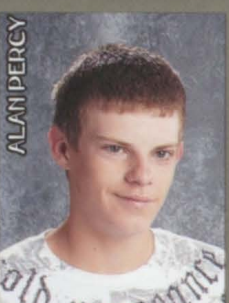
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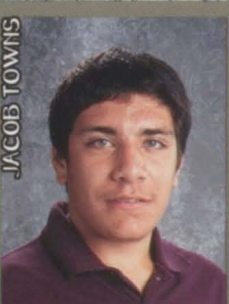
MANUEL RODRIGUEZ



JESSICA STANTON



GAGE STROPPES



JACOB TOWNIS



KYLE WEBER

Class Officer Key:

President - Dylan Krause
 Vice President - Shelby Hollern
 Treasurer - Jenny Hollern
 Secretary - Breanna Kroeger
 Stuco Representative - Jared Herl
 Stuco Representative - Ashley Bunker

Study Hard Nancy Dinges catches up on math homework in her spare time. She is currently enrolled in Algebra I with Mr. Hayes. "I love math. It is one of my favorite classes. It's really easy for me to figure out the equation in my mind," Dinges said. Mr. Hayes also teaches Geometry, usually taken the first year of high school.

Photo by Lacey Gaschler



Listen Good Dylan Krause takes advice from his classmates as he helps decorate for Prom. "I was trying to figure out what we were going to do about not having enough lights to go around the square on the ceiling. Decorating was very enjoyable for me," Krause said. The juniors spent 8 1/2 hours decorating for Prom the day before.

Photo by Jessie Lopez



Another Family

Third Year Holds Much Responsibility

Junior year - a year when classes must put aside their differences and use their creative minds to put together Prom. Each year, the seniors count on the juniors to make a Prom that is better than the previous year.

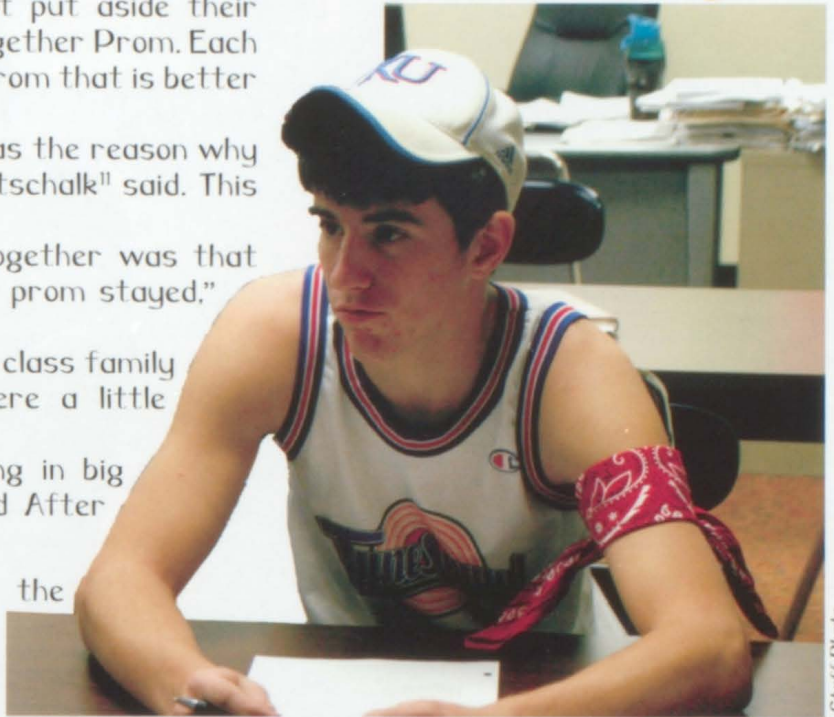
"I think that since we all came together was the reason why Prom was a fun time for everyone," Mikayla Gottschalk¹¹ said. This year's Prom theme was "Ellis in Wonderland."

"I think the reason we worked so well together was that only the people who wanted to help decorate for prom stayed," Hollingshead¹¹ said.

Jaci Diehl¹¹ became a member of the junior class family after Christmas, so her dance experiences were a little different.

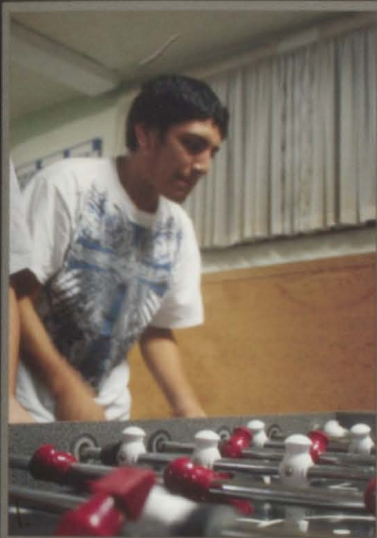
"At Hays High everyone is up and dancing in big circles unlike Ellis, but I really enjoyed Prom and After Prom," Diehl¹¹ said.

Even though the juniors are putting the responsibility of Prom behind them they will have a new challenge ahead of them - deciding their future plans their senior year.



Staff Photo

Kyle Weber¹¹



1. **Concentration** Jacob Towns plays foosball at 5th Quarter. After each home game the Ellis United Methodist Church offers a place for students to go and have a good time.

Photo by Shea Harper

2. **Another Year** Lyle Fischer shows his excitement in the hallways on the first day back to school. "I was thinking that this was going to be a better year than my freshmen and sophomore year, and that I was one year closer to graduating," Fischer said.

Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

3. **Shut! Shut! No!** Josh Reilly watches as his fellow classmate Riley Hunsicker¹¹ blows up a balloon with the helium canister. The juniors took part in blowing up hundreds of balloons. The balloons were then used to create balloon arches that were displayed in the backdrop located in the lobby and on the stage in the auditorium during the promenade. "Messing around with helium was probably the funnest part of decorating," Reilly said.

Photo by Alesha Brenner

4. **Steady Hand** Ben Leiker helps decorate the Friday prior to Prom. The junior class chose the theme "Ellis in Wonderland" and decorated the high school lobby where the dance was to be held.

5. **Down Time** Bernadette Frickey listens to music and eats Cheetos during seminar in Mrs. Nilhas' room. Seminar is offered to the students each day to help catch up on homework.

Photo by Alesha Brenner



What is your favorite memory from

this year?

"After-Prom, because playing in the blow-up things was a lot of fun!"

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Juniors
Alesha Brenner

Somewhere in Between

Sophomores Get Involved

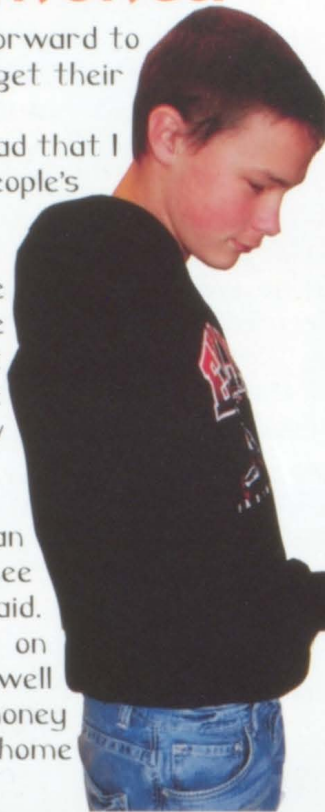
The sophomore class had a lot to look forward to this year. One of the things they got to do is get their first class ring.

"I have a pretty cool class ring. I was glad that I could finally get one. I have always seen other people's class rings and thought they were awesome," Cole Pfeifer said.

Receiving rings isn't the only thing the class has to look forward too. A majority of the sophomore class is involved in some kind of sport or school organization. Many sophomores have brought their talents to the high school to show what they can do.

"I like being in a very supportive and involved class. It's good to know that our class can contribute to our school more and have people see that we're doing the best we can," Shea Harper said.

The sophomores have been successful on the court and in various other competitions, as well as coming together as a class and raising money for prom by working concession stands at the home games.



Cole Pfeifer

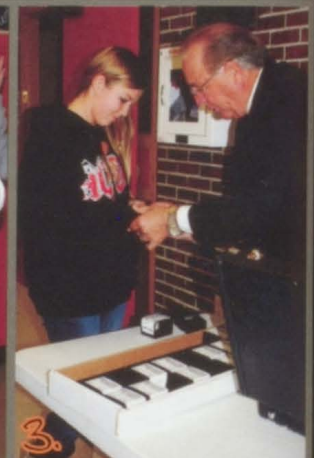
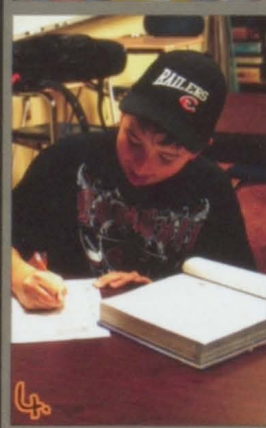
1. Butter Fingers Brandon Hall helps out at the concession stand by making the popcorn for the hungry customers. "Working concessions can be fun, and it's a nice way of working together with your classmates while earning money for your school and prom," Hall said. *Photo by Candace Bollig*

2. Wolf Wolf Bailey Hensley gets pumped up for her English class by playing follow the leader with the sophomore English teacher Mrs. Wood. "It was fun getting pumped up before the test. It was cool that Mrs. Wood let us go through Mr. Kohl's room to interrupt him while he was teaching his history class," Hensley said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*

3. Bling Bling The Jostens Representative helps Becca Aschenbrenner try on her class ring to make sure that it was perfect. "My ring turned out really great, and it was fun to see what everyone else's rings looked like," Aschenbrenner said. *Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt*

4. Write Word Kelly Robb utilizes his free time during class to concentrate on his English assignment. "Subjects seem harder this year than they did during my freshman year," Robb said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*

5. Spring Cleaning Shea Harper cleans out all of the trash and other things that have ended up in her bag over the school year. "I rarely clean out my book bag, so when I do, I usually find many surprises!" Harper said. *Photo by Stephanie Young*



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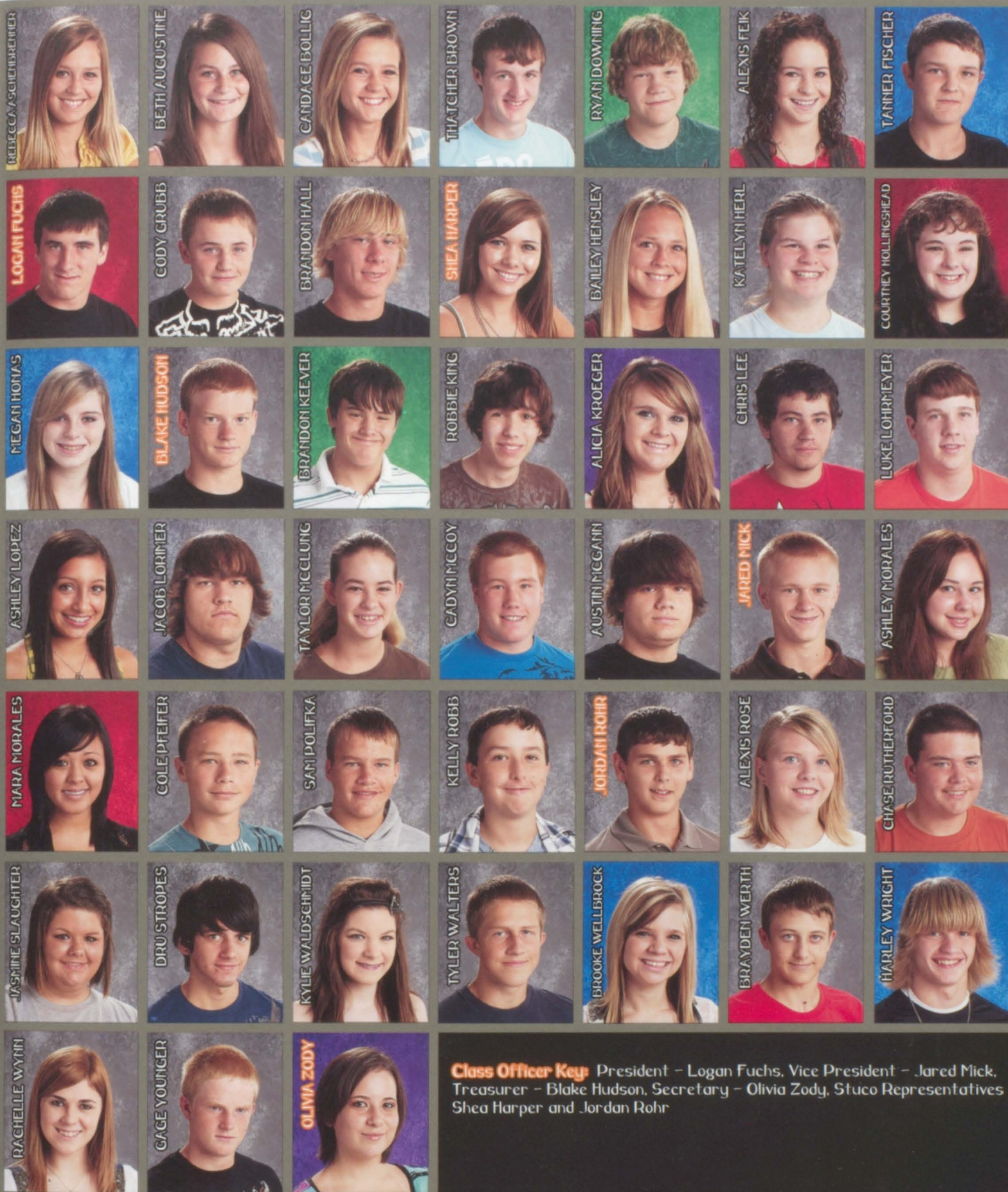
Sophomores
Bernadette Frickey



Do you think high school has changed from freshman to sophomore year?

Olivia Zody

"As a freshman, you feel more intimidated by upperclassmen, but as a sophomore, you feel more comfortable in your own skin."



Class Officer Key: President - Logan Fuchs, Vice President - Jared Mick, Treasurer - Blake Hudson, Secretary - Olivia Zody, Stuco Representatives - Shea Harper and Jordani Rohr



What was the hardest part of your sophomore year?

Jacob Lorimer

"The hardest part of my sophomore year was all the homework I had to take home, and also the classes were harder than my freshman year."

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Sophomores
Bernadette Frickey



DUSTIN BITTEL



JACOB CALLIER



BRITTANY DINKEL



SETH FULLER



NICHOLAS GEHRING



MARA GESCHWENTNER



SIDNEY GOTTSCHALK



SAMANTHA GRAVES



ABIGAIL HAFLINGER



BRADY JACQUES



KOURTNEY KAICY



TANNER KEITHLEY



RACHEL KELLER



REGAN KRAUSE



ALAYSIA LEPPER



BRADEN PARKE



KARA PARSON



SCOTT PFEIFER



KALEIGH SONESEN



CHRISTEN SPINELLI



SKYLER TEBE



JOSHUA TOWNLEY



MONICA TOWNS



JOSHUA TWAY



ALYSHA WERTH



ALAN WILSON



KATHLEEN WINDHOLZ



CHRISTINA WRIGHT



LANDON YOUNGER

Class Officer Key: President - Landon Younger, Vice President - Nicholas Gehring, Treasurer - Kaleigh Soneson, Secretary - Sidney Gottschalk, Stuco Representatives - Brittany Dinkel and Christen Spinelli

Zone Out Kourtney Kaicy focuses on her art projects. Mr. White lets the students pick what they want to draw in the last nine weeks of school. "I've done an acrylic painting of a daisy, ink drawing of lips, pencil drawing of a Celtic cross, and right now I'm working on a pencil drawing of a panda," Kaicy said. Photo by Meliah Raub



Need Your Support Skyler Tebo, Josh Tway, Landon Younger, and Nick Gehring put trust in each other during Freshman Fun Night. The object to this game is to stay on your feet the longest after the chairs get pulled out from under each person in the group. "I enjoyed the scavenger hunt the best," Tway said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



At This Moment

Future on the Brain

Freshman year: blending in or getting the hard classes out of the way? Some freshmen are thinking about the harder classes they have to take and get them out of the way at the start of their high school career, while others are just taking the classes they have to and not thinking about getting ahead.

In some careers there are certain classes that need to be taken in high school. Some freshmen are thinking about this at that start of high school. A majority of freshmen take the classes they want compared to what they should take.

"I want to be in the ag field, like a veterinarian," Monica Towns said.

On the other hand, many freshmen sit back and try to blend in. They don't start to think about their college until later to enjoy the years as much as they can, but many classes are not offered until later on in high school.

"I want to go to college, but I just want to enjoy high school while it lasts," Kara Parson said.

When it all comes down to it freshmen are not so different from the rest of the student body. They either get their harder classes out of the way, or wait till later to worry about them.



Kara Parson⁹



1. **Stick vs. Unstick** Mara Geschwentner seam rips her quilt where she made a mistake. Geschwentner has had previous experience with sewing from her 8th grade FACS class where she made a small pillow. "I like FACS, but I like to cook more than sew. I do enjoy that class every day," Geschwentner said. Photo by Jerica Dinkel

2. **Da Frenchiez Squad** On Freshman Fun Night, Nick Gehring holds up the poster that his group made. The freshmen had to come up with a team name and put it on a post, then they all had to sign it and present it to everyone. "I liked the scavenger hunt the most. It was fun to run around and have to think on our toes," Gehring said. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

3. **Translation** Alaysia Lepper works with the translator in Spanish I class. The translator is for students to translate English words to Spanish. "I like to type anything in the translator and various things pop up that aren't correct," Lepper said. Photo by Meliah Raub

4. **Focused on Perfection** Braden Parke sands the corner of his clock in wood shop. First-year students make a clock to get the feel of how things work. There is a spot for a clock and a picture under it. Photo by Jerica Dinkel

5. **Are We Done Yet?** Christen Spinelli works on cleaning out her locker during an end-of-the-year all-school clean-out. It was mandatory for everyone to clean out their lockers during this time. Photo by Jerica Dinkel



What was your favorite moment from freshman year?

Christina Wright

"My favorite memory was Homecoming week."

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Freshmen
Jerica Dinkel

A New Outlook

Adjusting to Different Positions

Each year begins with a number of faculty members who are chosen to guide young students. Many have been here for years while others are just beginning their journey. Although some teachers were familiar with their positions, some had to switch up their roles this year. Mrs. Madorin and Mrs. Wood had to change their responsibilities in the English department which led to Mr. Dale, Mrs. Carroll, and Mrs. Grogan having to teach an Impact class.

"Being educated in the behavioral sciences and completing my degree in K-12 school counseling, I find working with students who have difficulty focusing, organizing, meeting assignment deadlines, and goal setting quite interesting and rewarding," Mrs. Grogan said.

Mr. Dale had to change the way he managed his time throughout the year.

"Teaching Impact changed my schedule on how I managed my time. Teaching this wasn't stressful, but it conflicted from time to time with important phone calls or meetings that would pop up," Mr. Dale said.



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Mr. Kohman



Craig Amrein
Webpage, Football,
Multimedia



Troy Dale
Counselor, Football



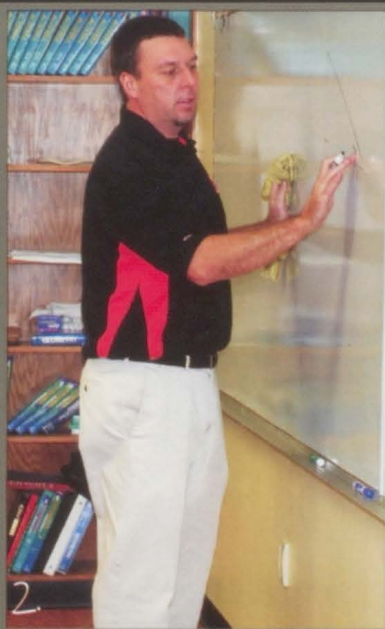
Paula Greenway
Para-Educator



Julie Honas
Food Services



Susan Molstad
Scholar's Bowl
Sponsor



1. Sawate Little Helper Mr. Burton helps serve the Christmas lunch. "A few years ago the cooks told me that they did not have enough hands to serve the Christmas meal. I told them I would be glad to help. I have been helping serve this meal since that time," said Mr. Burton. "I do enjoy doing it because it is something different and fun."

Photo by Stephanie Young

2. Don't Forget Mr. Hayes teaches his sixth hour geometry class about trigonometry. He used the phrase SOHCAHTOA to help the class remember the sine, cosine, and tangents of triangles. Mr. Hayes uses many short phrases to make it easier to memorize certain things in class. Photo by Candace Bollig

3. Wipe It Down Mr. Herman cleans off the tables after lunch. This is a task he performs everyday. "It gets tiring more so putting the tables up then turn around and putting them back down than it is wiping them off everyday," Mr. Herman said. Photo by Lacey Gaschler

4. Knock on Wood Mr. Carroll preps the shed roof for his students in Industrial Tech. This class is building them and Trio is selling them. The class will benefit from this project by splitting the earnings with Trio. "Those are trusses for our shed projects that the students built," said Mr. Carroll. "I sorted through them and got them ready to be used as the roof of the shed." Photo by Candace Bollig



Describe your Ellis High School experience in one word.

Karen Madorin

"Gratifying"



Brandon Armbruster
GPD, P.E./Health,
Athletic Director



Sara Ashida
Softball



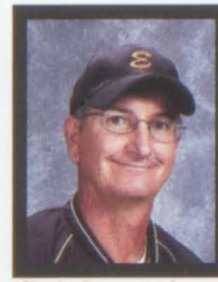
Corey Burton
Principal



Matt Carroll
Golf, Industrial
Technology



Nicole Carroll
Impact



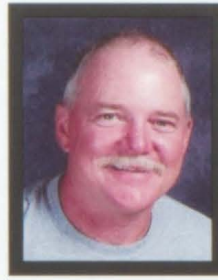
Rick Cunningham
Baseball



Casey Dinkel
Wrestling



Ellen Dreyer
Volleyball



Steve Erbert
Track



Sherri Faulkender
Librarian



Sarah Fischer
Para-Educator



Dava Gaschler
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Spanish, Psychology,
Jr. & Sr. Class Sponsor



Butch Hayes
Math, Football
Basketball, Track



Shelly Hensley
Volleyball



Randy Herman
Custodian



Steve Herrman
Technology
Director



Gwen Honas
Food Services



Jeff Kohl
History, Government,
STUCO Sponsor



Bob Kohman
Agricultural Education,
FFA, Jr. Class Sponsor



Karen Madorin
English, Forensics



Maria Mick
Secretary



Perry Mick
Math, Physics,
Girls Basketball



Breanne Nilhas
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So. Class Sponsor



Mary Parke
Nurse



Randy Sauer
Band/Choir



Sandy Shupe
Special Education



Terra Upham
Volleyball, Softball



Charlie Waldschmidt
Custodian



Brian White
Art,
So. Class Sponsor



David Wildeman
Science, Baseball,
Boys Basketball



Jill Wood
English, Journalism



Jack Wolf
Science, Track,
Cross Country

Not Pictured:
Brandon Pfeifer
Wrestling

Jessica Bollig
Girls Basketball



Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt



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Regan Krause⁹ and Brittany Dinkel⁹

Cadyn McCoy¹⁰ and Jessica Wheeler¹²

Mara Geschwenter⁹

Alexis Rose¹⁰



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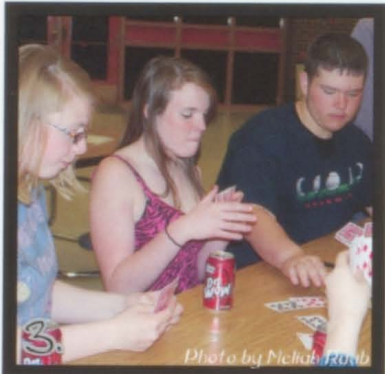


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1. **Hand Slapping** Jessica Wheeler¹², Brittany Dinkel⁹, Sammy Graves⁹, and other freshmen participate in a game during Freshman Fun Night. This event is held for incoming freshmen to help explain the meaning of FCCLA.

2. **It's a Strike** Junior Jenny Hollern laces up her bowling shoes to have some fun at one of the many activities during the State FCCLA trip in Wichita.

3. **Full House** Alexis Rose¹⁰ and Abigail Hafliker⁹ play cards with Chase Rutherford¹⁰ and others during the combined FFA/FCCLA Lock-In. This was a first-time event for both groups.

4. **Rollin' Dough** Jessica Wheeler¹² and Ashley Lopez¹⁰ help bake cookies for the annual Cookie Bake. This event is a fundraiser to help increase the FCCLA funds for the group to attend the state convention in the spring. A dozen cookies sold for \$4, raising almost \$3,000 for the group.

Steady Leadership Returning President Exceeds Expectations

FCCLA started off the year with a bang with the annual Freshman Fun Night. A total of 15 freshmen joined on this night, and during the Membership Drive, the club gained a total of 61 members. This year for the annual FLA, which was held in Osborne, the EHS chapter had new responsibilities.

"This year we were responsible for the door prizes. It was a bit challenging, but we had the other students from the different schools participate in Minute-It-To-Win-It games," Candace Bollig¹⁰ said.

The big event for the year is the annual Cookie Bake. This event brings in a majority of the funds into the club. This year the club sold a total of 727 dozen cookies.

"I really enjoyed the Cookie Bake, but rolling the dough made my hands dry," Olivia Zody¹⁰ said.

The national FCCLA week was changed up this year by members going to the Good Samaritan Center to play bingo with the residents. They also took 14 members to participate in State later in the year.

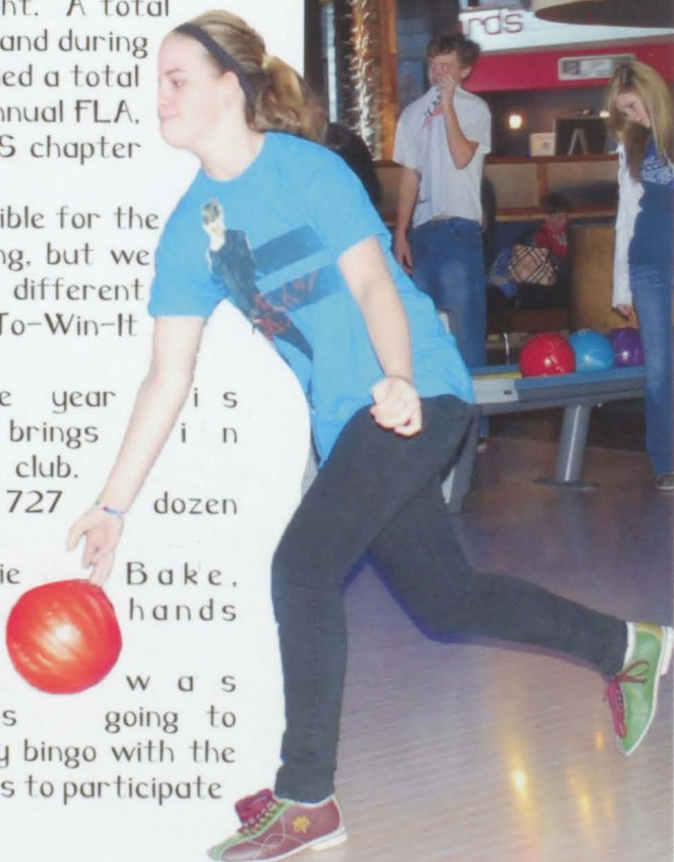


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Taylor McClung¹⁰



What was the best part about going to state?

Rachel Keller⁹

"I really enjoyed getting to listen to the speaker and I loved riding on the go-carts."

1. **Glowin' in the Dark** Shea Harper¹⁰ and Monica Towns⁰⁹ have a little fun while decorating for Snoball.
2. **Gold' Once** Stephanie Young¹² helps hand boxes out during the food box auction.
3. **Helping Hands** Regan Krause⁹ paints decorations for the Snoball dance sponsored by KAYS.
4. **Grease Lightning** Jenny Hollern¹¹ and Devin Jacques¹² portrayed Danny and Sandy from the movie "Grease" during the KAYS Halloween dance.
5. **Painting With My Heart** President Kimberly Gottschalk¹² paints hearts for the Snoball dance.
6. **Bidding on My Love** Luke Lohrmeyer¹⁰ and Cole Pfeifer¹⁰ bid on boxes during the auction. "I was helping Pfeifer bid on a food box. Everytime he wanted to quit I made him bid again," Lohrmeyer said.



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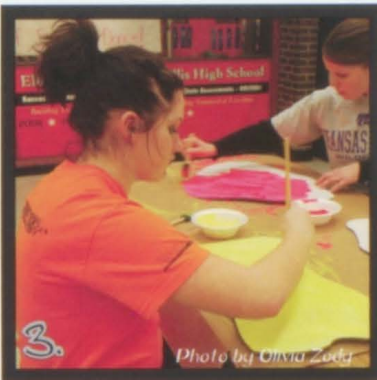


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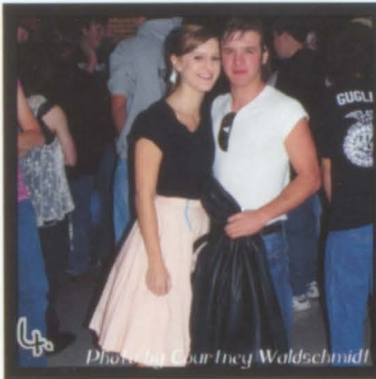


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New Leaders, New Year

Sponsors Spark New Ideas



Photo by Meliah Raub

This year began with a pair of new sponsors for the KAYS organization, but they were not unfamiliar faces to the student body. The sponsors were grade school teachers Kristi Bittel and Tracy Bohnert. "It seems that we did more things then normal this year, like adding promenade at the Good Sam," said Tori Clark¹². First off for KAYS was the Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat. Members met behind the library and were given a map of which part of the town they needed to cover. The next event was the biggest money maker of the year, the Food Box Auction. This event made a total of \$1,490 to fund the Snoball dance. "I thought it was fun to help out this year because I have never modeled the boxes before," said Stephanie Young¹².

The big finale for KAYS is Snoball. This year had a new twist to it. Instead of holding promenade at the high school, the sponsors decided to hold it at the Good Samaritan Society. "Snoball was a lot of fun this year, because there had never been a glow-in-the-dark theme before!" Kimberly Gottschalk¹² said.

"All the different activities we did were fun, like the Kleenex drive and the Food Box Auction."

What did you enjoy most about being in KAYS?

Desiree Basgall¹²



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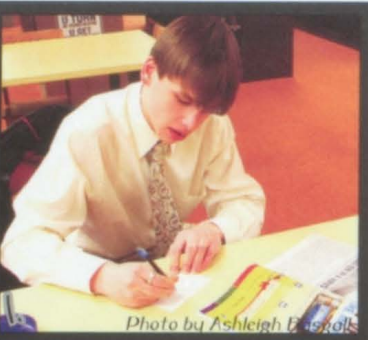


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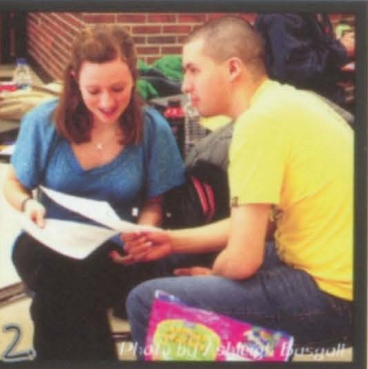


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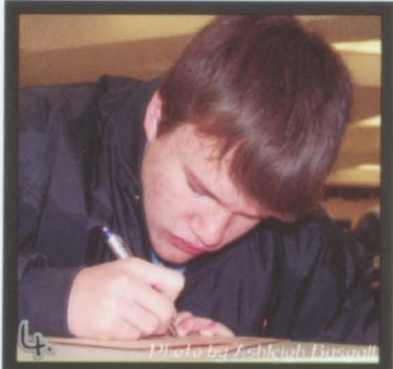


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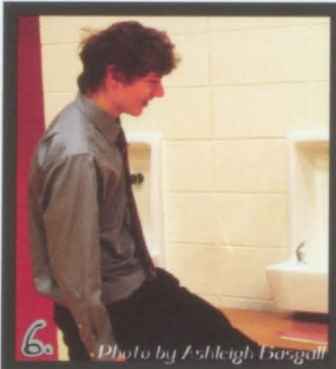


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1. **Searching for Gold** Kevin Robb¹² works on Extemp in the library at Regionals held at Ellis High School. Robb qualified for state in this event.
2. **Cool as a Cucumber** Kelsey Butler¹² rehearses her informative, "The Magic of a Good Read" while her boyfriend from Wichita, Ethan Beale, listens.
3. **Jokes A Lot** Braden Parke⁹ laughs at a joke one of his fellow team members made at the Hays meet.
4. **Pen & Ink** Sam Polifika¹⁰ fills out a ballot at the Regional competition. Polifika performed a piece on classic vs. modern cars.
5. **Surprise Delight** Kelsey Butler¹² laughs as she finds a snack to eat from the snack box.
6. **Laughable Even** Dusty Bittel¹⁹ prepares his IDA for Regionals in the gym. "My favorite event is a tie between IDA and prose," Bittel said.

Alter-Ego



Lord Voldemort
AKA
Dusty Bittel



Hermione Granger
AKA
K.C. Windholz

A Welcome Change

New Hopes For Forensics Team

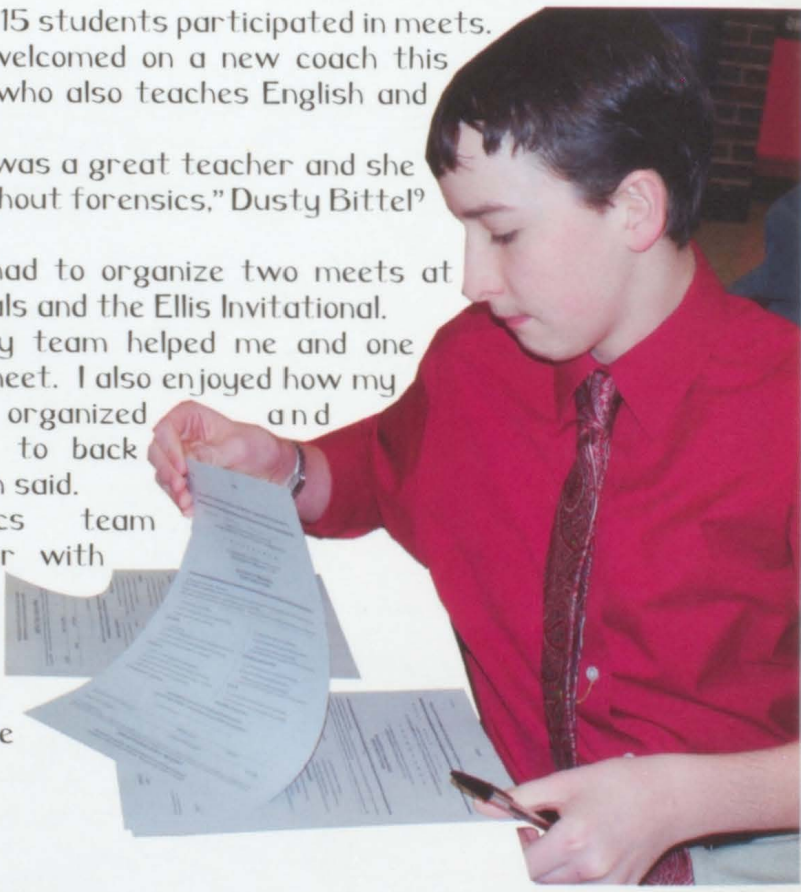
This year, only 15 students participated in meets. The forensics team welcomed on a new coach this year, Karen Madorin, who also teaches English and Forensics I and II.

"Mrs. Madorin was a great teacher and she helped me a lot throughout forensics," Dusty Bittel¹⁹ said.

Madorin also had to organize two meets at EHS this year, Regionals and the Ellis Invitational.

"I love how my team helped me and one another out at each meet. I also enjoyed how my team and students organized and ran successful back to back tournaments," Madorin said.

The forensics team finished off the year with their annual forensics night. The team also took four participants to state competition along with one time keeper.



"My favorite part was meeting new people and having people tell me how well I did."

What was your favorite part of being on the forensics team?

Abby Haflliger



1. **Would Ya Look At That** Derek Kvasniska¹² watches as Rachel Keller⁹ play a game on her phone at the FCCLA/FFA Lock-In.

2. **Cubax** Kyle Weber¹¹ lays down on the stage while he is auctioned off at the annual labor auction. "I had fun goofing around in my light-up Grinch hat," Weber said.

3. **You Can Do Better** Lyle Fischer¹¹ and Dalton Fischer¹² try and convince their bidders to go higher.

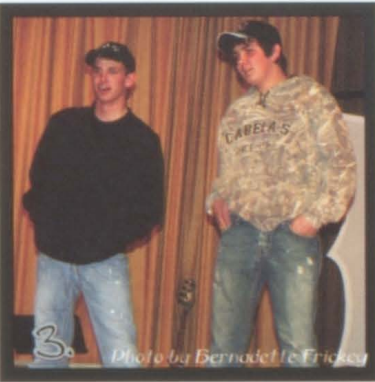
4. **Team Dev** Seniors Devin Henderson and Devin Jacques give each other "a look" while awaiting the highest bid at the Labor Auction. "We were talking about how I was going to enter my five weiner dogs in a bobsledding competition," Henderson said.



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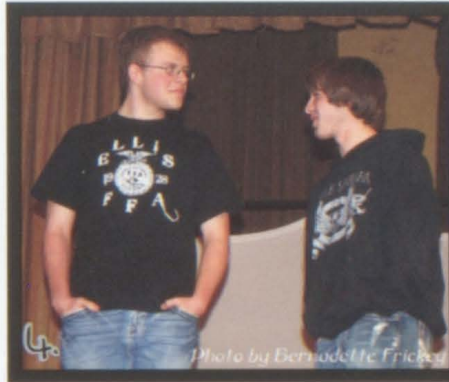


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Moo-ve Over

FFA Takes On Food Boxes



This year, the FFA took on a new project--food boxes for the Ellis Community. The project is usually headed up by Leonard Schoenberger, but this year the FFA offered to lend a helping hand.

"This was our first year of helping out with the Ellis Food Box project. We are definitely planning on helping out again as it is a very worthwhile project that the members enjoy taking part in," Mr. Kohman said.

The food boxes help families in need by giving them food and even presents for their children around Christmas time.

Along with the food boxes, the FFA went to the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, organized a Lock-In along with FCCLA, and had the annual labor auction which raised \$12,650.

"I had a great time at the Lock-In and was happy we decided to do it again this year. The Scavenger Hunt in the dark was my favorite," Todd Smith¹² said.

The FFA chapter ended the school year by holding their annual banquet, which included a meal and the introduction of new officers and awards.

Tanner Gugler¹² and KC Windholz⁹

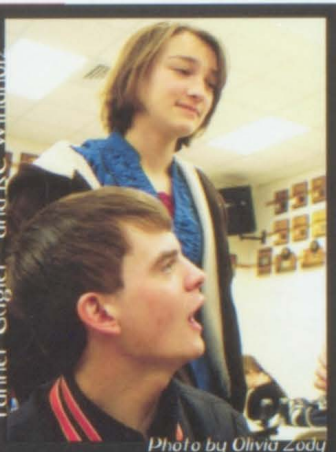


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Beth Augustine¹⁰



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Dusty Bittel⁹



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Dalton Fischer¹²

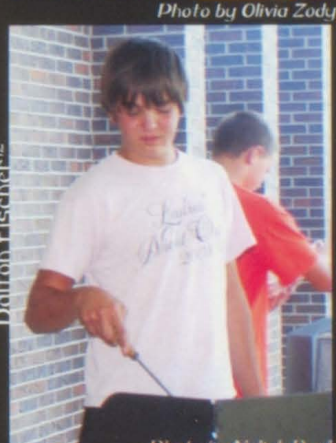


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What is your favorite event to judge?

Jasmine Slaughter

"My favorite event to judge is livestock."

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FFA
Olivia Zody



1. **Tool That Horn** Kelsey Butler¹² warms up her trumpet before she performs at Regionals in Hays. Photo by Candace Bollig

2. **Brassy Fists** Kelsey Butler¹² and Luke Lohrmeyer¹⁰ play "A Gift of Christmas." Photo by Candace Bollig

3. **Twin Payers** Maggie Zody¹² and Landon Younger⁹ play in the pep band during a basketball game. Photo by Olivia Zody

4. **Way To "B"** Freshman Sidney Gottschalk plays a repetitive note in a song during the Christmas concert. Photo by Candace Bollig

5. **Beat Set** Dusty Bittel¹¹ performs on the bass drum at the Christmas concert. Bittel also played the chimes for the concert. Photo by Candace Bollig

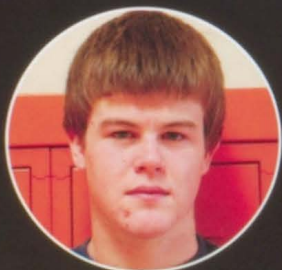
6. **Patience for the Beat** Alan Wilson⁹ keeps beat for the pep band. Photo by Olivia Zody



What Was Your Favorite Memory From This Year?



My favorite memory would have to be every day in choir class this year! There was never a dull moment. We're always laughing!
~Kimberly Gottschalk¹²



"When I was throwing Skittles at Nick [Gehring]"
~Landon Younger⁹

Melody for Life

Students Adapt to New Teacher

A new year for the music department, a new year for a teacher. This year the Ellis music program was introduced to a new but familiar face. Randy Sauer took over the position of both the band and choir programs, however, this isn't his first time in the Ellis school district. Sauer used to teach K-8 vocal at the grade school.

"Teaching all the band and vocal classes is stressful at times, especially when planning for concerts and contests," Sauer said.

Instead of doing a dinner theater this year with the Railaires, Sauer decided to do a dessert theater with the entertainment provided by band and choir instead of the select singing group.

"I liked playing the Jazz Combo for dessert theatre this year. Getting some dessert was cool too," Landon Younger⁹ said.

The high school music program finished the year by performing at the Regional Music Festival in Hays. They brought small ensembles which included woodwinds, brass, and percussion.



Landon Younger⁹

"Anytime we have to ride somewhere for choir, we turned the radio up loud and jammed out."

What are some experiences you had throughout the year in choir?

Allcia Kroeger¹⁰



1. Sing it Loud Brooke Wellbrock¹⁰ and Regan Krause⁹, first-year choir members, project their voices at the Christmas concert. Photo by Candace Bollig



2. Say Cheese! Some choir members prepare themselves for their final bow at the concert. The last song they sang was "Holly Jolly Christmas." Photo by Candace Bollig



3. Multi-tasker Mr. Sauer directs the choir while they sing at the Christmas concert and makes sure the music keeps rolling. Sauer also directed the band that evening. Photo by Candace Bollig

4. Eat Your Heart Out Regan Krause⁹ memorizes her solo for the Dessert Theatre. Krause sings with the sopranos for the choir. Photo by Stephanie Young

Clarinet



Photo by Shea Harper

Alicia Kroeger¹⁰



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Alicia Kroeger¹⁰, Ashley Lopez¹⁰, Kayla Wahlmeier¹²



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Landon Younger⁹

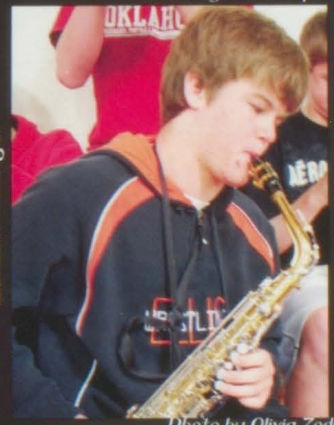
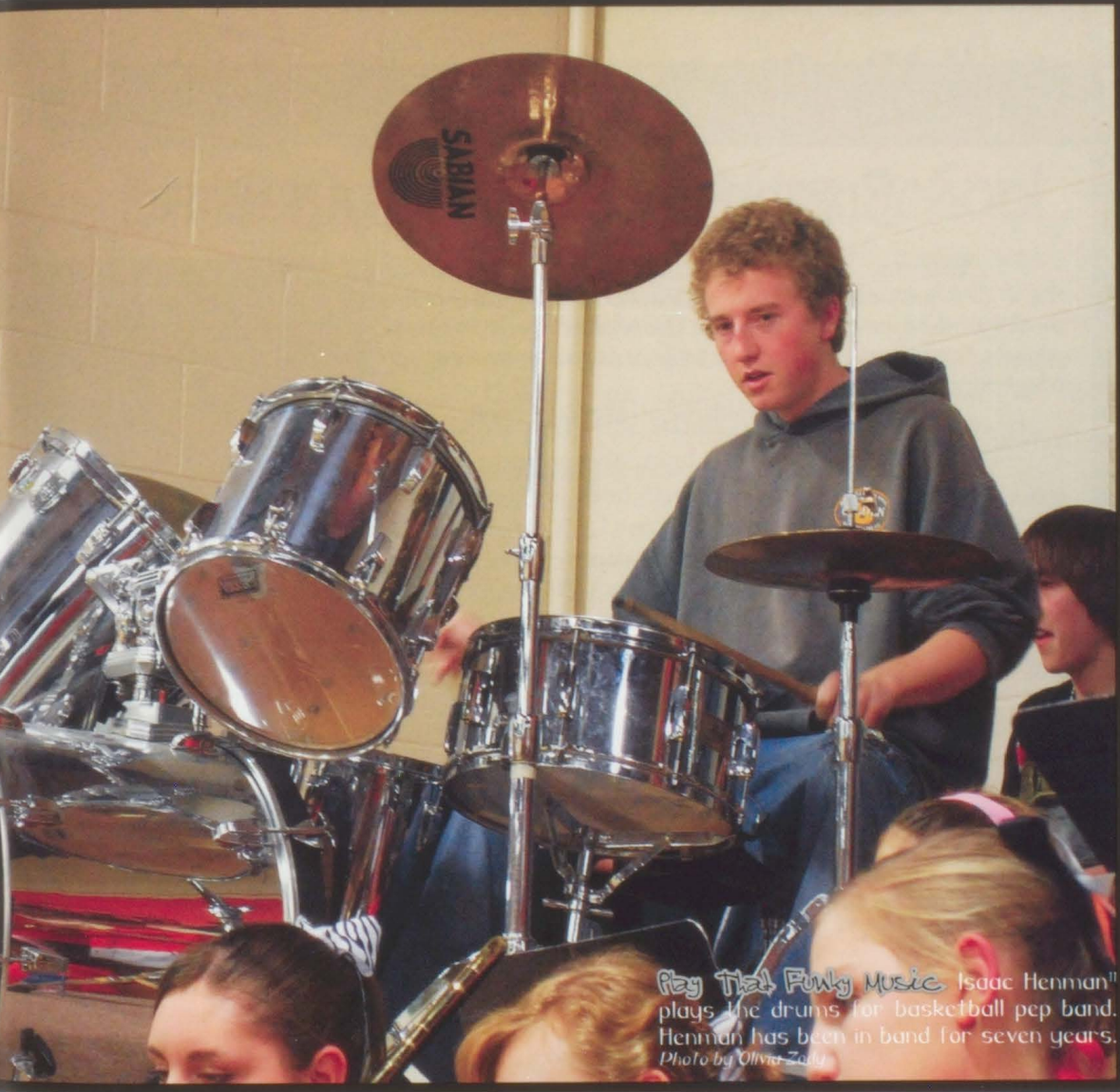


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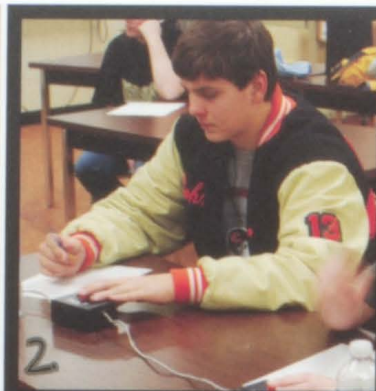
Play That Funky Music Isaac Henman¹¹ plays the drums for basketball pep band. Henman has been in band for seven years. Photo by Olivia Zody



Are you going out for band next year?

Dusty Bittel⁹

"I might take band, but it depends on how many people go out because you can't have a band with just one person. That's a solo."



1. Listen In The Scholar's Bowl team waits to answer a question from math, social science, or English. Photo by Stephanie Young

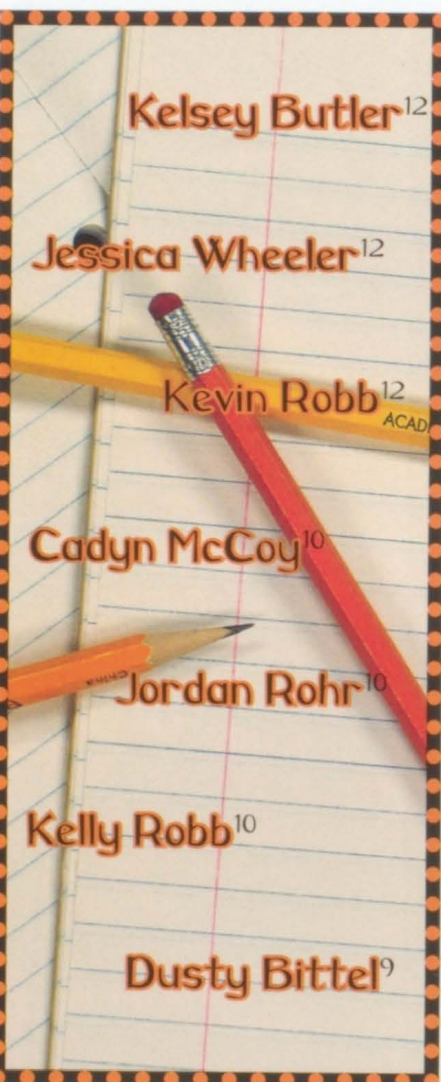
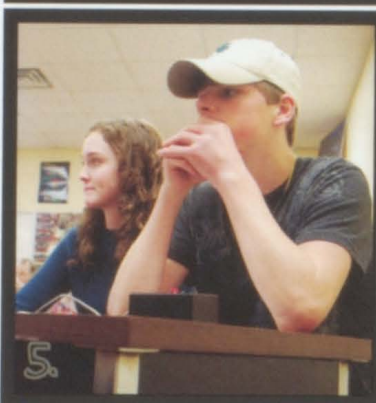
2. Fast Thinking Jordan Rohr¹⁰ thinks about a question at the Ellis meet. Photo by Stephanie Young

3. Dynamic Duo Kelsey Butler¹² and Jessica Wheeler¹² work together to solve a math problem. Photo by Stephanie Young

4. Factual Freshman Dusty Bittel⁹ listens to his team during a discussion. Photo by Stephanie Young

5. Brain Power Kevin Robb¹² listens and thinks about a possible answer to a question. Photo by Stephanie Young

6. Began' Fast Buzzer Kelly Robb¹⁰ reaches for his buzzer after brainstorming. "It's really hard to try to buzz in first," Kelly Robb¹⁰ said. "You have to be really quick." Photo by Stephanie Young



Kelsey Butler¹²

Jessica Wheeler¹²

Kevin Robb¹² ACAD

Cadyn McCoy¹⁰

Jordan Rohr¹⁰

Kelly Robb¹⁰

Dusty Bittel⁹

With Buzzers in Hand Success In Scholar's Bowl

Buzzing, thinking, quizzing, and brainstorming; these are just some of the characteristics of Scholar's Bowl members and their meets. The team travels to other schools to challenge other teams to a trivial showdown of who knows more.

Jordan Rohr¹⁰ enjoyed the intellectual challenge of Scholar's Bowl.

"My favorite part of Scholar's Bowl is that I can show off the random facts that I know," Rohr said.

Dusty Bittel⁹ agreed.

"I really like Scholar's Bowl because I like the fact that it's kind of like a game show. I'll probably go out again next year," Bittel said.

Cadyn McCoy¹⁰ enjoyed the academic challenge as well as the social benefits of Scholar's Bowl.

"I like Scholar's Bowl because it makes me feel extremely smart, and I get to meet loads of new people that are just as intelligent as me," McCoy said.

The Scholar's Bowl team finished their season placing 4th Regionals. Their best meet was at Ness City where they placed third.



Kelsey Butler¹²

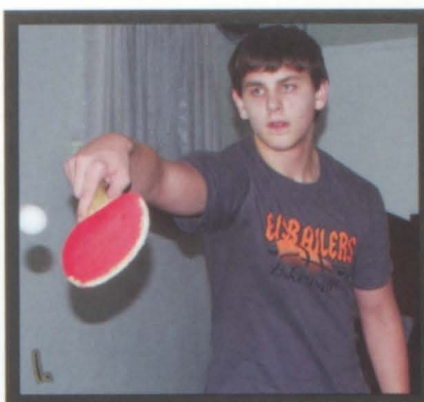
"Trying to talk to my team without the other team hearing us."

What's the hardest part of Scholar's Bowl?

Kelly Robb¹⁰



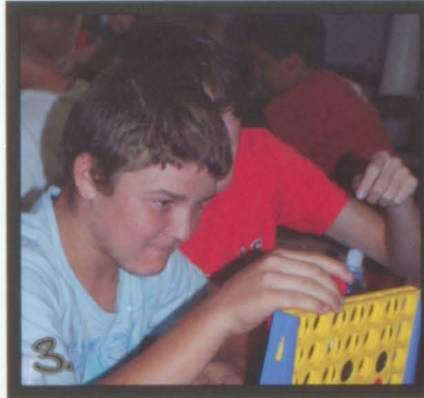
1. Ping Pong Jordan Rohr¹⁰ plays table tennis at 5th Quarter. "I was playing against Cadyn [McCoy], and I beat him, of course!" Rohr said. Photo by Ashleigh Basgall



2. Check Mate Matt Kreutzer¹² concentrates during a game of chess during 5th Quarter. Photo by Ashleigh Basgall



3. Connect Four During a match of Connect Four, Tanner Fischer¹⁰ considers a move. There are many games to choose from at 5th Quarter, including cards, air hockey, and Wii games. Photo by Ashleigh Basgall



4. Study Time Stephanie Young¹² and Courtney Waldschmidt¹² look at old newspapers from the library for a research project for Advanced Comp. Photo by Shea Harper



Austin Bittel¹²

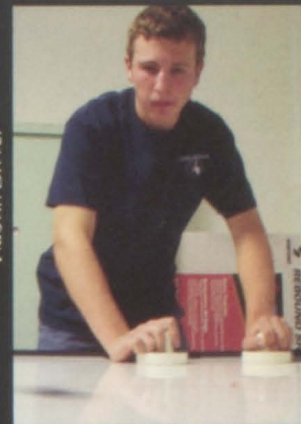


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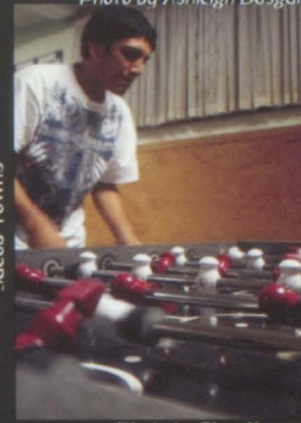


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Kelly Robb¹⁰, Sam Polifka¹⁰, Alan Wilson⁹

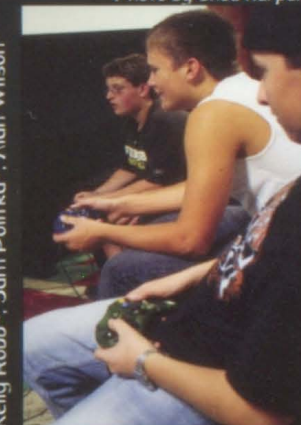


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Workaholics at Play

Students Have Lives After School

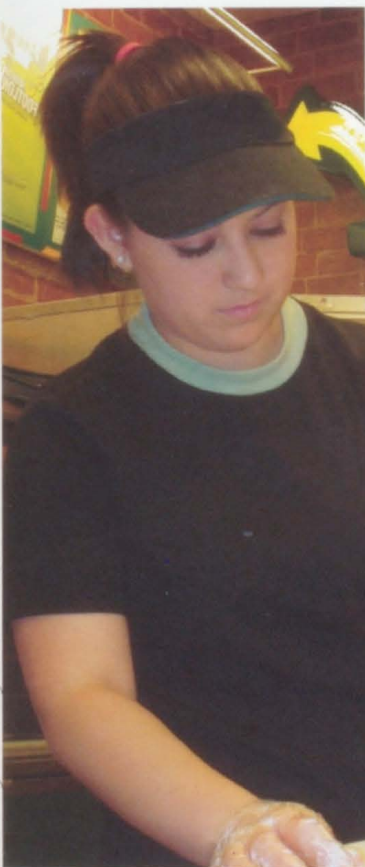
There are many students that have jobs. Some work only during the summer, and others don't work at all. Students work locally, while others might work in Hays. Many students work at Love's, like Derek Kvasnicka¹².

"I work at Dairy Queen from six to close," Kvasnicka said. "It's usually a fun time working there. One time, I sprayed Jessie Lopez¹² and Matt Gehring¹² with a squirt bottle, and then they sprayed me with a hose! I fell on my butt trying to run away."

Some students find they like working at a busy food restaurant, while others prefer working in quieter places, like the Ellis Public Library.

"It's pretty quiet most days," Olivia Zody¹⁰ said, "but every time a train goes by, the whole building shakes. The only downside it that I have to clean the little kids' room a lot because the chairs in there get really disgusting."

Students have jobs all throughout their high school career while others wait until senior year to work. No matter the case, one thing is for sure: jobs are a big part in students' lives.



Jessie Lopez¹²

What do you like to do in your free time?

Devin Henderson¹²



"I invite my friends over and we have an arts and crafts show!"

New Year Brings New Experiences

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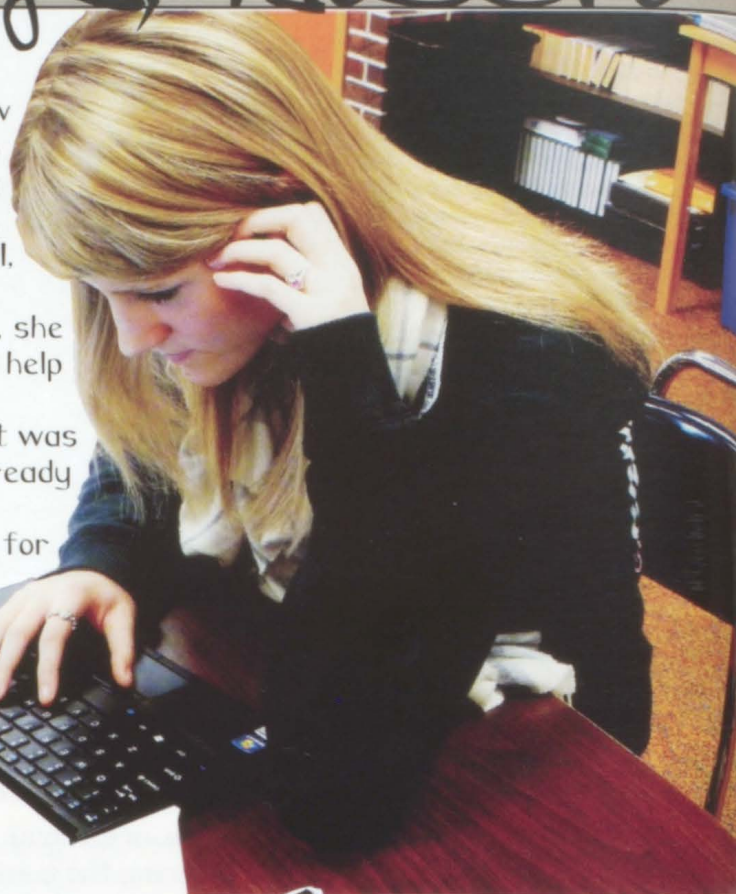
Last year, some favorite faces left us for new adventures. That change caused some familiar faces to take over the required classes. Jill Wood, who previously taught IMPACT and Journalism, took on the English I and II, while Karen Madorin, who previously taught English I and II, took on English III, IV, and Advanced Comp.

Although Mrs. Madorin is teaching something new, she brought with her 30 years of teaching experience that will help the upperclassmen learn life lessons.

"I will miss teaching 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' but that was a little price to pay to get to help the upperclassmen get ready for ACT tests and for college," Madorin said.

While Mrs. Madorin has been teaching English for several years, Mrs. Wood is in her first year of teaching English at EHS. She has found it challenging to teach something new.

"A teacher must become familiar with the state standards for the subject and develop projects to meet those standards. I don't think people know how hard it is to teach something for the first time," Wood said.

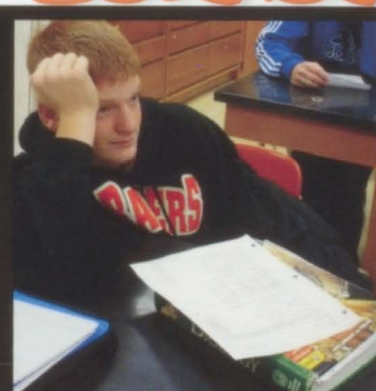
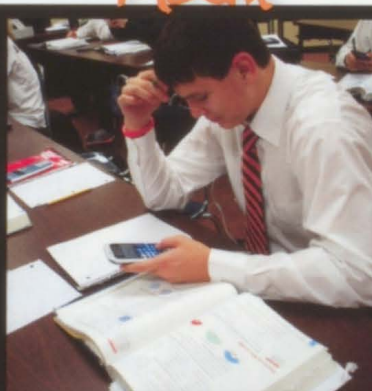
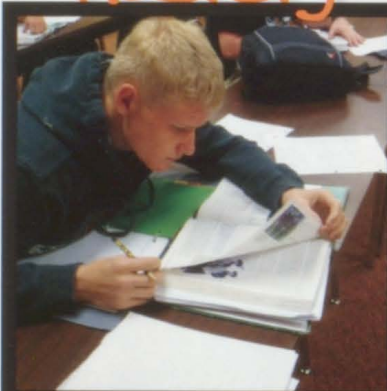


History

English

Math

Science Asleigh Basgall



Concentration

Riley Hunsicker¹¹ thumbs through his history book in search of an answer for The Question of the Day in Mr. Kohl's 4th hour U.S. History class. "I don't really like Questions of the Day because they take some time to look for the answers," Hunsicker said. Photo by Jessie Lopez

Book Worm

Candace Bollig¹⁰ skips out on the fun in 6th hour English to read her book. "It was a good book and I didn't want to put it down," Bollig said. The rest of the class was playing cards, listening to music, or working on homework, enjoying a Reward Day for being in good standing in the class. Photo by Olivia Zody

Calculations

Jordan Rohr¹⁰ figures out the answers to the assigned problems in 5th hour Geometry class. The students were working on area and circumference. "I don't really like math, but I like Mr. Hayes," Rohr said. Mr. Hayes teaches Algebra I, Geometry and Pre-Algebra. Photo by Jessie Lopez

Crazy Squares

Blake Hudson¹⁰ grades a classmate's assignment about Punnett Squares and listens as Mr. Wildeman reviews the answers for 4th hour Biology. "I didn't mind learning about them, but I thought that the big Punnett Squares were kind of weird," Hudson said. Photo by Jessie Lopez



What's your favorite required class and why?

Cole Pfeifer¹⁰

"Math, because I'm really good at it."



All in Favor

Seniors in 3rd hour Government pass another students' congressional bill. The class had been working on the bills for two weeks before the last votes were cast. Photo by Jessie Lopez

Shea Harper¹⁰



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Lyle Fisher¹¹

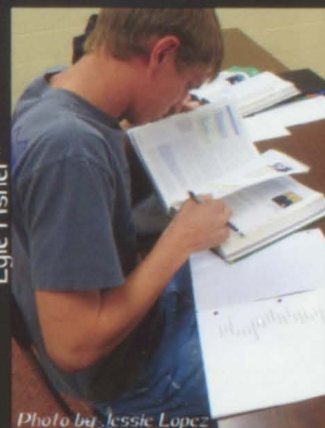


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Lacey Gaschler¹²

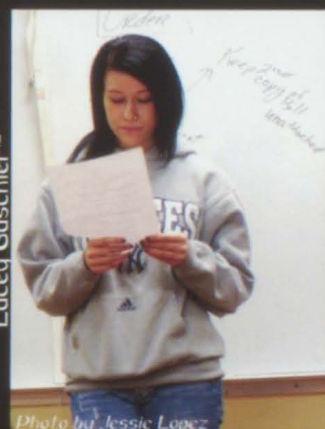


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Austin Bittel¹²



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Student's Favorite

11%

27%

21%

41%

Math

English

Social Studies

Science

86 Students Polled

Required Classes

What would you change about the requireds?

Emily Durheim¹²

"I wish that in Government we didn't do so many G.O.'s (Graphic Organizers)."

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Requireds
Jessie Lopez



Ashley Morales¹⁰

Photo by Candace Bellig



Kathryn Sleight¹²

Photo by Stephanie Young



Matthew Kreutzer¹²

Photo by Candace Bellig



Rachel Mick¹²

Photo by Stephanie Young



Mr. Fix-It Senior Jared Knoll repairs a lawn mower in 5th hour Ag Class. "Ag is one of my top 3 favorite classes. I like it because I get to chill out with Ben Leiker!" Knoll said. Photo by Jessie Lopez

What's Your Favorite?



Ag Fabrications

"Because it's hands on and I get to make what I want...and crazy grinders."

Matthew Kreutzer¹²



Choir

"Because I like to sing and Mr. Sauer is a really good teacher."

Ashley Lopez¹⁰



Art

"Because art is another way to express yourself and it just lets me get away from everything else and relax!"

Kimberly Gottschalk¹²



Physics

"Because we have tons of fun with experiments, and learn interesting stuff"

Daniel Monas¹²



FACS

"Because you get to eat food!"

Dustin Bittel¹⁰



What's the most creative excuse you have used to get out of homework?

Dawson Augustine⁰²

"Saying I don't feel good, then leaving the room acting like I'm going to be sick!"

Spice It Up

Students Choose Classes

Every year students are given the choices about what electives they want to take, and every year, the same questions pop up in their heads: "Should I take the classes that will help me in the future or should I take the classes that will let me be lazy?" Many students choose at least one class that gives them a break during the day.

"I took drafting because I really wanted to take wood shop, and I took band because it's an easier class and I get a break from all the learning," Nicholas Gehring⁹ said.

On the other hand, some students have their future in mind when choosing the classes they did.

"I think that to have technology skills will be very beneficial in the future and now," Bailey Hensley¹⁰ said.

While students take classes to help them in the future or because they like them, some students who wanted easier classes found out that they were in for more than they thought.

"I took the electives I did mainly because I thought they would be easy . . . no such luck!" Jared Herl¹¹ said.

No matter why students take electives, there are many to choose from to add a little something different to everyone's day.

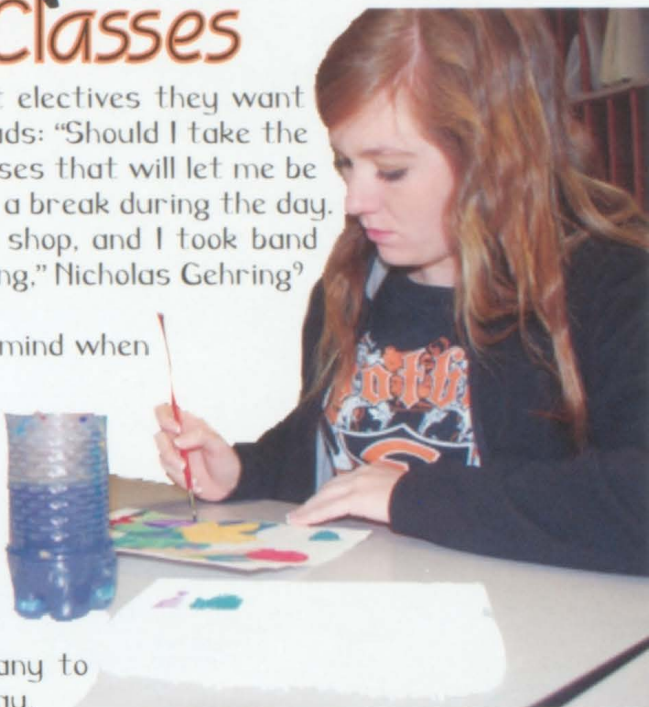


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Breanna Kroeger¹¹



Spanish



Ag. Welding



Art



FACS



Hola Me Amiga Alexis Rose¹⁰ works on translating her Spanish assignment during her 4th hour Spanish II class. "I like Spanish because I'm learning a new language that will help me in the future. But it's also hard because you have to remember all the things you've learned and you can't forget them," Rose said. Photo by Jessie Lopez

Playing With Fire Ethan Cox¹² welds gate hinges for Joey Augustine¹² during his Agriculture Welding class. Mr. Kohman teaches the 8th through 12 grade Agriculture Leadership classes. "I like my Ag. Welding III class because it gives me the freedom to build projects that I want to build," Cox said. Photo by Olivia Zody

Next To Vinci Sophomore Tanner Fischer tackles the big project of helping out with the school mural during his 5th hour art class. The mural will have painted pictures of historical landmarks that are important in Ellis. "I think that the mural will turn out fabulous!" Fischer said. Photo by Candace Bollig

Final Countdown Rachel Keller works on her quilt during the final months left of school. In FACS class, the students in select classes are assigned to make a quilt of their own design and fabric choice. "Even though I knew I wanted my quilt to match my room, it was still hard to pick out just the right fabric," Keller said. Photo by Jerica Dinkel



What's one of the best memories that you have in any of your elective classes?

Logan Matthäyer¹²

"I made an over half court shot with a basketball one time in G.P.D!"

Band



First Row: Nick Gehring. Second Row: Alan Wilson, Dany Bittel, Olivia Zady, Brittany Dinkel. Third Row: Landon Younger, Josh Young, Luke Lohmeyer, Sydney Gottschalk, Robbie King. Not Pictured: Chelsea Waffers, Maggie Zady, Kelsey Butler. Photo by Candace Bollig

Baseball



First Row: Jiffi Hernandez, Jacob Vanderknecht, Matt Gehring, Mena Rodriguez. Second Row: Chase Hutterford, Jordan Rabe, Cadie McCoy, Jared Nick, Cole Pfeister. Third Row: Coach Wildeman, Braden Parks, Scott Pfeister, Coach Cunningham. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Boys Basketball



First Row: Cole Pfeister, Braden Worth, Scott Pfeister, Rusty Lillo, Braden Parks. Second Row: Coach Hager, Pige, Stephann Young, Cadie McCoy, Jared Nick, Josh Young, Jordan Rabe, Josh Young, Logan Parke, Jacob Young, Coach Wildeman. Third Row: Jacob Vanderknecht, Tyler Walters, Thaddeus Brown, Jared Nick, Luke Lohmeyer, Skylar Tuba, Nick Gehring, Kyle Weber. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Girls Basketball



First Row: Pacey Dinges, Jasmine Skaghter, Pacey Dillinger, Rachel Keller, Mara Ganschweiner, Pacey Hagan. Second Row: Head Coach Pacey Nick, Pige, Kelsey Butler, Brittany Dinkel, Taylor Pfeister, Pacey Young, Savannah Green, Kathleen Windholz, Kaitlyn Kasey, Pacey Dillinger, Pige, Jessica Wheeler. Third Row: Coach, Jessica Dilling, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Candace Dilling, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Choir



First Row: Regan Walschner, Kimberly Gottschalk, Brooke Wallrock. Second Row: Pacey Lopez, Pacey Kromer, Pacey Young. Photo by Stephanie Young

Cheerleading



First Row: Kimberly Gottschalk, Chelsea Waffers, Rachel Nick, Courtney Waddell. Second Row: Shan Harper, Jenny Hagan, Ashleigh Braggell, Jason Stanford, Pacey Kromer. Third Row: Brittany Dinkel, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger, Pacey Dillinger. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Class Leadership



First Row: Jenny Hallgren, Shelby Hallgren, Bailey Horstey, Kaleigh Samson, Britt Lang, Daniel Beth Augustine, Breanna Kroeper, Candace Bollig. Second Row: Landon Younger, Cadyn McCoy, Nick Gehring, Jared Mick, Jared Merk, Samantha Graves, Mikaela Gottschalk. Photo by Alesha Brenner

FCCLA Officers



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Cross Country



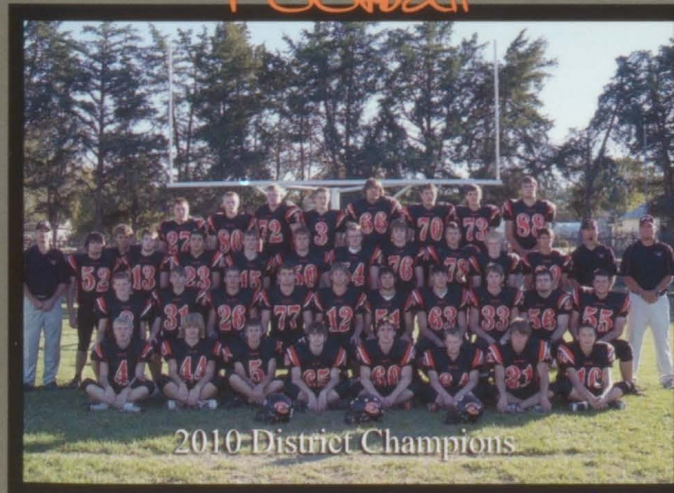
Kelsey Butler, Maggie Zody, Dusty Bittel, Skyler McGinn. Not Pictured: Jacob Towns. Photo by Alesha Brenner

FFA Officers



First Row: Beth Augustine, Ashley Augustine, Tanner Gugler. Second Row: Maggie Zody, Derek Kvasnicka, Ethan Cox, Cole Pfeiffer. Photo by Meliah Raab

Football



2010 District Champions

First Row: Riley Hunsicker, Harley Wright, Scott Pfeiffer, Seth Fuller, Logan Fuchs, Braden Danke, Landon Younger, Cole Pfeiffer. Second Row: Blake Hudson, Kevin Robb, Jared Knoll, Matt Gehring, Jacob Kindenknecht, Todd Smith, Ethan Cox, Joey Augustine, Scott Fuller, Chase Rutherford. Third Row: Asst. Coach Troy Dale, Austin McGinn, Nick Gehring, Dylan Kraske, Meng Rodriguez, Matt Kreutzer, Logan Mattheyer, Devin Henderson, Dawson Augustine, Gage Younger, Austin Lopez, Asst. Coach Craig Amrein, Head Coach Dwight Hayes. Fourth Row: Cadyn McCoy, Jared Mick, Garrett Rupp, Tyler Walters, Jacob Larimer, Skyler Taba, Jordan Rohr, Jared Merk. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Forensics



First Row: Kathleen Windholz, Kelsey Butler. Second Row: Olivia Zody, Tanner Gugler, Kelly Robb, Maggie Zody, Christina Wright. Third Row: Kevin Robb, Sam Palfen, Dusty Bittel, Jacob Towns. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Groups

GOLF



First Row: Ryan Downing, Austin Lopez, Gage Younger. Second Row: Gaylor Tchu, Josh Tsong, Tyler Walters, Ben Lasker. Not Pictured: Kyle Weber, Tanner Keithley, Tanner Fischer. Photo by Candace Bollig

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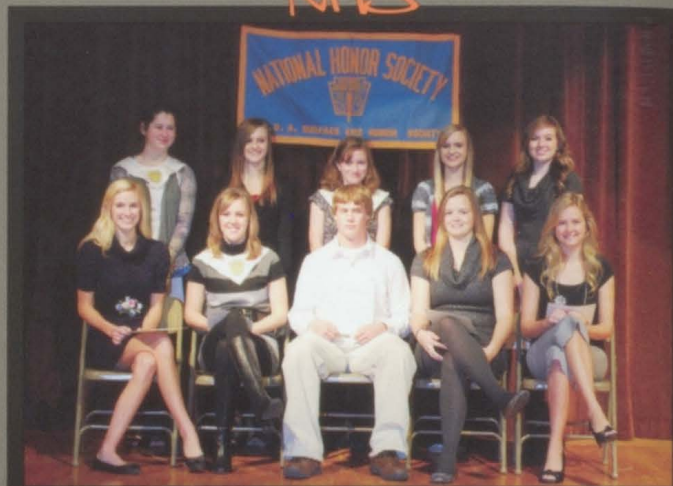
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Link Crew



First Row: Tim Clark, Kelsey Butler, Chelsey Walters, Ashley Augustine, Shelby Hallen, Jenny Hallen, Jessica Dinkel, Ashley Bunker. Second Row: Dinae Bunker, Jordan Dieder, Rachel Mick, Alesha Brenner, Mikayla Goffschalk, Breanna Kraeger, Jacob Kinderknecht, JJ Hernandez. Third Row: Mr. Dale, Kathryn Steigh, Jessica Wheeler, Derek Kvasnicka, Jared Herl, Riley Hunsicker, Kayla Wahlman, Mrs. Gangan. Not Pictured: Kimberly Goffschalk. Photo by Courtney Waldschmidt

NHS



First Row: Rachel Mick, Alesha Brenner, Jeey Augustine, Mikayla Goffschalk, Chelsey Walters. Second Row: Maggie Zeda, Shelby Hallen, Kelsey Butler, Jenny Hallen, Breanna Kraeger. Photo by Stephanie Young

Scholar's Bowl



First Row: Jordan Poln, Kelly Robb, Kelsey Butler, Jacob Towns. Second Row: Keen Robb, Jessica Wheeler, Darby Bittel, Cadyn McCoy. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Softball



First Row: Bailey Hensley, Courtney Waldschmidt, Lexi Falk, Alesha Brenner, Christi Spink, Mhairi Plumb. Second Row: Head Coach: Torie Upham, Jessica Lopez, Ashley Augustine, Brett Augustine, Mikayla Goffschalk, Stephanie Young, Candace Bollig, Breanna Kraeger, Asst. Coach: Sara Solida. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Boys Track



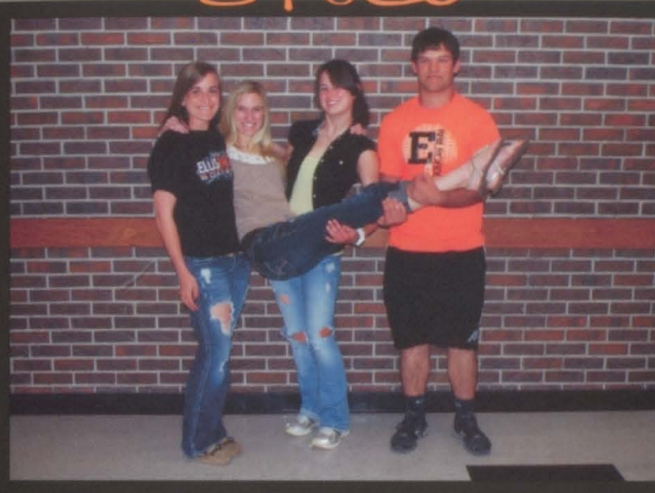
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Girls Track



First Row: Kourtney Kaley, Alesha Werth, Samantha Graves. Second Row: Abby Reffiger, Kathleen Windholz, Rachel Keller, Regan Krasac. Third Row: Alesha Lopper, Kaleigh Sanchez, Olivia Zody, Megan Flores. Fourth Row: Sidney Gottschalk, Maggie Zody, Ashley Lopez, Brittany Dinkel. Fifth Row: Kaitlyn Sleight, Desiree Ganguli, Alesha Brenner, Katie Waldschmidt, Kelsey Berlier. Photo by Ellis Review

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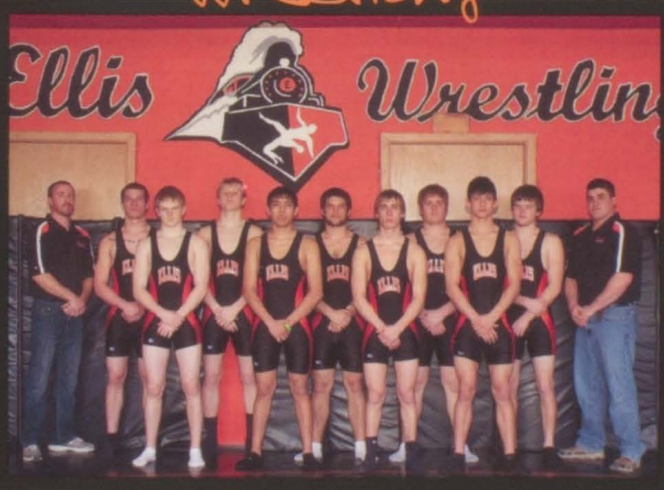
Kourtney Waldschmidt, Rachel Mick, Maggie Zody, Todd Smith. Photo by Alesha Brenner

Volleyball



First Row: Candace Bollig, Alesha Lopper, Christian Spinelli, Alesha Werth, Kara Pearson, Regan Krasac, Abigail Reffiger, Christina Wright. Second Row: Nigr, Janice Dinkel, Alesha Brenner, Kourtney Waldschmidt, Chelsey Walters, Stephanie Young, Kimberly Gottschalk, Ashley Augustine, Jessie Lopez, Nigr, Melodie Roub. Third Row: Coach Hensley, Coach Upham, Rachel Keller, Alexis Rose, Beth Augustine, Sidney Gottschalk, Kaleigh Sanchez, Kourtney Kaley, Candace Dreyer. Fourth Row: Brittany Dinkel, Becca Aschenbrenner, Taylor McClung, Mikayla Gottschalk, Ashley Lopez, Megan Flores, Bailey Hensley. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Wrestling



First Row: Gage Younger, J. Hernandez, Brandon Hall, Austin Lopez. Second Row: Coach Dinkel, Jared Knall, Riley Hunsicker, Todd Smith, Logan Mattheisen, Landon Younger, Coach Pfeiffer. Photo by Smoky Hill Photography

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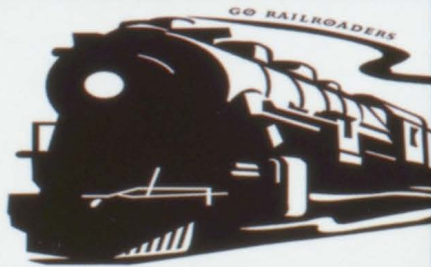
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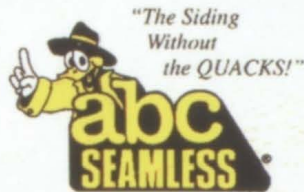
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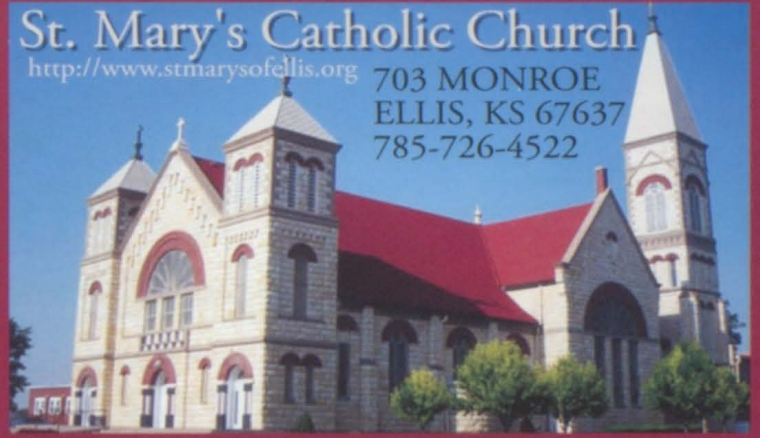
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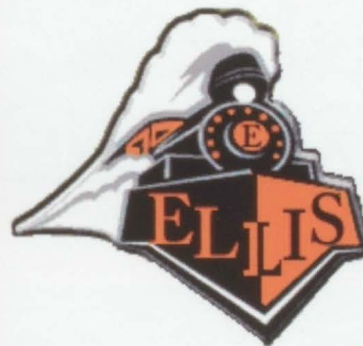
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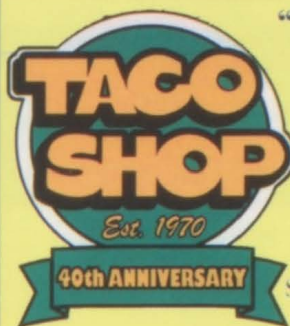
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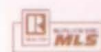
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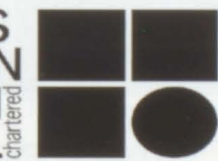


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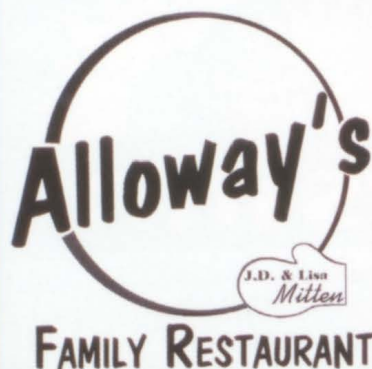
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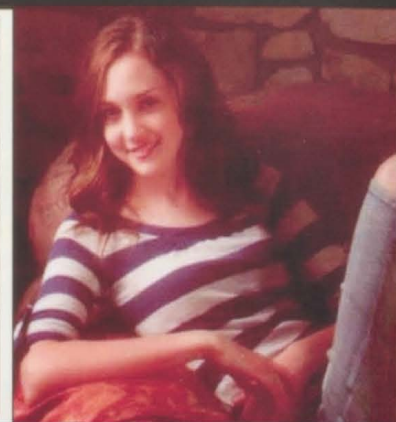


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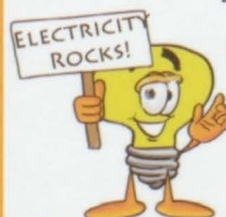
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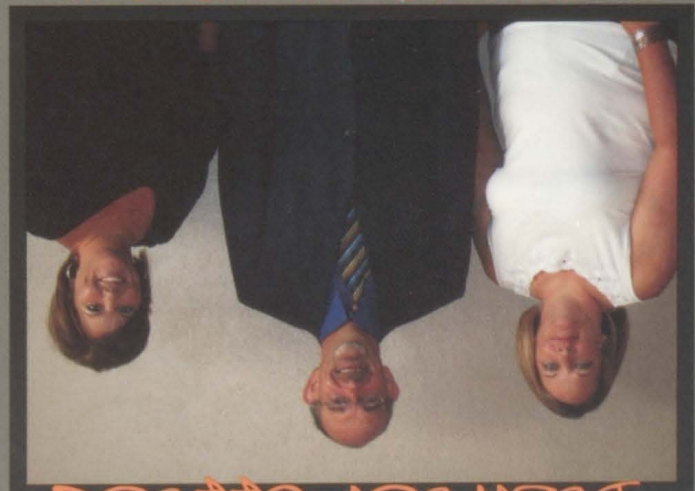
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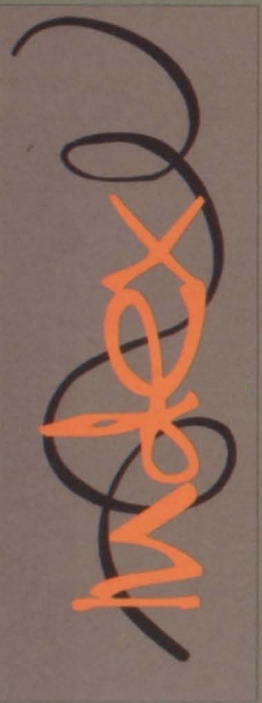
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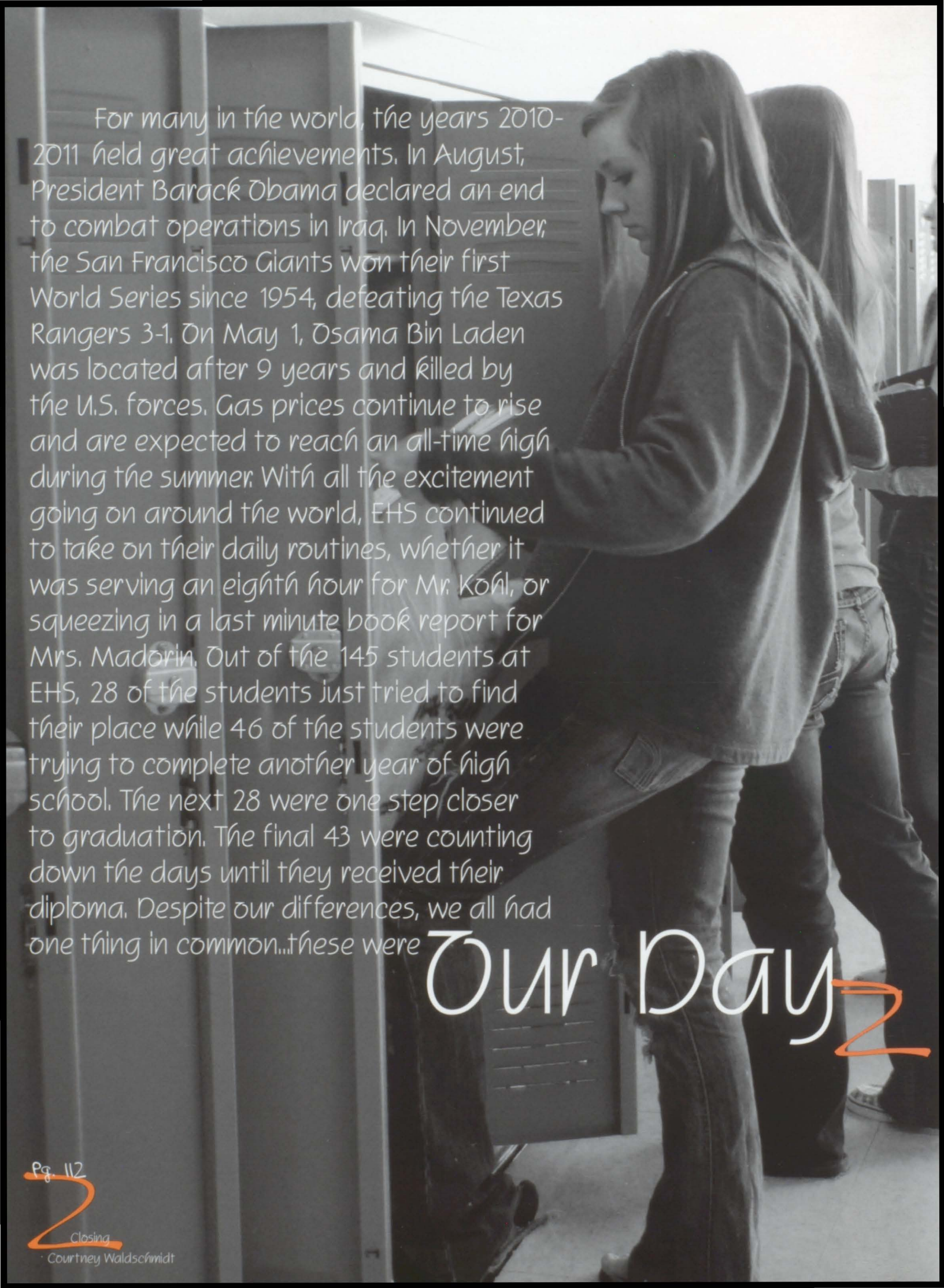
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For many in the world, the years 2010-2011 held great achievements. In August, President Barack Obama declared an end to combat operations in Iraq. In November, the San Francisco Giants won their first World Series since 1954, defeating the Texas Rangers 3-1. On May 1, Osama Bin Laden was located after 9 years and killed by the U.S. forces. Gas prices continue to rise and are expected to reach an all-time high during the summer. With all the excitement going on around the world, EHS continued to take on their daily routines, whether it was serving an eighth hour for Mr. Kohl, or squeezing in a last minute book report for Mrs. Madorin. Out of the 145 students at EHS, 28 of the students just tried to find their place while 46 of the students were trying to complete another year of high school. The next 28 were one step closer to graduation. The final 43 were counting down the days until they received their diploma. Despite our differences, we all had one thing in common...these were

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