

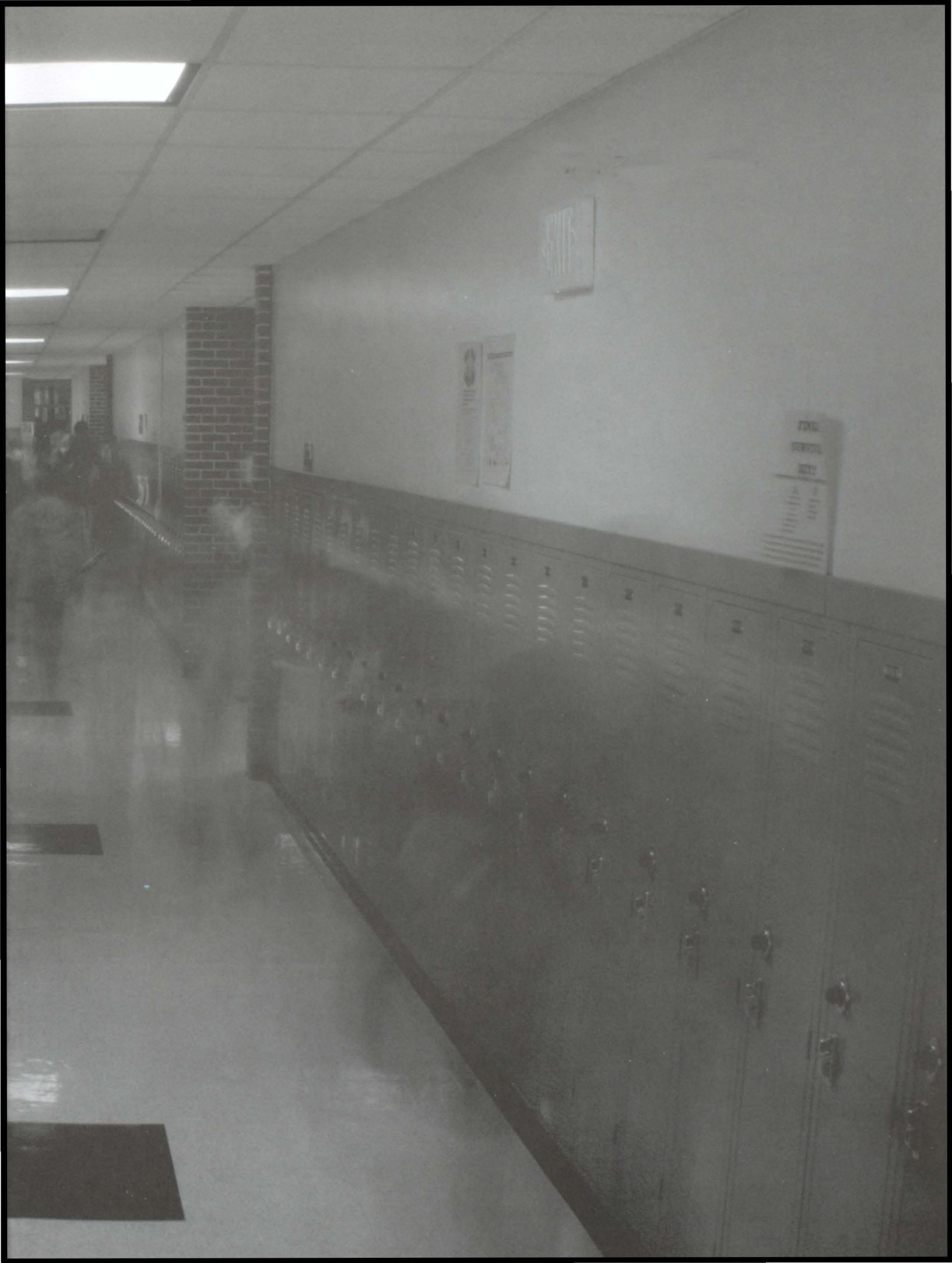


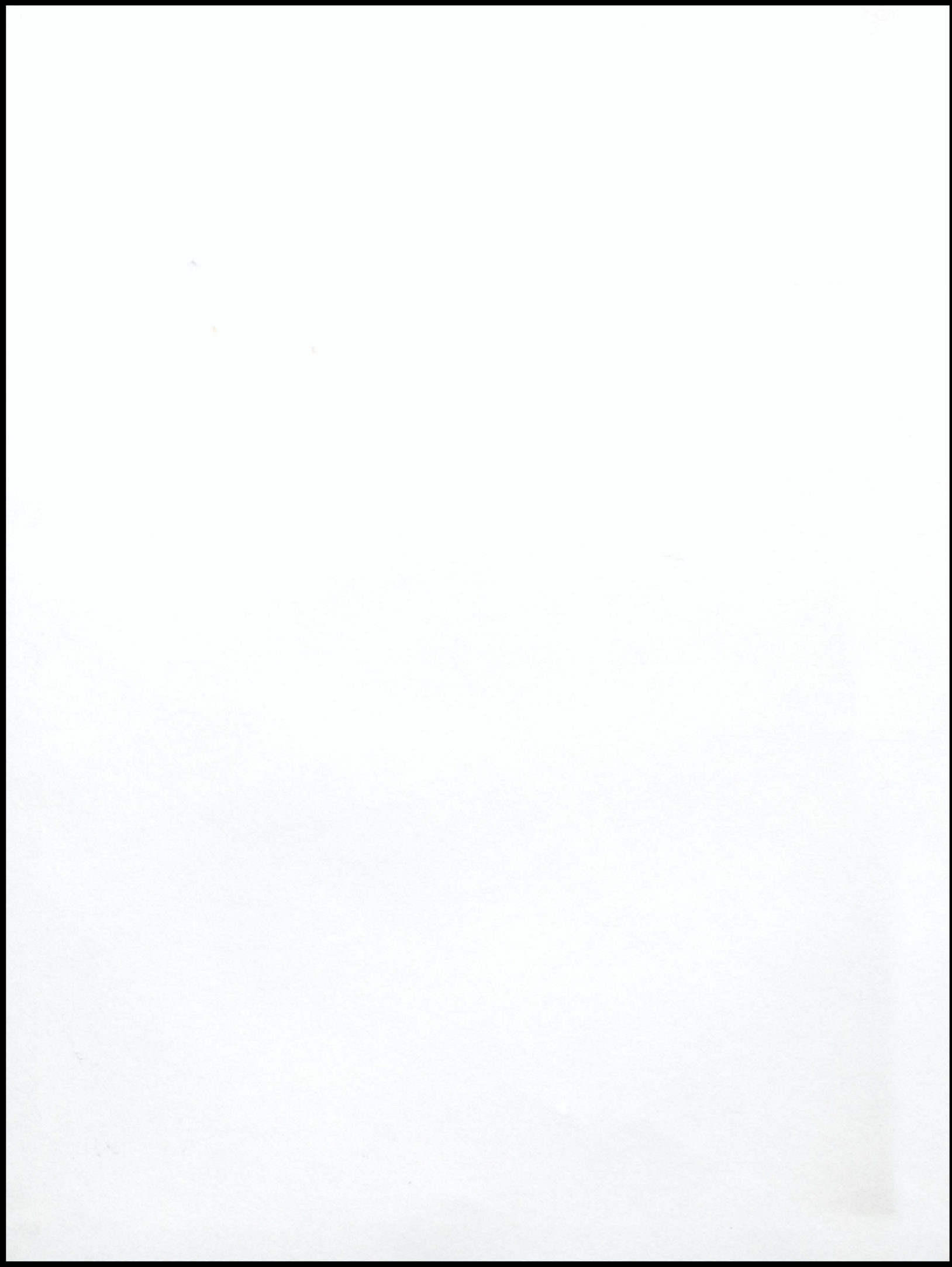
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Teacher Break

#Winning...

...the term came about in 2011 when Charlie Sheen described his breakdown and firing of the hit TV series "Two And A Half Men." He used it as a way to describe what he was going through. We, however, took #Winning differently. All throughout life we have been told to prosper. Whether it was through our grandparents' saying "If you don't succeed, try again," or the DJ Khaled song "All I Do Is Win," we were brought up to be champions in life, academics, and athletics. Through hard work and dedication, we could accomplish all of our goals and make our dreams come true.

All of our #Winning began in the summer. We prepared to be the best that we could be, and started achieving amazing things. The cheerleaders went to a camp over the summer where they won "The Banana" which is awarded to the best squad at the camp. Both the basketball and volleyball teams participated in summer sports so they could keep up on their skills. Students participated in KAY camp, Yearbook camp, and leadership camps during their summer break to improve their organizations for the upcoming year.

With all of this preparation, Ellis High was bound for success and determined to win.

And that we did.

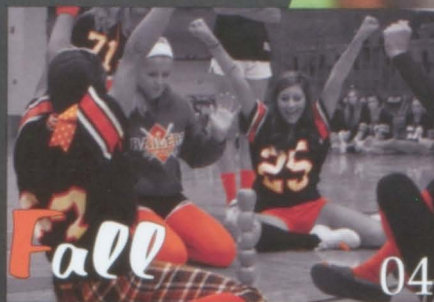


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#APPLn At Sub-State in Oberlin, the volleyball team gathers in for a pep talk after defeating the Smith Center Lady Red the first game. "There was so much excitement from our crowd and team. It was one of the most memorable moments of the season," Baylee Werth¹⁵ said. *Photo by Hailey Dunkel*



Megan Honas @MeganD_31 : You gotta risk it to get the biscuit. #FiredUp

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#LeanBack After dominating the previously undefeated Larned Indians in a 36-0 rout, the Railers do a break down on the field following the game. "It was one of the best games we played all year. We played really well as a team and our defense was golden," Jared Mick¹³ said. Photo By Luke Lohrmeyer



Free Falling

Starting off the year in a winning fashion



Jill Wood waihawk: Ready to go to the FHS play and see some talented students!

#5

Fall Division
Training Series

Summer Fun

Students Stay Busy In Off-Season

by Alexis Mattheyer and Brianna LaBarge

The Kansas sun beats down on the pavement, so hot it can fry an egg. Although the heat can be unbearable, students found the time to relax, take trips, go to a summer camp, or even play sports. No matter who you are, everybody has something going on.

Summer camps that focused on what students were interested in were a popular activity. KAY Camp was held at Rock Springs where they concentrated on group skills and being better leaders. The yearbook editors went to camp at Bethel College to plan this yearbook. Cheer camp, held at Pratt Community College, focused on safe stunts, new cheers, and dances.

"The thing I'm going to miss most about cheer camp is how close we become, not just as a cheer squad, but as a family," Ashley Lopez¹³ said.

Some students just stayed home and enjoyed some of the fun

things Ellis has to offer such as attending the "Just Breathe" frisbee golf tournament, going to Riverfest, playing sports, or spending time at the pool.

"It is a huge responsibility looking after everyone that goes swimming over summer break," Sam Polifka¹³ said.

While some groups stayed close to home, others went cross-country to participate in national conferences. One of these trips was the

Washington Leadership Conference for FFA members. WLC focuses on leadership values and community service. Chapter members who made the trip were Monica Towns¹⁴, Jasmine Slaughter¹³, Samantha Graves¹⁴, KC Windholz¹⁴, and Abby Hafliger¹⁴.

"WLC was more than I expected. I learned a lot and became a better person and leader after attending. It really made an impact on my life," Slaughter¹³ said.

"IT REALLY MADE AN IMPACT ON MY LIFE."

#DCBaby

Abby Hafliger¹⁴ does her part to fill food boxes for those in need. Five FFA members went to the Washington Leadership Conference where they learned leadership values and performed community service. "One of the amazing things we did during WLC was the food box drive. We packaged over 40,000 boxes," Hafliger said. Photo by Bob Kohman



#DuckRace Ashley Lopez¹³ and Regan Krause¹⁴ paddle down the creek to release the ducks for the annual Riverfest Duck Race. "The most fun thing about the duck race was going out and letting the ducks go," sophomore Sarah Henman said. Photo by Jill Wood

#WorkingTogether

"I attended Dream camp which helps kids whose parents have drug problems. The best part of it, I was working with my friends."

John Ramirez¹⁵



#SummerTrips

"I went to New Orleans with a group. We went to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. We also got to eat at some very good places."

Mollie Buchholz¹⁵





#SafetyFirst

Theron Schmidt¹⁶ rides on the accident simulator during driver's education in the first weeks of summer. "Riding in this car-like device, it felt like I was actually in the process of a car wreck," Schmidt said. *Photo by Thatcher Brown*



#WorkIt

KAY members went to Rock Springs and learned leadership skills and developed new ideas to bring back to their organization. "KAY Camp was not what I expected, but I ended up loving it," sophomore Kori Clark¹⁵ said. *Courtesy photo*



#Batter'sUp

Cadyn McCoy¹³ referees a girls softball game for the Ellis Recreation Commission. McCoy plans to continue refereeing in future summers. "It's a great place to start out your career as an ump," McCoy said. *Photo by Jill Wood*



#SplashingBash

The cheer squad poses at UCA camp held in July at Pratt. They learned new dances, cheers, and used the time to bond with each other. "I really liked cheer camp. I plan on going again!" Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ said. *Photo by Kristi Bittel*



#DesignTime

Thatcher Brown¹³ and Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ meet with an artist to create the cover of the yearbook at camp in Newton. "It's the first thing your readers see, the cover of the book, so it's pretty important," Lohrmeyer said. *Photo by Jill Wood*

#SummerBall

Jordan Rohr¹³ practices his short shots before the first summer league games. The team also participated in several MAYB tournaments on the weekends. "We played because it's a fun time and it will help us prepare for the high school season," Rohr said. *Photo by Jill Wood*



Improvement

Reaching New Heights

By Hailey Dinkel and Sarah Henman

What the cross country team knows best is that it's always good to have as many teammates as possible. It just means more fun and the more the merrier. The team increased the number of runners this season to nine. Six out of the nine runners were new. Bringing in more members brought on better competition and more people to feed.

"I went out for cross country to get in shape for basketball and to enjoy the popsicles after practice," Paige Molstad¹⁶ said.

Having additional runners on the team and gaining more talent made it a lot more challenging to be

the best. This helped runners push themselves to work harder.

**"MY NEW
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"My new teammates pushed me to run faster. It cut my time a lot and they helped me do better at meets," Dusty Bittel¹⁴ said.

Cross country isn't always all about hard work. Coach Wolf makes it a fun time by playing games at practice and bringing lots of treats.

"This is the most kids I've had. It's pretty hard to make running fun for them. I try to do different things at practices such as having game days and running different courses," Coach Jack Wolf said.



#LetTheRaceBegin The junior varsity runners take off fast to gain a good spot in the lead. "It's always good to get out in front of people, because you will have a better pace. You could also get into their head to show them that you are faster. Therefore at the end of the race, you will be ahead of them," Tway¹⁴ said. Photo by Thatcher Brown

Hill City Tips



Courtesy of Taryn Brown

THATCHER BROWN¹³
"Hill City was the toughest meet because of all the hills that we had to run up. Coach really prepared us for the meet. At practice that week, we ran four miles of hills."

**SARAH
HENMAN¹⁵**

"What I liked about Hill City was that it was a pretty course to run at, although I did not like the hard competition."



Photo by Thatcher Brown



Photo by Thatcher Brown

KORI CLARK¹⁵

"My advice to future runners going to Hill City would be to try hard at practice so you're prepared."



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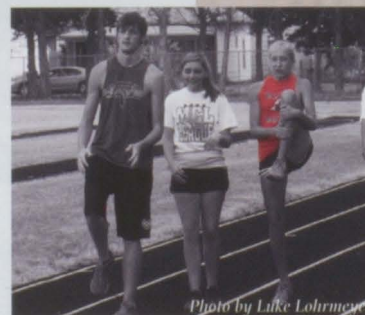


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Courtesy of Taryn Brown



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Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

1. Need a Drink?

Manager Brianna LaBarge¹⁵ hands out water to Kori Clark¹⁵.

2. Fight to Finish

Josh Tway¹⁴ runs through the heat at WaKeeney.

3. Stride Out

Paige Molstad¹⁶ paces herself at the soap scrimmage.

4. Cool Down

Senior Thatcher Brown¹³ begins the race with a surprise at Norton.

5. Striving for State

John Ramirez¹⁵ sprints for the end at regionals. Ramirez' best time was 19:27 at Regionals.

6. Can't Catch Me

Dusty Bittel¹⁴ picks up pace to beat the competition.

Schedule

Date	Location
August 30	Norton
September 6	Quinter
September 13	Trego
September 20	Hill City
September 27	Ness City
October 4	Phillipsburg
October 11	Wheatland
October 20	Hill City

Best Times

Thatcher Brown - 20:41 @ Ness City

Dusty Bittel - 20:15 @ Wheatland

Josh Tway - 25:02 @ Wheatland

John Ramirez- 19:27 @ Regionals

Brandon Bollig - 21:58 @ Phillipsburg

Sarah Henman - 21:55 @ Wheatland

Kori Clark - 21:20 @ Wheatland

Paige Molstad - 19:32 @ Wheatland

LexAnne Wolf - 20:24 @Phillipsburg

#PracticeMakesPerfect

Brandon Bollig¹⁵ treks the backroads of Ellis as part of the fall soap scrimmage events. The race started and finished at the track in front of spectators. "The whole soap scrimmage race was challenging because it was the first time I ran long distance. I did improve over the season though," Bollig said. Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Dusty Bittel @daBittel: Had a great cross country season. Can't wait till next year. #hyped #run #crosscountry #goodend

1. Up and Down

The starting players high five their teammates before each game to get each other excited.

2. Power Arm

C-team setter Brianna Rohr¹⁶ sends the ball toward her opponent early in the season.

3. Can You Dig?

Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ prepares for the pass. The libero's job is to make sure the pass is perfect to the setter to get the kill.

4. Hammer Down

Ashley Lopez¹³ goes up for the kill at the Ellis Invitational where the team took gold.

5. Bring in the New Alexis Mattheyer¹⁵ switches with teammate Keisha Brack¹⁶ "I had to calm her down before she went in," Mattheyer said.

6. Up, Up, and Away

Bailey Hensley¹³ sets the ball up to her hitter at the Ellis Invitational. Ending the year with a total of 726 assists.



Photo by Regan Krause



Photo by Brianna LaBarge

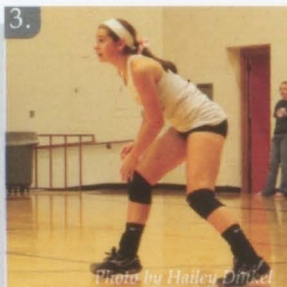


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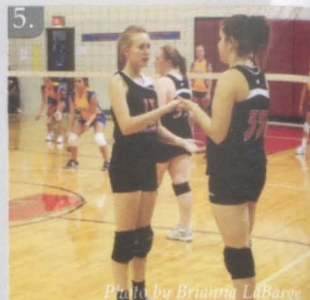


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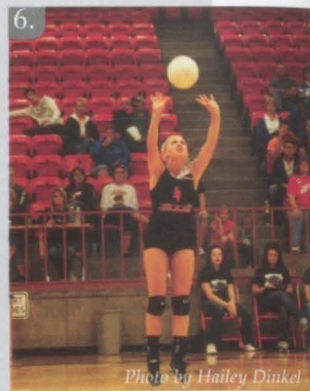


Photo by Hailey Dunkel

Scoreboard Record 28-10

Hill City	L (20-25) (15-25)
Trego	W (25-20) (25-23)
Kinsley	W (25-15) (25-6)
Victoria	L (18-25) (15-25)
Otis-Bison	W (25-14) (25-23)
Tri-Plains	W (20-25) (25-13) (25-13)
Victoria	W (25-23) (25-20)
Smith Center	L (18-25) (11-25)
Victoria	W (25-23) (25-20)
TMP	W (25-16) (25-22)
Stockton	W (25-15) (25-11)
Trego	W (26-24) (25-22)
Ness City	W (25-13) (25-11)
Macksville	W (25-11) (25-16)
Kiowa County	L (10-25) (22-25)
Hutch Trinity	L (16-25) (12-25)
Bucklin	W (25-22) (25-21)
Osborne	W (20-25) (25-13) (25-19)
Phillipsburg	W (25-19) (17-25) (25-22)
Palco	W (25-15) (25-20)
Northern Valley	W (25-15) (25-17)
Stockton	W (25-20) (25-22)
Tri-Plains	W (25-20) (25-15)
Stockton	W (25-17) (25-14)
Quinter	W (25-15) (25-20)
Western Plains	W (25-17) (25-20)
Heartland Christian	W (25-15) (25-14)
Palco	W (25-16) (23-25) (25-20)
Trego	W (25-17) (25-21)
Osborne	W (25-11) (23-25) (25-22)
Smith Center	L (11-25) (20-25)
Phillipsburg	L (15-25) (14-25)
Hill City	L (22-25) (25-18) (23-25)
LaCrosse	W (25-15) (25-10)
Plainville	W (25-19) (27-25)
Central Plains	L (20-25) (23-25)
Leoti	W (25-12) (25-14)
Smith Center	L (25-22) (22-25) (17-25)

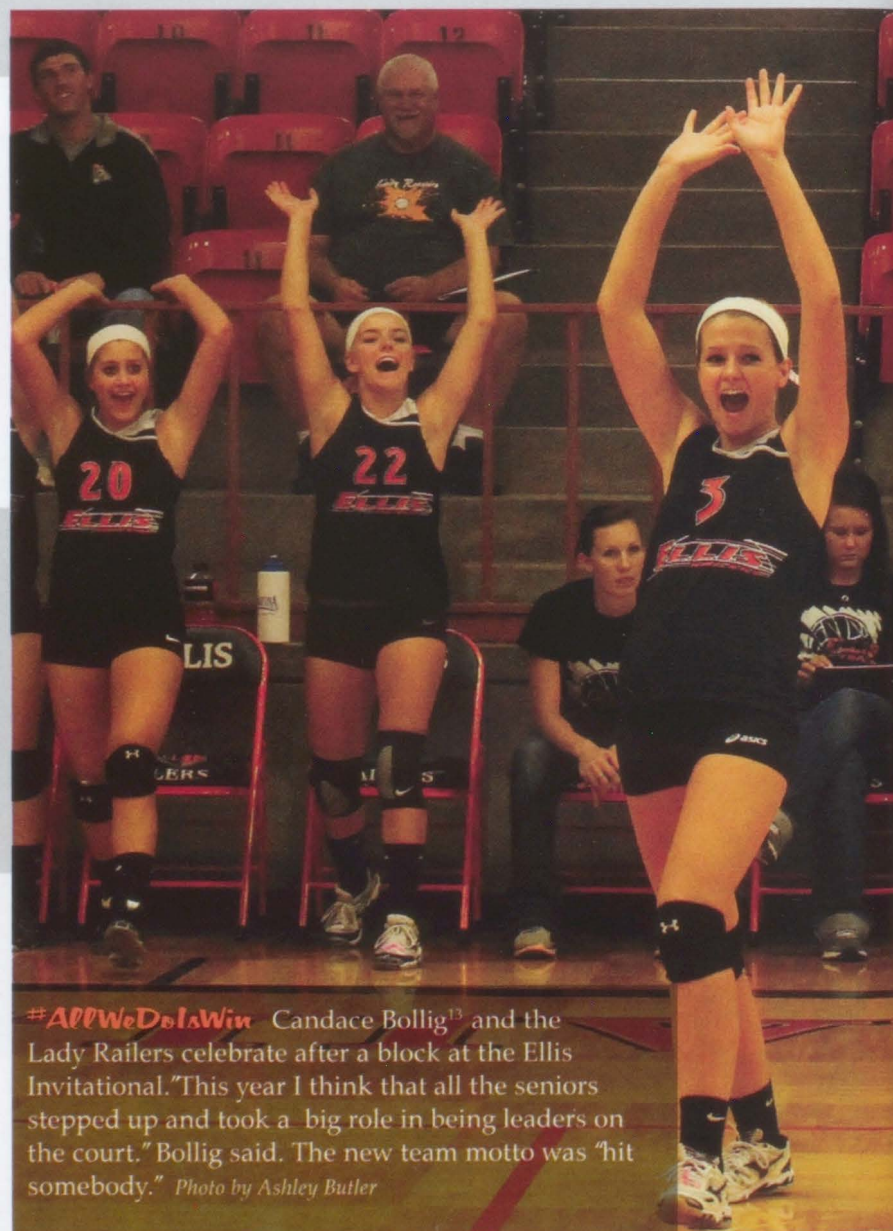
All-MCL

Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ - 2nd Team

Bailey Hensley¹³ - 2nd Team

Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ - Honorable Mention

Coaches : Ellen Dreyer, Kate Howland, Sarah Staten



#AllWeDoIsWin Candace Bollig¹³ and the Lady Railers celebrate after a block at the Ellis Invitational. "This year I think that all the seniors stepped up and took a big role in being leaders on the court," Bollig said. The new team motto was "hit somebody." Photo by Ashley Butler



Superstitious?

HAILEY DINKEL¹³

"For our games we prepared by having team bonding at coach Sarah's house before each game. It was a lot of fun and I really got to know my teammates."

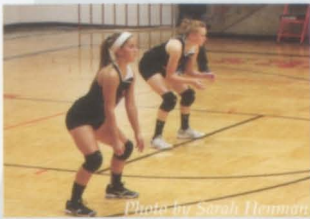


Photo by Sarah Henman



RACHEL KELLER¹⁴

"Before each match Autum Hellerud¹⁵ taps the tops of each of our feet with her foot in the huddle."



Photo by Thatcher Brown

KALEIGH SONESON¹⁴

"If we didn't take a small sip of Apey Grapey before each match, we thought we would do bad."

Unstoppable

Breaking Records and Taking Names

by Brittany Dinkel and Baylee Werth

The Lady Railers volleyball team has had success in the past years, but this year topped them all. They had high expectations and set high goals, and the team was ready to work hard and show what they could do.

"One of our goals was to have a winning record and make it further than we normally do at Sub-State and we accomplished both of them," Ashley Lopez¹³ said.

The team set a school record for the most wins in a regular season with 28, smashing the previous record of 23. Having this many wins was a turning point for the Lady Railers.

"As soon as we gained a little bit of confidence we were unstoppable," third year head coach Ellen Dreyer said.

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When it came down to the end, the girls stepped up their game.

"We worked our hardest to try to beat Smith Center in the semifinals. Even though we lost I believed we played outstanding," Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ said.

The team was satisfied with their winning season, though they had to end the season at sub-state.

"The season went fast. It was enjoyable because my teammates taught me so much," Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ said.



#EyeOnTheCompetition

Alysha Werth¹⁴ and Autum Hellerud¹⁵ concentrate on the server at the JV tournament in Ness City. The junior varsity went 14-9 on their season. "I think overall we improved as a team, and by the end of the year I think we each realized what we needed to do to win games," Werth said. The JV girls were coached by Kate Howland. Photo by Thatcher Brown



Ashley Lopez @7smashley7: We're #1! #EHSVOLLEYBALL :)

Traditions

Homecoming Differs From Past

By Christen Spinelli

Homecoming traditions have always been very unique, whether it's having fun spirit days, faculty vs. boys volleyball, or the homecoming parade. Traditions changed dramatically. While it may have been for the best, not all students saw it this way.

"I disliked the changes this year, because I felt like Ellis High School is stopping traditions left and right," Nick Gehring¹⁴ said.

The main tradition taken away this year was not being able to go to the fountain and throw people in. This tradition has been around for the last several years. While the school administration did this for the safety of the students, students saw it as them trying to take away a fun part of the homecoming week.

"It was weird not knowing what we were going to do after the

bonfire!" Ashley Lopez¹³ said.

Another tradition that was changed was powder-puff football.

All the classes of girls usually play each other on the football field in an old-fashioned flag football game, but this year was different. The day of homecoming was frigidly cold and even started snowing. Mr. Burton decided instead of powder-puff, the girls would play ultimate football

in the gym.

"I liked playing it in the gym because it was easier and it didn't involve as much running. When we played on the football field I had no clue what I was doing," Olivia Reiter¹⁵ said.

One thing that didn't change this year were the annual class competitions. The junior class came in first, followed by the seniors, freshman, and sophomores.

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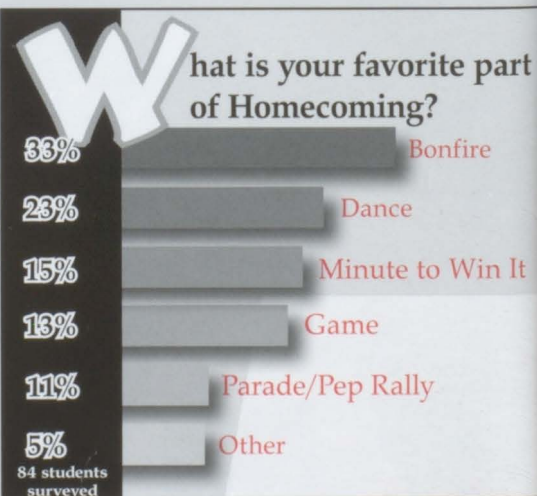
#HandsInTheAyer Hailey Dinkel¹⁵ and Christen Spinelli¹⁴ dance to the "Bernie." "The Bernie is the dance where you get jiggy! You lean back and act like your arms have no control." Photo by Danielle Hausler



Swap This!



#BubbleTrouble During the homecoming pep rally, Gage Younger¹³ tries blowing a bubble with gum and flour mixed. "One of the hardest parts was trying to find the gum in the flour," Younger said. "It didn't help that it tasted bad." Photo by Thatcher Brown





#ChooChoo

Dusty Bittel¹⁴ rides the junior class float and throws candy. The juniors had problems deciding where to build the float initially. "We worked really hard on our float. It felt good to win after all the time we put into it," Bittel said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#PepTalk

Skyler Tebo¹⁴ and Cadyn McCoy¹³ give Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ a pre-game talk before he plays a "Minute It To Win It" game. "We dominated the games. It was a fun activity," McCoy said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#GetOnMyLevel

After the bonfire Blake Hudson¹³ is lifted by his classmates. "I got volunteered to say a speech about our next football game against Leoti. It rallied the troops and put some fire underneath their butts," Hudson said. Photo by Dani Hausler



#PrettyInPink

Candace Bollig¹³ dresses up for royalty day. "I walked into school that morning, and I was the only one wearing a big poofy dress," Bollig said. She won "best dressed" for the girls while Dusty Bittel¹⁴ won for his impersonation of Prince William. Photo by Sarah Henman



#BowDown

Bailey Hensley and Jared Mick, the 2012 Homecoming King and Queen, pose for a picture with the other candidates Blake Hudson, Cole Pfeifer, Shea Harper, and Ashley Lopez. "My last Homecoming was a lot of fun!" Mick said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#Intimidation

Shea Harper¹³, Lexi Feik¹³, and Megan Honas¹³ stare down their opponents in a game of powder puff football. "We were looking at our opponents and trying to intimidate them. Powder puff went awesome," Feik said. Photo by Robbie King



Brittany Dinkel @Britt_Dink: When we walk down the whole street! #EllisHighSchool. #Homecoming

Determination

Hand Work Helps Railers Succeed

by Luke Lohrmeyer

When you lose your starting quarterback, wide receiver, linemen, and fullback, the outlook for the following season is usually grim. However, thanks to leadership, hard work, and determination this year's football team proved the critics wrong.

"I think the off-season had a huge effect on how we played as a team. Getting in there every day and seeing each other bust it for each other, it just makes you feel linked to one another," Landon Younger¹⁴ said.

With the hard work put in during the off-season, the Railers

had skilled players ready to play the positions left vacant by last year's seniors.

**"IT JUST
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"Our summer conditioning program was one of the best we've had. They worked hard to make themselves and the team better," Coach Butch Hayes said.

Even after all the hard work put forth throughout the season, the men could not capitalize on their success. The

Railers lost to the Oakley Plainsmen in a heartbreaking district finals overtime loss with a score of 12-18. But, you can bet the Railers will be back next year in the hunt and looking forward to restarting the district title run.



#MajorUpset With a fourteen point lead in the second quarter, the Railers gather during a timeout to discuss how to further their lead against the 3-0 Larned Indians. "Playing a game like that at home against an undefeated team is fun. You get the crowd behind you and you just play harder," Harley Wright¹³ said. *Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer*

Tough Season



Photo by Thatcher Brown

BLAKE HUDSON¹³

"We had a good season. I thought that we played really hard every game, but it wasn't fun that the season had to end in a hard-fought game against Oakley."

COACH AMREIN

"This football season was filled with a lot of ups and downs. One of the ups was our final game against Oakley, one I will never forget."



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Photo by Thatcher Brown

GAGE YOUNGER¹³

"Overall it was a fun year. I played well and I thought we gave it our all each and every week."

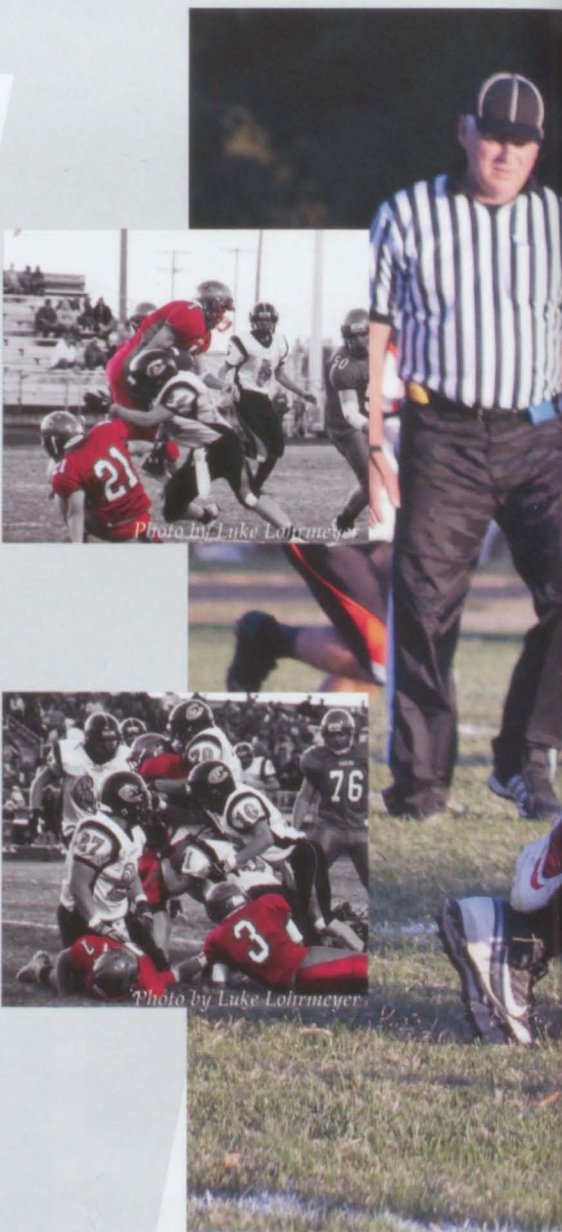


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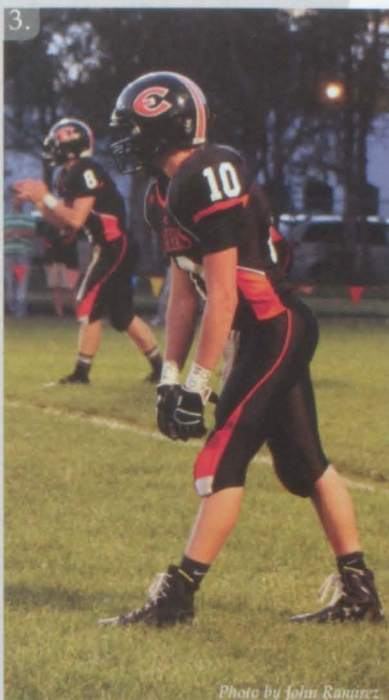


Photo by John Ramirez



Photo by Christen Spinelli



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Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

1. Locked In

Nick Gehring¹⁴ gets ready to fire off the line.

2. Step Above

Cadyn McCoy¹³ tops off the huddle before a game.

3. Waiting

Anticipating the snap, Cole Pfeifer¹³ prepares to shoot off the line.

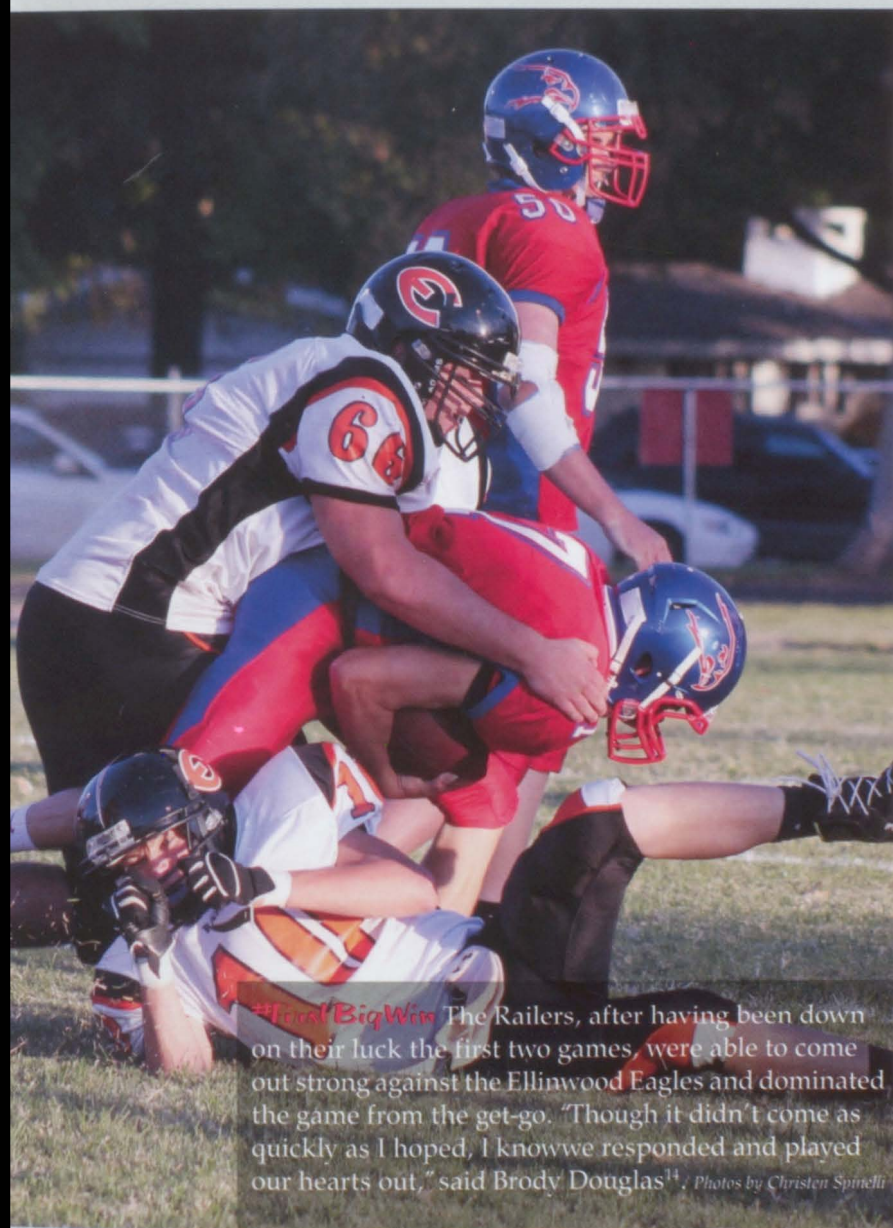
4. Going Long

Eli Lohrmeyer¹⁵ winds up for a pass in the Plainville JV game.

5. Coaching It Up

Mr. Hayes instructs Brendon Brenner¹⁶ on the field.

6. Team Effort The varsity struggles bringing down a St. Francis player.



#1st Big Wins The Railers, after having been down on their luck the first two games, were able to come out strong against the Ellinwood Eagles and dominated the game from the get-go. "Though it didn't come as quickly as I hoped, I know we responded and played our hearts out," said Brody Douglas¹¹. Photos by Christen Spinelli

Scoreboard

Team	Record 4-5	Score
LaCrosse		6-16 L
Plainville		0-56 L
Ellinwood		40-18 W
Larned		36-0 W
Norton		8-39 L
Leoti		48-0 W
St. Francis		22-38 L
Oberlin		14-7 W
Oakley		12-18 L

MCL All-League

Honorable Mention

Gage Younger - RB & LB
Jared Mick - WR
Skyler Tebo - T
Nick Gehring - T
Cadyn McCoy - LB
Blake Hudson - DB
Cole Pfeifer - DB

All-State

Honorable Mention

Nick Gehring - T

All-District

1st Team Offense

Gage Younger - RB
Nick Gehring - OL
Skyler Tebo - OL
Jared Mick - WR

1st Team Defense

Skyler Tebo - DE
Cadyn McCoy - LB
Blake Hudson - DB

Honorable Mention

Blake Hudson - QB
Gage Younger - LB

Hays Daily All-Area

1st Team

2nd Team

Jared Mick - WR Gage Younger - RB

Coaches: Butch Hayes, Craig Amrein
Troy Dale, Andrew Ables



Cole Pfeifer @Colepfeifer: There is no other team I would ever want to play with. There is no other town I would play for. #iloveallofyou

Changes

There's A First Time For Everything

By Dani Hausler

"Thirteen bodies buried in the cellar?!" Mortimer Brewster, played by Scott Pfeifer¹³, shouted this right when the play took a turn for the worse. In the past years, the play has been an all-junior play, but this year it was opened to all students to try out.

"I wanted the play to be open to all students because I thought it would be good for everyone involved," director Alyssa Dawson said.

Most of the juniors were disappointed about this change. In the end, however, it turned out to be a great change for the majority of the actors in the play, since most of them in fact were not juniors.

"I was a little nervous at first," Aspen Younger¹⁶ said. "But it was really fun!"

A majority of people agreed that this year was a wonderful play. There was an increase of people who wanted to be in the play and this

allowed people to not feel obligated to be in the play just because they are a part of the junior class.

"I enjoyed having an all-school play," Allen Augustine¹³ said.

The play itself was about two murderous aunts and their three nephews and their differing views on the thin line between right and wrong. It doesn't help that the police force is full of dull minds.

"I liked the play because it was a learning experience," Scott Pfeifer said. "It was fun to do with my friends."

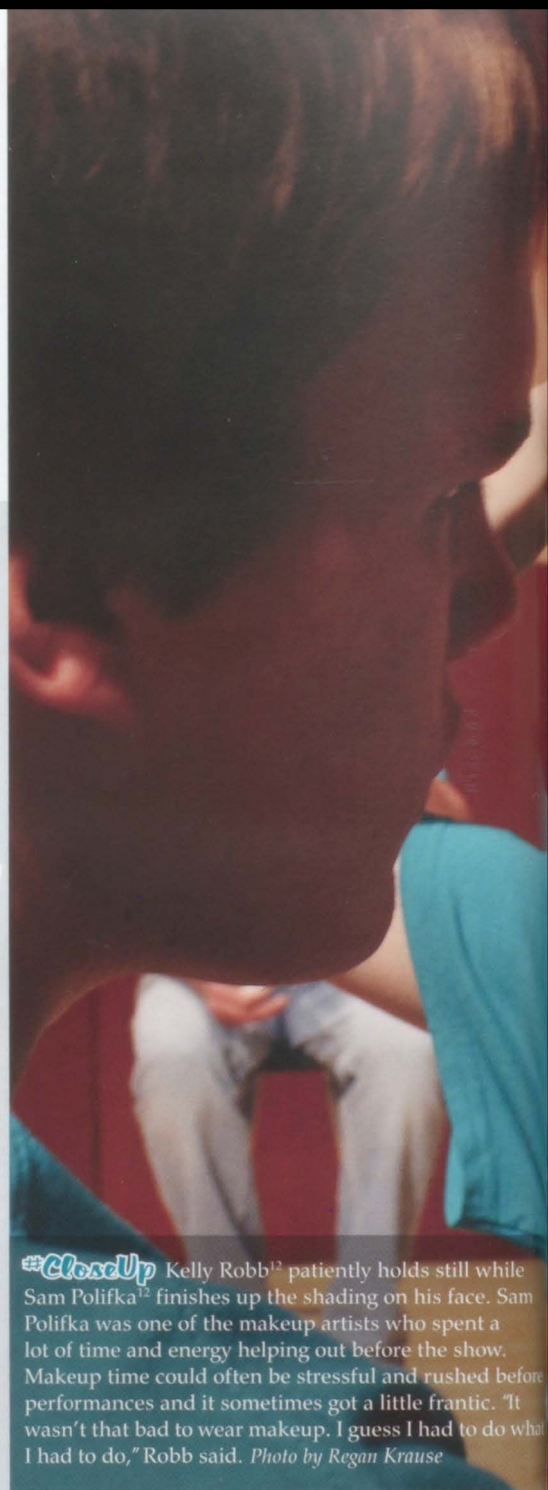
The actors had lots of laughs along the way and many memories were made. They all had new experiences that they will have a hard time forgetting.

"It's such a fun experience!" Alicia Kroeger¹³ exclaimed. "To experience it twice was just awesome. The best part about it was getting to be an old lady with my best friend."

**"IT WAS A
LEARNING
EXPERIENCE."**

"Arsenic and Old Lace"

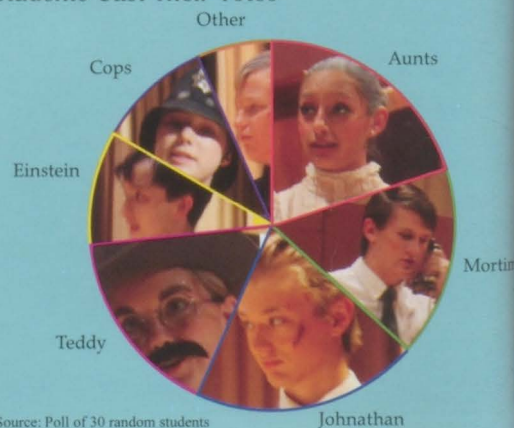
Martha Brewster	Ashley Lopez ¹³	Other Officers	KC Windholz ¹⁴ , Yara Ramirez ¹⁶
Abby Brewster	Alicia Kroeger ¹³	Mr. Spenalzo	Rachel Keller ¹⁴
Mortimer Brewster	Scott Pfeifer ¹⁴	Stage Manager	Christina Wright ¹⁴
Jonathan Brewster	Dusty Bittel ¹⁴	Sound	Brianna LaBarge ¹⁵
Teddy Brewster	Samantha Graves ¹⁴	Curtains	Taylor McClung ¹³
Dr. Einstein	Kelly Robb ¹³	Lights	Christina Wright ¹³
Elaine Harper	Alexis Mattheyer ¹⁵	Stagehands	Jasmine Slaughter ¹³ , Abby Hafliger ¹⁴ , Ciara Garnett ¹⁵
Rev. Dr. Harper	Braden Parke ¹⁴		Keyston Moeder ¹⁶
Lt. Rooney	Sidney Gottschalk ¹⁴		Erianna Basgall ¹⁶ , Dani Hausler ¹⁵ , Sam Polifka ¹³ , Cierra Albin ¹⁶ , Maddy Gnadt ¹⁶ , Stephanie Greenway ¹⁵ , Taylor McClung ¹³
Officer O'Hara	John Ramirez ¹⁵	Hair/Make-up	
Officer Klein	Dani Hausler ¹⁵		
Officer Brophy	Ashley Butler ¹⁵		
Mr. Gibbs	Aspen Younger ¹⁶		
Witherspoon	Maddy Gnadt ¹⁶		



#CloseUp Kelly Robb¹² patiently holds still while Sam Polifka¹² finishes up the shading on his face. Sam Polifka was one of the makeup artists who spent a lot of time and energy helping out before the show. Makeup time could often be stressful and rushed before performances and it sometimes got a little frantic. "It wasn't that bad to wear makeup. I guess I had to do what I had to do," Robb said. Photo by Regan Krause

FAN FAVORITES

Students Cast Their Votes





#EvilProbs

Dusty Bittel¹⁴, who portrayed Jonathan Brewster, begins applying makeup to cover up his natural look and create the face of a murderer. "It was tough to act mean, but after awhile I got used to the character. The role became a lot of fun," Bittel said. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



#MissedASpot

Ashley Butler¹⁵, cast as Officer Brophy, pencils in dark, bushy eyebrows to create male features upon her face in order to fulfill her male role. There was the option of becoming a female officer in the play, but Butler decided that she would take on the challenge of playing a male. *Photo by Regan Krause*



#LookInside

Mortimer Brewster, played by Scott Pfeifer¹⁴, opens the window seat to find a dead body that was killed by his "innocent" aunts. Pfeifer was proud to receive the part of one of the lead characters. "Having one of the lead roles was a challenge, but once we got everything down it was really fun," Pfeifer said. *Photo by Regan Krause*



#ListenUp

Alexis Mattheyer¹⁵, portraying Elaine Harper, glances at Martha and Abby Brewster, as they listen intently to Mortimer Brewster as he announces his engagement to Elaine. The engagement was just a small portion of all the shockers that took place in the play. "I was very nervous and afraid that I would mess up. Overall, I had fun," Mattheyer said. *Photo by Regan Krause*



#InnocentAunties

Martha and Abby Brewster, played by Ashley Lopez¹³ and Alicia Kroeger¹³, try to convince Mortimer that their little secret isn't such a bad thing. Although taking the lives of little old men seems like a felony, to the aunts it was more of a favor. "It was fun playing a crazy old lady. I'm pretty crazy myself so I related well," Lopez said. *Photo by Regan Krause*

#BadCops

Officers Brophy and Klein, played by Ashley Butler¹⁵ and Dani Hausler¹⁵, explain the background of the Brewsters to Rev. Dr. Harper, played by Braden Parke¹⁴. There's a history of crazy people with Brewster blood. Teddy Brewster, played by Sammy Graves¹⁴, waits patiently for his turn to speak. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



Dusty Bittel @daBittel: I got a part in the play! Time to get my crazy murder on! #excited #killerrole #ArsenicAndOldLace #acting

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Photo by Thatcher Brown



Photo by Hailey Dinkel



Photo by John Ramirez



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Ashley Lopez @7smashley7 : Great job Lady Railer Basketball!! #MCL

#PattyCaking Baylee Werth¹⁵ and Brittany Dinkel¹⁴ slap hands while the rest of the bench cheers with joy as the Lady Railers score a key bucket in overtime against Smith Center in the league championship game. "I was excited for the team because I knew we had the win in our hands," Werth said. Photo by Thatcher Brown

Winning in Winter

It's cold outside, but we're on fire



Monica Towns @MonicaITowns : I love snow! #loveit

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Winter Division
Patties & Fries

Commitment

Team Strives to Achieve Goals

By Sarah Henman and Hailey Dinkel

For head coach Casey Dinkel, the goal is to get as many kids out and to stay out the whole season.

"Every year my ultimate goal is to have all the kids finish the season. I do not want any one quitting the team. If they do I feel I have failed them and therefore I feel I did not do my job," Dinkel said.

On the other hand, the ultimate goal for all wrestlers is to be in Gross Coliseum for state. With Gage Younger¹³ being the only senior on the team and having made it to state previously, he is one of the members on the team that has significantly more pressure.

"I didn't have very much pressure to get to state, but there was definitely a lot to win state," Younger said.

At the beginning of the year, all of the team members wrote a personal goal to post in the wrestling room. This helped to push themselves, and strive to be the best they can.

"When the wrestlers aren't practicing to their fullest potential we have them read

their goals so they can see if they are doing the best they can," Dinkel said.

Younger fell short of his ultimate goal, but did wrestle at the state tournament, placing third in his weight class.

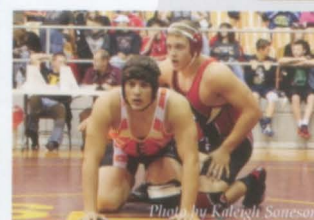
**"THERE IS
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#FightForTheWin Landon Younger¹⁴ tries to work his way around his opponent who shot to make a move to score a few points. Younger fought through the competition to place third at the Osborne tournament. "The Osborne tournament was the first one of the year, and my goal was to do as good as I could. I felt like I tried my hardest and did well. I was happy with placing third," Younger said.

Photo by Kaleigh Soneson

Whistle Wisdom

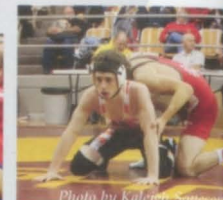
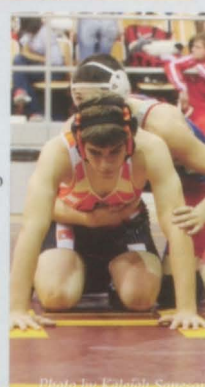


SKYLER TEBO¹⁴

"My first move when the whistle blows is a switch. Then I go on to do a big boy roll. I choose those first because they are my strongest moves."

DYLAN HAAS¹⁶

"When the whistle blows I concentrate on the first move I will perform. I also think about how I can do my best and beat my opponent."



JARED PFEIFER¹⁵

"Right before the whistle blows I get nervous, but once I start my nerves calm down. When I get onto the mat the moves come to me."

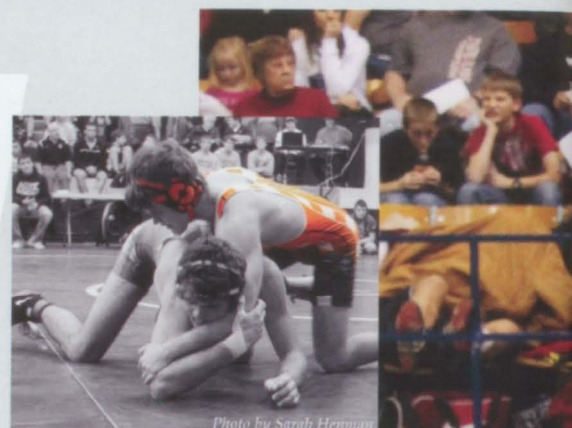


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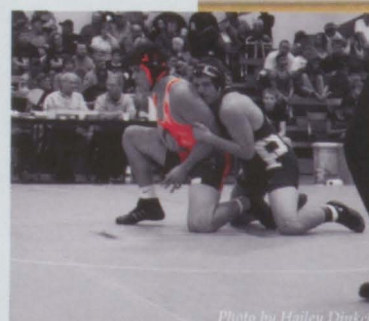
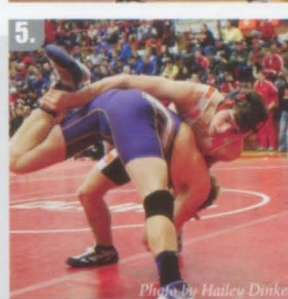
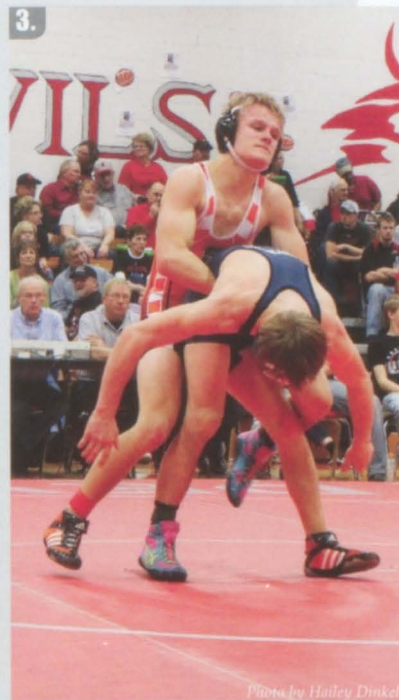
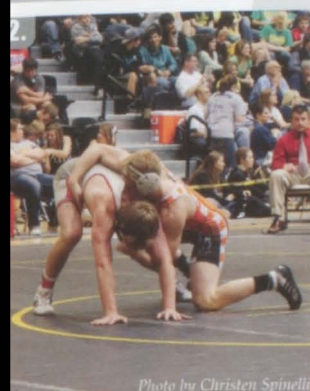
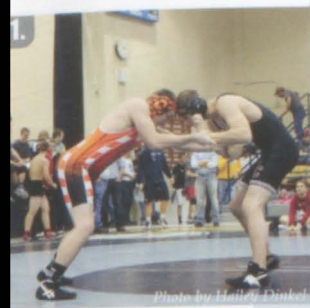


Photo by Hailey Dinkel





- 1. Head to Head**
Brandon Groff¹⁵ fights hard to get a take down against his opponent.
- 2. Striving for the Best**
Gage Younger¹³ wrestles at Gross Memorial Coliseum in the state wrestling tournament. He brought home a 3rd place medal in the 152 weight class.
- 3 Scoop 'Em**
Kobe Armbruster¹⁶ folds over his opponent, lifting him off the ground to score.
- 4 Aim for Two**
Jared Pfeifer¹⁵ concentrates to think of a way to get his opponent to the mat for a pin.
- 5 Take Down**
Dylan Haas¹⁶ makes a move to take down the opposing wrestler for two points.
- 6. Time's Up**
Kadon Augustine¹⁶ takes a short break before the next period.



#Winning Gage Younger¹³ takes down his opponent for a pin. He brought home first place at Scott City. "My goal this year is to make to state finals and to hopefully bring back a first place win," Younger said. *Photo by Hailey Dinkel*

Scoreboard

NAME	WEIGHT	RECORD
Gage Younger ¹³	152	41-3
Landon Younger ¹⁴	145	18-13
Skyler Tebo ¹⁴	220	14-15
Jared Pfeifer ¹⁵	132	4-3
Brandon Groff ¹⁵	170	6-14
Kobe Armbruster ¹⁶	126	15-18
Dylan Haas ¹⁶	160	4-17
Kadon Augustine ¹⁶	113	4-17

State Qualifier

Gage Younger¹³
3RD PLACE

Coaches

Casey Dinkel
Brandon Pfeifer



Kobe Armbruster¹⁶ @Bruster_FoFiddy : I'm Starving #WrestlerProbs #StopTheBus

1. Check in

Dinkel¹⁴, Mick¹⁵, Gottschalk¹⁴, and Werth¹⁵, check into the MCL tourney game against Osborne.

2. In The Zone

Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ concentrates on passing the ball to one of her other teammates.

3. Denied

Hand raised, Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ attempts to block a shot against a Palco opponent.

4. Let's Go

Sarah Mick¹⁵ and Sidney Gottschalk¹⁴ share a pre-game chest bump to get fired up before the game.

5. Dribble

Driving down the court, Sarah Mick¹⁴ maneuvers her way around the Ness City defender, looking for a player.

6. Swish

Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ lines up and does her routine for a free throw at Palco.



Photo by Thatcher Brown



Photo by Rachel Keller



Photo by Dan Hausler



Photo by Dan Hausler



Photo by Ashley Bailey



Photo by Dan Hausler

Scoreboard

Philipsburg	56-44
Quinter*	60-39
Golden Plains*	63-57
Hoxie*	41-67
Palco	71-30
Osborne	59-52
Ness City	67-46
Stockton	54-23
Trego	65-32
Hill City	54-25
Hill City**	53-43
Osborne**	63-40
Smith Center**	73-63
Victoria	57-55
Plainville	58-44
Quinter	55-43
Smith Center	48-76
Oakley	62-57
Norton	45-32
Stockton	64-25
Oberlin***	79-32
Ness City***	70-41
Smith Center***	48-59

MCL All-League

1st Team

Bailey Hensley¹³

Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶

* Castle Rock Classic Tournament

** MCL Tournament

*** Sub-State Tournament at Plainville



#SheShootsSheScores After being fouled by her opponent, Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ lines up for a free throw during the championship game of the MCL tournament. The two teams went back and forth, but the Lady Rainers pulled it out with an overtime win, 73-63. Photo by Thatcher Brown



Leadership

BAILEY HENSLEY¹³

"There isn't just one person that is a big part of our team. We all make it up and push each other to make us that much better! Our team has stepped it up greatly."



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

MEGAN HONAS¹³

"I think this year I am really excelling at a different and higher level in basketball. I am at my strongest with rebounding."



Photo by Richard Keller

BRITTANY DINKEL¹⁴

"Smith Center was our toughest competition this year. If we play like we have, I think we will win."



Photo by Richard Keller

Champions

Girls Pull Together To Win

By Luke Lohrmeyer and Kaleigh Soneson

The definition of young is being in the first or early stage of life or growth. The word fits this year's girls basketball team, a team with only two seniors on the roster. With so few upperclassmen, leadership became very important to the team.

"I just go out and have fun and keep everyone fired up and I think that's what makes me a natural leader," Bailey Hensley¹³ said.

With only two seniors, the juniors, sophomores, and even freshman have had to step up to help out. The challenge for some has been easy. Alexcia Deutscher is a freshman

who has contributed in a big way to the team.

"I think it's pretty cool being a freshman and starting on varsity. I just keep doing what I do best. There can be little difficulties but you need those to make yourself better," Deutscher¹⁶ said.

Championship games have been a very common occurrence this year. The ladies placed second at the annual

Castle Rock tournament, took first at the MCL tournament, and played in the finals of sub-state. Unfortunately, their season ended without making it to state where they had hoped to compete for the state championship.

"I JUST GO OUT AND HAVE FUN"



#FightingForPossession Aspen Younger¹⁶ dives for the ball, warding off two Osborne defenders. "One of the Ellis girls lost the ball and it was loose. The first thing that popped in my head was to dive for the ball," Younger¹⁶ said. "I really enjoy the intense game of basketball." Photo by Thatcher Brown



Alexcia Deutscher@alexcideut24 : We are the champions! #MCLchampions

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Girls Basketball
Kaleigh Soneson

Expectations

New Coach, New Season

By Brittany Dinkel and Baylee Werth

This season was full of high expectations and goals, starting with the return of former Ellis High School basketball coach Chris Rorabaugh. He coached at EHS for sixteen years, 1990 to 2006. Rorabaugh had a team full of dedicated seniors out to take state.

"I'm very happy to be back at Ellis. I'm very impressed with the drive and attitude this bunch of guys have here at Ellis. We will have a very successful year," Rorabaugh said.

After a strong start, an injury caused the team to make adjustments mid-season. In one of the first games after the winter break, senior starter

Thatcher Brown¹³ tore his ACL. Brown was told he'd be out the rest of the season.

**"WE WILL
HAVE
A VERY
SUCCESSFUL
YEAR"**

"It was tough hearing the news," Brown said. "I just wanted to be out there with my team playing."

With the absence of Brown, freshman Brendan Brenner had to step up to the plate and fill the starting position.

"At first I was excited to be starting, but once it got closer to game time I got a little nervous," Brenner said.

Although the Railers lost in the first round of sub-state, they had a very successful season ending with a 13-8 record.



#FlyLikeTheWind Josh Tway¹⁴ outruns an Osborne opponent during an early season game. A highlight of the year was when they scored a record-high 94 points against Quinter. Tway averaged 8.9 points a game. "It feels good to have a team that is solid," Tway said. Photo by Thatcher Brown

Tourney Talk



JARED MICK¹³
"There was not a lot of pressure on us to win MCL. We just all wanted to do the best we could. Now we hope we can win out the rest of the season."

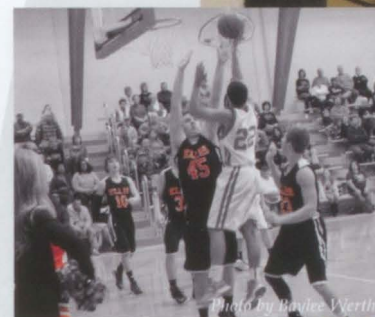
TYLER WALTERS¹³

"We had a lot of expectations going into MCL from our fans, parents, and coaches. We just wanted to go out there and try our hardest."



COLE PFEIFER¹³

"As a senior we had a lot of pressure on us because it's our year and we are expected to play good in this tournament."





1. Making A Move
Brandon Bollig¹⁵ handles the ball against a tough Smith Cetner defense.

2. Top of the Key
Scott Pfeifer¹⁴ goes up for a jump shot during the MCL tournament.

3. Reach For Victory
JV starter Brendon Brenner¹⁶ jumps up quickly to get the tip.

4. Double Teamed
Nick Gehring¹⁴ tries to escape a trap during the first game of the season.

5. Trap Em'
Tyler Walters¹³ and Jared Mick¹³ surround their Hill City opponent.

6. Up For Two
Thatcher Brown¹³ makes a quick move and goes up for an outside jump shot.



#ToTheHoop Senior guard Blake Hudson¹³ goes up for the lay-up on a fast break at the MCL Tournament held at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The Railers beat Stockton in the first round but lost to Phillipsburg in the semi-finals. They took third, defeating Smith Center 80-52 to complete the tournament. Photo by Brittany Dinkel

Scoreboard

Record 13-8

Phillipsburg	61-70	Phillipsburg**	49-71
Golden Plains*	83-23	Smith Center**	80-52
Rawlins Co.*	66-36	Victoria	72-60
Dighton*	53-55	Plainville	52-49
Palco	57-21	Quinter	65-29
Osborne	74-52	Smith Center	74-65
Ness City	64-73	Oakley	52-59
Stockton	66-57	Norton	65-64
Trego	53-48	Stockton	52-42
Hill City	56-58	Plainville***	42-49
Stockton**	74-53		

*Castle Rock Classic

**MCL Tournament

***Sub-State

All-MCL

Tyler Walters¹³- 2nd Team

Luke Lohrmeyer¹³- Honorable Mention

Head Coach - Chris Rorabaugh

Assistant Coach - Butch Hayes



Braden Parke @bparke_27: You know your JV has swag when they score 94 points. 94-22 against Quinter! #JVSwaag

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Basketball
Brittany Dinkel

1. Hey Go Railers

Ashley Lopez¹³, Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴, and Brittany Dinkel¹⁴ perform a bleacher beat.

2. High 'N Mighty

Flyer Shea Harper¹³ goes into a stunt at Pee-Wee Cheer Camp.

3. Stomp 'Em

The cheer squad shows the crowd their signature stomp clap during a home game.

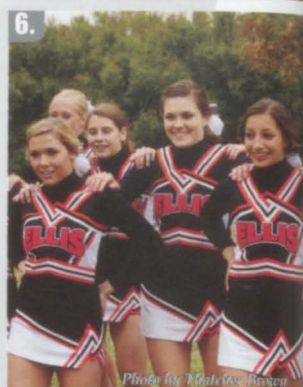
4. Loud 'N Proud Ashley Lopez¹³ teaches a cheer at Pee-Wee Cheer Camp. The little girls do a dance and cheer on a home game night.

5. In Sync

The squad performs at senior night. Every year they learn a special dance to perform that night.

6. Struttin'

Shea Harper¹³, Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴, and Ashley Lopez¹³ show their moves at a pep rally.



Cheer Squad

Seniors

Ashley Lopez (Captain)
Shea Harper

Juniors

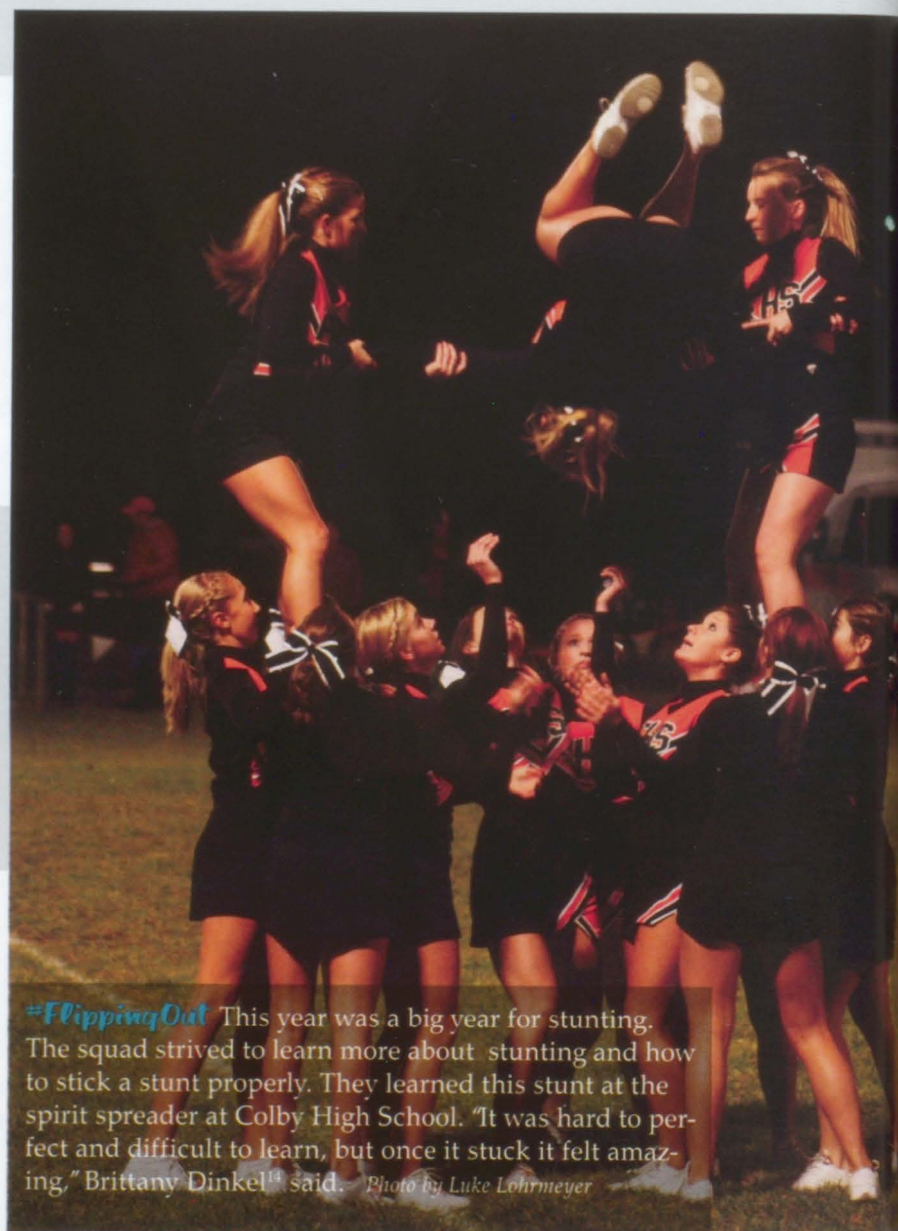
Brittany Dinkel
Kaleigh Soneson (Co-Captain)
Regan Krause

Sophomores

Ashley Butler
Baylee Werth
Hailey Dinkel
Olivia Reiter
Sarah Henman
Stephanie Greenway

Freshmen

LexAnne Wolf
Paige Molstad



#FlippingOut This year was a big year for stunting. The squad strived to learn more about stunting and how to stick a stunt properly. They learned this stunt at the spirit spreader at Colby High School. "It was hard to perfect and difficult to learn, but once it stuck it felt amazing," Brittany Dinkel¹⁴ said. Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Tryout Tips

HAILEY DINKEL¹⁵

"I'm always nervous to perform in front of the judges, but once I get out there and start my nerves subside. It is a fun time to bond with the other girls who are trying out."



Photo by Sheri Krause



Photo by Brittany Dinkel

ASHLEY BUTLER¹³

"Tryouts are scary but if you get enough sleep during the week and work hard it makes it less stressful."



Photo by Heather Brown

BRITTANY DINKEL¹⁴

"During tryouts don't get stressed. Make the best of it and have fun. Also make sure you get plenty of sleep all week."

Excellence

Squad Wins Awards

by Christen Spinelli and Regan Krause

The cheerleaders have always been a very enthusiastic and positive part of the school, and this year was no exception.

"Camp this year was awesome! We won a lot of awards and it was enjoyable," Brittany Dinkel¹⁴ said.

In the past years, the squad has gone to Emporia cheer camp with UCA cheerleaders. However, this year was different. Four-year colleges no longer host cheer camps, so they were forced to choose Pratt.

"I like going to Pratt better. There weren't as many squads there and the campus was a lot smaller and easier to get around," Olivia Reiter¹⁵ said.

The first day of camp is intense.

"I REALIZED HOW MUCH WORK IT ACTUALLY TOOK"

As soon as they get there they have an hour to get ready, then they go to the gym with 20 other squads. The UCA staff teaches everyone all the

routines and cheers. Over the next several days they perfect the material. At the end of camp the squads are given the option to perform.

"Performing is my favorite part of camp. It shows how good we really are." Baylee Werth¹⁵ said.

One of the most prestigious

awards is the banana. This is a spirit award that goes to the squad that has the best attitude and most overall spirit.

"To win the banana as a senior I realized how much work it actually took to win it and I fully appreciated it! It was one of the best feelings ever," captain Ashley Lopez¹³ said.



Photo by Brittany Dinkel



Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#BananaSplit The squad practices their newly learned split cradle during the Stockton basketball game. New stunts are learned at UCA Cheer Camp. "Split cradles are fun because I get to do my toe touch. The hardest part is to keep my toes pointed," Sarah Henman¹⁵ said. Photo by Sheri Krause



Baylee Werth @BayleeWerth3: <<stunt practice tonight! <3> #EHS Cheerleading

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Cheerleading
Regan Krause

Legacy

Keep the Old, Bring in the New

By Hailey Dinkel and Sarah Henman

Line dances, guys in ties, and colorful dresses are a few of the traditions that have been kept for many

years. Although Snoball has a lot of old traditions, new ones are being made. In the past few years new songs have become a hit at Snoball. There are special songs that are always played and a majority of the school joins in and dances together.

One of the songs that has been around for quite some time is "Copperhead Road" by Steve Earle. This song is more of a traditional country line dance.

"Copperhead Road is my favorite line dance. I learned how to do it over the years from wedding dances. I love seeing everyone join in a dance along with me," Bailey Hensley¹³ said.

Some other favorites are the Cupid Shuffle and the Cha Cha Slide. Everybody loves and knows old line

dances, but sometimes it's fun to bring in more modernized songs.

"I like the Wop because it's a fun dance to express your inner dance moves. I first saw the dance at cheer camp. I knew I had to learn the whole dance because I really liked the beat. When I got home I looked it up on YouTube and combined a few of my own moves!" Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ said.

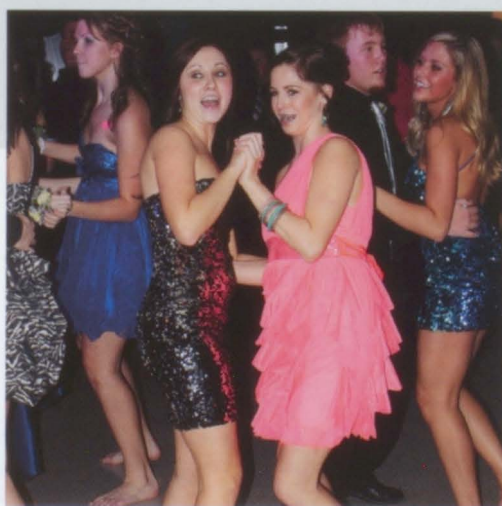
Another song that students love is "Gangnam Style." This dance was created by a South Korean singer, Psy, and became popular in the U.S. in the past year.

"Gangnam Style" is a fun song because you don't hear that kind of music every day," Cole Pfeifer¹³ said.

In the years to come there will always be new dances, traditions, and music styles, but when an old song is played, the dance floor will still be packed.

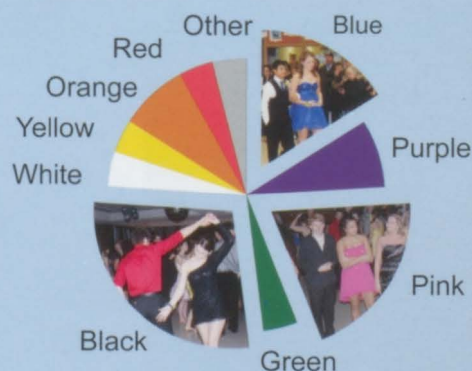
#ShakeItUp Christen Spinelli¹⁴ and Lexi Feik¹³ show their moves out on the dance floor while learning to two-step. "I had never tried to two-step before. Learning it is a lot harder than it looks, but once you get the hang of it, it is really fun," Feik said. Photo by Jill Wood

Snap This!



#APPEye sOnMe Jared Pfeifer¹⁵ enjoys the group of girls dancing around him. He spices things up by whipping his tie around his head. "Having the girls surround me was the best part of my night. I loved the dance because it was pumping with upbeat music," Pfeifer said. Photo by Jill Wood

Favorite Dress Color

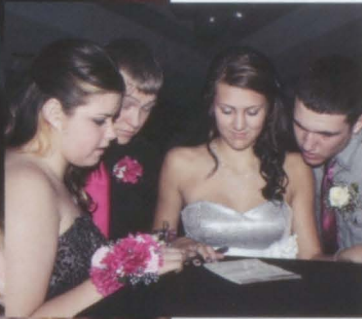




#HoldMeClose

Sean Lee¹⁵ and Brianna LaBarge¹⁵ enjoy their slow dance together. "My first dance here was exciting and there was a lot of energy. My date made the night even better. Everything went as planned, and the best part was going to IHOP after the dance," Lee said.

Photo by Jill Wood



#What'sYourJam

Thinking of good music, Keisha Brack¹⁶, Tori Tebo¹⁶, and their dates write down their favorite songs that they want to dance to. "I really enjoyed the Snoball playlist. I had many of my favorite songs, and I loved being able to pick my own songs," Brack said.

Photo by Jill Wood



#FamilyMatters

After the crowning of the Snoball queen, candidate Candace Bollig¹³ shares a moment slow dancing with her grandfather, boys' basketball coach, Chris Rorabaugh. "After they crowned the winners, I asked my grandpa to dance with me. I'm so glad he came. It made my night!" Bollig said.

Photo by Jill Wood



#HotAin

Brianna Rohr¹⁶ and Sarah Mick¹⁵ help set up for Snoball. They had to blow up many balloons to help build the balloon arch. "Helping decorate for my first high school Snoball was a good experience. It was fun to work with my friends. I didn't really enjoy having to blow up so many balloons. I ran out of breath and my cheeks started to hurt," Rohr said.

Photo by Christen Spinelli



#ShowYourMoves

Kourtney Kaicey¹⁴ and Morgan Thille¹⁴ join in with the rest of the students in the ongoing line dance. "I like line dances the most because everybody dances together and they are really simple. My favorite line dance is the Cupid Shuffle," Thille said.

Photo by Jill Wood

#TianaTime

Kaleigh Soneson¹³ receives her crown after she wins the title for junior class princess. "I was very surprised at first. I thought since I got it last year someone else might win this year, although I was happy that I did win again," Soneson said.

Photo by Jill Wood



Jokes of the Class



Mollie Buchholz

THE GEOMETRY PROMISE

The first hour Geometry class created a list of promises made by Mr. Hayes during that class. Students decided that they wanted the promises written on paper and signed by him.

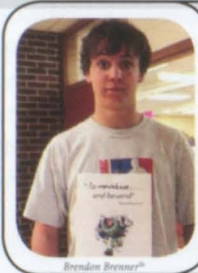
CALLIER AKA MCGUYVER

In Earth Science, junior Jacob Callier is known for his crazy stories which he deems are true.

One is a story about how to make a lighter out of a battery.



Jacob Callier



Brendon Brenner

TO INFINITIVE & BEYOND

One day during English I, freshman Brendon Brenner mistook the word "infinite" for the Buzz Lightyear line "To infinity and beyond."

HISTORY NINJA

Be on the lookout for ninja Mr. Kohl, as he will unexpectedly throw markers at people and then jump on top of a table during class.



Mr. Kohl



Mr. Wolf

THE LOVE DOCTOR

Bewarned of the Love Doctor, Mr. Wolf, who will tease you about your love life with a silly song or science references. Though if you aren't dating he'll find other ways to tease you.

FUN TIME

If students are doing well and staying on task in Mrs. Dawson's class, she will show them a fun but beneficial app to use on their smart phones.



Photo by Christen Smith



Photo by Thatcher Brown



ProblemSolved

Alicia Kroeger¹³ writes a answer down to a problem in her College Algebra class. College Algebra is offered to seniors who have had at least three years of math. Students can pay for the college credit or just take the class for the experience. "The class is challenging for me, being a college course, but I like the challenge it gives," Kroeger said.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



Essential

Core Classes Spice Up the Basics

by Brianna LaBarge and Alexis Mattheyer

We all know there are classes we may dread but are required to take. These classes are English, Science, Math, History, and P.E. They may not be the most fun, where everyone is just eager to learn, but they are all helpful for our future lives.

"In History we do presentations to further our speech abilities and raise our confidence in speaking in front of large groups of people. We learn different economic policies and past major court cases," Jasmine Slaughter¹³ said.

There are those classes that help build confidence, but there are also those hands-on experiments where students have the chance to get involved and learn more about projects by actually doing them.

"In Earth Science I like how Mr. Wildeman has a punch line for everything. The thing I liked most about Earth Science was how to make a cloud in a bottle with a scientific glass bottle, a balloon pump, hot water, and a Kleenex on fire," Isaiah Hearn¹³ said.

While some classes have projects and experiments led by teachers, others give students more freedom to choose something that interests them.

"My favorite part about Mrs. Wood's English class was when we did the iPod research project. We got to pick a famous person and choose apps that went along with their lives. I liked it because you got to be creative and it was a do-it-on-your-own project," Carson Rupp¹⁵ said.

"I LIKED IT BECAUSE I GOT TO BE CREATIVE"

Gettin' Piggy With It Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ concentrates on removing just the right parts during pig dissection in Anatomy and Physiology. "This was our only dissection, which was more fun and hands on type of stuff, which I think is better than the notes," Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ said. Photo by Regan Krutse

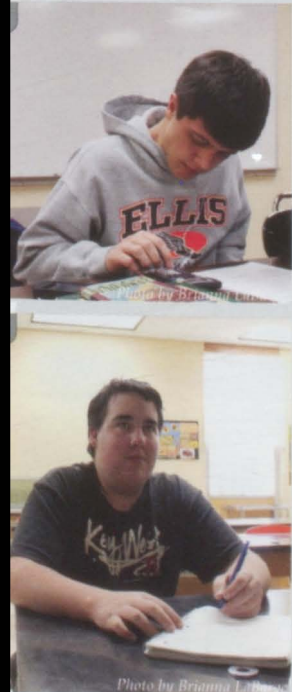


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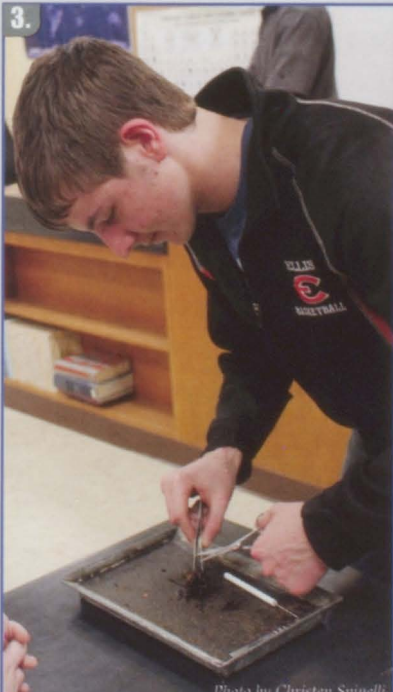


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Photo by Thatcher Brown

1. Figure It Out

Brady Jacques¹⁴ types a calculation into his calculator as he tries to complete his test in math class.

2. Take Note

Junior Jacob Callier writes down important information for Earth Science class.

3. Dissect This

Chris Browning¹⁵ cuts through a grasshopper to look at its internal structures for Biology.

4. The Thinker

Alan Wilson¹⁴ figures out math problems for an Algebra assignment.

5. Look It Over

Seniors Gage Younger, Blake Hudson, and Harley Wright read a rough draft story in English.

6. Ready to Fire

Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ gets ready to launch a dodgeball at her opponent.



Thatcher Brown @ThatcherBrown1 : Mr. Kohl gave me a hug today. I always knew I was his favorite student!

Hands-On

Students' futures at their fingertips

By Brianna LaBarge and Alexis Mattheyer

All students have classes they are required to take, such as English, Science, and Math, but what about the vocational classes that teach students life skills?

These classes can help shape students into the people they will be in the future.

What really goes on in the ag room? It's not just a bunch of farm kids talking about dirt and animals. Ag teaches students the different areas of agriculture. This class is important because it shows students how to be better consumers and work together. The class also offers its members money for their hard work for college or jobs, if they meet a certain criteria.

"Ag has helped me better my welding and leadership skills," Sam

Polifka¹³ said.

In the past, FACS classes only taught how to cook and sew. Now, classes such as Career and Community Connections help seniors work on job skills and financial literacy.

"My favorite part about CCC class was quilting and watching the eventful bingo at the Good Samaritan," Alexis Rose¹³ said.

The Industrial Tech classes teach hands-on skills to build structures, furniture, and other projects. These skills will come in handy when students leave high school and live on their own.

"Taking woodshop has helped me in furthering my building skills that will help save money," Austin McGann¹³ said.

"AG HAS HELPED ME BETTER MY WELDING AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS"

1. Creativity

Alexis Rose¹³ chooses different styles of fabric for her quilt in Creative Textiles.

2. Getting Dirty

Freshman Alex Towns judges soil in a hole at an FFA district contest in Russell.

3. Child Care

Hailey Dinkel¹⁵ sits feeding her automated baby at fifth quarter for parenting class.

4. Quiz

Dylan Haas¹⁶ Brendon Brenner¹⁶ quiz each other on meat cards for the upcoming meat judging contest in Grinnell.

5. Game Time

Justin Esner¹⁵ and Nick Rose¹⁵ play Life on the Farm in Ag for a free day after an Ag competition.

6. Hand Work

Sophomore Josh Kreutzer measures wood needed for a nightstand in woodshop.



#SparksFly Senior Sam Polifka looks up as he welds together the frame for a swingset he had been working on for Ag. "It was one of the hardest, but also one of the longest lasting projects I have done," Polifka said. Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

Glimpse OF THE Class



@KELLERKYLEE

"I like going to the competitions to judge meats, cattle, and land. Ag is helpful for your future if you want to have a career in agriculture."

@TANNERFISCHER1

"I took woodshop to spend more bonding time with Mr. Carroll. I have gotten better at handling wood properly."



@HAFLIGERABBY14

"Parenting is an important class to take. It is good for us teens to know the responsibilities of being a parent and cooking."



@GOBLEGA13

"The best part about Ag was national convention in Indianapolis, IN. There we heard speakers. The dance was the best part."



@BRACK_KEISHA

"FACS really teaches us life skills for later in life that we can use. My favorite part about FACS was cooking Angel Food Cake."



@GRAVES_SAMMY

"I took woodshop because it's one of those hands-on classes that you can take, and I really enjoy working with my hands."

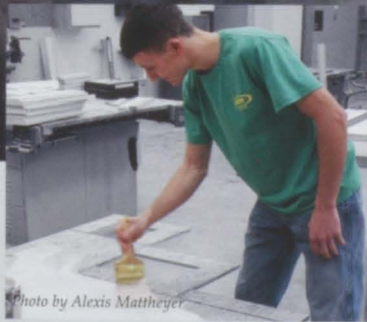


Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



Photo by Brianna Labadie

#HelpingHands

The Big Brothers Big Sisters or "Bigs" was started in Ellis by the Career and Community class in 2011. It was started to give grade school students a role model in the high school. Students go down every Thursday morning to spend some time with a "little" and create a bond with them by playing games, doing activities, or just simply spending time with each other. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



Lexi Feik¹³ and Sarah Mick¹³



Thatcher Brown @ThatcherBrown1 : The best part of BBBS is being a role model for my little! #Lovelt

I joined Art/Band/Choir because...



@MEGAND_31

"At first I took art just for an elective, but then I realized I enjoyed it and that it's a way to express myself."

@KELLYROBB

"The reason I took art is because I'm artistic. I also did it because my family enjoys art. I have been in art for four years now."



@P_MOLSTAD

"I joined because we haven't had a good band teacher in awhile and I wanted to experience being a part of it."



@11MOEDER

"I wanted to take band because I wanted to play trumpet like my mom, uncle, and brother."



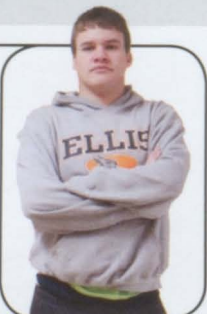
@CIARAGARNETT

"I took choir because I love to sing and I've always liked music. Singing lifts my family's spirits when we're going through hard times."



@SAMPOLIFKA

"I never really took choir as a class, but Ms. Harris talked me into taking part in AM Choir."



Our Teachers' wheels...



Opportunity

Students find talent in the arts

By Ashley Butler

Sometimes changes bring discomfort or anxiety, especially in school. But this year, the new teachers in the music program brought encouragement to students of music classes. The art class also had new projects they designed and completed.

The band of thirteen, led by the new director, Ms. Stacey Williams, performed for the first time during the fall sports soap scrimmages.

"We were finally able to show that we've gotten much better," Rylee Torline¹⁶ said.

The new choir director, Ms. Portia Harris, started AM choir. This allowed a group of students to come in and sing in the mornings before school to expand their skills. It provided the

opportunity for everyone to participate, even those who weren't able to enroll in the choir class.

**"WE'VE
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MUCH
BETTER"**

"I liked that I could still be a part of choir because I couldn't take the actual class," Erianna Basgall¹⁶ said.

The senior art students had the opportunity to take part in a project that will leave a lasting impression on students for years to come. They were

assigned the task of creating a wall mural by the art room, so they chose to paint an image of a train to represent the school's heritage.

"It was a lot of fun to work together with the other students," Taylor McClung¹³ said. "I hope the future EHS students will enjoy the painting as much as I do."



#InProgress Taylor McClung¹³ and Courtney Hollingshead¹³ begin the finishing touches on their senior art project. "I enjoyed painting the train," Hollingshead¹³ said. "The only difficult part was painting on an unsmooth surface." Photo by Dani Hausler



Photo by Dani Hausler



Photo by Kaleigh Somers



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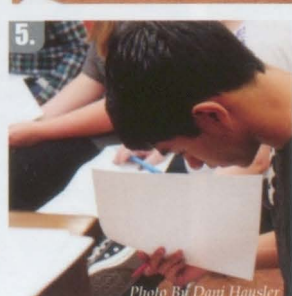


Photo by Dani Hausler



Photo by Ashley Butler

1. A lot of Effort

Concentrating on his art projects, Sean Lee¹⁵ begins to paint a portrait of the beach.

2. Clarinet Combo

Erianna Basgall¹⁶ and Paige Molstad¹⁶ play at the Winter Concert.

3. Sweet Skill

Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ performs on her flute during the Winter Concert. "There's something new to learn everyday," Greenway said.

4. Practice Makes Perfect The choir class takes a day to review Michael Jackson songs for the upcoming Dinner Theater.

5. Prepping

John Ramirez¹⁵ begins reading over pieces for the Dinner Theater.

6. An Original

Kori Clark¹⁵ paints a picture of a dog in Principles of Illustration. "I like how we get to choose what to do for our projects," Clark said.



Keyston Moeder @11moeder : This song reminded me of the song we're playing in band #proudmoment #disney

Challenges

Meeting Deadlines In Print and On-Air

By Kaleigh Soneson

Brainstorm. Interview. Write. Procrastinate. Meet deadline, then repeat. The communications classes have the task of recording and then reporting school events for the yearbook, website, and news broadcast.

The Photo Imaging and 21st Century Journalism classes have the challenge of photographing and reporting every event that occurs during the school year.

"Journalism is a job where you have to put it first," Brianna LaBarge¹⁵ said. "You get to put your own creative touches on the pages, which makes it that much better."

The task of putting out the news is even more difficult when there are fewer people to do it. The

multimedia classes have to work harder to get all the articles up and going on the website. The Video Production class produces the USD 388 News. They are assigned jobs every week.

"To prepare, I write my own scripts. We tend to make it fun," Shea Harper¹³ said. "Sometimes not everyone meets their deadlines, but we get through it and get things done."

A new class this year is the Writing for Media class. The members of this class write articles about the students and the daily events of Ellis High. Students wrote stories every week with deadlines on Fridays.

"I've learned more on the structure of a story and about the freedom we have as journalists," Dusty Bittel¹⁴ said. "I am glad I took the class."

**“WE
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MAKE
IT FUN”**

1. Picture Pickin'

Journalism student Ashley Butler¹⁵ looks for the perfect picture for the yearbook.

2. Brainstorming

Mrs. Wood gives Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ ideas for the senior page layouts.

3. Plan On It

Nick Gehring¹⁴ makes a list of what is going to be on the USD 388 News for the week.

4. Searching for Stuff

Blake Hudson¹³ looks for videos from YouTube for his segment, "Randomness."

5. Lights, Camera, Action

Kelly Robb¹³ writes his script for his segment of the news, "This Week's Movie Review."

6. Say Cheese

John Ramirez¹⁵ takes pictures for an article he wrote in Writing for Media.



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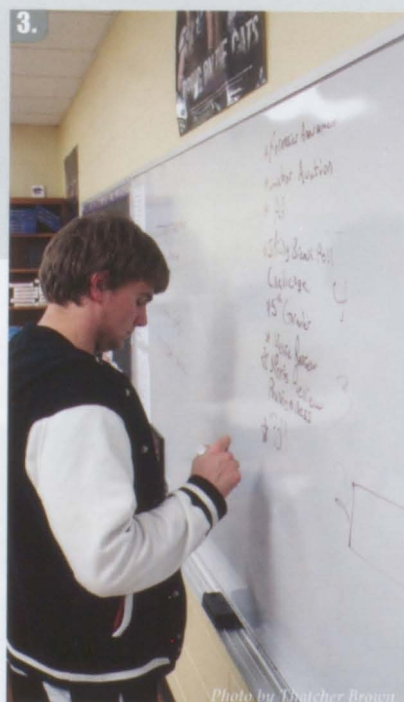


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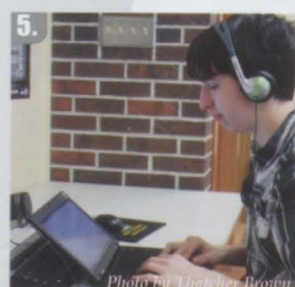
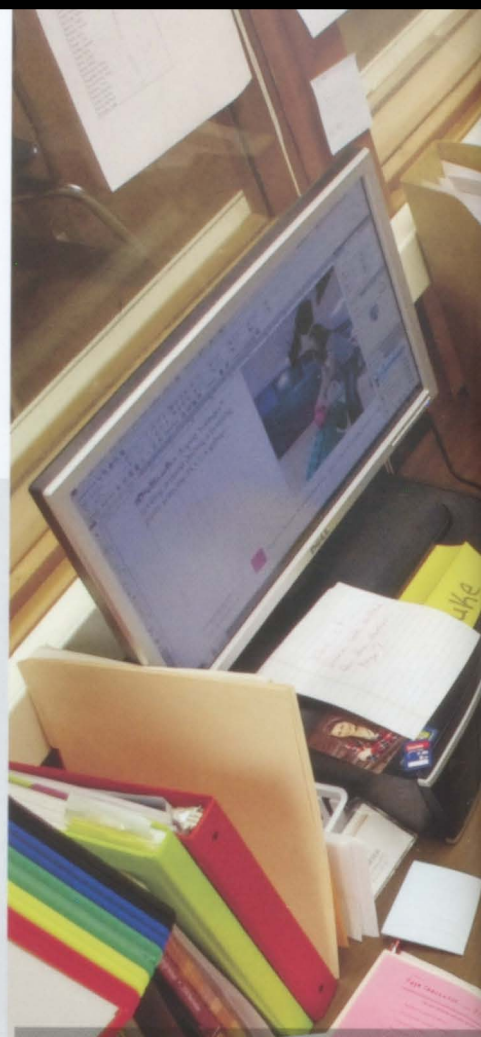


Photo by Thatcher Brown



Photo by Baylee Werth



#CrunchTime Alexis Mattheyer¹⁵ spends a Friday afternoon before the Monday deadline working to write captions and a story for her page. "I was working on the freshmen page and trying to get it done before the deadline," Mattheyer said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



Voices from the Crowd

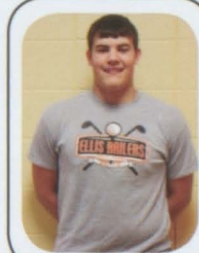


VIDEO PRODUCTIONS
 "The class is pretty easy for me; I just have to get my projects done in time of the due date."
 -Blake Hudson¹³

YEARBOOK
 "I like how you get the actual comments and opinions from the students in the yearbook."
 -Kourtney Kaicy¹⁴



YEARBOOK
 "I enjoy looking at the sport pages in the yearbook. Looking back at how all the teams did brought back memories."
 -Skyler Tebo¹⁴



JOURNALISM STAFF
 "My favorite part about being on the year book staff is being able to change a page layout into a beautiful page."
 -Regan Krause¹⁴



USD 388 NEWS
 "My favorite part of the news is the Movie Review. I like how it gives me an idea on what the movie is about."
 -Christina Wright¹⁴



WRITING FOR MEDIA
 "I enjoy Writing for Media because you have freedom while writing stories. It's a nice change up."
 -Katelyn Herl¹³



5, 4, 3, 2, 1...Action

Gage Younger¹³ prepares to give his sports report in front of the green screen for the USD 388 News. Younger keeps the school and town of Ellis updated on how the Railers are doing in various sports. It takes many hours to get an episode of the news up and running on the website. Photo by Thatcher Brown



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Photo by Brittany Dinkel



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Courtesy of Matt Carroll



Photo by Thatcher Brown



#TossItUp The Senior Class throws up their hats after being handed their diplomas and moving their tassels to say they're officially high school graduates. This has been a tradition of Ellis High for many years to throw up their hats after graduating. "I thought it would be a good way for our class to go out! It kind of shows our crazy sides," Bailey Hensley¹³ said.

Photo by Christen Spinelli

Spring to the Top

Working hard to be the best



Cole Pfeifer @Colepfeifer : Dancing to Sweet Caroline! #BostonStrong

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Talent

Team Strives To Win

By Christen Spinelli

Coming into this baseball season the boys were confident. They wanted to win regionals and make it to state, especially since half of the team was seniors, leaving the team with mostly underclassmen the following year.

This only motivated the team to work harder.

"Our team was very talented and worked hard at practice," Cadyn McCoy¹³ said.

Another factor of being motivated was the new coach, Shawn Lewick.

"Lewick was the best coach that we could have asked for. I personally have learned more than I

ever have in my baseball career. He's the reason I have improved my statistics so much from last year," Brandon Bollig¹⁵ said.

Scott Pfeifer¹⁴ agreed.

"He helped me to take my baseball skills and put them to the fullest."

Although the coaching was good, it wasn't enough without good leadership on the team. The team lacked good leadership and it

showed during regionals, losing the first game.

"We didn't have any true leaders. Everyone did their part to accomplish our goals," Scott Pfeifer¹⁴ said.

**"OUR TEAM
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#SpiritUp Coach Lewick talks up the team in the in-field as they play against Minneola. "After we had a bad inning, everyone always had something positive to say to pick each other up," Cadyn McCoy¹³ said. "We worked so well together and have a lot of talent." Photo by Jessica Bollig

Senior Goals



CADYN MCCOY¹³
"I want to place at state. I feel like we have a good chance this year because we have a great team this year."

COLE PFEIFER¹³

"The best part of my senior year was being fourth in state all throughout the season and beating the number one team in the state."



BLAKE HUDSON¹³

"My goal has been to make it to the state tournament and from there hopefully medal or win it."



Photo by Christen Spinelli



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Photo by Kaleigh Soneson

1. Reach For Success Chase Rutherford¹³ catches the ball for an out at first base against Larned.

2. Look Out Coach Shawn Lewick watches while his team is in the field. It is his first year coaching for Ellis.

3 Strike Three Brandon Bollig¹⁵ pitches the ball in the first doubleheader of the season against Larned.

4 Pop Fly Jared Mick¹³ dives to catch a fly ball against Larned.

5 Get Down Blake Hudson¹³ dives back to first base after Larned attempts an out.

6. In A Pickle Cadyn McCoy¹³ gets caught in a throwdown between second and third base.



#Focus Scott Pfeifer¹⁴ goes for a strike during the Lincoln game. He is one of three pitchers on the team. "Having an injury early on in the season was tough to battle back from, but when I was able to pitch, my team backed me up," Pfeifer¹⁴ said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel

Scoreboard

Larned
(9,2)W, (17-6)L
Leoti
(15-0)W, (11-1)W
Lincoln
(9-4)W, (18-3)W
Russell
(3-2)L, (7-6)L
Ellsworth
(5-1)W, (15-0)W
Hoisington
(4-4)W, (8-4)W
Minneola
(5-1)L, (5-4)W
TMP
(10-0)L, (11-1)L
Little River
(3-7)L

Coaches

Shawn Lewick
David Wildeman



Cole Pfeifer: @Colepfeifer Biggest win of the season! Beating the number one team in the state and they're also undefeated! #FeelsGreat #10-4

1. H-O-M-E-R-U-N Autumn Hellerud¹⁵ makes contact with the ball during the game between Lincoln and Ellis. The Railers went on to win 16-15.

2. Strike Out Skylar Gottschalk¹⁶ pitches in the first game against Ellinwood. The team won both games.

3. Getting Low Tori Tebo¹⁶ gets a ground ball in right field in a game against Lincoln.

4. Words Of Wisdom Coach Katelyn gives Jenna Schoenberger¹⁶ a little advice before she hits.

5. Down and Dirty Bailey Hensley¹³, catcher, gets ready to throw the ball down to second base to prevent a steal.

6. Throw Down Candace Bollig¹³ throws the ball to first base to attempt an out.



Photo by Sarah Heinman



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Photo by Sarah Heinman

Scoreboard

Larned

(13-8)L, (8-5)L

Colby

(1-16)L, (6-18)L

Ellinwood

(14-3)L, (10-3)W

Plainville

(10-5)L

Lincoln

(16-15)W

Hoisington

(5-7)L, (8-11)L

Goodland

(17-2)L, (19-5)L

Ellinwood

(14-4)W, (14-10)W

Lincoln

(7-8)L

Coaches

Katelyn Jurgenson

Malory Shanahan



#StrikeOut Candace Bollig¹³ outruns the throw to arrive safely at first base. Bollig¹³ was the lead off hitter for the Lady Railers. Her batting average for the year was .582 and she stole a total of 12 bases. "At the beginning of the season, I had quite a few hits every game, which helped my batting average a lot," Bollig¹³ said.

Photo by Sarah Heinman



Leadership Lessons

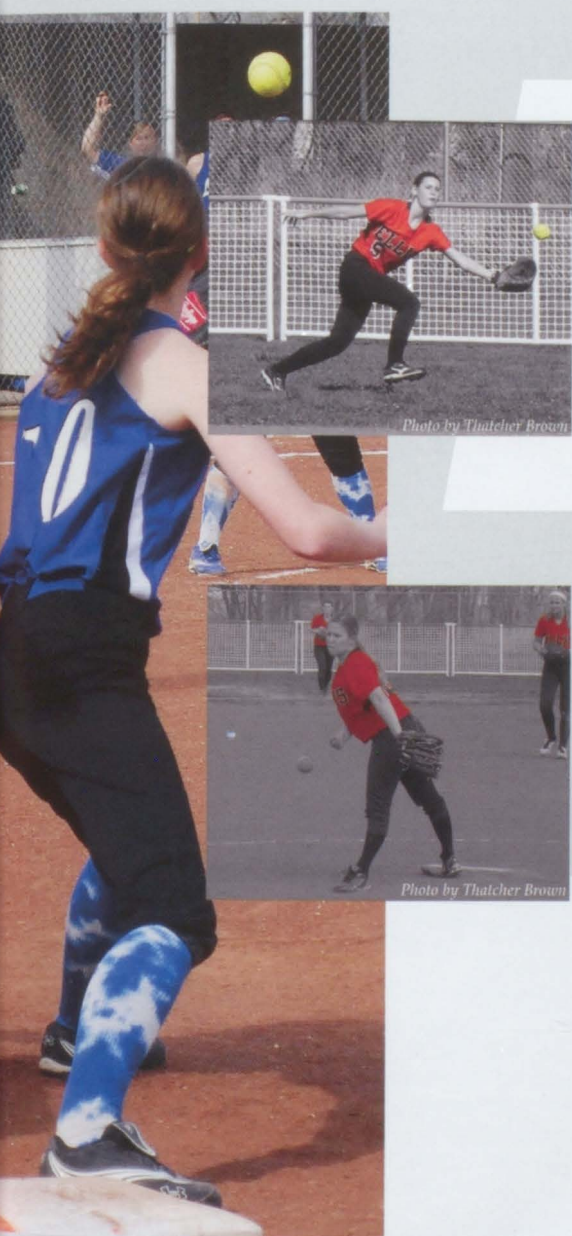
BETH AUGUSTINE¹³
 "I wanted to be a leader because I had looked up to the seniors and learned what they did. I wanted to uphold that responsibility throughout the season for the underclassmen."



AUTUM HELLERUD¹⁵
 "I wanted to be a leader so I could have the younger players look up to me and ask questions about anything."



BRITTANY DINKEL¹⁴
 "I was really excited to be a leader on the team. We had a lot of momentum going into the season because of our run at state last season."



Struggle

Girls Face Challenges Throughout Season

By Christen Spinelli

With a state run last year and only losing one senior, the softball team figured they would have an easy season, but there were a few obstacles standing in their way.

"We didn't lose anyone except for Mikayla [Gottschalk]. We were ready to play good, especially since we did so good last year," Bailey Hensley¹³ said.

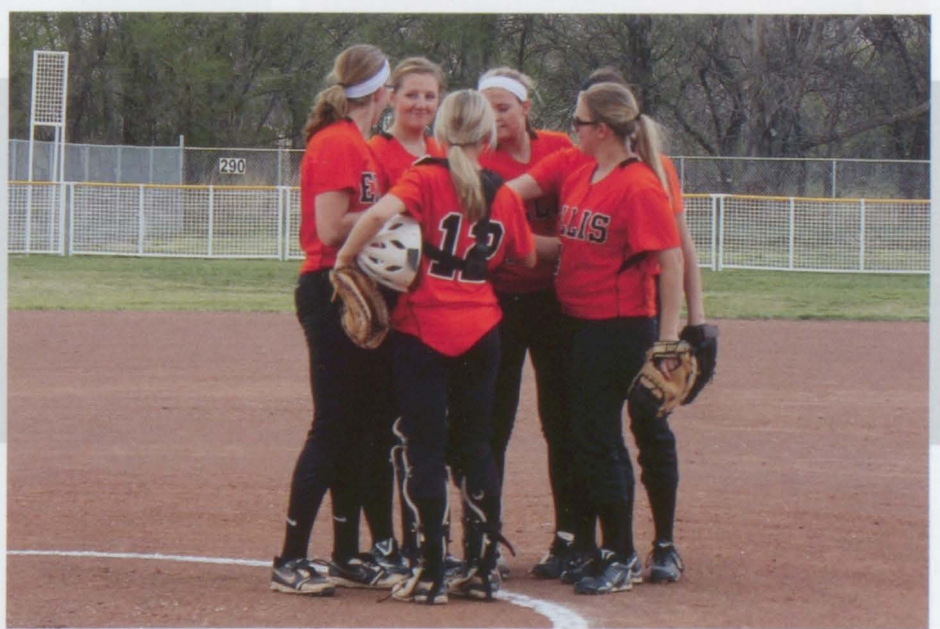
This spring the weather was a big factor in the team's slow start. With the abundance of snow and rain in April, many games were cancelled. This was challenging since regionals were in a few weeks and they hadn't played very many games.

"The weather affected the way we played because all we did was practice and we didn't have that many games, so we didn't have experience," Mollie Buchholz¹⁵ said.

"WE DIDN'T HAVE EXPERIENCE"

Another thing that added to the challenge was new team members. The new ones were good, they just didn't have experience yet. Experience comes with playing games, something they didn't get a chance to do at the beginning of the season.

"I think next year will be better because lower classmen that are playing will have more experience and will be a lot better," Autum Hellerud¹⁵ said.



#ToughDefense The infield players get in a huddle before they go to their positions. It has become a tradition to say different things before taking the field. For example, the infield says "GO GREEN" and the outfield says in return "GO DIRT". "Saying these brings us together as team before we begin each inning. It's us saying we have each others backs," Skylar Gottschalk¹⁶ said.

Photo by Sarah Henman



Candace Bollig @Candace_Bollig: Had an extra pepperoni in my lunchable..That's obviously a sign we are going to win tonight.

Persistence

Team Increases in Leadership

By Ashley Butler

The boys track team has been steadily improving all year on the track and in field events. With more members this year, the boys are ready to make the season a success.

Several of the members are underclassmen, and although they will need time to adjust, they are excited to show what they can do.

"I wanted to do track this year because we have a great throwing coach," Dakota Sproul¹⁶ said.

Although the upperclassmen members are a minority, they are still willing to step up and assist the team. The seniors are well spread out

among events and able to help the underclassmen.

"It's rewarding to work with the underclassmen," Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ said. "It's a fun experience to watch them better themselves."

While many had high hopes of making to the state track meet, only two boys qualified in their events: Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ in the shot put, and

Jared Pfeifer¹⁵ in the 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, and the long jump. Lohrmeyer¹³ placed 14th in shot put at the state meet, while Jared Pfeifer¹⁵ got 10th in the long jump but did not qualify for finals in the hurdle events.

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#4x100Swag Jared Pfeifer¹⁵ receives the baton from Harley Wright¹³ in the 4X100 meter race held at the Ellis Invitational. The boys have a strong group of runners this year who are eager to compete and win against tough opponents. The other members of the team include Sean Lee¹⁵ and Tyus Price¹⁴. "I feel very confident about how the 4X100m is doing this year. We had a rough start at the beginning of the season, but I feel like we will be able to compete at state level," Harley Wright¹³ said. Photo by Dani Hausler

Personal Records



LUKE LOHRMEYER¹³
"My best event is shot put. I threw my farthest at Quinter with a throw of 47'7". "

Photo by Dani Hausler

JOHN RAMIREZ¹⁵

"My best event in track is the 4X800m relay. My best personal time was 2:14 and our best time as a team was 9:14."



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Photo by Rachel Keller

BRENDON BRENNER¹⁶

"My favorite event is the 400 meter dash. My best time is 57 seconds."



Photo by Hailey Dinko



Photo by Hailey Dinko





Photo by Ashley Butler



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1. Launch

While at the Osborne meet, Sean Lee¹⁵ gets set to complete his throw of the javelin.

2. Looking Up

Jacob Wickham¹⁶ flies in the air during long jump at the meet in Trego. He received 4th place with a jump of 15'11.5".

3. Final Stretch

Pushing through the last 100 meters, Tyus Price¹⁴ finishes off the 300 meter hurdles.

4. Explosion

Brody Douglas¹⁴ begins his approach to throw shotput at the meet held in Osborne.

5. On the Lookout

Brandon Groff¹⁵ waits to see the distance of his discus throw at the MCL meet in Hill City.

6. Determination

Finishing with a time of 6:12, Dusty Bittel¹⁴ completes his 1600 meter run at the Ellis Invitational.



#FullForce Sam Polifka¹¹ prepares to release the discus at a warm, sunny practice before the league meet held in Hill City. Polifka is one of the senior athletes who is planning to continue participating in track at the college level next year. "Practicing hard helped me to be successful in track," Polifka said. "I showed up every day and did my best to improve all the time."

Photo by Dani Hausler

Team Placings

Ellis Invitational	1st
Ness City Invitational	1st
Plainville Invitational	5th
Quinter Invitational	3rd
Osborne Invitational	7th
Hill City	3rd
Hill City MCL	4th
Regionals @ Sublette	7th

State Qualifiers

LUKE LOHRMEYER¹³

Shot Put-42'2"

JARED PFEIFER¹⁵

110 Hurdles-16.69

300 Hurdles-44.31

Long Jump-19'8.25"



Landon Younger @LandonYounger : Anyone who says track is easy hasn't ran the 4x4 in the rain

1. Hand Off

Alysha Werth¹⁴ and Sidney Gottschalk¹⁴ concentrate on not dropping the baton during the 4x100.

2. Finish Strong

Aspen Younger¹⁶ strides out as she takes her last curve on the 400 meter dash.

3. Wind Up

K.C. Windholz¹⁴ begins her spin when throwing the discus at MCL.

4. Stride Out

Pacing herself, Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ gets a good time on her 800 meter race.

5. Cleared It

Gliding over the top, Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ jumps over one of the many hurdles during the 100 meter hurdle race.

6. Mighty Strength

Ashley Butler¹⁵ releases the shot while participating in the MCL track meet.



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Photo by Rachel Keller



Photo by Hailey Dinkel



Photo by Ashley Butler



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State Qualifiers

MEGAN HONAS¹³
Discus-3rd Place-114'11"

KALEIGH SONESEN¹⁴
Pole Vault-DNP-7'6"

ALEXCIA DEUTSCHER¹⁶
Long Jump-2nd Place-16'6.25"
100m-5th Place-12.83
200m-7th-28.23
High Jump-DNP-4'8"



#Flyin'High Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ gets some height while participating in long jump at the Quinter Track meet placing 2nd with 19 competing teams. Deutscher's personal best is 16' 10" at the Ellis Invitational. Photo by Hailey Dinkel



Practice Makes Perfect

RYLEE TORLINE¹⁶

"I try my best to improve my throwing distance by working as hard as I can in practice. I try to stay focused on what I'm doing and my coach makes it enjoyable."



Photo by Hailey Dinkel



KEISHA BRACK¹⁶

"My favorite event to participate in is javelin. To help myself get better I throw as many times as I can during practice."



Photo by Alexis Matthieyer

SIERRA CUNNINGHAM¹⁶

"I like throwing shot put the most because it's my best event. During the summer and in my free time I lift weights to improve my throws."

Titleholders

Large and In Charge

By Sarah Henman and Hailey Dinkel
Placing at all the track meets is the new normal for the girls track team this year. At every track meet the team as a whole placed no lower than fifth.

The first-year track members brought in not only a lot more people, but also talent for the team.

"You have to make sure you are focused on the event you are participating in and try new events because you never know what you might be good at," Sarah Mick¹⁵ said.

Regionals were held in Sublette. Six of the team members competed in their best events. Team leader Megan Honas¹³ placed 1st in

discus, Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ received 3rd in pole vault, and Alexcia Deutscher¹⁶ brought home three golds in the 100 and 200 meter dash and high jump and also placed 4th in long jump.

**"YOU
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"It's my third year going to state. It's a really good experience because it's much bigger and there is tough competition. It's cool knowing that you're going against the best athletes in 2A," Honas¹³ said.

The three qualifiers traveled to Wichita to compete in state. After two days of competition, the team brought home three medals: Honas, 3rd in discus; and Deutscher, 2nd in long jump and 5th in the 100m dash.



Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer



Photo by Alexis Matthieyer



#GiveItAllYouGot Megan Honas¹³ builds up her momentum and releases the discus at the state track meet in Wichita. "I love throwing disc because you have to master your technique. At MCL I did good on all of my throws because I was able to focus all on what I needed to do and I didn't get distracted." Honas' personal best is 120 feet. Photo by Rachel Keller



Alexcia Deutscher @alexciaout24 : << Our warm ups for the 200 meter dash! #DanceItOut #GetLikeUS

Superiority

Long Days Lead to Championships

By Christen Spinelli

For the past couple of years, the golf team has been steadily improving, both individually and as a team. This year, the team has placed in the top three in all varsity meets and several individuals consistently were among the top scorers.

At Regionals, the team dominated with Skyler Tebo placing first and the team getting second. Doing that well in Regionals lead Coach Matt Carroll and his team to believe they had a good chance of winning state, though it wouldn't be easy.

"We worked on putting and short irons. To be successful, we need to minimize mistakes from 150 yards in and only have 2 or fewer putts per green," Carroll said.

The competition won't be easy either. There will be many other good schools attending.

"Oberlin won our regional and have the

returning state champion on their squad. Really any team that is there could win it," Carroll said.

The state tournament was held in Dodge City at the Mariah Hills Golf Course. The golfers placed 3rd as team with Skyler Tebo¹⁴ placing 4th and Tyler Walters¹³ placing 7th. The team was only 1 stroke from 2nd place and 4 strokes out of the championship.

Junior Skyler Tebo had the best individual performance with a 78.

"I didn't play bad, but I didn't play my best. I made too many little mistakes to expect to win," Tebo said.

Being this close to the championship has given the juniors something to work towards next year.

"I'm going to try to play more in the summer to practice. Also, we need more freshman and sophomores to go out so we can compete as a team," Josh Tway¹⁴ said.

**"REALLY
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#AllInTheHips Gage Younger¹³ putts a ball at the Goodland golf tournament. "I try to keep my head dead and hit a solid putt that is lined up and is a good speed," Younger¹³ said. "I hope to make it or get as close as I can to the hole," Younger scored an 84 that day in Goodland. Photo by Kaleigh Soneson



SKYLER TEBO¹⁴
"My favorite golf club is the putter, because I hit the putter the most through the golf round."



Photo by Kaleigh Soneson

Favorite Golf Club

KEYSTON MOEDER¹⁶
"My favorite golf club is my wedge, because I use it all the time on the golf course."



Photo by Kaleigh Soneson

JOSH TWAY¹⁴
"My favorite golf club is the putter, because it is the hardest part of the game. It's what we all need to work on the most."



Photo by Matt Carroll

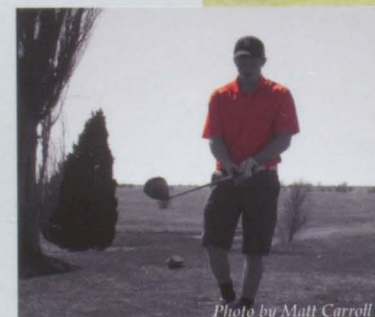


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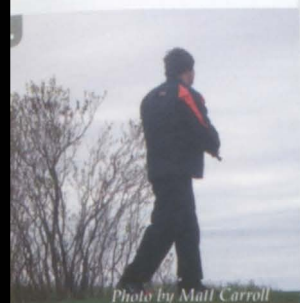


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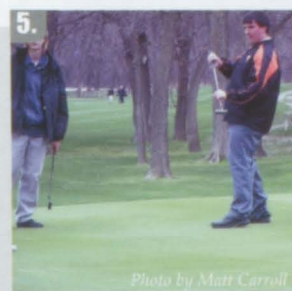


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Photo by Matt Carroll

1. Big Drive

With the right swing, Tanner Keithley¹⁴ drives the ball towards the green.

2. Score Card

While waiting for his next turn, Tyler Walters¹³ gets out his score card and checks his score.

3. Putt Putt

Keyston Moeder¹⁶ prepares to sink the putt.

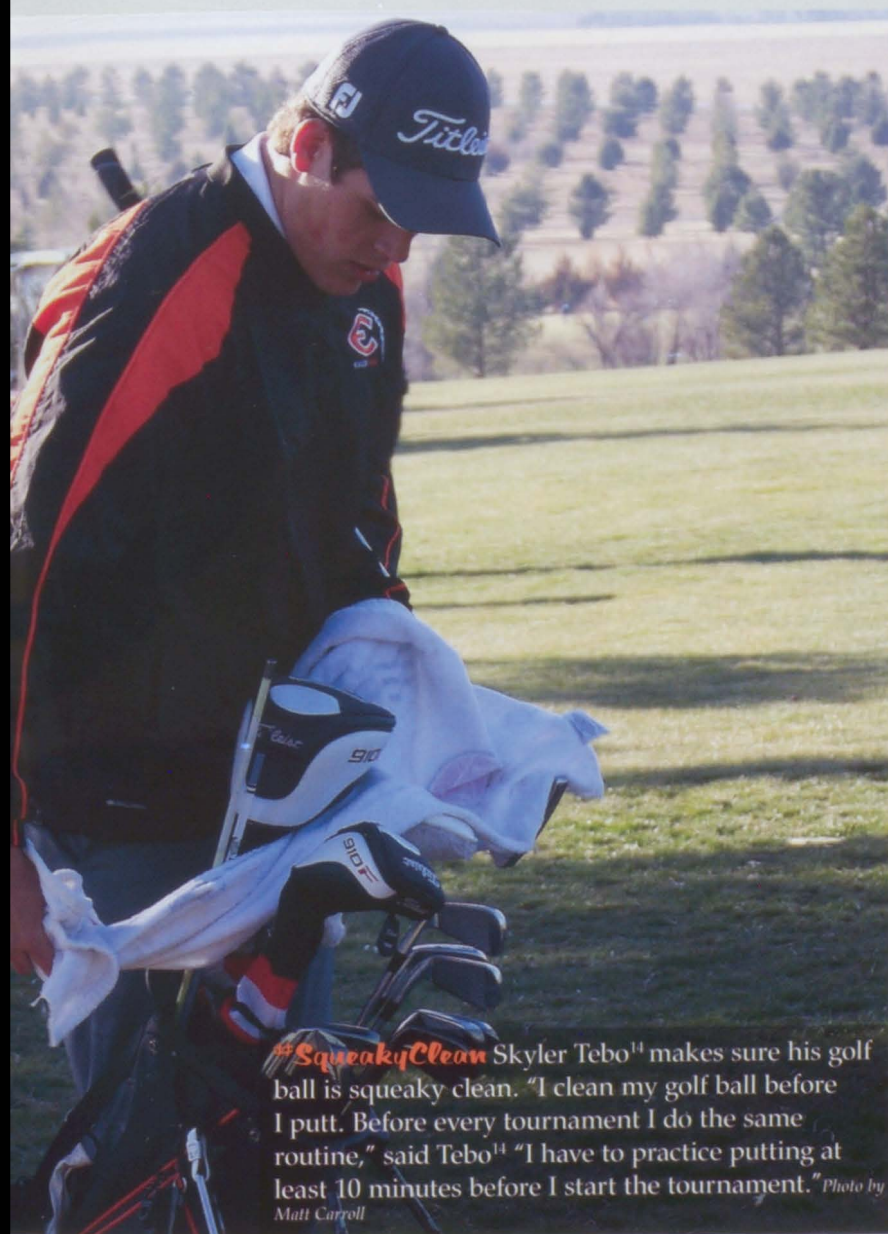
4. Fairway Fly

At the Ellis Country Club, Josh Tway¹⁴ gets ready to swing between the tee box and the green.

5. Lean a Little

Logan Fuchs¹³ leans as his ball approaches the hole. He scored a 62 at Osborne.

6. Reading The Green Before putting, Tanner Fisher¹³ analyzes the green to find out where to aim.



"Squeaky Clean" Skyler Tebo¹⁴ makes sure his golf ball is squeaky clean. "I clean my golf ball before I putt. Before every tournament I do the same routine," said Tebo¹⁴ "I have to practice putting at least 10 minutes before I start the tournament." Photo by Matt Carroll

Personal Bests

Golfers	Score
Gage Younger ¹³	77
Ryan Downing ¹³	77
Tyler Walters ¹³	76
Tanner Fisher ¹³	90
Logan Fuchs ¹³	122
Skyler Tebo ¹⁴	70
Josh Tway ¹⁴	87
Tanner Keithley ¹⁴	120
Keyston Moeder ¹⁶	128

State Placers

Skyler Tebo ¹⁴ 4th-78	Tyler Walters ¹³ 7th-82
Ryan Downing ¹³ 35th-101	Gage Younger ¹³ 21st-87
Josh Tway ¹⁴ 35th-101	Tanner Fisher ¹³ 30th-96

Coach

Matt Carroll



Gage Younger¹³ @GYounger2 : Hit 100% of fairways 100% of greens 1 putt every hole #18under #expectit

Contrast

Prom Different For Guys, Girls

By Christen Spinelli and Regan Krause

Prom is the main event for juniors and seniors every year. Students and teachers may hear others asking who their dates are or if they would go to prom with them. Every year, girls spend hours looking for the "perfect" dress. Most boys, on the other hand, could probably care less about what they wear. Girls spend hours of preparation the day of prom.

"For prom I have to get my nails, makeup, and hair done. Getting the perfect dress that makes the whole outfit complete takes the longest because you have to try on a ton of dresses and is the most stressful of everything that I had to do for prom," Brittany Dinkel said.

Prom is a big event. Depending on if you are a boy or girl the weeks leading up to prom may be stressful or not stressful at all. It's also an important time to bond with other classmates by spending time together either before prom, at prom, or at the after-prom party.

"Prom is important to me because it really gave me chance to bond with my class," Younger said.

Prom for boys is much easier than for girls. All they need to do is go to a dress store, try on a tux, and get it ordered.

"I just showered, shaved, had my haircut, and got dressed," Tyler Walters¹³ said.

On the other hand, girls have to pick a dress out, get it fitted, pick out jewelry to match the dress, pick out

flowers, get make-up done, and get nails done. The girls oftentimes also take on events that will happen before prom, such as getting a group together, where group pictures will be, and what kind of transportation they will take to prom. Depending on every couple, the roles may be switched or may have equal amounts of work to be ready for prom.

"Prom wasn't as stressful this year because I actually had my stuff together!" Shea Harper said.

"GAVE ME A CHANCE TO BOND WITH MY CLASS"

#LineUpHoeDown

Students dance to Copperhead Road. At every dance the students request dances that everyone knows the actions to so people can dance to them. At almost every dance the DJ's start out with a group song to dance to so everyone gets in the motivation to dance. Photo by Jill Wood



#RockTheFinish LeeAnn Wilson¹⁶ climbs to the top of the blow-up Extreme Obstacle Course at After Prom. The Junior class puts together appealing games for the students to enjoy after the dance is over. "I thought After Prom was really fun! I expected it to be a bunch of dancing and fun games," Wilson said. Photo by John Ramirez

Colors of Prom

Autum Hellenad

"My favorite part of my dress was the color because no one else had gold!"



Jasmine Shaughter

"My favorite part of my dress was the rose pattern. It made it unique!"



Kaleigh Soneson

"My favorite part of my dress was a jewel that tied the champagne color together!"



Candace Bollig

"My favorite part of my dress was the sweetheart neckline and the color!"



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Prom
Regan Krause



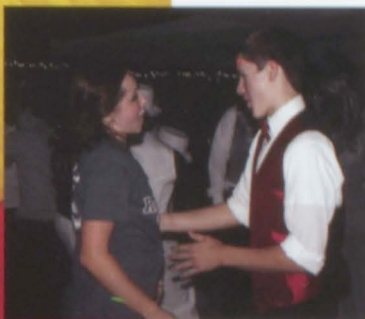
Brittany Dinkel @britt_dink : Just got my dress back! Can't wait for tomorrow! #Prom2013



#LevelUp

Skyler Tebo¹⁴ levels a magnet to the side of the clapboard to make the backdrop for the Hollywood-themed dance. "It was so stressful because I felt like I was running out of time and we wouldn't get done. However we did it and it was just a blast. It was so much fun spending the time with my classmates because we don't get to bond like that very much!" Tebo said.

Photo by Regan Krause



#SingToMe

Christen Spinelli¹⁴ and Brandon Bollig¹⁵ share a slow dance while singing to each other. The only way a sophomore or a freshman can attend prom is if a junior or senior asks them or if a sophomore is selected as a prom server. "It was a great experience going to prom as a sophomore. Prom was just as fun as I thought it would be," Bollig said.

Photo by Dani Hausler



#TugBack

Sarah Henman¹⁵ tries to make a basket at After Prom. "I enjoy the blow up things because they are really fun to bounce around on. I was trying to get the ball through the hoop and I had to pull the bungee cord really hard and go quick because my partner on the other side is trying to do the same. It was really hard and you had to be strong. My legs were really sore the next morning," Henman said.

Photo by Dani Hausler



#TeantUp

Tyus Price¹⁴ rips open a bag of wall decorations. For one school day, the juniors got out of their classes to decorate the lobby of the school for the next night. "Decorating for prom was actually a lot of fun, plus we got to get out of class. I was surprised at how well we all worked together to get stuff done," Price said.

Photo by Regan Krause



#DoTheBump

Nick Gehring¹⁴ bumps with Sam Polifka¹³ while group dancing to a song. "I was going to surprise Sam by hitting him with the 'Booty Bump' but he was not ashamed of it, and instead of quivering in fear, he joined in," Gehring said.

Photo by Jill Wood



#High&Mighty

Landon Younger¹⁴ is raised up by his classmates during a song toward the end of the evening. "We were all dancing in a group and I just said, 'I'm going up!'" and Nick Gehring¹⁴ and Tyus Price¹⁴ said "Yes, let's do it!" and then before I knew it, I was crowd surfing! It was a blast. Everyone should try it sometime," Younger said.

Photo by Dani Hausler



Becca Aschenbrenner @becca_ash24: They're not playing enough slow songs for Candace... :sad

#HelpingOut

Eli Lohrmeyer¹⁵ lends a hand during the annual food box distribution put on by the Ellis Food Pantry. Boxes full of nonperishable food items get handed out to the less fortunate of our community with the help of students who are a part of FFA. Still, other students were welcome to help as well.

Photo by Hailey Dinkel



#StackThemUp

Ashley Lopez¹³ stacks cups during her shift as hostess at Golden Corral in Hays. Many students have jobs outside of school that keep them busy when they aren't at other school events. "I wanted to work at Golden Corral to make some spending money for when I'm in New York this summer," Lopez said.

Photo by Thatcher Brown



#CarnivalTime

John Ramirez¹⁵ operates a shooting game at the St. Mary's Carnival. Many students volunteered their time to assist at the fundraiser. The carnival is an annual production that is supported and put on by the Home and School Association of St. Mary's. Students were able to gain community service hours while interacting with local children.

Photo by Christen Spinelli



#TakingCareOfBusiness

Erianna Basgall¹⁶ stocks the vegetable shelves at Rich's IGA. "Working at IGA gave me the opportunity to work with people," Basgall said. "I was really excited when my sister, Desiree, was the one who trained me."

Photo by Thatcher Brown



#FunAndGames

Jordan Rohr¹⁵, Cole Pfeifer¹³, Blake Hudson¹³, Harley Wright¹³, and Brady Jacques¹⁴ all enjoy a quick game of Hacky-Sack before school begins. Some students come to school early to take part in some extra activities. Other than Hacky-Sack, students also play basketball, study, do homework, attend meetings, or get help from teachers.

Photo by Thatcher Brown



#RailenCrossing

Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ is shown taking photos west of Solomon, Kansas. Lohrmeyer has chased trains anywhere from just east of Ellis to hundreds of miles away. "To me there is a thrill of being out there and watching something so big moving around almost effortlessly," Lohrmeyer said.

Courtesy of Lance F. Garrels



Carefree

Students live life outside school

By Dani Hausler

School is all about routine. You go to class, learn, and wait for the bell to ring. Out of school, however, offers many possibilities. Students spend their time doing many things like hanging out with friends, working, and taking part in out of school sports and organizations.

For some students, after school it's straight to work where they earn money for higher education, cars, or just for extra spending money.

"I work at my aunt's daycare," Alexis Mattheyer¹⁵ said. "It gives me a chance to work with kids and I get to use the extra money when I'm hanging out with friends."

Other times, when the final bell rings students head down to Memorial Park or other hangouts and chill with their friends.

"I like hanging out after school

with friends," Josh Kreutzer¹⁵ said. "It gives me a chance to relax after a stressful day at school."

“IT’S A
CHANCE
TO
RELAX”

Helping out the Ellis Food Pantry is also another activity students take part in after school. Students help the community by collecting nonperishable food items for the less fortunate. This is a great opportunity to get community service points whether it's for a

grade, National Honors Society, or just to be helpful.

"I enjoyed helping out a good cause," Scott Pfeifer¹⁴, first year National Honor Society member, said.

All in all, students enjoy their time out of school no matter what they're doing. And towards the end of the year, students crave a good break from the hallways of EHS to explore the opportunities the world has to offer.



#ReachOut

Hailey Dinkel¹⁵ spreads herself over the table in attempts to hit the ping-pong ball at Fifth Quarter, while her partner Skylar Gottschalk¹⁶ cheers her on. Fifth Quarter is one of the great ways to spend time with friends after a game. "I like playing games with friends," Dinkel said. "Ping-Pong is my favorite. I also really like how we get free food. My favorite is the pizza." Photo by Regan Krause

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?



"I like to hang out with my friends."
-Kori Clark¹⁵



"Driving around with friends."
-Taylor McClung¹³



"Hanging out at Spielen's."
-Allen Augustine¹⁴



#APPEARs

Thatcher Brown¹³ and his brother, Taber, took on the challenge of coaching eight fifth-graders through the Hays Rec Center. "In the future I want to coach basketball," Brown said. "So, I decided I could get a head start on experience. I really enjoyed the kids. They worked hard and always had a good attitude!" Courtesy of Troy Brown



Seth Fuller¹⁴ @FullerSeth : If you're having a bad day just watch batman... batman makes everything better. #truth

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Outside EHS
Dani Hausler

Footsteps

Starting Their Own Journey

By Baylee Werth

The class of 2013 has finally become graduates of Ellis High School. They have accomplished many things along the way, and hope to continue to excel in their new beginnings.

"We each have a journey ahead of us, and this is just the beginning," co-valedictorian Bailey Hensley said.

Each one of these graduates will be going their different ways after graduation. Although they are looking forward to their future, many are going to miss their days as a student.

"I plan on attending Fort Hays University and majoring in Business Management. [For now,] I'm going to try and cherish these beautiful arguments and the drama between classmates," Katelyn Herl said.

As the valedictorians Bailey Hensley and Beth Augustine looked

back at memories of their class, they decided to write their speech over a footprint art project in kindergarten.

**"WE EACH
HAVE A
JOURNEY
AHEAD OF US"**

"We wanted to do something different, something unlike everyone else's speeches. We went and looked through old art projects, and when we found the footprint, we knew what to write our speech about. The footprint shows how our class has stuck together throughout the last 13 years," Augustine said.

Each one of the senior class members put their footprint on a sheet of paper that was displayed at graduation to show that they are still united as a class.

"The girls' speech made me remind myself that this was actually the last time as a class to be in same room together. We will all be going our own ways from here," Brayden Werth said.



#PavingTheWay

Jordan Rohr and Jared Mick hold a poster with each of the seniors' footprints on it as part of the co-valedictorians' speech. "We wanted to continue our kindergarten art project with footprints. The footprints shows how our class is unique, yet still united," Beth Augustine said.

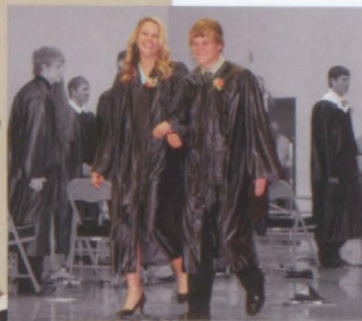
Photo by Brittany Dinkel

#Finally

Logan Fuchs receives his diploma from superintendent Robert Young at the graduation ceremony held in the Ellis High gymnasium on May 11th. Fuchs will be going to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will major in business management for the 2013-2014 school year.

Photo by Baylee Werth





#ArmInArm

Ryan Downing escorts Candace Bollig down the aisle after graduation. Bollig will be attending Barton Community College in the fall and will be a member of the softball team. Downing will attend Fort Hays State University and major in Geology.

Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#Reminiscing

Co-valedictorians Bailey Hensley and Beth Augustine give their speech to their family, friends, classmates, and community members during the graduation ceremony. "It was a lot of fun writing the speech, thinking back on all the memories our class has together, but giving the speech was a little nerve-racking," Hensley explained.

Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#Don'tTrip

Alicia Kroeger concentrates as she enters the gymnasium before the ceremony starts. "I'm going to miss seeing my classmates every day. We all grew up together, and seeing other people besides them every day next year is going to be different," Kroeger said.

Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#WalkOfSuccess

Cody Grubb walks Megan Honas down the aisle as they enter the gym for the ceremony. Honas will be attending Fort Hays University in the fall to major in nursing and will throw as part of the Tiger Track and Field team.

Photo by Baylee Werth



#HowDoYouLikeMeNow

Candace Bollig and Bailey Hensley throw their hats after they are announced as 2013 graduates. They were told by Mr. Burton they were not allowed to throw their hats or they would get detention before receiving their signed diplomas. "We wanted to throw them because it would be our last time together as a class, and we figured it was worth it," Bollig said.

Photo by Baylee Werth



#LastDayAsAClass

Shea Harper, Bailey Hensley, Candace Bollig, Becca Aschenbrenner, and Beth Augustine wait patiently in the lobby before the ceremony. Aschenbrenner will be attending Colby Community College for the 2013-2014 school year and will be a part of their Dental Hygiene program.

Photo by Baylee Werth



Harley Wright @24Wright44: In the tunnel ready to roll! #graduationtime

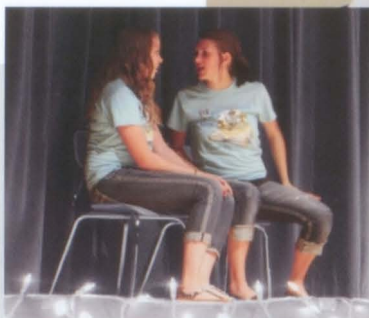
#SettingUp

Rylee Torline¹⁶, an active member of forensics, takes time out of her seminar to help decorate the stage for Forensics Night. Torline usually spends her seminar time practicing her Humorous Solo. Torline also took part in other events this season as well, like IDA, Poetry, and Serious Solo. Overall, she placed 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th, with her pieces. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



#Ditzies

Tori Tebo¹⁶ and Brianna Rohr¹⁶ portray two "ditzies" in their duet for Forensics Night. The duo brought home a 2nd, two 3rds, and a 6th place throughout the season. They even made it to state, placing 19th. "We just kind of decided to do a piece together," Rohr said. "Through a lot of practice, it turned out really well." *Photo by Ashley Butler*



#SleepyHead

Not all forensics pieces are upbeat and happy. Alexis Mattheyer¹⁵ performs her poetry piece over a twisted version of Sleeping Beauty. In this piece, Mattheyer gives details about her character's abuse while she is asleep. "I chose this piece because it was unique," Mattheyer said. "Plus, it gave me a chance to do something different." *Photo by Dani Hausler*



#Don't Jump

A suicidal actor and director, portrayed by Sam Polifka¹³ and Kelly Robb¹³, try to create a good scene in a play in their duet "Play Writing 101: The Rooftop Lesson." The Forensics team had five duets perform throughout the whole season, two making it to state. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



#WhereAreThey

Ashley Butler¹⁵ and Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ perform a duet for the second year in a row. In this duet, the girls portray two elderly women who wonder where their men are after hours of being late. "After a successful year last year," Butler¹⁵ said, "we were hoping to continue improving. Even though we didn't compete as much, it was still a learning experience." *Photo by Dani Hausler*

#Forget Something

Mr. Cranshaw (Dusty Bittel¹⁴) is a man who helps people remember things that were once forgotten in his Humorous Solo. In the end, he himself realizes he forgets something vital, his own pants. Though Bittel didn't place this year, he went to most of the meets and has high hopes for next year's forensics season. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



Growing

Forensics Gives Students Voice

By Dani Hausler

You're walking down a hall. You suddenly hear yelling. You turn to the nearest classroom, only to see two students performing a duet. This is the usual in Mrs. Dawson's classroom; after all, she is the Forensics teacher.

This year the forensic team consisted of eighteen active members.

"My mom inspired me to do it," Tori Tebo¹⁶ said. "I really enjoyed meeting new people!"

Some students don't feel comfortable doing sports, but they discover that they flourish when they are acting as someone or something they're not.

"I like forensics because I enjoy acting and making new friends," Dusty Bittel¹⁴ said.

This year's forensics team has had the pleasure of broadening events and pieces. The team took part in all ten

events. One outgoing student, Rylee Torline¹⁶, actually participated in five events throughout the year.

**"IT GIVES
ME A
CHANCE TO
BE MYSELF"**

"I enjoy forensics because it gives me a chance to be myself and do something other than sports," Torline¹⁶ said. "I put a lot of hard work into my pieces because Forensics is probably my favorite extra-curricular activity."

Out of all of the events, the team had four pieces make it to state. Sam Polifka¹³ and Kelly Robb¹³ placed 6th in their duet called "Playwriting 101: The Rooftop Lesson." Tori Tebo¹⁶ and Brianna Rohr¹⁶ placed 19th with their duet "Ditzies." Beth Augustine¹³ qualified for state with her Informative piece, but was unable to compete at the state level.

"It was successful year," Mrs. Dawson said. "I think everyone gained good criticism and experience."

#FrogPrince

Maddy Gnad¹⁶ and Erianna Basgall¹⁶, along with the rest of the Forensics class, begin preparing for the annual Forensics Night. This year the Forensics theme was "Once Upon A Time. I enjoyed helping an organization that has helped me out so much," Gnad said. "When you win and you walk across the stage, even if you don't get a medal, you know that you have done this all by yourself."

Photo by Dani Hausler

FAVORITE LINES FROM FAVORITE PIECES

Erianna Basgall¹⁶- "If you really want me to be a teenager, get me a fake I.D. and let me take pot!"
-*"The Fault in our Stars," Serious Solo*

Kelly Robb¹³- "No, you jerk, forget you!"
-*"Playwriting 101: The Rooftop Lesson," Duet*

Beth Augustine¹³- "The average person consumes one pound of insects each year!"
-*"Entomophagy," Informative Speech*



#HappyEvenAfter

Forensics Night hosts Kelly Robb¹³ and Sam Polifka¹³ take part in skits between actual performances. The skits were a series of game show questions to help two lucky princess, Tori Tebo¹⁶ and Brianna Rohr¹⁶, meet their true love, Captain Hook (Dusty Bittel¹⁴), or the Fresh Prince (John Ramirez¹⁵). Photo by Ashley Butler



Alexis Mattheyer @Alexis_Matt14 : Missing my Forensics family! Can't wait till Wednesday! #Forensics #BBQ

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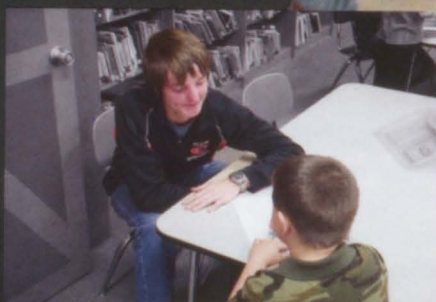


Photo by Thatcher Brown



Photo by Brittany Dickel

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Thank you Friends



Ellis FFA @Ellis_FFA : It's all fun and games till it's time to deliver the fruit, meat, and cheese.

#EyesOnThePrize Freshman Jay Teague races with fellow classmates Tori Tebo and Erianna Basgall to the finish line hands of Dusty Bittel¹⁴ at Freshman Fun Night. This event is held every year by FCCLA as a way to welcome incoming freshman into the high school. "I think Freshman Fun Night really helps the new students get to know the upperclassmen by having fun. It also makes high school not seem as scary," Bittel said.

Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

Teaming Up

Striving to serve the community through service to others



Thatcher Brown @ThatcherBrown1 : Shout out to our EHS journalism staff for dominating regionals! #Winning

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Leadership

Making a Difference Through FFA

by Dani Hausler

Imagine being in a large group of people surrounded by dead insects, mooing cows, clucking chickens, loamy soil, and the smell of livestock. Sounds pretty appealing right? Well, for all of the members in FFA it does. Competition is not the only thing FFA members take part in, however.

The Ellis chapter participates in many different activities to help out in the community. They have done everything from helping with the food box pantry to cleaning up highways around Ellis' outskirts.

"I think it's great that FFA gives back to the community, after all, they provide so much for us," Scott Pfeifer¹⁴, 3-year member, commented.

FFA also takes part in a lot of leadership activities. They took five students to Washington D.C. for the

Washington Leadership Conference and fourteen lucky students were able to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

"I enjoyed being with other people who had the same amount of passion for FFA as I do," Abby Hafliger¹⁴ said.

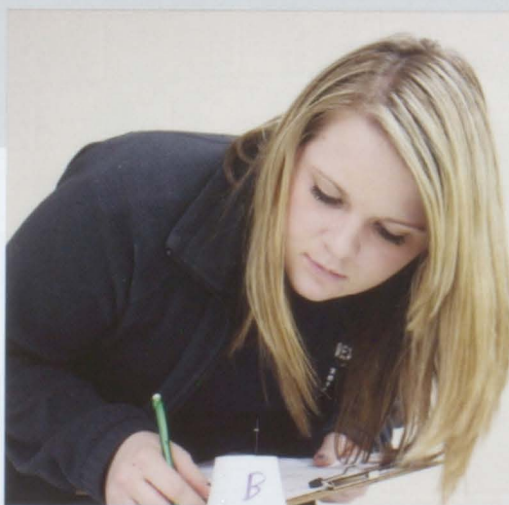
Through all of the accomplishments that the Ellis Chapter has achieved, advisor

Bob Kohman has stood proudly behind his students. This year is his last year teaching at Ellis, leaving next year's advisor with big shoes to fill.

"I've had a lot of great kids in the program during my seven years here," Kohman said. "I never dreamed that we would have the success that we've had. I'm extremely proud of how we have served the community through the projects that we've taken part in."

#BugJudgin'

Alicia Kroeger¹³ gets a closer look at an insect at the entomology judging contest. Students identified the bug displayed and then proceeded to a test over entomology. This was Kroeger's 4th and final year as an FFA member. Kroeger also went to State CDE to compete in the Poultry competition. The Ellis chapter as a whole received 4th place in the Poultry CDE at State. Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



#ANewAngle Jasmine Slaughter¹³ leans down for a better view during poultry judging. Slaughter is one of many active seniors involved in FFA this year. "I've enjoyed meeting new people and FFA has taught me how to be a better leader," Slaughter said. Slaughter also participated in State CDE in the Livestock Evaluation category. She is also the chapter Sentinel for Ellis FFA.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer

FUN FACTS ABOUT FFA...

- 43% of FFA members are female.
- For the first seventy years the National FFA Convention was held in Kansas City.
- There was once a whole different FFA organization (NEA) for African-Americans.
- Official FFA dress was adopted in 1973.
- Puerto Rico also takes part in FFA.





#HappyToHelp

Alicia Kroeger¹³ and Bailey Hensley¹³ do their part to help out at the Ellis Food Pantry. Students had the opportunity to gain community service by gathering food and putting together boxes for local families.

Photo by Baylee Werth



#TeamEffort

Monica Towns¹⁴ and Rachel Keller¹⁴ prepare food at the FFA breakfast. They've been part of the chapter since their freshman year. "I enjoy the competition in FFA and I also like going on the trips," Keller said.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



#APPEars

Regan Krause¹⁴ listens to a speaker at the District Greenhand Conference hosted by Ellis High School. There are 26 Greenhand members in the Ellis chapter this year. Part of being a first-year member includes learning the basics of agriculture and participating in greenhand events such as land and dairy judging and public speaking.

Photo by Christen Spinelli



#SteppingItUp

Keyston Moeder¹⁶ and Abby Hafliger¹⁴ pitch in to help make the hash browns and sausage at the FFA breakfast. It was held during national FFA week and was available to the teachers and community members of Ellis.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



#StrongLeader

Beth Augustine¹³ hands out plaques to teams at the Quinter contest. This was one task she had as the Northwest District president. "My favorite part about serving the district is having the chance to impact other FFA members," Augustine said. Augustine is also very active in her competitive events. She received 1st place at State CDE for the Entomology contest.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer

#MakingAMark

Samantha Graves¹⁴ writes down information about a chicken at poultry judging. The contest also included entomology judging and was held at Hays High. Students competed against other district members. Graves also competed at the state level for Horse Evaluations and received 7th place.

Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



Rachel Keller @RachelKeller6 : << Mr. Kohman dancing to Low! #hilarious #loveFFA

#TouristForTheDay

The FCCLA club had the opportunity to go to the National Cluster Meeting in Oklahoma City. "I enjoyed going up on stage with Aspen Younger¹⁶ to participate in a group dance in front of the whole crowd," Hailey Dinkel¹⁵ said. On the trip the ladies also got to visit the Oklahoma City National Bombing Site Memorial. Photo by Breanne Nilhas



#NewMembers

At the start of every year the KAY officers try to recruit as many members as possible. After the meeting, the new members enjoyed donuts and juice in the commons area. Point chairman Alicia Kroeger¹³ and treasurer Baylee Werth¹⁵ take \$10 dues from a group of new freshmen members. Photo by Hailey Dinkel



#APPSmiles

Alexis Rose¹³ watches Ciara Garnett¹⁵ as she opens a gift during the white elephant gift exchange for the FCCLA Christmas party. "The best part by far was getting gifts from the other members," Rose said. They also went bowling as part of the party. Photo by Christen Spinelli



#LendingAHand

While preparing for the regional KAY conference Skyler Tebo¹⁴ helps by cutting out cloud shapes to decorate the auditorium for the "Journey of a Lifetime" theme. "The Area 4 Regional Conference was a huge project for our club. A lot of different people stepped up and helped decorate, which was the hardest part," President Bailey Hensley¹³ said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#GoingOnce

Right before Christmas Break, the KAY club held the annual food box auction. Members bring boxes with goodies in them, and they are auctioned off to the students, staff, and community members. Altogether the club raised a grand total of \$2,600 to go towards funding the Snoball dance. Photo by Rachel Keller

#GoingForTheStrike

Paige Molstad¹⁶ participates in the bowling party which was part of the annual FCCLA Christmas Party. "I liked watching and seeing how good everyone could bowl, and it was also fun playing arcade games with the group," Molstad said. Photo by Sarah Henman



Progress

Taking On New Adventures

By Brittany Dinkel and Baylee Werth

The Ellis High School FCCLA and KAY clubs have added new events to their schedules in the school year.

The KAY club had the role of hosting and planning the Area 4 Regional Conference. There were 21 visiting KAY clubs that spent the day at Ellis. Listening to speakers, participating in activities, and learning new leadership skills were some of the plans for the day.

"I was really proud of our group. A lot of people stepped up," sponsor Kristi Bittel said.

As is tradition, KAY club participated in Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat, attended the Area Conference in WaKeeney, and put on Snoball and Halloween dances. To get into the Halloween dance, students brought toiletries for the Good Samaritan

nursing home.

"It was an easy way to get in," freshman Brianna Rohr¹⁶ said.

The FCCLA's club started the year by taking seven members to a national cluster meeting in Oklahoma City for four days. While in OKC, they visited the National Bombing Site Memorial.

"We completed more community service projects, and gained members,"

sponsor Breanne Nilhas said.

For fundraising, FCCLA sold pre-made cookies and bags and had a pop-tab and food drive.

Individual members also had some success. Stephanie Greenway¹⁵ and Ashley Butler¹⁵ presented their Chapter Showcase star event at the district level in Osborne, receiving a silver award.

"It was nice to present our club's activities," Greenway¹⁵ said.

I WAS
REALLY
PROUD OF
OUR GROUP



#MakeADifference Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat is a community service project that is put on by the KAY club and FFA chapter. John Ramirez¹³ accepts donated canned goods from a supportive community member. The variety of goods collected will go to support the Ellis Food Pantry. Photo by Kaleigh Soneson

Most popular KAY food box goodies

Puppy Chow
56%

Cookies
45%

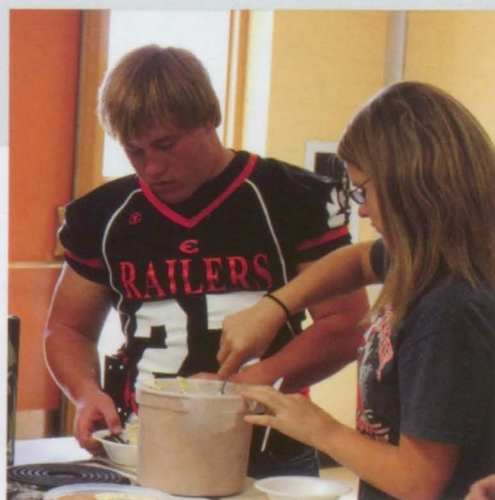
Flavored Pretzels
24%

Brownies
9%

Cinnamon Candy
7%



Logan Fuchs¹³



#WeAllScreamForIceCream

First year member LeeAnn Wilson¹⁶ scoops FCCLA officer Cadyn McCoy¹³, some ice cream during the annual FCCLA membership drive. Members brought main dishes and dessert items for a potluck instead of eating school lunch.

Photo by Thatcher Brown



Skyler Tebo @Tebo70: Wish we had a KAY's foodbox auction every 9 weeks! #snacks

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Brittany Dinkel

Modeling

Building Trust and Helping Others

by Christen Spinelli and Brittany Dinkel

Large numbers were a big asset to the Big Brothers and Big Sister and Link Crew groups this year.

The activities they participated in were also very beneficial to the school and students.

This was the second year for BBBS. One-on-one matches are made of a high schooler and an elementary school student. They had 30 matches this year, 14 more than last year. The BBBS program meets every Thursday morning with their grade school littles and for an afternoon activity twice a year. BBBS concentrates on providing a role model to a child in need.

"I became a BIG to help a little girl and be her role model," Sarah Henman¹⁵ said.

BBBS has many benefits for both the big and the little.

"The little is provided with a

role model and a one-to-one relationship that builds trust and friendship," BBBS sponsor Breanne Nilhas said.

Link Crew is made up of upperclassmen who are grouped with freshmen to help ease their transition into high school. They meet one Wednesday a month to discuss freshman issues and upcoming events at school.

"I like Link Crew because it got me involved with a

different group of people," Yara Ramirez¹⁶ said.

"Activities are centered around positive school situations which help with social interactions, self-image, academic improvements, and positive behavior," Link Crew advisor Troy Dale said.

Both groups had a positive influence on students and help students feel more comfortable in and out of school.

#BeingALeader

Bailey Hensley¹³ discusses the importance of bullying to Yara Ramirez¹⁶ and a group of freshmen during a Link Crew activity. "I got out of my comfort zone, therefore I became more confident with myself," Ramirez said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#StrongLeader During the first Link Crew activity of the year, second-year member Beth Augustine¹³ helps freshmen Brendon Brenner and Ryan Augustine¹⁶ fill out a scavenger hunt activity to get the freshmen involved with older students and learn more about high school.

Photo by Thatcher Brown

The best thing about my Big is...





#ListeningEars

Kaleigh Soneson¹⁴ listens patiently to her little while they enjoy a treat after tie-dyeing t-shirts for the BBBS activity at the end of the first quarter. The activity was sponsored by the Career and Community Connections class. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



#HelpfulAdvice

During a Link Crew activity, Scott Pfeifer¹⁴ and Skylar Gottschalk¹⁶ enjoy a cup of hot chocolate as they discuss preparation for finals. "The best advice was to keep your grades up throughout the year so you're not so dependent on the finals," Gottschalk said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



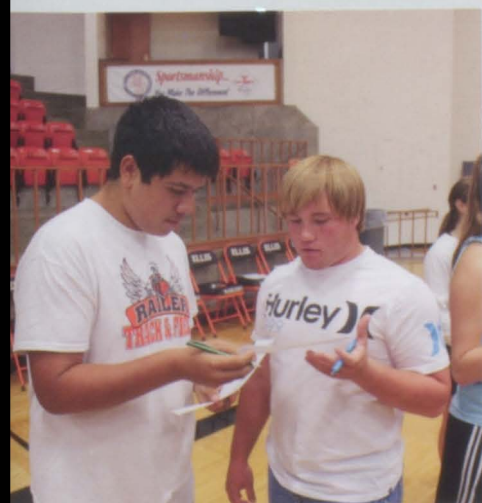
#FollowMe

Sidney Gottschalk¹⁴ and her little participate in the Simon Says activity held at the end of the first nine weeks. "I thought that it was a great way to bond with our littles! It also gave us the feeling of being a kid again!" Gottschalk said. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#BondingTime

Every Thursday morning the BBBS meet at the grade school with their littles to spend time playing games and talking. Blake Hudson¹³ spends time teaching his little how to play a card game. Photo by Thatcher Brown



#StrongLeader

During a Link Crew activity Cadyn McCoy¹³ gives a helping hand to Daniel DeLaRosa¹⁶. "I like letting the freshman know about what to expect about being in high school and it honestly helped me get to know them better," McCoy said. Photo by Thatcher Brown

#LotsOfLaughs

Sarah Mick¹⁴ enjoys a good laugh while playing a friendly game of Uno with her little on a Thursday morning. "Every morning I have breakfast with my little and then we go to the library to play games. My favorite game to play is Uno!" Mick said. Photo by Hailey Dinkel



#Official

Rachel Keller¹⁴ lights her candle during National Honor Society induction. "I had to work a lot at the fair conession stand to get my community service hours. It was hard work, but I really didn't mind too much because I wanted to be a part of National Honor Society," Keller said.

Photo by Ashley Butler



#PartlyTime

Landon Younger¹⁴ and Kelly Robb¹³ discuss an answer at the Ellis Scholar's Bowl meet. "I feel that for our first year with a new sponsor we were very successful and hope to continue it over to next year," Younger said.

Photo by Chelsy Lueth/ The Hays Daily News



#SteppingUp

Bailey Hensley¹³ starts out the annual National Honor Society ceremony by reading off the requirements to the parents and students with Beth Augustine¹³. Hensley performed her service doing activities such as working security for the Ellis County Fair, helping with the Youth Outdoor Festival, and being involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Photo by Ashley Butler



#TeamingItUp

STUCO advisor Mr. Kohl attempts to rip open a bag with his teeth for the Minute to Win It games held during Homecoming. STUCO organizes all Homecoming activities, comes up with the Homecoming theme, and decides what the Spirit Days are. They are also in charge of a BBQ that they serve to the students on the Friday of Homecoming week.

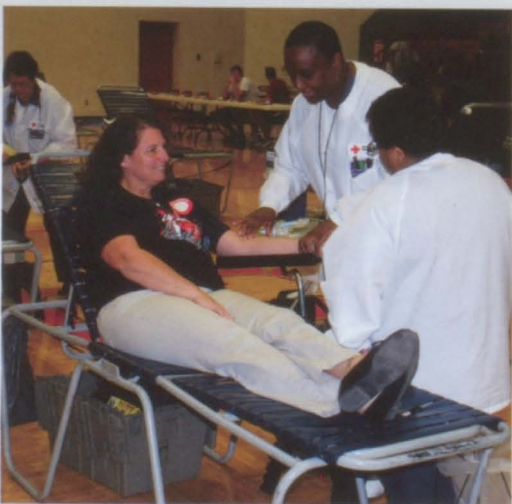
Photo by Thatcher Brown



#OnlyAPinch

Paraprofessional Mrs. Greenway makes conversation with the nurses while they feel for her vein to give blood during the annual STUCO blood drive. Many teachers take the opportunity to give blood during this drive.

Photo by Katelyn Herl



#MuscleMan

Mr. Kohl puts up a table for a shoe-kicking game. STUCO holds games for the student body during Homecoming week. One thing different this year was powderpuff football. Instead of going down the the football field the girls played ultimate football in the gym.

Photo by Thatcher Brown



Commit

Students Excel Through Service

By Christen Spinelli

Service, smarts, and commitment is what it takes to be involved in Student Council, National Honors Society, and Scholars Bowl.

Student Council (STUCO) leads the school in events like the Red Cross Blood Drive and Homecoming. At the end of every year there are student elections. A president and two class spots are open every year. Students need to have good leadership skills and be a generally friendly person. STUCO may sound like an easy job but it takes a lot of time and effort.

"Planning homecoming was the best event we did this year. Working with Mr. Kohl was a great experience," STUCO president Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ said.

National Honor Society is very demanding. To be considered, a student must possess a 3.5 GPA, 40 hours of community service, and must be involved in seven different activities. If students are accepted, they have to

maintain all of the qualifications to make it the next year.

"It takes a lot work to be involved in seven organizations and forty hours of community service. In the end, this work benefits substantially and I'm thankful I put in the effort to achieve this," Beth Augustine¹³ said.

Scholar's Bowl participants also have to be very committed to remain involved. Scholar's Bowl has practice during seminar, a time that is usually spent doing homework.

Also, the meets are held directly after school when students would normally have sporting practices or jobs. Although the team didn't place in the top three in any of their meets, they still were competitive and had a good time.

"I think Scholar's Bowl is a fun extracurricular activity. You get to go on road trips with your friends and test your knowledge in a trivia show fashion against other schools. It's a lot of fun," Dusty Bittel¹⁴ said.

**"I'M THANKFUL
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Saving Lives

Ashley Lopez¹³ waits anxiously as a nurse gathers her information to give blood. "I was very, very nervous as it was my first time ever giving blood!" Lopez said. STUCO hosts the American Red Cross blood drive every year. *Photo by Katelyn Herl*

Hours of Service



Rachel Keller

"I worked concessions at the Ellis fair."



Jared Mick

"I worked at basketball and football youth camps."



Landon Younger

"I helped at the Pumpkin Patch and helped at the library."



#TwoYearsOfSuccess Second year member Beth Augustine¹³ lights her candle to show that she is inducted into NHS. "Being a second year member shows that I have continued to put hours into my school, my academics, and the community. This was a great accomplishment for me. Since there were only two returning member, it feels good knowing that me and Bailey went above average to help ourselves and our school," Augustine said. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



Nick Gehring @Nick_WG : Haters gonna hate...Potatoes gonna Potate. #LifeGoesOn

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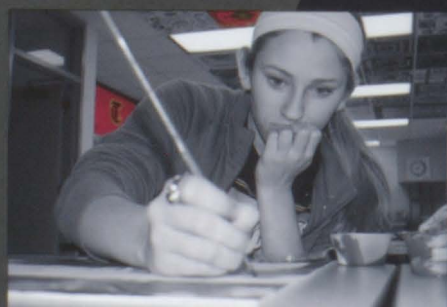
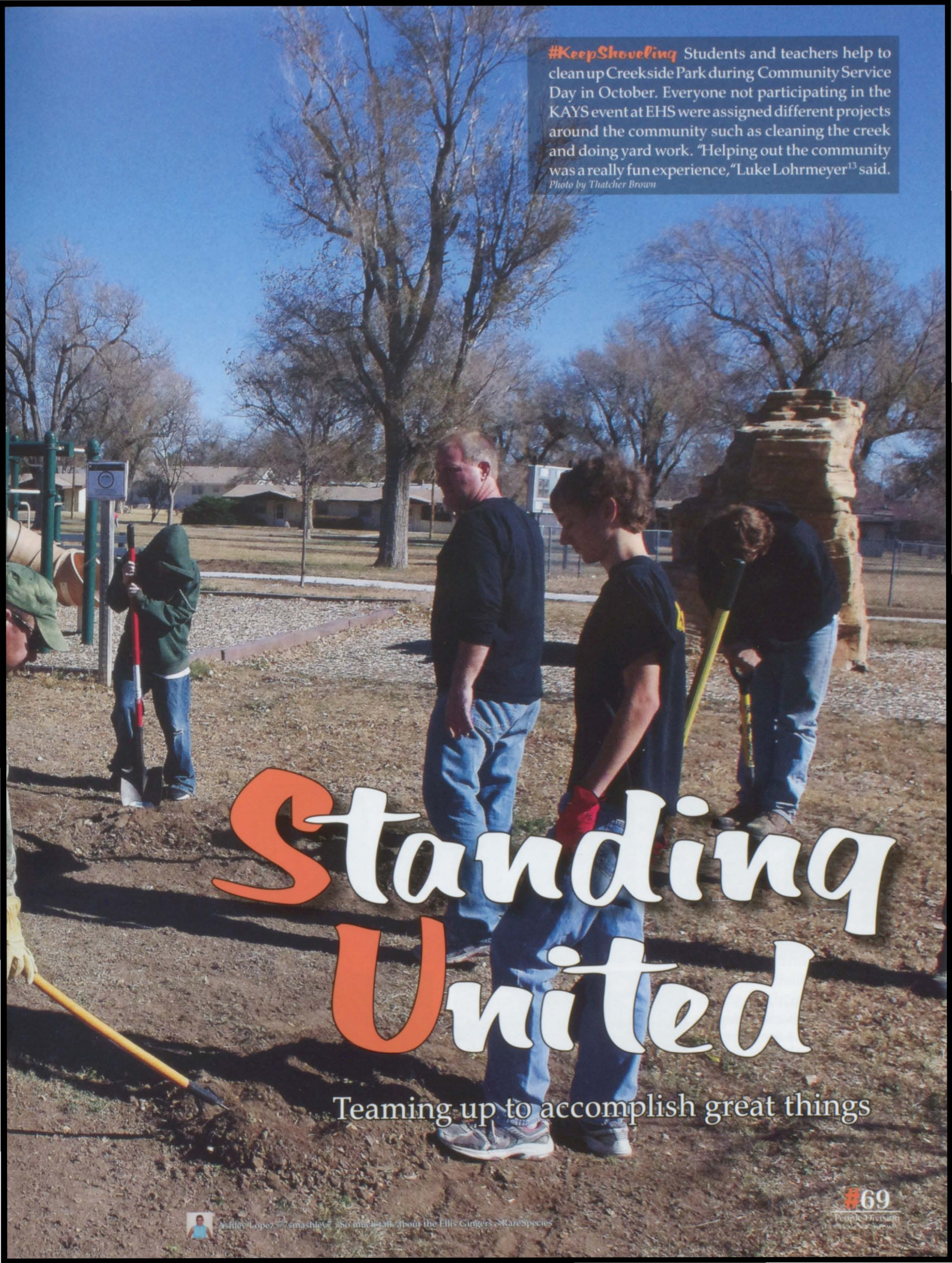


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Snap
This!





#KeepShoveling Students and teachers help to clean up Creekside Park during Community Service Day in October. Everyone not participating in the KAYS event at EHS were assigned different projects around the community such as cleaning the creek and doing yard work. "Helping out the community was a really fun experience," Luke Lohrmeyer¹³ said.
Photo by Thatcher Brown

Standing United

Teaming up to accomplish great things



Ashley Lopez, smashlets, also much talk about the Ellis Gingers, RareSpecies

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People Division
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Cierra Albin



Kobe Armbruster



Kadon Augustine



Ryan Augustine



Erianna Basgall



Keisha Brack



Brendon Brenner



Jacob Burns



Sierra Cunningham



Daniel DeLaRosa



Alexcia Deutscher



Maddy Gnad



Gage Goble



Skylar Gottschalk



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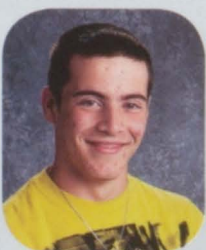
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LeeAnn Wilson



Laura Witt



LexAnne Wolf



Aspen Younger

#ProBowler

Aspen Younger¹⁶ plays around during the FCCLA bowling party. Later on in the night, one of the students grabbed a bowling slide used for little kids and started to play with it. As a joke, Younger rolled her bowling ball down the dinosaurs back and onto the lane to hit the pins. Photo by Sarah Henman



#HelpingHand

Theron Schmidt helps at the Ellis Food pantry during Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat. Many students from different organizations help with this event. "What I like about working with the Ellis Food Pantry is that I'm able to help a lot of people in the community and it gives me a feeling of pride to do so," Alexander Towns said. Photo by John Ramirez



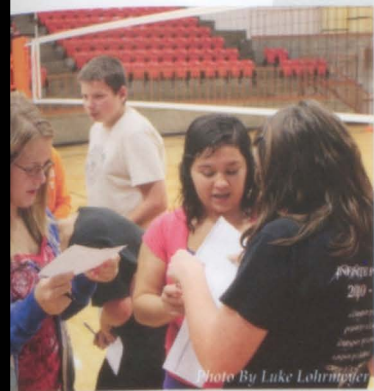


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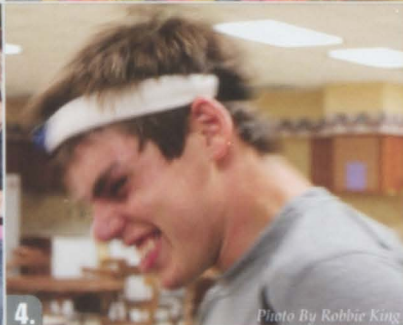


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1. Teamwork

Yara Ramirez, LeeAnn Wilson, and Abby Hafliger¹⁴ work together on Link Crew Scavenger Hunt.

2. Look-A-Likes

LexAnne Wolf and Alexcia Deutscher rock twin day for Homecoming.

3. Party

Erianna Basgall, Sierra Cunningham, and Laura Witt tear up the dance floor during Homecoming.

4. Head In the Game

Dylan Haas shakes his head as many times as he can to win a game at Freshman Fun Night.

Johnathan Jerome



"Our class is different, we don't do things that others do, we have our own way of getting around."

Joey Raub



"I think our class is special, we have our own little way of getting stuff done. It may look weird but we don't care"

Theron Schmidt



"To me my class is very funny, we can always find something to make us laugh. Whether it is funny or doesn't make sense."

Family

Freshmen Class 'Like Brothers and Sisters'

by Alexis Mattheyer

It's heard all around that the freshmen class is as close as family. As everyone knows, families get on each other's nerves. They fight and argue amongst themselves, but yet they still know what family means. It means no one gets left behind. They may disagree at times, but as soon as one of them is taken on by someone not in the family, they are right there for them to help fight that battle.

"The freshman class is like a family. We tease and fight with each other, but if an upperclassmen teases one of us, we instantly unify and fight back," Rylee Torline said.

One of the bonding moments of the class was during the after party of eighth grade promotion. They spent the evening with each other at the Walter P. Chrysler Park there they played many

games, a majority of which involved water. They bombarded each other with water guns, balloons, and buckets filled to the brim with ice cold water. Some didn't like it, but soon got their revenge on one another throughout the night. That day made them stronger, it had prepared them for what they needed in high school.

"Our class are like brothers and sisters. We fight, make up, and then laugh it all off," Skylar Gottschalk said.

Families do have their little squabbles inside of each other. They say mean things, throw stuff, make it seem like it is the end of the world. They'll fight over little things like a pencil, place in line, a chair, and just meaningless

things. It never amounts to much, though in the end they love each other and that's all that matters.

"**WE FIGHT,
MAKE UP
AND THEN
LAUGH IT
ALL OFF**"



Skylar Gottschalk @Skylar_Mae_13: I just want to go back to the beginning of freshman year where there were no worries and everything was fun! @freshgirlprobs

Sean Lee

"The best part of this year was the first track meet I participated in."



Kylee Keller

"I enjoy the school activities and making new friends."



Dylan Dorsey

"I liked this year because I met new friends and did well in track."



1. Look-a-like

Olivia Reiter and Sarah Mick show their school pride by participating in spirit week.

2. Perfect Fit

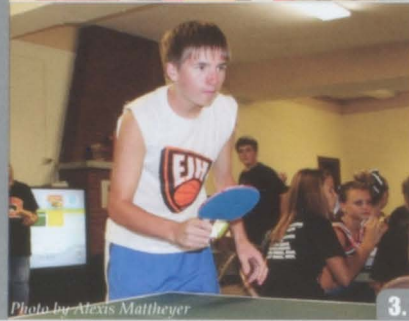
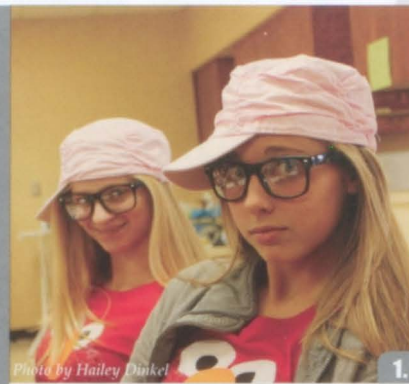
Brandon Groff tries on his class ring for the first time, hoping for the right size.

3. Game Time

Nick Rose prepares to dominate his opponent in a ping-pong game at 5th quarter.

4. Pitch Perfect

Ciara Garnett and John Ramirez harmonize with the rest of the choir during their winter concert.



Growing

Class Gains New Students, New Perspectives

by Hailey Dinkel and Sarah Henman

Although the sophomore class is the smallest in the school, they are slowly growing in size. Getting new classmates can be exciting because it's a chance to meet new people and build new relationships.

"I really like getting new kids in my class because it gives me a chance to make new friends and meet different people," Josh Kreutzer said.

Being part of a small class comes with a few advantages. Having a smaller amount of people in your class means you get more time to know one another, and during class you get more one on one time with the teacher. There are also some disadvantages. The worst one would have to be having to work more concessions since there are fewer people. Also, every year they lose during the "Do It" cheer, because all the other classes overpower

them because they are not very loud.

"As a cheerleader, one of my favorite parts of a pep rally is doing the "Do It" cheer with my class. It's so fun because we get a chance to scream and go crazy. It's a challenge for my class to be the loudest, but we can always be the most spirited," Ashley Butler¹⁵ said.

Going to new schools can be difficult. Learning your way around the school and fitting in can be hard. Most of our new classmates came from bigger schools with a lot more students. Sports in other schools are much different, also.

"At my old school, my 7th hour class was when the football team would get together and have practice," Dylan Dorsey said.

Although having a bigger class comes with its benefits, small classes are unique in their own way.

**"WE GET A
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Brandon Bollig

Chris Browning

Mollie Buchholz

Ashley Butler

Kori Clark

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Justin Esner

Ciara Garnett

Stephanie Greenway

Brandon Groff

Danielle Hausler

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Sarah Henman



Kylee Keller

Joshua Kreutzer

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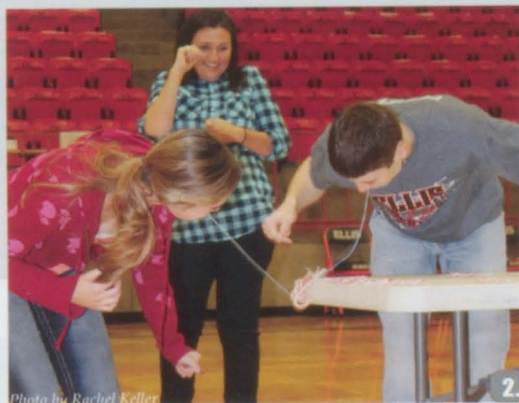


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1. Messy Much?

Autum Hellerud and Eli Lohrmeyer participate in a game at the Homecoming pep rally. The goal was to stick their faces in flour to dig out a piece of bubble gum.

2. Hook It

Brianna LaBarge and Jared Pfeifer work together to snag up candy canes using a string before the time ran out for the Winter sports pep rally.

3. Besties

Sarah Henman, Olivia Reiter, Hailey Dinkel, Sarah Mick, and Mollie Buchholz dance together enjoying their night at Prom as they sing along to the song.



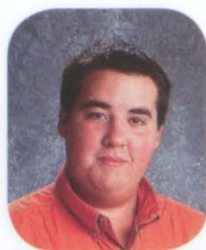
Eli Lohrmeyer @EliJames23 : My only motivation for school tomorrow is Mr. Carroll's classes. #Beast



Allen Augustine



Dustin Bittel



Jacob Callier



Brittany Dinkel



Brodan Douglas



Seth Fuller



Nicholas Gehring



Mara Geschwentner



Sidney Gottschalk



Samantha Graves



Abigail Haflinger



Brady Jacques



Kourtney Kaicy



Tanner Keithley



Rachel Keller



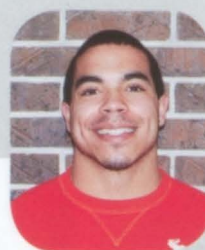
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Christen Spinelli



Skyler Tebo



Morgan Thille



Joshua Townley



Monica Towns



Joshua Tway



Alysha Werth



Alan Wilson



K.C. Windholz



Christina Wright



Landon Younger

#Party Mara Geschwentner fist bumps at the annual Snoball dance put on by the KAY organization.

#GetToWork Allen Augustine works on a worksheet in Biology while Josh Kreutzer¹⁵ attempts to help him.

#StudyHard Josh Townley works on a quiz in Mr. Hayes' Algebra II class.



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Photo by Brianna LaBarge





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Photo by Alexis Mattheyer



Photo by Brittany Dunkel



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1. StrungOut

Tyus Price holds streamers apart to be put up while decorating for prom.

2. GameTime

Alysha Werth plays Connect Four at Fifth Quarter after a football game.

3. Awareness

Johnny Reed uses a scooter to go through an obstacle course during a drunk driving assembly.

4. ThrowDown

Morgan Thille watches as Alexis Mattheyer¹³ plays ping pong at Fifth Quarter.



Tanner Keithley

"I plan on attending FHSU and becoming a quantamphysicist."



Jacob Callier

"I would like to become a nuclear engineer and go to FHSU."



Brady Jacques

"I want to go into law enforcement and my college is so far undecided."

Moving Forward

Juniors Think of the Future

By Brianna LaBarge

Once students hit junior year, they start thinking about colleges and what they are planning to do after high school. Some may feel pressured to hurry and make a decision on what to choose, but others have a pretty good idea on what they want to pursue later on in life.

"I feel a little pressure put on me, but I have a good idea on what I am going to do when I am out of high school. I am looking forward to graduating though!" Allen Augustine said.

It may feel like every fun thing in life is coming to an end, but in reality it's just beginning. You get to choose what you want to be for the rest of your life. Becoming a senior in high school may be scary and stressful, but some are really excited about it.

"The thing I am most excited for about becoming a senior would be finally being able to take my senior pictures!" K.C. Windholz said.

Next year, juniors and seniors get the chance, if they choose, to go over to NCK Tech to take college level

classes that are in the fields they are interested in going into when they graduate. Getting this opportunity really does help students get a jump on "later in life" plans.

"Next year, I am most excited for getting the chance to go to NCK Tech in the mornings. I think it's a great opportunity to enhance my education, and to get me prepared for college level courses since college is just around the corner," Landon Younger said.

While some people aren't too worried about graduation, others feel unsure about it. Some are ready to get out and be on their own and see the real world to try new things. It is just the start of the rest of all our lives when we graduate.

"I am very excited about graduating next year. It's a scary thought being out there on my own in a couple years, but it's also an awesome feeling knowing I came this far in life and will still move forward to better things. My class is the best, and I hope I still get to be in contact with them after our graduation," Alysha Werth said.



Dustin Bittel @daBittel : "ACT tomorrow, nervous but ready to get it done!" #ACT #Tests #Nervous

Thatcher Brown

"My favorite part of senior year was playing in the Castle Rock Classic in Quinter."



Jared Mick

"My favorite part of senior year was playing football."



Rachelle Wynn

"My favorite part of senior year is that I get to see Mr. Kohl's sun-shining face every morning."



1. Cheer It Up

Blake Hudson and Cole Pfeifer wear wrestling singlets as they cheer on the Ellis girls basketball team for the MCL tournament.

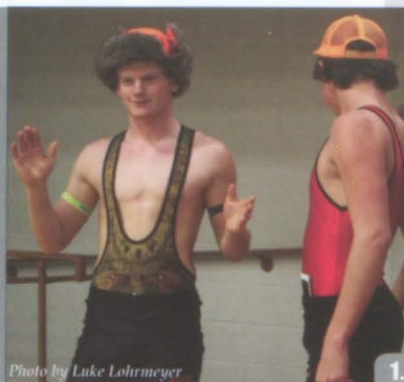


Photo by Luke Lohrmeyer

2. Concentrate

Tanner Fischer attempts to shoot a basketball while wearing drunk goggles.



1. Photo by Thatcher Brown

3. Intensity

Sam Polifka and Katelyn Herl face off in a fifth quarter card game.



Photo by Regan Krause

4. Teamwork

Kelly Robb and Megan Honas work together to snag as many candy canes as possible before time runs out.



3. Photo by Rachael Keller

Leading

Seniors prepare for the real world

By Luke Lohrmeyer

Senior year is a time spent preparing for the world that stretches out before the seniors. But, it is also a time of reflecting on how far you have come in thirteen years of schooling and making memories that will last forever. There is a sense of camaraderie around the senior year and an undeniable bond that is felt between classmates, one that can't be broken.

"Shooting the senior video was a fun time. I liked spending time with my class," Taylor McClung said.

Unfortunately, for seniors headed for college, being at the top of the schooling hierarchy is coming to an end. After being at the top for the past couple of years, seniors will start all over again as freshmen and once again be learning the ins and outs of a new school.

"We have to go back to the end of the chain and

learn to work ourselves back up like we will have to do in the workforce," Sam Polifka said.

There are seniors attending college, but there are a few diving straight into the real world of the workforce.

From helping on the family farm to working in the oilfield, the kids headed for the work sector will have no shortage of opportunities ahead of them.

"I have always wanted to work on the farm and now I am able to fulfill my dreams," Brayden Werth said.

One thing is certain about the senior class—the drive and willpower that they have shown throughout the first half of their lives will keep their fires lit and new opportunities coming on down the line. Contrary to what the Offspring sing in their 1998 hit song "The Kids Aren't Alright" the senior class proves that not only are the kids alright, they have one bright future.

"I AM
ABLE TO
FULFILL MY
DREAMS"



Jordan Rohr



Tyler Walters



Candace Bollig



Body Grubb



Kelly Robb, Megan Honas, and Jared Mick



Ailey Hensley

Behind the Scenes

What does the senior class do with a bag of fruit, vegetables, and eggs? They film a video of course! Every year the senior class joins together as a whole outside of school to film the footage for their class video. This year, the seniors banded together with a wide variety of golf clubs, baseball bats, and four-wheelers to film the video. By the end of the night the death toll stood at unknown numbers for a selection of peppers, tomatoes, and eggs.

But, there is more to a video than just the filming. There are many demanding hours of work put in editing and putting together the footage to make a finished product. No one knows the tension of this more than Jordan Rohr, head editor of the senior video.

"Being in charge of the senior video is a ton of responsibility, but in the end, getting to watch the outcome of your hard work on the big screen is well worth it," Rohr said.



Shea Harper @SheaHarper22: Mom is driving me to school today #swag

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Seniors
Lizbeth Leuninger

ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Softball 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Eco-team 9
FFA 9,10,11
NHS 12



REBECCA ASCHENBRENNER

We are proud of the young lady
you have become. Continue to
follow your dreams! We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Hayden

BETH

AUGUSTINE

We are very proud of your
accomplishments in high school.

We wish you the best in your
future and feel that
you can accomplish anything
you strive for.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad



ACTIVITIES:

Band 9
Basketball 9,10
Class Leadership 10,11
Softball 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Forensics 9,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
Link Crew 11,12
NHS 11,12;
FCCLA 11

ACTIVITIES:

Class Leadership 10
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Softball 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Yearbook 10
KAYS 9,10,11,12
KAYS Board Member
9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
Basketball 9,10
BBBS 11,12
Link Crew 12
Band 9



CANDACE BOLLIG

It has been exhilarating
watching you become the young
lady that you are.

Remember to always be yourself
everyone else is already taken!

Willie-Willie-Wonka,
what, what, what?

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Brandon, Brittany,
Carter, Skipper, Ace, Cat

THATCHER BROWN

We are so proud of you and the fine young man you have become.

Your future is bright and the sky is the limit.

Congrats!
The Brown Bunch

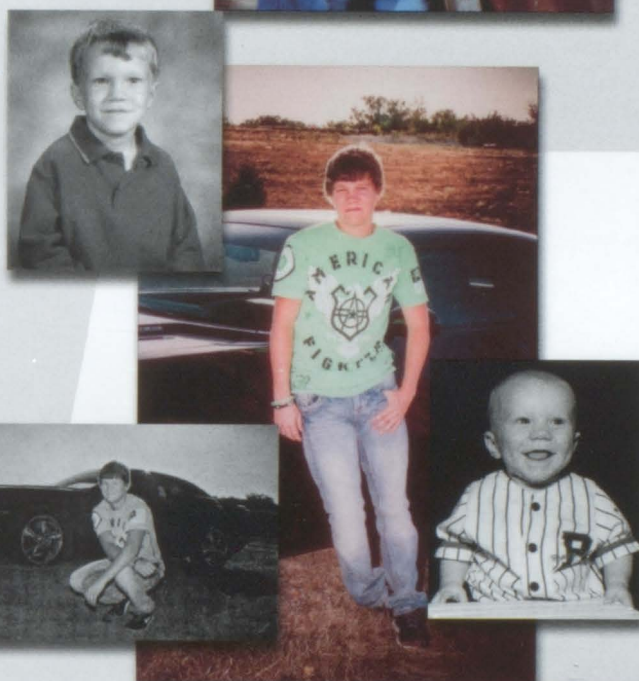


ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 11,12
Yearbook 11,12
Yearbook Editor 12
Jr. Class Play 11
Cross Country 11,12
Senior Class Pres.
FCCLA 10,11
BBBS 11,12
FFA 10,11
KAYS 11,12
Choir 9

ACTIVITIES:

Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9
FCCLA 9
Football 9
Golf 10,11,12



RYAN DOWNING

Ryan,

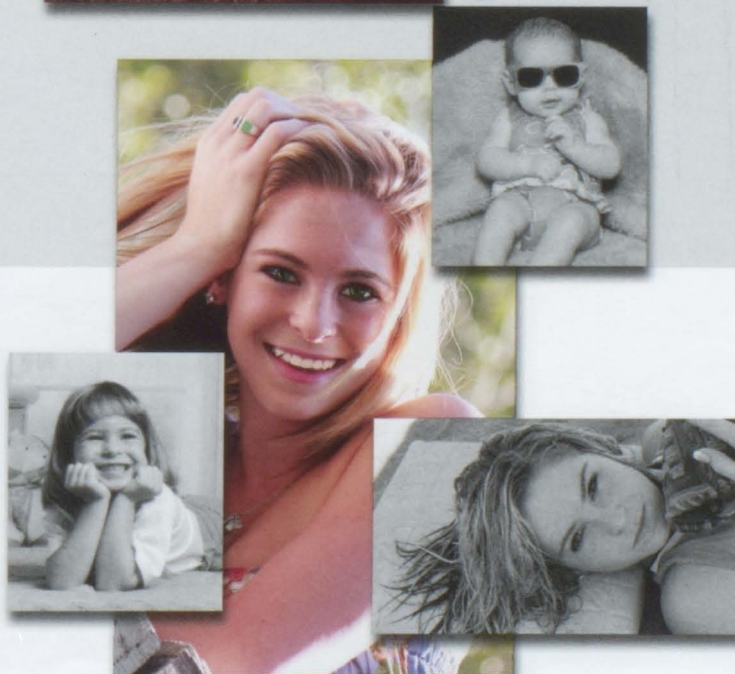
No matter where you go or how successful you are in life, we will always be proud of you. Don't be scared to reach for your dreams but remember that, dreams can be changed. Taking that first step is always the hardest, but life will lead you where it may.

Mom and Dad

ALEXIS FEIK

You have grown into such a beautiful lady. You are so full of life and us, everyday to love you more! We couldn't be any more proud of our baby girl. Best of luck starting the next journey in life. We can't wait to celebrate the next chapter of your life.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Clay, and Kobe



ACTIVITIES:

BBBS 11,12
FCCLA 12
KAYS 10,11,12
Jr. Class Play
Softball 9,10,11

ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 9,10
Basketball 9
FFA 9,10,11,12
Football 9
Golf 11,12
KAYS 9,10,12
Snoball King 10



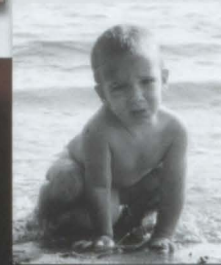
**TANNER
FISCHER**

Hope all your dreams come true
We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom and Tyler

**LOGAN
FUCHS**

We are truly blessed to have you
in our lives! We loved watching
you grow from an adorable
baby to a wonderful young man.
We are so proud of you and your
accomplishments and know there
are more to come. Set
your goals high...never give up on
your dreams!

Love you, Mom and Dad



ACTIVITIES:
Basketball 9,10
Football 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Railairres 9
STUCO 9,10
Track 9,10,11
Web Team 12
BBBS 11,12
FFA 9,10
Golf 12

ACTIVITIES:

FFA 9,10,11,12
Golf 11



**CODY
GRUBB**

Cody, Congratulations!

SHEA HARPER

Like a Disney Princess you have grace, beauty, and elegance... Like a "pink" power ranger you have courage, strength, and bravery which all have made you the most amazing person you are today. Set your goals high and aim for the stars, cause baby you're a firework!

We love you,
Jeremy, Mom, and Alison



ACTIVITIES:

BBBS 11,12
Class Leadership 11
Cheerleading 9,10,11,12
Choir 9
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Yearbook 10,11
Kays 9,10,11,12
KAYS Board Member 9,11
Link Crew 11,12
Jr. Class Play
Stuco 9,10,11,12
Multimedia 12
Stuco VP 12



ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 11
Football 12

ISAIAH HEARN

Isaiah, you have been through a lot but you have grown into a fine young man with a caring heart. I am very proud of you!
I will always love you.

Mom

ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Homecoming Queen 12
Class Leadership 10
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
NHS 11,12
Jr. Class Play
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Softball 9,10,11,12
Prom Server 10
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Forensics 9
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 11,12
Stuco 11,12
Eco-Team 9
BBBS 11,12
Band 9

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Seniors
Luke Lehnweyer

BAILEY HENSLEY

Congratulations!

It has been fun watching you grow and we are so proud of the person you have become. With your friendly personality, adventuresome spirit, and strong determination nothing stands in your way. We wish you love, happiness, and success as you follow your dreams.

Love you,
Dad, Mom, and Dalton



KATELYN HERL

Katelyn, we are so proud of the young woman you have become. It has been fun watching you grow and change. We wish you all the best that the future holds for you.
Love, Dad and Mom.

ACTIVITIES:

Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
KSPA Yearbook Copy
Writing-Honorable
Mention 12



COURTNEY HOLLINGSHEAD

We are so proud of you! Best of luck in all your future dreams. Keep good in your heart and all your dreams will come true.

Love ya lots,
Mom and Sisters

ACTIVITIES:

Honor Roll 12
Office Aide 12



ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11
Powerlifting 10
State Track 11,12
FCCLA 12
Track 9,10,11,12
FFA 9
KAYS 12
Play 11,12



MEGAN HONAS

Congratulations!
We are proud of you, all your hard work, and all you have accomplished! Good luck with everything you do in your future. We are sure you will succeed!
Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Dale, and Ethan

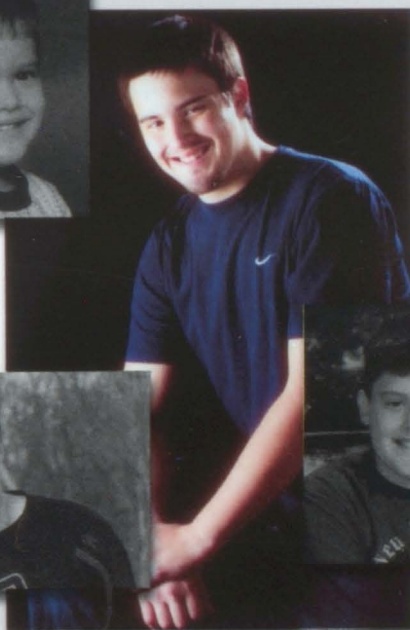
BLAKE HUDSON

We are very proud of the young man you have become. We wish you the best in all you choose to do. Love you.
Mom, Dad, Chase, and Trey



ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
Prom Server 10
Jr. Class Play 11
BBBS 11,12
FCCLA 9,10
KAYS 9,11,12
Track 9,10



BRANDON KEEVER

Congratulations!
You made it!
I am so proud of you.
Love, Mom

ACTIVITIES:

Forensics 9,10,11
Jr. Class Play 11

ALICIA KROEGER

Your sassy wit makes us laugh. We love you unconditionally and are so proud of you. We could not be more blessed to witness you grow into the fabulous young woman you are.
Mom and Dad



ACTIVITIES:

BBBS 11,12
Choir 10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
KAYS Board Member 9
Jr. Class Play 11
Forensics 9
NHS 12
Track 9

ACTIVITIES:

Wrestling 9,10
Track 9
FFA 9



CHRISTOPHER LEE

Congratulations, you made it.
Love Mom, Dad, Mary, and T.J.

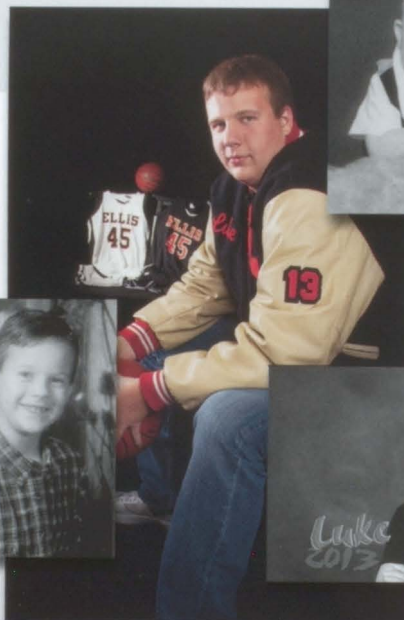
LUKE LOHRMEYER

Congratulations!

It seems like yesterday you were the little stinker with your face planted against the screen looking at trains from your bedroom window and hoping you wouldn't fall out and now you are going to live your dream. We are very proud of the man you have become.

We love you so much!

Mom and Caleb
Dad and Kelly
Eli, Noah, and Ryan



ACTIVITIES:

Band 9,10
Basketball 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Yearbook 11,12
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11
Railaires 9
STUCO Pres. 12
Track 9,10,11,12
Webpage 11,12
State Track 12

ACTIVITIES:

Cheerleading 9,10,11,12
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Cheer Captain 12
Choir 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11
Web Team 11
STUCO 12
Band 9



ASHLEY LOPEZ

Ashley, Congratulations!

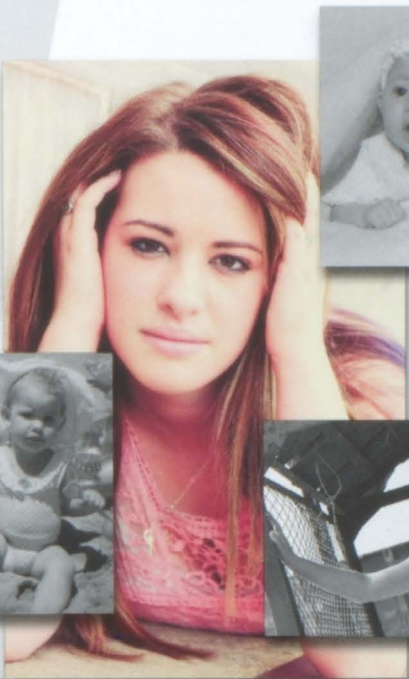
TAYLOR McCLUNG

We just want you to know how proud of you we are. It seems like yesterday your dad and I excitedly awaited your arrival, then in a blink of an eye you are suddenly this amazing young lady getting ready to start a life of your own. Taylor, keep walking in the Light, God has great plans for you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

ACTIVITIES:

Scholar's Bowl 9,10,11,12
Baseball 9,10,11,12
Class Leadership 11
Basketball 9,10
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
STUCO 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 11,12
BBBS 11,12



ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11,12
Volleyball 9,10,11
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Track 9
Golf 11

CADYN McCOY

Congratulations!
We are so proud of everything you have accomplished.
May your future be bright and all your dreams come true. Thanks for the memories.

We love you.
Dad, Melanie, Myah, and Colt
Mom, Kyler, and Cope



AUSTIN McGANN

Austin, it has been a wonderful journey watching you grow and become the person you are now. We are very proud of you and hope all your dreams come true. Remember we are always here for you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Cory, and Skyler

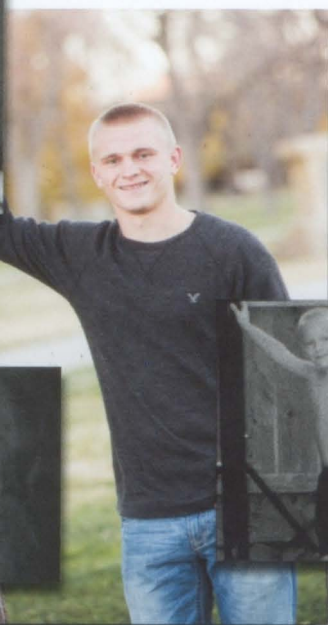


ACTIVITIES:

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

ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Class Leadership 10,11
Homecoming King 12
KAYS Board Member 10
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
STUCO 11,12
NHS 12



JARED MICK

Congratulations on all your achievements! Good luck in college, and all your future endeavors. Way to go, J-Mick!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Rachel, and Sarah

COLE

PFEIFER

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

Love you,
Dad, Mom, and Dylan

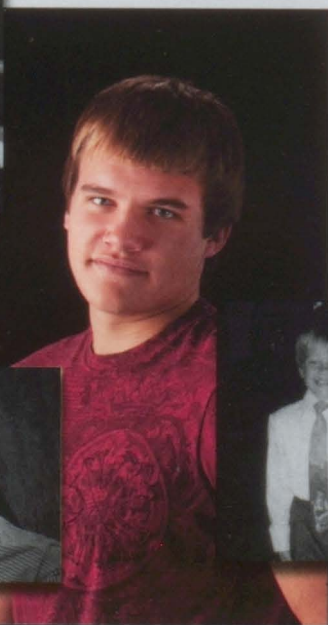


ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
KAYS Board Member 10
Class Leadership 11
BBBS 11,12
Eco-Team 9
Link Crew 11,12
Jr. Class Play 11

ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9
Class Leadership 11
Football 9,10,11
Forensics 9,10,11,12
State Forensics 11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11,12
Scholar's Bowl 11
FFA 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Soccer 12
Choir 12
FCCLA 9



SAMUEL POLIFKA

We are very proud of all your high school accomplishments and for the fine young man you have become. May you continue to keep your relationship with God a priority and honor Him in your future plans.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Bethany

KELLY ROBB

Seeing the young man you have become has brought so much pride to your dad and I. It has truly been a blessing and an honor to have you as our son. As you embark on this newest adventure in your life's journey, know that the love we have for you is unconditional and unyielding.

All our Love,
Dad, Mom, Kerry, and Kevin

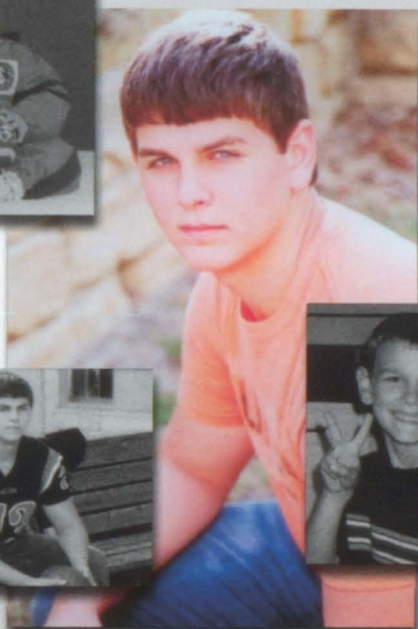
ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Scholar's Bowl 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
STUCO 9,12
NHS 12
FFA 9,10



ACTIVITIES:

Football Mgr. 9,10,11,12
Forensics 9,10,11,12
State Forensics 10,11,12
Honor Roll 10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11,12
Scholar's Bowl 9,10,11,12
Track 12
KAYS 12
Choir 12



JORDAN ROHR

Congratulations!

We are so proud of all your accomplishments so far. This is just the beginning. We wish you success and happiness for your future! We love you!

Dad, Mom, Brianna, and Kaelyn

ACTIVITIES:

Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Softball 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10,11,12
KAYS 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
BBBS 11,12
Choir 12



ALEXIS ROSE

Alexis, Congratulations!

ACTIVITIES:

Baseball 9,10,11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Football 9,10,11,12
Jr. Class Play 11
Railairres 9
Choir 9



CHASE
RUTHERFORD

Chase, Congratulations!

JASMINE
SLAUGHTER

Wow! You have come a long ways
the last 18 years. We can only
wait and see what the rest of life
has in store for you. Remember
to be true to yourself.
Love, Dad and Mom



ACTIVITIES:

FFA 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10
KAYS 10,11
Jr. Class Play 11
FCCLA 12

ACTIVITIES:

Honor Roll 9,10,11,12
FCCLA 9,10
Forensics 9
KAYS 9,10
Jr. Class Play 11
Track 9



KYLIE
WALDSCHMIDT

May you believe and trust in
yourself. Listen to your heart
and trust in the Lord. Knowledge
is a two way street. Wisdom
is always looking both ways.
Success is the key to your future.

Congratulations!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

TYLER WALTERS

Congratulations!
Best of luck in all you do!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Chelsey



ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
Golf 9,10,11,12
State Golf 10,11
Football 9,10,11
Choir 9
KAYS 9

ACTIVITIES:

Basketball 9,10,11,12
FFA 9,10,11,12
Link Crew 9,10
Choir 9



BRAYDEN WERTH

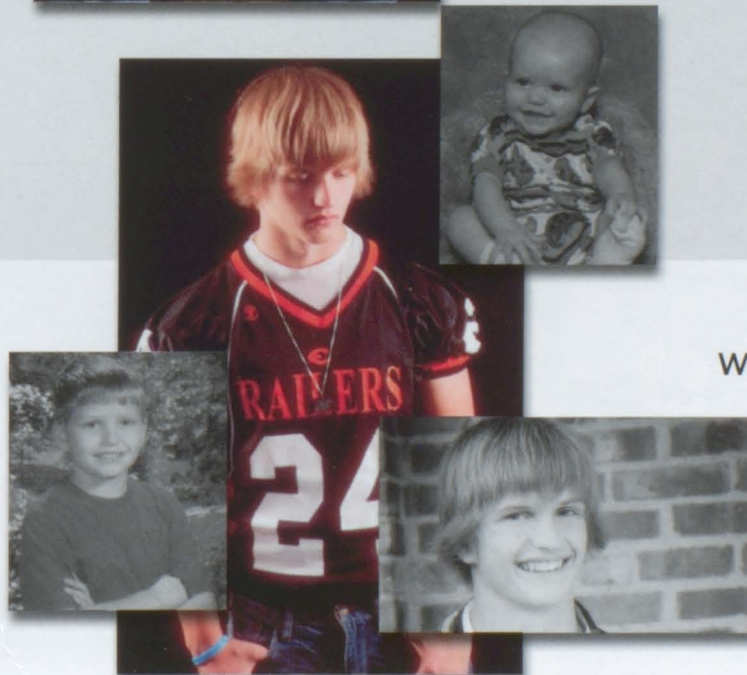
You have grown into a fantastic young man. 100% effort goes into anything you try and that mindset is going to take you far. Keep striving for the best in yourself and stay true to you.
We love you very much!
Dad, Mom, Baylee, Shelby, and Rylee

HARLEY WRIGHT

We are proud of all of your accomplishments. Your future is waiting with open doors. Remember, for every door that closes another one always opens.

We love you.

Mom, Jason, Kassi, and Abby



ACTIVITIES:

Football 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Weight Lifting 10,11,12
Basketball 9
Honor Roll 9,10



RACHELLE WYNN

Rachelle, it has been such a joy to watch you grow into the beautiful person you have become—a wonderful daughter and sister.

Our hope for you is that your future holds all the opportunities and fulfillment that you deserve.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Nicholas, and Joseph

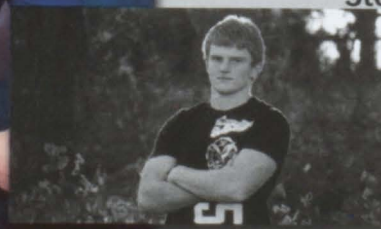
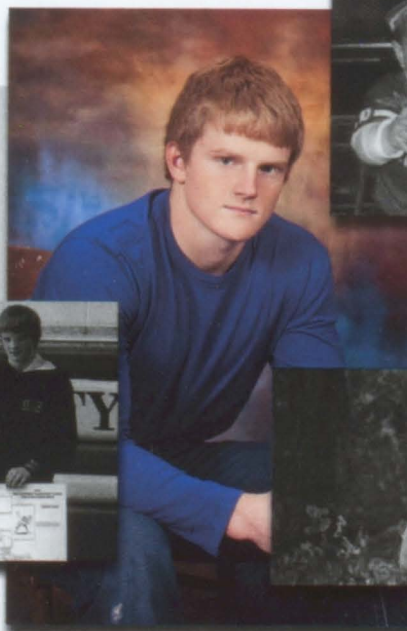
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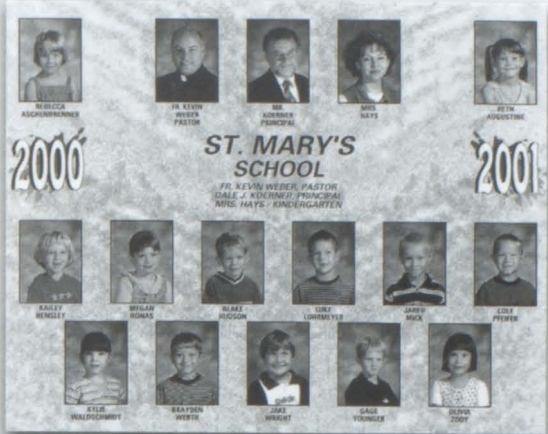
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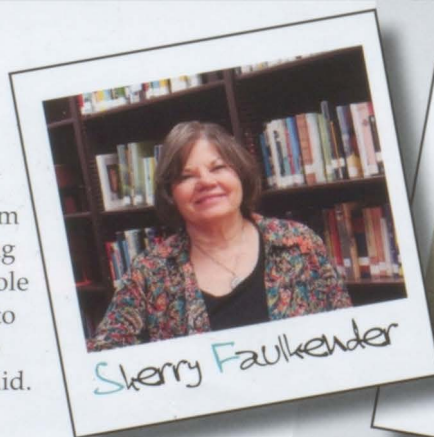
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WHEN SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL...

"...I will be spending time with my sister from Scotland. She is coming to stay with us for a whole month. We are going to travel around and see America," Faulkender said.



Sherry Faulkender



Bob Kohman

"...I will be doing farm visits and working with producers on their financial records. I will also be helping them plan for and prepare their taxes each year," Kohman said.





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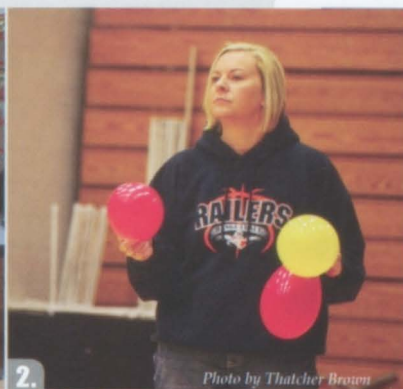


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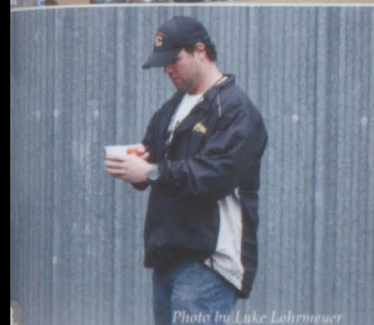


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1. Open Up

Mr. Kohman organizes canned goods before a Food Box pick-up.

2. Can You Do It?

Mrs. Wood holds balloons while listening for instructions during Homecoming activities.

3. Stop On the Dot

Mr. Dreiling checks his timer during the Ellis Invitational Track Meet.

4. You Will Hear

Mrs. Williams explains the pieces to the audience before the concert.



Mr. Carroll

"I wanted to be a game warden."



Mrs. Greenway

"I wanted to be a truck driver."



Mrs. Dawson

"I wanted to be a marine biologist."

Devotion

Teachers Begin New Opportunities

By Christen Spinelli and Baylee Werth

With a new school year brings new teachers. A couple of new faces on staff helped get the school year off to a good start. There were three new additions to the staff: Portia Harris, vocal music; Stacey Williams, band; and Jake Dreiling, Impact.

"I was very welcomed in the community and school of Ellis. I was hired here to build a band program, and that has been my goal from day one," Mrs. Williams said.

With new staff coming in, there will also be a long-time staff member leaving, Sherri Faulkender. Faulkender has been the librarian for forty years and is considered a part of the EHS family.

"I will miss everyone but am looking forward to helping Stan as he pastors at the Ogallah Christian Church

where I teach Jr-Sr. high, play the piano, and, of course, have a library," Faulkender said.

"I'VE REALLY ENJOYED TEACHING HERE AND BEING A PART OF THE ELLIS COMMUNITY."

The faculty will also be losing another member, Bob Kohman. After six years as the Agricultural Education teacher and FFA sponsor, Kohman has decided that it would be in his best interest to move closer to family.

"I have mixed emotions. I've really enjoyed teaching here and being a part of the Ellis community. I'm excited about moving closer to my family and friends back home and trying something new in my professional career as well," Kohman said.

With these two staff members leaving, there will be enormous shoes to fill in their absence.

"I will really miss having the students talk with me when they are outside of the school," Faulkender said.



BAND



Front Row: Jenna Schoenberger, LeeAnn Wilson, Keyston Moeder, Erianna Basgall, Aspen Younger, Ashley Butler, and Joey Raub **Second Row:** Paige Molstad, Alan Wilson, Jared Pfeifer, Sierra Cunningham, Stephanie Greenway, and Rylee Torline
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BASEBALL



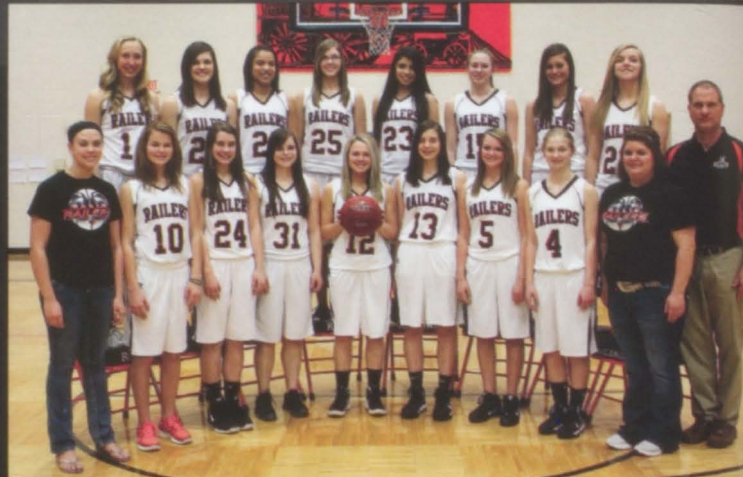
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BOYS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Mgr. Candace Bollig, Mgr. Braden Parke, Nick Rose, Blake Hudson, Brayden Werth, Alex Towns, Theron Schmidt, and Mgr. Christen Spinelli **Second Row:** Johnny Reed, Scott Pfeifer, Joshua Tway, Tyler Walters, Cole Pfeifer, Jared Mick, and Brandon Bollig **Back Row:** Coach Rorabaugh, Eli Lohrmeyer, Brendon Brenner, Thatcher Brown, Luke Lohrmeyer, Jordan Rohr, Nick Gehring, and Asst. Coach Hayes Photo by Jill Wood

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Mgr. Brianna Rohr, Aspen Younger, Stephanie Greenway, Megan Honas, Bailey Hensley, Jenna Schoenberger, LexAnne Wolf, Sarah Mick, Mgr. Jasmine Slaughter, and Coach Mick **Second Row:** Paige Molstad, Kaleigh Soneson, Alexcia Deutscher, Skylar Gottschalk, Monica Towns, Sidney Gottschalk, Baylee Werth, and Brittany Dinkel Photo by Jill Wood

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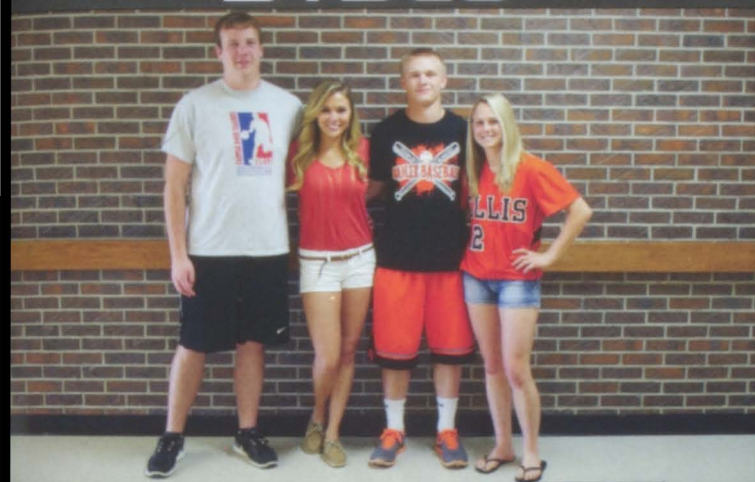
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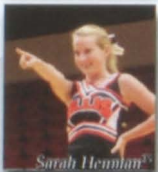
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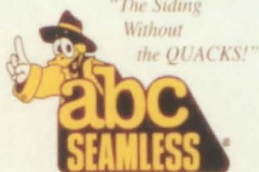
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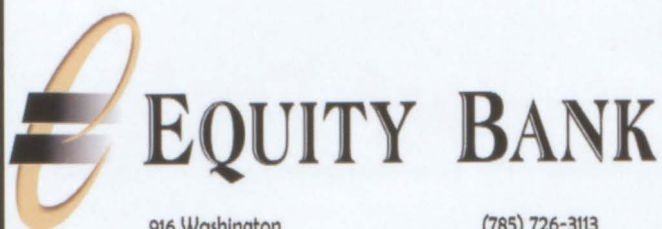
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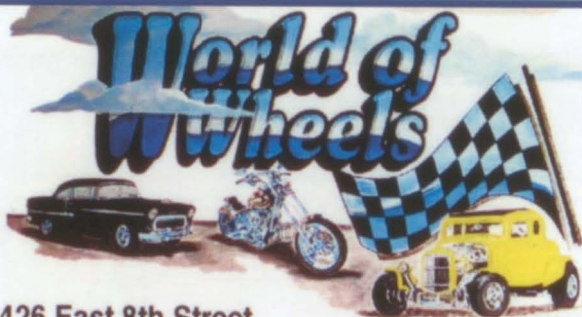


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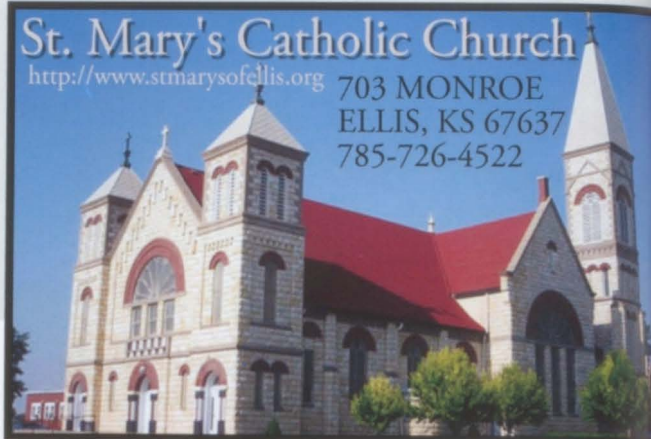
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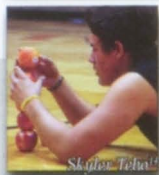
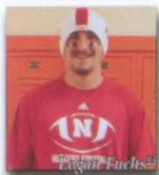
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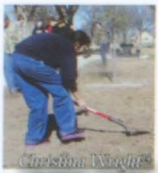
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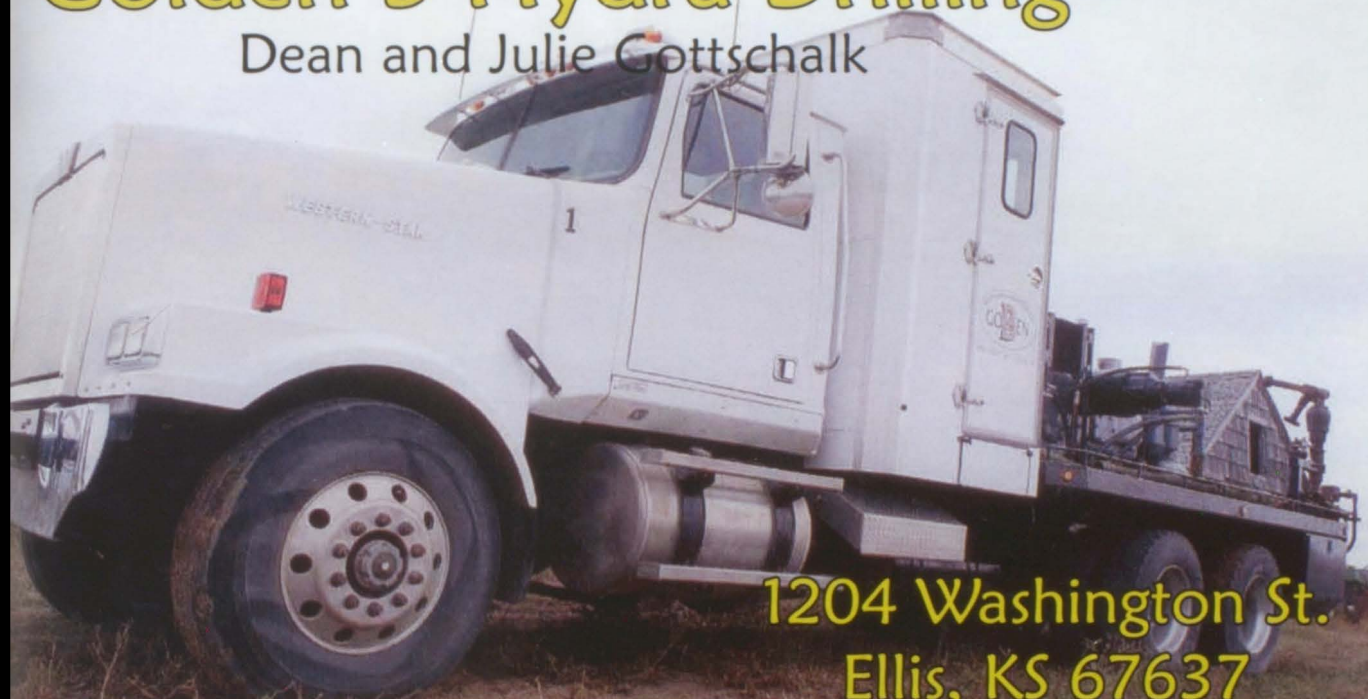


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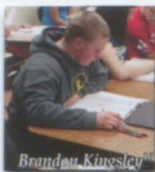
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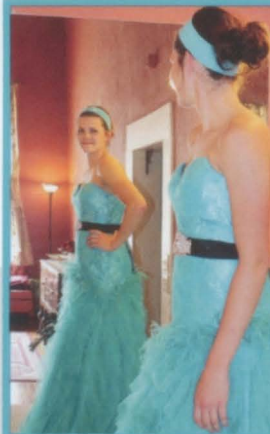


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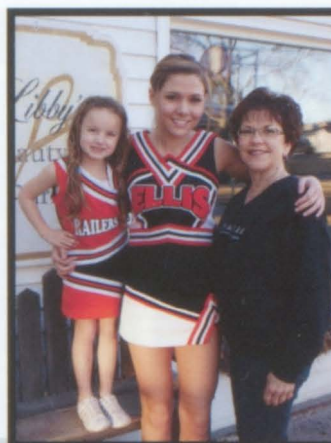
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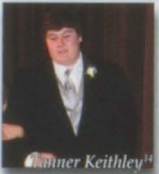
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Every student at Ellis High School strived to be their best this school year. There were always people coming in early to study for a quiz, or staying after a practice to work on their technique. We wanted to reach our full potential in everything that we did.

Because we were so dedicated to everything we did, and put out our full effort, we had a very successful year. The girls basketball team won the MCL tournament and our track team sent five people to state this year. Golf came home with a 3rd place trophy. Our athletics were top of the line, with rankings in the top ten most of the year in several different sports.

Not only were our sports great this year, but so were our academics. The FFA team had many different state placers this year, both individually and as a team. Beth Augustine¹³ was the District President this year as well. Many organizations had success at state like the Journalism classes and the Forensics team.

We did great in just about everything that we did, whether it was baking a cake, or successfully welding metal together in Ag class. We tried our hardest and succeeded because that's what we were taught to do.

As we go on from here, we will always remember our successes. We will remember that Ellis High School is the school that kept on

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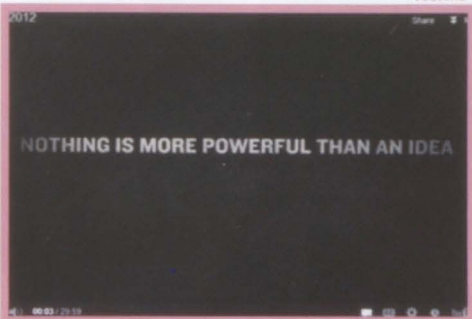
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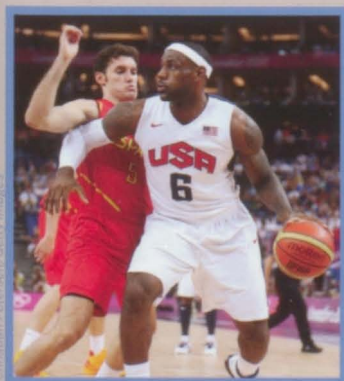


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News

North Korea Launches Rocket ▶

The world is uneasy as North Korea launches a rocket that may have put a satellite into orbit around the Earth.



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Women Senators Now Number 20

The U.S. Senate achieves a new record: 20 female senators in office, 16 Democrats and four Republicans. The new total beats the previous record by four.



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BP Agrees to Settlement

Shortly before the second anniversary of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP reaches a settlement with thousands of businesses and individuals hurt by the spill.



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Terrified Theatergoers

In Aurora, CO, actor Christian Bale and his wife Sandra Blazic visit the memorial that was created for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred during a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises*.



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Felix Baumgartner Takes a Leap

Skydiver Felix Baumgartner breaks a world record by jumping from a space capsule almost 24 miles above ground.



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Hurricane Sandy Hits New York

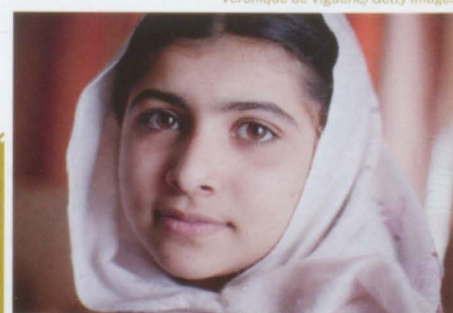
Hurricane Sandy hits New York, flooding transit tunnels and prompting President Obama to sign an emergency declaration for the entire state.



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New Jersey Battles Hurricane Sandy

The Jersey Shore copes with widespread flooding, power outages and property damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy.



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Malala Is Teenager of the Year

Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban because she campaigned for the education of girls, is named Teenager of the Year by *The Muslim Times*.



▲ Mortgage Sweet Mortgage

Homebuyers benefit from favorable lending rates as the slow economy keeps home mortgage interest rates as low as 2.94 percent.



▲ Chicago Teachers Strike

After the Chicago Teachers Union fails to reach an agreement with the city, more than 26,000 teachers and staff walk off the job.



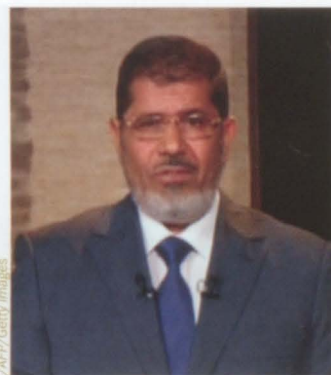
▲ Congress Teeters on Fiscal Cliff

To postpone \$109 billion in federal budget cuts, Congress passes a compromise bill that raises taxes on the nation's wealthiest.



▲ Benghazi Attack Kills Ambassador

Armed attackers kill Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and six other Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.



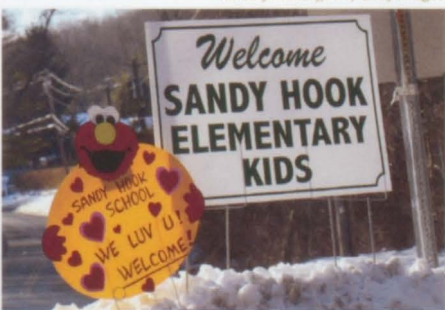
▲ Morsi Becomes Egypt's President

Egypt holds a democratic presidential election, and conservative Muslim candidate Mohamed Morsi is declared the winner.



▲ Dragon Capsule Concludes Mission

With the safe return of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, NASA successfully completes its first commercial supply mission to the International Space Station.



▲ Sandy Hook Elementary Students Return to Class

Three weeks after the Sandy Hook tragedy, classes are relocated to the former Chalk Hill Middle School in nearby Monroe, CT. "Our collective strength and resilience will serve as an example to the rest of the world," tweeted the principal from Newtown High School.



▲ Junk Food Junkies Mourn Twinkies

The troubled Hostess Brands, Inc. shuts down operations, signaling a probable end for the once-popular Twinkies snack cake.



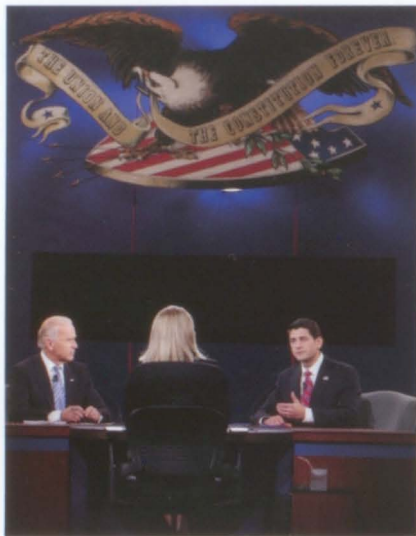
▲ UN Aid for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations launches a \$1.5 billion aid effort to bring food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies to Syrians fleeing more than two years of war.

Election

Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.



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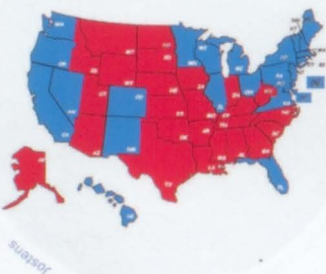


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First Family Appears at DNC

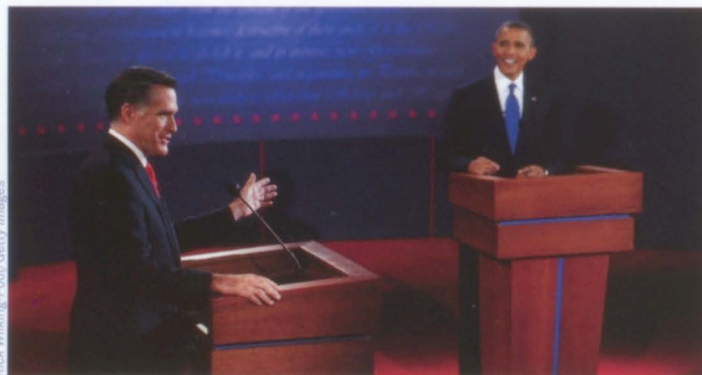
President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Obama 332 Romney 206



Election Map Shows Key State Wins

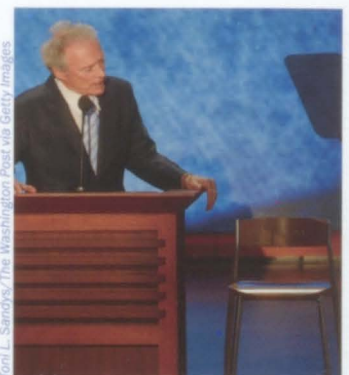
With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.



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Obama and Romney Debate

President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.



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Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.



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Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.



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Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.



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Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.

Olympics

U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold ▶

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.



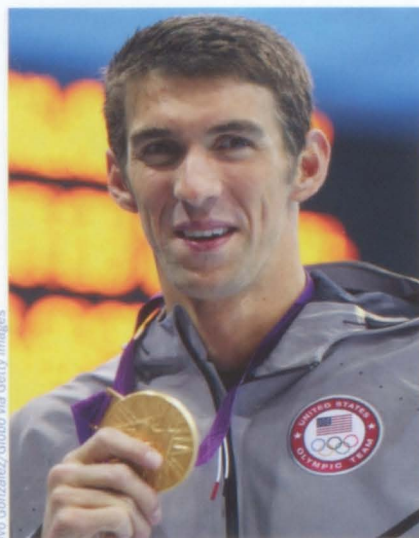
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Missy Franklin Swims to Victory ▶

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.

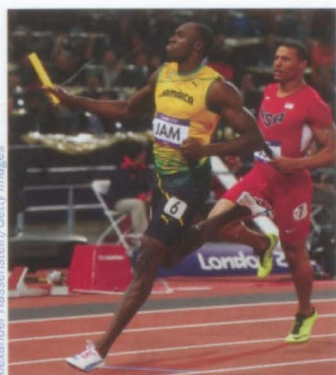


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▶ Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

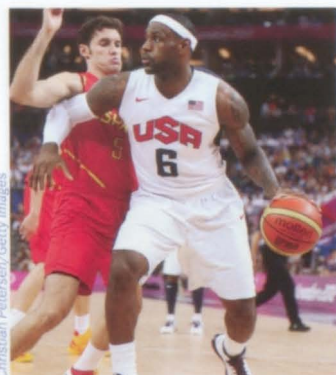
Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.



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▶ Usain Bolt Sets Record

Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.



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▶ U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.



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▶ Allyson Felix Runs for Gold

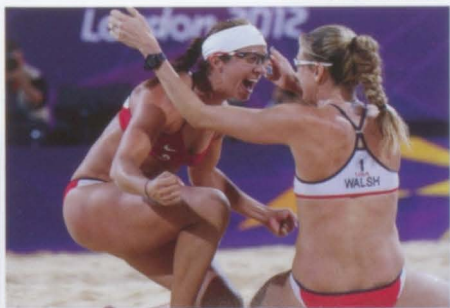
Sprinter Allyson Felix wins the Women's 200-meter final. It is one of three gold medals she takes home from the Summer Games.



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▶ Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.



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▶ Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Wash Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.



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▶ Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.



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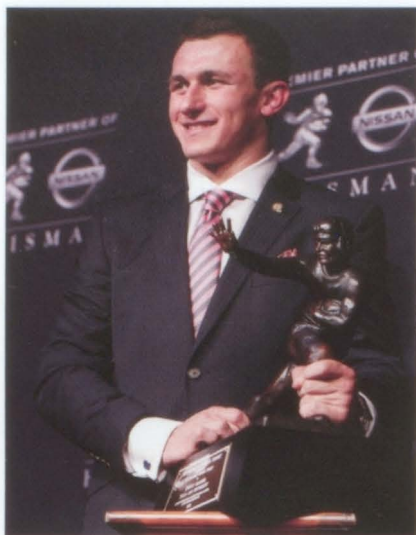
▶ Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. women's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.

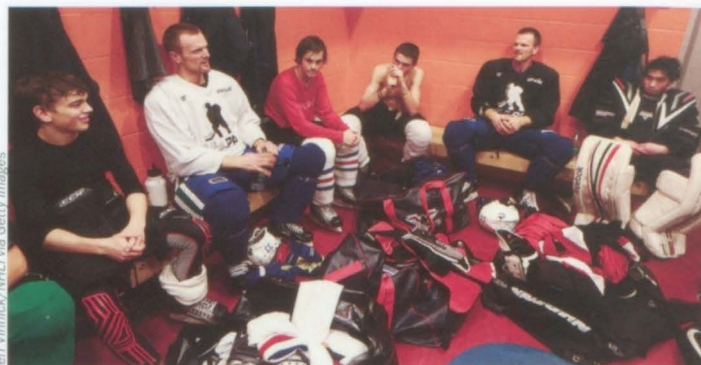
Sports

Freshman Wins Heisman ▶

On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.



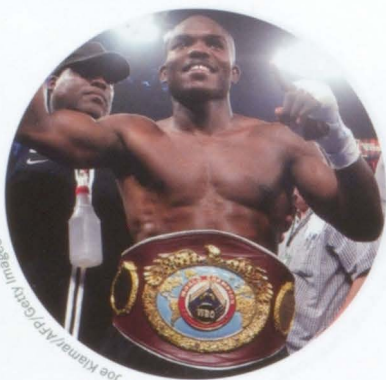
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NHL Lockout Shortens Season

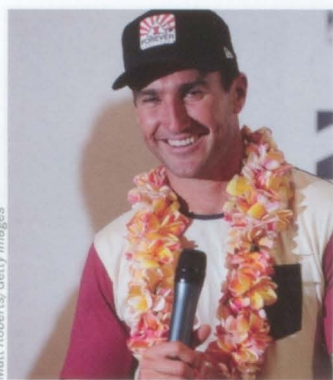
After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.



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▲ Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



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▲ Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel "Parko" Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.



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▲ Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.



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▲ Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.



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▲ L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.



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▲ Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

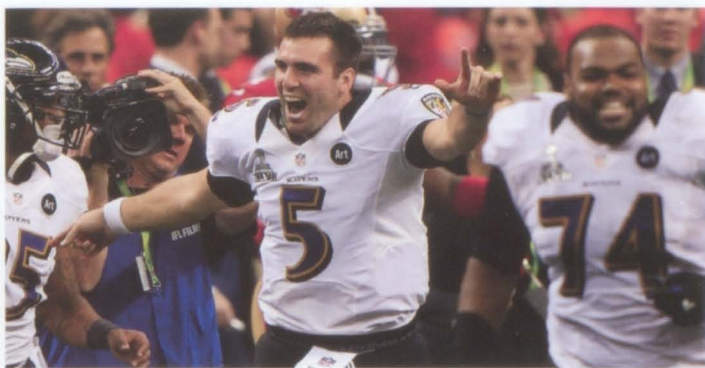
Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.



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▲ The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.



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Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

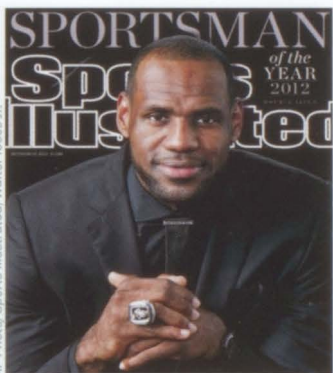
In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.



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Indiana Fever Jinx the Lynx

The Indiana Fever defeat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 87-78 in game four of the 2012 WNBA Finals.



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LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.



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Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.



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Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year's tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.



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World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.



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Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men's Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.



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Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland's Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Music

Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Win Awards ▶

At the 46th annual CMA awards, married couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert take home the year's highest honors in country music.



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fun. Releases Second Single

After the success of last year's "We Are Young," fun. has high hopes for its latest single, "Some Nights."



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AMA Calls Carly

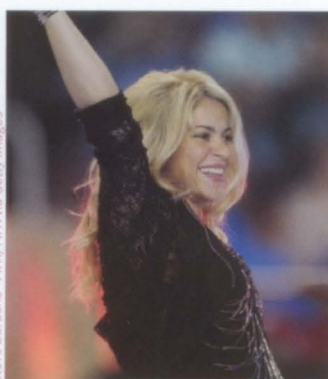
Carly Rae, whose song "Call Me Maybe" is a surprise hit, is named New Artist of the Year by the American Music Awards.



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▲ Ocean Considers Fiction

Breakout music star Frank Ocean tells an interviewer that he might write a novel because he enjoys the storytelling aspect of music.



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▲ Shakira Wins AMA Award

Colombia's global pop star Shakira wins her fourth AMA statuette, bringing home the award for Favorite Latin Artist.



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▲ PSY Is Most Watched

With more than 854 million hits, the viral video of "Gangnam Style" by Korean pop star PSY becomes the most-watched YouTube video of all time.



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▲ Two Grammy Nominations Go to Newcomers

The Lumineers, a folk-rock band from Denver, receive Grammy nominations for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album.



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▲ Pop Fans Love One Direction

After appearing at the Summer Olympics, the popular English-Irish boy band One Direction releases its second album, *Take Me Home*.



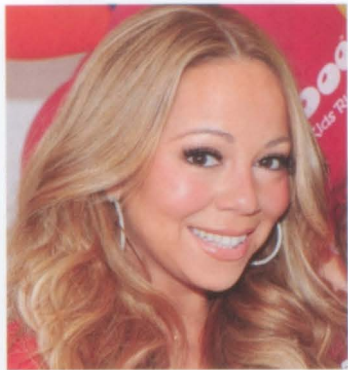
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▲ Bryan Emerges as Rising Country Star

Singer-songwriter Luke Bryan's singles, like "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," are climbing the pop and country charts.



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It's Nicki Versus Mariah in "Idol" Feud

Dueling American Idol judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey swap insults and threats on camera and via Twitter.



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Taylor Swift Achieves a Record

With the release of *Red*, her fourth studio album, Taylor Swift is the first female artist to release two albums with sales of \$1 million.



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TobyMac Inspires AMA

The American Music Awards choose TobyMac as the year's Favorite Contemporary/Inspirational Artist.



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Pink Enjoys a Career First

After 12 years in the music business, Pink finally achieves a No. 1 album with the success of her newest release, *The Truth About Love*.



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Rapper Supports Veterans

Flo Rida contributes his talents to the "Got Your Six" campaign, which helps combat veterans return to civilian life.



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CMA Celebrates Hayes

At age 21, Louisiana native and multi-instrumentalist country star Hunter Hayes is named Best New Artist at the CMA Awards.



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Bieber Makes Headlines at AMA

Justin Bieber duets with Nicki Minaj, brings his mom up on stage and gets a kiss from Jenny McCarthy at the American Music Awards.



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NEEDTOBREATHE Wins Dove Award

The South Carolina Christian music band NEEDTOBREATHE wins the Dove Award for Group of the Year.



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Viewers Sing Cassadee's Praises

Los Angeles-based solo artist Cassadee Pope garners the most viewer votes and becomes the first female winner of *The Voice*.

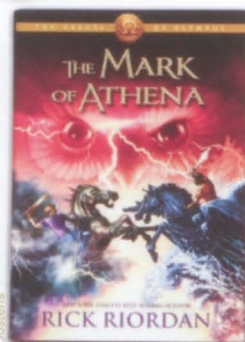
Entertainment

iPad Mini™ Debuts ▶

Shortly before the holiday shopping season begins, Apple launches the iPad mini, a small tablet computer.

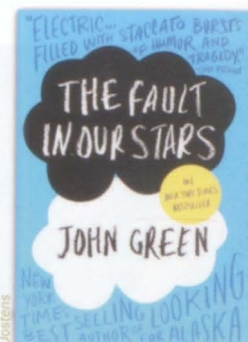


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▲ Readers Hail Return of Teen Demigods

Novelist Rick Riordan publishes *The Mark of Athena*, the third book in his popular series, *The Heroes of Olympus*.



▲ Teen with Cancer Narrates Novel

The Fault in Our Stars is a fiction bestseller about a romance between teens who meet in a cancer support group.



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▲ Electronic Gamers Cheer FIFA Soccer 13

The latest version of the popular game allows players to analyze plays and create new offensive opportunities.



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▲ Nintendo Opens Virtual Theme Park

Gamers and their Mii™ characters explore NintendoLand, a virtual theme park featuring attractions based on Nintendo game worlds.



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▲ Boom Cube Turns Up the Volume

The powerful, miniature Boom Cube™ speaker hangs from a keychain and sets your MP3 tunes free from your earbuds.



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▲ Jump Up and Just Dance 4

Just Dance® 4 is the latest version of the chart-topping dance game, featuring new songs, new workouts and six rounds of dance-off battles.



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▲ Gamers Welcome Wii U™

Nintendo releases its new Wii U game console, which features high-definition graphics, an embedded touchscreen and up to 32 GB of Flash storage.



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▲ Consumers Consider New High-Resolution MacBook®

Apple's 13-inch MacBook Pro® with Retina display features a stunning, high-resolution screen and an equally stunning \$1,700 price tag.



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▲ Furby™ Talks Back

The fuzzy Furby toy returns, with sophisticated technology that allows this chatty, lovable toy to learn to tell jokes and play games.

Television



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Teens Discover Their True Identities

Switched at Birth is a popular television drama on ABC Family about two girls, one rich and one poor, who learn they were switched as infants.



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New Girl Comes Back for More

Jess (Zooey Deschanel), Nick, Schmidt, Winston and Cece return for a second season of *New Girl* on FOX.



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Viewers Flock to Rags-to-Riches Reality Show

Duck Dynasty on A&E introduces the eccentric Robertson clan, which made its millions by making and selling duck calls.



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Beastly Drama Is People's Choice

Beauty & The Beast, a drama about a homicide detective with a puzzling and tragic past, wins the People's Choice award for Best New TV Drama.



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Learning Step by Step

A former ballerina turned Las Vegas showgirl must start a new life as a small town dance teacher in *Bunheads* on ABC Family.



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Honey Boo Boo Makes the Most Fascinating List

Seven-year-old reality star Alana Thompson, better known as "Honey Boo Boo," makes Barbara Walters' list of the year's most fascinating people.



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Bigfoot Remains at Large

Finding Bigfoot is a reality program that follows investigators as they search the wilderness for evidence that Bigfoot is real.



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An Eccentric English Sleuth Comes to New York

Jonny Lee Miller's Sherlock solves cases in New York, with help from Lucy Liu's Dr. Joan Watson in *Elementary*, a new CBS drama.



Leon Neal/AFP/Getty Images

American Audiences Love English Costume Drama

The eagerly awaited third season of *Downton Abbey* on PBS features a guest appearance by Shirley MacLaine as a wealthy American mother-in-law.

Movies

The People Choose Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence, star of *The Hunger Games* series and *Silver Linings Playbook*, wins the Favorite Movie Actress award in the People's Choice Awards.



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James Stars in Here Comes the Boom

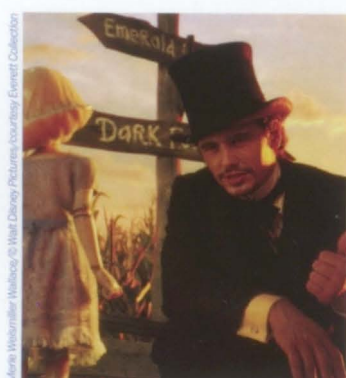
Kevin James stars as a burned-out biology teacher turned mixed martial arts hero in the feature film *Here Comes the Boom*.



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Downey Dons Hero Suit a Third Time

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark to face new enemies and overcome new challenges in *Iron Man 3*.



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A Wizard Finds His Way

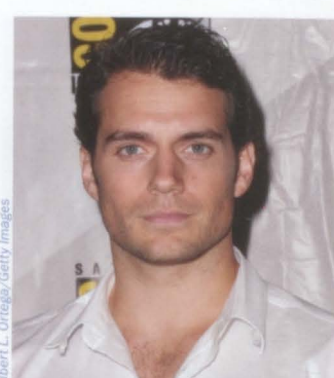
In *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, James Franco stars as a small-time magician who is transported to the Land of Oz.



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Caveman Family Discovers the World

Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone lend their voices to *The Croods*, a 3D computer-animated comedy adventure about the world's first family.



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How Superman Began

Henry Cavill stars as Clark Kent, a journalist who is baffled by his superhuman powers. He finds his life's purpose when evil invaders attack the world in *Man of Steel*.



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Bond Breaks a Record

Skyfall, starring Daniel Craig as Agent 007, makes \$87.8 million in its first weekend, the most successful opening of any Bond film.



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Heroes Unite in Rise of the Guardians

Fans of fantasy flicks head to the theaters for *Rise of the Guardians*, a 3D animated film from DreamWorks Animation based on the popular book series.



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Grandparents Need Guidance

Bette Midler and Billy Crystal star as traditional grandparents who are baffled by their grandkids in *Parental Guidance*.



▲ Wallflower Blooms on Big Screen

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, adapted from the book of the same title, tells the story of a shy high school freshman and his quirky friends.



▲ Breaking Dawn Breaks Box Office Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2, the finale to the vampire romance series, is No. 1 at the box office for three weeks in a row.



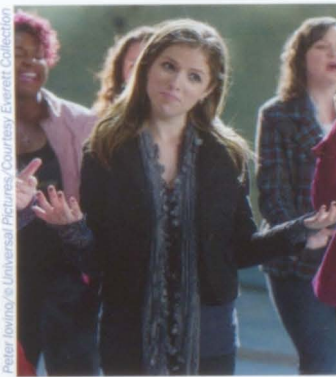
▲ Downey Is a Fan Favorite

Voters for the People's Choice Awards choose *Iron Man* star Robert Downey, Jr. as the year's Favorite Movie Actor.



▲ A President Earns His Place in History

Lincoln, a historical drama based on an award-winning biography, depicts the last four months of the legendary president's life.



▲ College Singers Perfect Their Pitch

In *Pitch Perfect*, Anna Kendrick stars as a college student who inspires a mismatched a cappella singing group to achieve hilarity and harmony.



▲ Soundtrack Album Tops Charts

The movie soundtrack for *Les Misérables*, featuring performances by Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried, reaches the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.



▲ Fans Root for Wreck-It Ralph

In the animated feature film *Wreck-It Ralph*, an arcade game character wants to be a hero instead of a bad guy, but his well-intentioned plans go haywire.



▲ It's a Wonderful Life of Pi

Nineteen-year-old Suraj Sharma stars in the movie adaptation of *Life of Pi*, about a teenager and a Bengal tiger who survive a shipwreck.



▲ Bilbo Baggins Journeys to Theaters

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the first of three films adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's novel about a reluctant adventurer in Middle Earth.

Trends

Minis Are Major ▶

Little dresses and short skirts go over jeans and leggings by day. At night, they go solo for dances and dates.



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LED Headlights Turn Heads

Drivers who love making their cars stand out on the street add LED headlight strips to create colorful, futuristic effects.

YOLO

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“YOLO” Is Favorite Catchphrase

Rapper Drake and actor Zac Efron popularize YOLO, an acronym standing for “you only live once.” *Time* magazine names it one of the year’s top buzzwords.



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Cowboy Boots Are Cool Again

Western style makes a comeback on runways and campuses. Classic cowboy boots are paired with short skirts or cropped pants.



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Trends Point to Nail Art

Adhesive nail-art kits make outrageous manicures easy and affordable. Options include animal patterns, stripes, polka dots, images and more.



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Color Sneaks onto Sneakers

Basic footwear takes a back seat as brightly colored and patterned high-tops and athletic shoes emerge as must-have accessories for school and weekend style.



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Tees Get the Message Out

The graphic tee trend becomes a personal expression obsession. Shirts feature favorite lyrics, Internet memes, irreverent graphics and witty jokes.



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Taco Bell Considers More Doritos® Dishes

After the success of Taco Bell’s Doritos Locos Taco, the fast food chain drops hints that a new Cool Ranch version is coming next.



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Infinity Scarf Is Endless Trend

The must-have neckwear accessory is the circular infinity scarf, which loops around the neck to add color, texture and warmth.



▲ Baseball Caps Are Tops with Girls

The flat-brim baseball cap trend is popularized by celebrities like Rihanna. The casual style is perfect for hiding from the paparazzi.



◀ Backpacks Are Global Chic

Boring backpacks take a back seat to colorful patterns inspired by traditional graphic motifs from around the world.



▲ Hoodies Are Hot

For every guy, there's a hoodie: athletic hoodies for jocks, rock band hoodies for fans and humorous hoodies for class clowns.



▲ It's a Plaid, Plaid World

Fashionistas go mad for plaid. The trend starts on designer runways and quickly makes its way to fashion outlets in malls and online.



▲ Duct Tape Inspires Creative Types

Crafty tweens and teens use tough, colorful duct tape to make purses, wallets, decorations, jewelry, fashion accessories and even formal wear.

JUST SAYIN'

▲ Adults Find Expression Annoying

Teens use "Just sayin'" to minimize an expression of criticism or sarcasm. The phrase ranks highly on a Marist Poll surveying the most irritating words and phrases.



▲ Footwear Moonlights as Basketball Coach

Sensors in the soles of Nike+ Basketball shoes track the wearer's every move and sync stats to the player's iPhone.



▲ Jeans Are Anything but Blue

Traditional blues are timeless classics but the newest skinny denims feature bold colors, feminine prints and modern patterns.



▲ Glitter Gets a Foot in Fashion's Door

The trend for "glitter shoes," featuring sequins and sparkles, includes glue-it-yourself sneakers, sky-high designer platforms and everything in between.

Lifestyle

Instagram Is Tops with Teens ▶

Facebook snaps up Instagram and its 80 million users. The social media site clicks with teens, ranking as the top photography destination among ages 12 to 17.



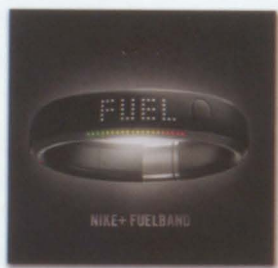
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MoviePass™ Sends Fans Back to Theaters

MoviePass gives film lovers the chance to save money by seeing up to one movie per day in theaters for one low monthly fee.



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▲ Nike Motivates with Fuelband

Nike has launched a new tool called Nike+ Fuelband™. This technology tool lets users know how active they are and reminds them to achieve their fitness goals.

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▲ Zumba® Is the Trendy Fitness Class

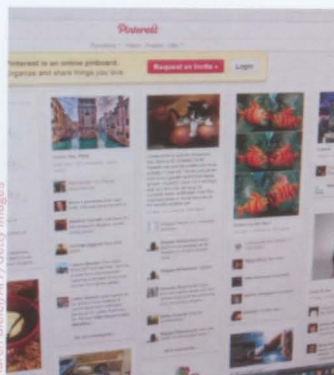
The Latin-inspired dance-fitness classes known as Zumba deliver hot music, cool moves, serious fitness and tons of fun.



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▲ Pop Is Personal with New Coke Machine

The Freestyle Coke machine lets customers mix their own flavor combinations from more than 100 choices.



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▲ Pinterest Attracts Interest

Pinterest is a social media phenomenon. Users "pin" images and share virtual bulletin boards about fashion, food, travel and sports.

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▲ Classrooms Connect via Smartphone

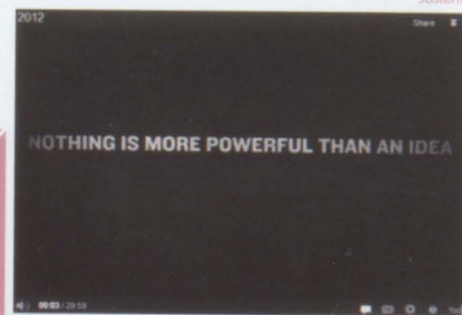
Teachers use QR Codes, which can be scanned by smartphones, to deliver class information and assignments to students.



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▲ Apple iPhone 5 Sees Record-breaking Sales

The Apple® iPhone® 5 sells more than five million units in its first three days, setting a new record for opening weekend sales.



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▲ Uganda Documentary Is Most Viral Video

Justin Bieber and Oprah help to make Kony 2012, a documentary about child soldiers, attract more than 100 million views in its first six days online.



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