



# 2014 REVEAL













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2014 RAILROADER

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**S**cream and Shout Juniors Autumn Hellerud and Ashley Butler dance in the old high school parking lot before the Bonfire festivities. "My favorite memory about bonfire was when we were in a huge group and people were crowd surfing. I like our whole school coming together," Hellerud said. *Photo by Danl Hausler*





# Revealed...

At some point in everyone's life, people **REVEAL** things about themselves to their closest friends, family members, and colleagues.

This year has been all about the **REVELATION** of life at Ellis High School.

The **REVEALING** started at the beginning of the school year when sports started, students became friends, and organizations had new members

join. Everyone sees the daily hustle and bustle of students. But an outsider didn't see the long play practices after school in fall or the preparation it took for a Friday night football game. Our goal was to **REVEAL** everything behind the scenes, whether it

was a senior girl getting ready for her last prom or the newly formed chess club practicing during seminar. We didn't want to just capture the moments everyone saw...we

wanted to capture the moments that bonded each and every one of us together. Come with us and let us **REVEAL** the year to you.







**S**tick 'em Senior Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> stacks cups at the annual "Minute To Win It" games during Homecoming. "We weren't able to keep hold of our championship title from last year, but we still had fun," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Regan Krause*







Photo by Sarah Mick

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Photo by Brittany Dinkel

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Photo by Regan Krause

# Falling Into Place



# Not All Fun and Games

Students Keep Busy During Summer

For some students, summer is nothing but fun in the sun. There are many activities going on such as Riverfest and the Ellis Free Fair. Some students also go to the lake or participate in summer sports and camps. Besides festivities such as these, there are other things that keep students busy like jobs. For these people summer isn't all fun and games.

"This summer I worked at the grade school as maintenance help," senior Landon Younger said. "We did everything that the school needed to be prepped and ready for the upcoming school year."

Instead of working their whole summer away, other students decided to stay unemployed during the summer and just enjoy their time away from school. Junior Mollie Buchholz wanted to

spend time with friends.

"I really enjoyed just hanging out and doing whatever I wanted all summer long," Buchholz said. "I liked having the freedom, but it also got boring sometimes."

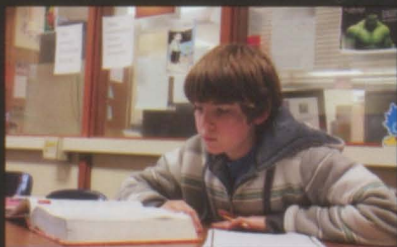
Some people who had jobs this summer didn't necessarily want to have the job, but enjoyed the money to buy what they wanted.

"I worked at Days Inn in Hays this summer," sophomore Maddy Gnad said. "Work was fun sometimes, but I mainly enjoyed all of the extra cash that I normally don't have."

Whether they decided to get a job this summer or not, students always found a way to keep busy.



**You're Out** Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup> referees a girl's softball game for the Ellis Recreation Commission. "I refereed baseball and softball games all summer as a way to make money," Pfeifer said. Photo by Jill Wood



**Before** Joey Raub<sup>16</sup> studies over his English book in Mrs. Wood's classroom during the final days of school before being released for summer break. "I'm excited for summer and for school to be out," Raub said. Staff Photo



**During** Kori Clark<sup>15</sup>, Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup>, Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> (far right), and two Junior High members of the KAY club, attended a leadership camp this summer in Rock Springs. Courtesy Photo



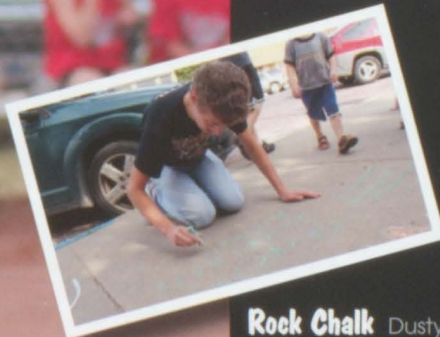
**After** On the first day of school, a group of senior boys sat in lawn chairs in the parking lot before school started. "It was our last first day of school, so we decided that we were going to make the most out of it," senior Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Regan Krause





### Heads Up

Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup> watches over swimmers at the Ellis Municipal Pool. He was employed there as a life guard this summer. Photo by Jill Wood



### Rock Chalk

Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup> participates in Rock and Chalk at the Ellis Public Library. Bittel also works part-time at the library during the summer. Photo by Jill Wood



### Down and Dirty

Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> participates in hog wrestling at the Ellis Free Fair. "I had a lot of fun," Gottschalk said. "Even though we didn't win, it was more fun than mud volleyball." Photo by Jill Wood



### Watch Out

Johnny Cox<sup>16</sup> tries to maneuver a golf cart through an obstacle course while texting in Driver's Ed. "We did this before we drove cars to practice not hitting objects," Cox stated. Photo by Jill Wood



### Crash Course

Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> tries out the crash simulator in Driver's Ed. "I had a lot of fun with this. It was good to get out of that boring classroom and do something," Mattheyer said. Photo by Jill Wood



### Keeping Scores

Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> and Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> (middle, right) keep track of points for a little league baseball game under the direction of the Ellis Recreation Commission. Photo by Jill Wood

## What would it take to buy an iPad?



Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup> would have to wait 180 tables at Arthur's.



Jacob Callier<sup>14</sup> would have to make ice cream treats for 100 hours at Dairy Queen.



Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> would have to clean hotel rooms for 110 hours at Days Inn.



Clayton Feik<sup>17</sup> would have to umpire 40 baseball games for Ellis Rec.





**GOING UPHILL** Chris Browning<sup>15</sup> and Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> push each other as they travel up a hill during the junior varsity race at the Trego meet. Hills at this meet were a lot more challenging for the runners and practices leading up to this race were spent training for the hills they would encounter.

Photo by Ashley Butler



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**FIGHT TO THE FINISH** Running her last mile, Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> pushes to keep her pace during the race at Ness City. Clark finished with a time of 25:07.

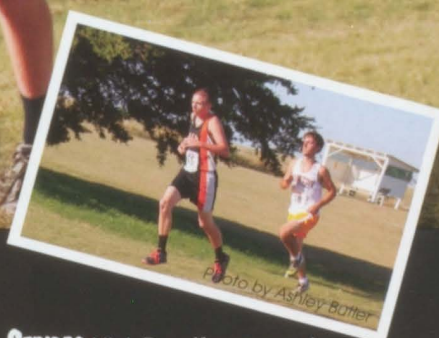


Photo by Ashley Butler

**FINAL STRIDES** Nick Rose<sup>15</sup> prepares to make the final kick and sprint for the finish line at Ness City. Rose finished 21st in the race with a time of 21:29.



**BEFORE** Coach Wolf goes through pre-race packets to get important information to runners before the race. Each runner was to safety pin their number to the front of their jersey and sometimes even the back. Maps were also included to ensure that participants could find their way.

Photo by Ashley Butler



**DURING** Approaching the mile mark in Ness City, Nathan Cox<sup>17</sup> prepares to grab his water bottle to refresh during the race. Team members who weren't running in the race were responsible for bringing the water bottles to those who were running. Cox ended up placing 32nd with a time of 22:57.

Photo by Ashley Butler



**AFTER** JV runners Chris Browning<sup>15</sup>, Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup>, and Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> stroll around the course to cool down after finishing their race in Ness City. JV runners typically ran first at the meets they attended, giving them time to relax and to cheer on their team for the remainder of the day.

Photo by Ashley Butler



# The Extra Mile

Runners practice hard to achieve success

In sports, running is often a common thing, but for cross country, running is all it's about. Practices can be determined by a lot of things.

"The practices are based on how much an athlete has ran over the summer," Coach Wolf said.

One of the many goals of running cross country is to run the whole race without stopping. The team has to run a lot to build endurance and run a variety of routes.

"(Practice is) determined by what part of the season it is to what route they take and how many miles are needed," Wolf said.

There are several different types of practices for cross country. It all just depends on the route and the weather.

"Riga road was the hardest practice because it was very windy," freshman Chase Hudson said.

The cross country team was able to enjoy a few fun practices where they had to collect cards at each destination.

"The most fun practice was the poker run because I won," Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> said.

After the practices the cross country team would hang out to cool off, and enjoy a popsicle that Coach Wolf would bring for the team.

"The popsicles are a reward for their hard work and it keeps them around so they can relax," Wolf said.

Thanks to the practices, the cross country team would always finish a meet with a new best time.



**DUSTY BITTEL<sup>14</sup>**

"My favorite part about cross country was being able to run with such a great team."



**RYLEE TORLINE<sup>16</sup>**

"I really enjoyed eating popsicles after practice everyday. It was a good way to cool down."



**NATHAN COX<sup>17</sup>**

"My favorite part was getting popsicles after practices and eating them with the team."



**KORI CLARK<sup>15</sup>**

"I really enjoyed running in from Riga because not many people can say they did that."

## Steps Toward Our Best



**DUSTY BITTEL<sup>14</sup>**

Best time: 20:45 at Ness City



**CHRIS BROWNING<sup>15</sup>**

Best time: 24:53 at Wheatland



**NATHAN COX<sup>17</sup>**

Best time: 21:37 at Wheatland



**CHASE HUDSON<sup>17</sup>**

Best time: 22:39 at Wheatland



**KORI CLARK<sup>15</sup>**

Best time: 22:57 at Wheatland



**RYLEE TORLINE<sup>16</sup>**

Best time: 25:29 at Wheatland



**NICK ROSE<sup>15</sup>**

Best time: 20:17 at Wheatland



## Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup>

"Being libero I felt like my job was to be a leader on and off the court and to talk to my team the whole time to let them know what was going on."

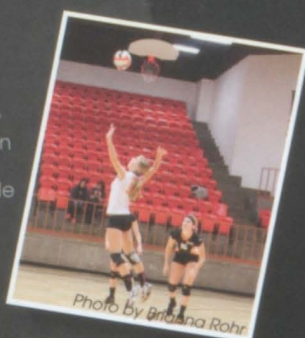


Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>

"A middle position is a big role, having to run back and forth to try to block opponents. Also you have to try to fake them out and be on your toes at all times."

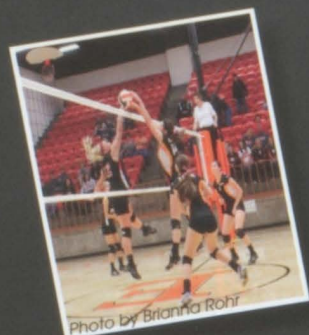


Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup>

"My favorite part about volleyball was getting the perfect kill. The feeling is so incredible...it sends a rush through your body."



Photo by Regan Krause

## Scoreboard

Record 25-13

Hill City	W (25-11) (25-18)
Trego	W (25-12) (25-22)
TriPlains/Brewster	W (23-25) (25-19) (25-16)
LaCrosse	W (25-19) (25-22)
Victoria	W (25-17) (24-26) (25-18)
Plainville	W (25-14) (27-25)
LaCrosse	W (15-25) (25-18) (25-18)
Smith Center	L (5-25) (15-25)
Victoria	L (18-25) (25-22) (22-25)
Trego	L (21-25) (25-18) (26-28)
Stockton	W (23-25) (25-12) (25-15)
Hutch Trinity	L (15-25) (18-25)
Bucklin	W (25-18) (25-17)
South Gray	W (25-17) (25-15)
Kiowa County	L (14-25) (25-23) (21-25)
Pratt Skyline	L (19-25) (25-27)
Phillipsburg	L (20-25) (20-25) (13-25)
Western Plains	W (25-14) (23-25) (25-15)
TriPlains/Brewster	W (25-9) (25-11)
Palco	W (25-19) (26-24)
Plainville	W (25-16) (25-17)
Northern Valley	W (25-21) (22-25) (26-24)
TMP	W (25-18) (25-22) (31-29)
Goodland	L (18-25) (25-11) (18-25)
Norton	L (23-25) (22-25)
Heartland Christian	W (25-6) (25-13)
Palco	W (25-23) (25-15)
Norton	W (25-21) (15-25) (25-18)
Stockton	W (25-18) (26-24)
Phillipsburg	L (15-25) (22-25)
Smith Center	L (25-22) (21-25) (11-25)
Plainville	W (25-19) (24-26) (25-18)
Central Plains	W (25-13) (25-21)
Plainville	W (25-16) (25-21)
LaCrosse	L (12-25) (25-19) (18-25)
Trego	W (22-25) (25-23) (25-7)
Oberlin	W (25-12) (25-20)
Smith Center	L (23-25) (23-25)

## AI-MCL

Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> - 1st Team  
Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> - Honorable Mention  
Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> - Honorable Mention

Coaches: Ellen Dreyer and Sarah Staten

# Success on the Court

## Tournaments help team meet goals

If you were to choose one word to describe the Railers this season it would be determined. The team, under the coaching of Ellen Dreyer, had heart and they weren't going to let anything stop them from meeting their goals. They started off the season strong with a 7-0 record. This was a big accomplishment for the Railers.

"I think the team started out with a lot of positive energy, enthusiasm, and intensity to win," said 4th year head coach Dreyer. "Through the ups and downs, we could always find a way to laugh and pull through."

Placing in every tournament was a goal for them this season. The team took first at the Otis-Bison LaCrosse tournament for the second year in a row as well as placed first at the Ellis

Invitational. They also earned third at both the Kiowa County tournament and MCL.

"My favorite tournament was Sub-State," Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> said. "The last game was when we came together the most out of any game and there was so much heart on the court."

One of the struggles the Railers faced was competing against their rival, the Smith Center Redmen, on three different occasions. Each time they got closer and closer to beating the state-ranked team. At sub-state, the Lady Railers made it to the championship game but had to settle for second after losing two tough matches to the Redmen.

"I'm proud of my team for all we've done," Alysha Werth<sup>14</sup> said.

## What Is One Word to Describe Your Team?





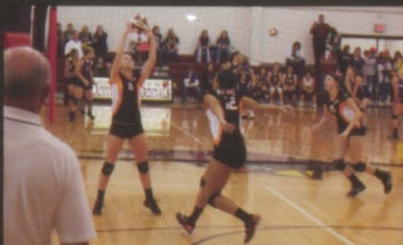
**Ohhhh Kill 'Em** During the Ellis Invitational, Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> gets a perfect set from teammate Sarah Mick<sup>16</sup> and approaches the ball for a kill. Deutscher had the most kills with an average of seven per game. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Pep Talk** Fourth-year head coach Ellen Dreyer gives a few pointers as the varsity team competes against rivals, Smith Center. "I loved the amount of intensity and how much emotion we played with during the game!" Autum Hellerud said.



**Last Hurrah** Rachel Keller<sup>14</sup> receives flowers and a gift as she celebrates senior night with her parents and teammates. "I felt said it was my last year to play and will miss going to games with my team," Keller said.



**Before** Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> prepares to set the ball as Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> attempts to get a kill at the MCL tournament. Mick leads the team in assists with an average of 10 per game and also has the highest serving percentage with 97.3%. Photo by Hailey Dinkel

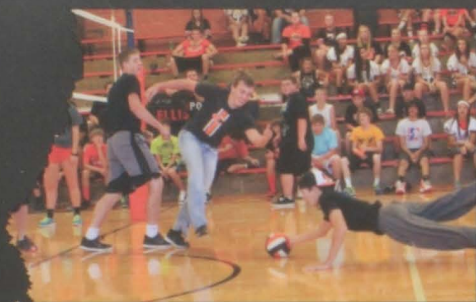


**During** A block is put up by Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> and Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> during a junior varsity game against the Trego Eagles. "My favorite part of volleyball would have to be playing with my team and learning to get better," Mattheyer said. Photo by Terri Rohr



**After** The varsity team celebrates after a point earned in a match at the Ellis Invitational. "Celebrating after every point as a team kept us in sync throughout the whole tournament" Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Regan Krause





**Reach** Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> dives for the volleyball, while classmate Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup> attempts to get a hand on the ball during the faculty volleyball game. The junior boys ended up losing to the faculty. *Photo by Baylee Werth*



**Down It Goes** Spencer Fuller<sup>17</sup> throws his hands up in the air when his tower of cups tumble down right as the time is up during the Minute-To-Win-It games on Friday morning. *Photo by Regan Krause*



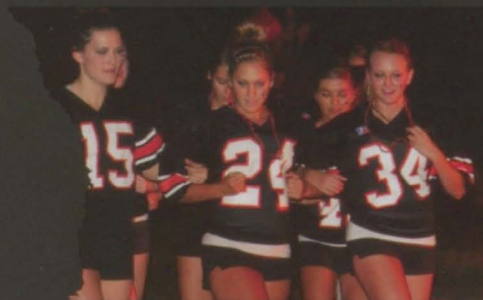
**Got Spirit?** Seth Fuller<sup>14</sup> dresses up in the chicken costume on the senior float while classmates Jacob Callier<sup>14</sup> and Braden Parke<sup>14</sup> throw out candy during the parade Friday afternoon. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



**Concentrate** Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> passes back the pom pom to her classmate Sierra Cunningham<sup>16</sup> during the homecoming pep rally. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Here I Come** Senior Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> hands off the ball to teammate Christen Spinelli<sup>14</sup> at the powderpuff football game. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Around We Go** Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>, Regan Krause<sup>14</sup>, and LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> link arms during the Cotton Eyed Joe around the fire during the Thursday night Bonfire. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



## How did you show your school spirit?



Abby Hafligei



Seth Fuller<sup>14</sup>



Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup>



Nick Rose<sup>16</sup>



Lexie Rome<sup>17</sup>



# Students Reveal Spirit

Homecoming activities bring students together

The week that everyone looks forward to has come and gone once again. There were many activities to get involved with, including the five different spirit days: superhero day, color day, retro day, college team day, and the traditional orange and black day.

On Thursday evening the annual BBQ was held, and following was the auction of the jerseys. All the jerseys, except the seniors were sold through a silent auction. The senior jerseys were sold in an oral auction. After the auction, the students headed over to the fairgrounds where the bonfire was held.

"I liked running around the fire in groups," Jenna Schoenberger said.

The final and busiest day of homecoming week is Friday. The students start the day

off with Minute-To-Win-It games in the gym, eat lunch, and head down to the Old High School for the powder-puff football and volleyball against the staff. For the second year in a row, the Class of 2014 boys beat the faculty in volleyball making the teachers' record 42-2.

"It feels good to know that the teachers put all their effort out on the court, but we still beat them," Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup> said.

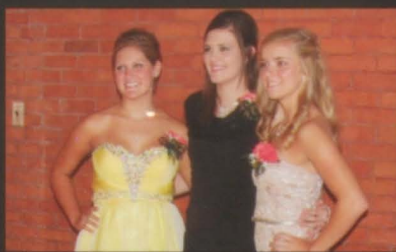
The Homecoming crowning ceremony was held briefly before the game. Kaleigh Soneson and Nick Gehring were crowned 2013 Homecoming king and queen.

"I knew it would be close between us girls, but it felt great when my name was called," Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> said.

The Railers pulled off the win against the Eagles and finished off the evening with the annual Homecoming dance.

"Homecoming was definitely a memorable week," freshman Dalton Hensley said.

**Flexin' It** Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> models senior captain Skyler Tebo's<sup>14</sup> football jersey at the jersey auction that took place at the Old High School before the Bonfire. "This year was the first time we got to model the jerseys. It was a lot of fun when Tebo came out and posed with me," Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Dani Hausler



**Before** Queen candidates Regan Krause<sup>14</sup>, Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>, and Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> pose for a couple of pictures in the gym before the crowning ceremony. "It was an honor to be voted by my peers to be a candidate," Regan Krause said. Photo by Sheri Krause



**During** Ethan Carroll hands over the signed football and the hat to homecoming king Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup>. "It was a privilege to be voted homecoming king. It felt good to carry on the tradition in my family of my brothers," Nick Gehring said. Photo by Donna Soneson



**After** Homecoming candidates, Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup>, Regan Krause<sup>14</sup>, Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup>, Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>, Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup>, and Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> pose for picture after the crowning of royalty. Ethan Carroll and Ava Wood were the two kindergarteners chose to be crown bearer and flower girl. Photo by Christen Spinelli





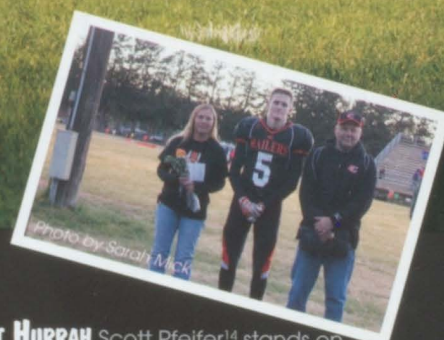
**HARD HIT** Early in the game against LaCrosse, Eli Lohmeyer<sup>15</sup> smashes his way into a LaCrosse player running the ball to make a big tackle. "I felt really excited and pumped knowing that I made a big play. The team's defense this year was really good and dominated most of the time," Lohmeyer said.

*Photo by Christen Spinelli*



*Photo by Christen Spinelli*

**STRUGGLING** Needing four players to make the tackle, the Cardinals have a hard time taking down Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>.



*Photo by Sarah Muck*

**LAST HURRAH** Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup> stands on the track with his parents for a picture while they hold his towel and roses on senior night.



**BEFORE** Before a Friday night football game, Brody Douglas<sup>14</sup> chest bumps with a fellow teammate to get him excited. He also has many other ways of being enthusiastic towards others during the game. "When someone makes a good play, I scream and tell them to do it again next time," Douglas said. *Courtesy photo*



**DURING** The Ralliers battle it out against St. Francis on a cold night. Ellis held their opponent scoreless and came out on top, defeating the Indians 26-0. "It felt good to have the momentum into the second half of the game. It was exciting!" Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> said.

*Photo by Christen Spinelli*



**AFTER** Landon Younger<sup>14</sup> receives two slices of pizza at 5th quarter after a hard fought game against St. Francis. 5th quarter had meals and various treats for students after every home game. "My favorite meal was the Terrific Tacos! Because they were just terrific!" Younger said.

*Photo by Brittany Dinkel*



# Overcoming Adversity

Young Railer team has tough year

Starting

out the year with only 25 boys out for football, 11 of them being freshmen, and losing a big senior class, players needed to be ready to step up and fill in positions on the field. It was important to have upperclassmen leadership. Ultimately everyone on the team needed to work hard, have determination, and the fight to win.

"All I really did to help lead the team was give inspiring words to the underclassman and treat them as if they were a senior. There were times when I would be a leader and then there were times that freshman Dalton Hensley was our leader," senior Nick Gehring said.

Many players out on the field were freshmen and sophomores. Being young and not having as much experience was an uphill

battle all year.

"We had six freshman see significant playing time with five of them starting at one point or another during the season. It's tough on those freshmen and tough on the team when that happens," head Coach Butch Hayes said.

The year was highlighted with some outstanding performances. The Railroaders showed a determination to win during the St. Francis game by scoring 26 points and keeping their opponent at zero with big plays from quarterback Sean Lee<sup>15</sup> and receiver Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> who had three touchdown catches.

Working hard at practice and games didn't amount to a trip to the playoffs this year, but will perhaps benefit this young team in the future.

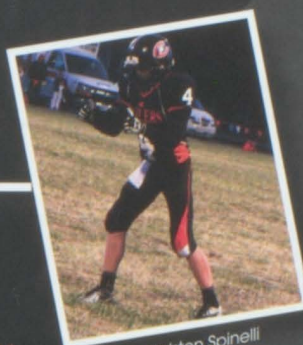


Photo by Christen Spinelli

## DALTON HENSLEY<sup>17</sup>

"I played almost every play during J.V. games and I played quite a bit of varsity. It was a lot of fun and I'm really excited for next year."

## SKYLER TEBO<sup>14</sup>

"We went 2-2 in districts. My favorite moment this year was beating St. Francis on a cold semi-snowy night."



Photo by Christen Spinelli

## JARED PFEIFER<sup>15</sup>

"When you want to succeed as much as you want to breathe, that's when you will be successful!"

## SEAN LEE<sup>15</sup>

"As quarterback, what I thought about when I was throwing the ball was making it to the person and hoping they catch it."



## Game Necessities for EASTON SMITH<sup>17</sup>



## Scoreboard

Record 3-6

TEAM	Us	THEM
LaCrosse	0	45
Plainville	8	45
Ellinwood	36	16
Larned	7	39
Norton	13	61
Leoti**	13	6
St. Francis**	26	0
Oberlin**	0	29
Oakley**	0	53

### MCL All-League

Honorable Mention  
Brandon Groff - OL & LB

### All-District Offense

Skyler Tebo - OL  
Brendon Brenner - TE  
Eli Lohrmeyer - WR

### All-District Defense

Skyler Tebo - DE  
Sean Lee - DB

### HONORABLE MENTION

Nick Gehring - DL  
Brandon Groff - OL  
Landon Younger - RB & DB

**COACHES:** Butch Hayes, Craig Amrein, Jake Dreiling

\*\*Districts



# 'Rabbit' Comes to Life

Students spend time on set

I'd like you to meet Harvey," Elwood P. Dowd (Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup>) motions to an empty space where a man should be standing. Harvey is actually a six-and-a-half foot tall imaginary rabbit that only Elwood can see. He causes mischief throughout the whole play. In order to pull off an invisible character, many things had to be done, including creating a perfect set.

A lot of work happened behind the scenes in order for the play to come together as well as it did. Mrs. Dawson, along with her fourth and sixth hour Theatre and Forensics classes spent their class times painting and learning stage make-up.

"I enjoyed painting the walls," KC Windholz<sup>14</sup> said, "It was a good time."

The Harvey set had two settings. One was in the Dowd mansion, and the other was in Chumley's Rest, which happens to be a sanitarium. In order to create these two

scenes, Brody Douglas<sup>14</sup>, Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup>, and Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> created three walls on wheels to form the Dowd mansion which would be placed in front of the stationary walls of Chumley's Rest. They mainly used their time in Cabinet Making to do this.

"I took on the responsibility because I knew how Mrs. Dawson wanted it done," Douglas said. "Also Mr. Carroll ran out of oak so I couldn't do my project for class."

This isn't the first year Mr. Carroll's class has helped build the play set. In fact, the class built a set of stairs that were used in last year's play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," along with this year's play.

"It was great to be able to walk up and downstairs and it was much safer," Mrs. Dawson said.



**BEFORE** Bryson Parson<sup>17</sup> and the rest of Mrs. Dawson's fourth and sixth hour Theatre and Forensics classes help design and prepare the set during the previous weeks before the Harvey performances.

Photo by Ashley Butler



**DURING** Elwood Dowd (Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup>) and his family, friends, and doctors discuss whether or not Elwood should be given the Formula 977 shot or not. The shot is said to make "crazy" people normal. Photo by Regan Krause



**AFTER** Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup>, Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup>, and Monica Towns<sup>14</sup> take part in Strike, which is the tearing down of set, after the last Harvey performance. Their job focused on getting the tape which marked where props went on the stage. Photo by Danl Hausler



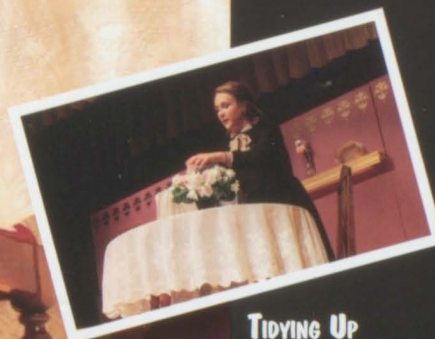


**IN CHARACTER** Dr. Chumley (Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup>) reacts to a statement from Veta Simmons (Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup>) when discussing her brother Elwood. "I try to imagine what my character would feel at that moment," Pfeifer said. "It was fun because I was able to act like an old man with young ambitions." *Photo by Regan Krause*



#### PULL UP A CHAIR

Elwood (Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup>) and Mrs. Chumley (Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup>) have a friendly discussion. *Photo by Regan Krause*



#### TIDYING UP

Veta Simmons, (Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup>) anxiously arranges everything perfectly before hosting a party. *Photo by Regan Krause*



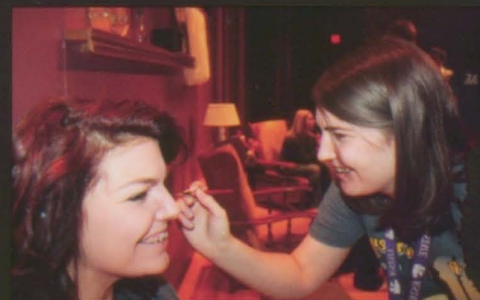
**BRINGING THE HEAT** Ms. Wilson, (Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup>) tries to get some answers out of Elwood with the help of Dr. Sanderson, (Brevin LaBarge<sup>17</sup>). *Photo by Ashley Butler*



**HARE-Y SITUATION** Alysha Werth<sup>14</sup> does Aspen Younger's<sup>16</sup> hair, along with many of the other cast members. "My favorite part was getting to create the character's look," Werth said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**HE'S WHERE?** Elwood Dowd (Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup>) explains to Mrs. Chauvenet (Ashley Butler<sup>15</sup>) that there is a giant 6-foot tall rabbit named Harvey standing right next to her. *Photo by Regan Krause*



**LENDING A HAND** Mrs. Dawson helps move things along by doing Maddy Gnad's<sup>16</sup> makeup. "I enjoy the conversations I have with the actors while doing their makeup," Mrs. Dawson said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

### CAST

MYRTLE SIMMONS	Monica Towns <sup>14</sup>
VETA SIMMONS	Rylee Torline <sup>16</sup>
ELWOOD P. DOWD	Dusty Bittel <sup>14</sup>
MISS JOHNSON	Paige Molstad <sup>16</sup>
MRS. CHAUVENET	Ashley Butler <sup>15</sup>
ORDERLY/PATIENT	Braden Parke <sup>14</sup>
PATIENT/ORDERLY	Aspen Younger <sup>16</sup>
RUTH KELLY	Alexis Mattheyer <sup>15</sup>
MS. WILSON	Dani Hausler <sup>15</sup>
LYMAN SANDERSON	Brevin LaBarge <sup>17</sup>
WILLIAM CHUMLEY	Scott Pfeifer <sup>14</sup>
BETTY CHUMLEY	Maddy Gnad <sup>16</sup>
JUDGE GAFFNEY	KC Windholz <sup>14</sup>
E.J. LOFGREN	Brody Douglas <sup>14</sup>

### CREW

STAGE MANAGERS	Abby Haflinger <sup>14</sup> and Christina Wright <sup>14</sup>
SOUND	Lauren Pritchett <sup>17</sup> and Ryan Pritchett <sup>15</sup>
LIGHTS/CURTAINS	Kylee Hollingshed <sup>17</sup> and LeeAnn Wilson <sup>16</sup>
STAGEHANDS	Morgan Thille <sup>14</sup> , Kori Clark <sup>15</sup> , Brianna LaBarge <sup>15</sup> , Rae McClung <sup>17</sup> , Ciara Garnett <sup>15</sup> , Keyston Moeder <sup>16</sup> , Katie Milbourne <sup>17</sup>
MAKEUP/HAIR	Cierra Albin <sup>16</sup> , Erianna Basgall <sup>16</sup> , Regan Krause <sup>14</sup> , Ashley Mattheyer <sup>17</sup> , Paige Molstad <sup>16</sup> , Rylee Torline <sup>16</sup> , Alysha Werth <sup>14</sup>





**W**hat's Your Talent? Senior Mara Geschwentner works on an art project in the Project Management & Resource Scheduling class. "I always think of things that have inspired me throughout my life which helps me choose certain things to paint or draw. My Ariel from "The Little Mermaid" painting I drew this year is probably my favorite one," Geshwentner said. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*





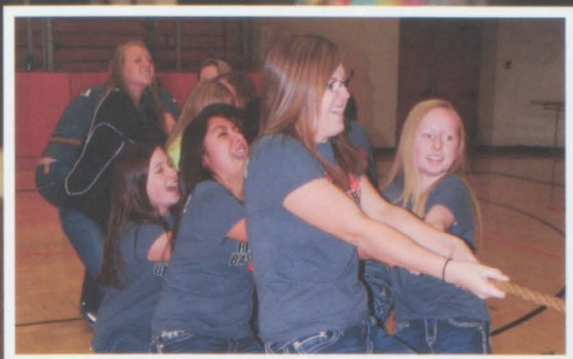


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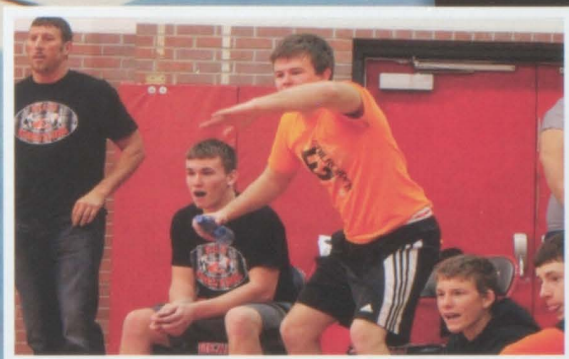


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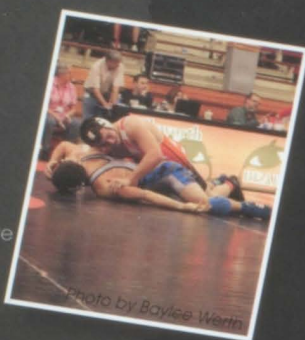
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# Expose Your Talent



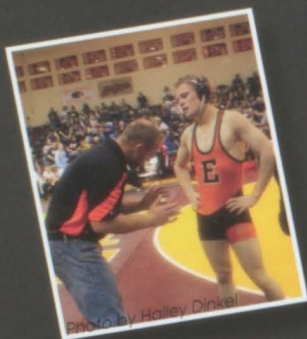
### Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup>

"My favorite move is the full nelson because it is extremely painful to my opponent, although it is illegal. Good advice coach gives me is to have no mercy."



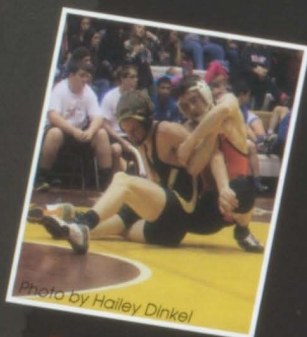
### Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup>

"I don't have a favorite move. I just use what works for the situation. Coach always says to wrestle your own match. Don't let the opponent or ref decide the outcome."



### Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>

"My favorite move is to kick in the legs for a cross body. Coach always tells me to keep my hips up to put pressure on my opponent."



## Scoreboard

Name	Weight	Record
Skyler Tebo <sup>14</sup>	220	26-9
Landon Younger <sup>14</sup>	152	24-5
Brandon Groff <sup>15</sup>	182	17-13
Jared Pfeifer <sup>15</sup>	160	3-0
Dylan Haas <sup>16</sup>	195	8-17
Kobe Armbruster <sup>16</sup>	132	10-9
Brevin LaBarge <sup>17</sup>	126	3-11
Dalton Hensley <sup>17</sup>	120	24-5
Bryson Parson <sup>17</sup>	113	4-10
Trayton Kroeger <sup>17</sup>	106	13-12
Kadon Augustine <sup>16</sup>	120	no info
Bryce Keithley <sup>16</sup>	195	5-11
Josh Smith <sup>16</sup>	170	no info

## State Qualifiers

Skyler Tebo - 6th @ 220  
Jared Pfeifer - DNP @160  
Dalton Hensley- 5th @ 120

## Coaches

Casey Dinkel  
Brandon Pfeifer

# A Place to Compete

Wrestlers strive for success on the Mat

In the past years, the wrestling team has been using a previous classroom at the old high school. Due to the conditions, they were no longer able to use it. This year they used the old high school gym and also the grade school gym until the new building was done.

"As long as we have a place to put our mats down, we have a place to practice. Where we practice is the least of our worries. We just take advantage of the opportunity that we have," Coach Dinkel said.

The new wrestling room will be a significant addition to the wrestling program, especially with the large number of freshmen joining the team.

In the upcoming years the numbers should be high, losing only two seniors and having high

numbers of lower classmen, some of who are doing very well, like freshman Dalton Hensley.

Despite their practice circumstances, the team did well in tournaments. In the Scott City tournament, they fell short a few points from taking third place.

This year's regional tournament was held in WaKeeney. Taking ten wrestlers, seven made it to the consolation finals and one made it to the finals. Three wrestlers placed and made it to state: Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup> placed 4th, Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> placed 3rd, and Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> placed 2nd.

The annual state wrestling tournament was held in Hays on February 28th and March 1st. Tebo<sup>14</sup> placed 6th and Hensley<sup>17</sup> placed 5th.

## I placed at...



Dylan Haas<sup>16</sup>



Landon Younger<sup>14</sup>



Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup>



Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup>

4th

\*Osborne

3rd

\*Bob Kuhn  
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2nd

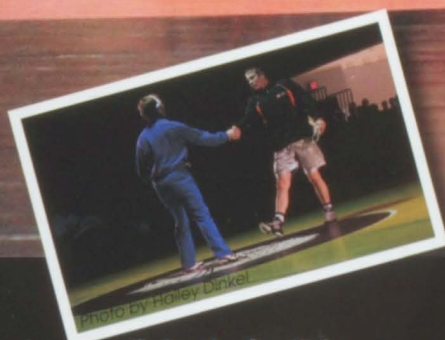
\*Ellsworth  
\*Scott City  
\*Bob Kuhn  
\*Tour. of Champ.

1st

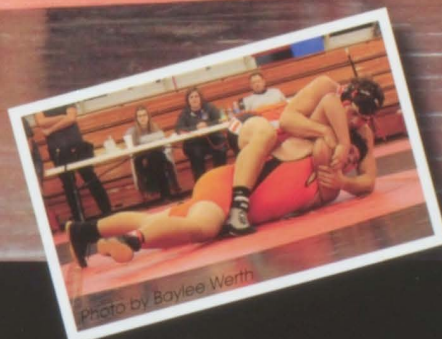
\*Minneapolis



**Tie'em in a Knot** Fighting hard for a victory, Landon Younger<sup>14</sup> puts his opponent in a chicken wing striving for a pin. "I feel like I didn't wrestle to my fullest, but I got first so there isn't much I would change," Younger said. Photo by Baylee Werth



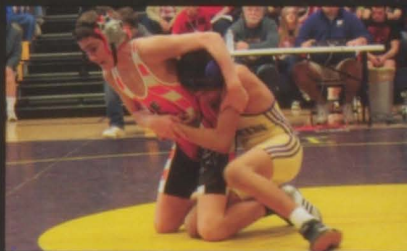
**Under the Spotlight** Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> shakes hands with his opponent before finals at Bob Kuhn Classic. "It was an adrenaline rush being under the spotlight with everyone watching," Hensley said.



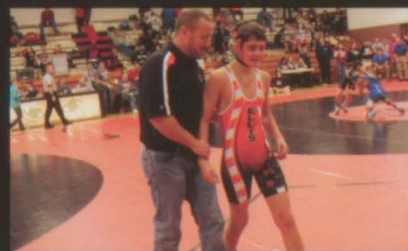
**Cross Body** Senior Skyler Tebo takes control of his opponent during the Ellsworth tournament. "Losing 5-4 in the finals to a kid I had already beat earlier in the season was disappointing," Tebo said.



**Before** Teammate Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> helps Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup> warm up before the tournament starts in Hays at the Bob Kuhn Classic. "While warming up I feel confident in myself and I'm pumped up ready to wrestle," Kroeger<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Hailey Dinkel



**During** Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup> shoots up on the whistle to get an escape for one point. Kroeger wrestled in the consolation match. He fought hard, but ended up getting pinned. Photo by Christen Spinelli



**After** Coach Dinkel walks with Trayton Kroeger after his third place finish at the Ellsworth tournament, talking to him about how he wrestled and pointers on how to do better. Photo by Baylee Werth





**Sky High** Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> jumps above her defender's arms to shoot the ball and score. Deutscher and Kaleigh Soneson<sup>17</sup> were both in double figures during this Mid-Continent League tournament championship game against Phillipsburg. Despite these performances, the game ended in a loss to the Panthers, 34-49.

Photo by Christen Sainelli



Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Huddle Up** When a time out is called during the state game, the Railers gather around and listen to instructions given by Coach Mick. "I was really upset at the end. It sucked that we lost because I wanted to go farther," Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> said.



Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Box Out** Keeping her eyes on the goal, Skylar Gottschalk<sup>15</sup> prepares to box out her Phillipsburg opponent and grab the rebound. "Mr. Mick always told me to jump high and be strong. I did my best to listen and I feel I got better," Gottschalk said.



**BEFORE** At the state tournament, the girls stand together on the free throw line in numerical order with the starters at the end. The starters wait for their names to be called. When called they ran to the middle and shook hands with Washington County's starters.

Photo by Dani Hausler



**DURING** Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> sprints ahead with the ball in hand looking to score a lay-up. Dinkel ended this game with a season high of 16 points. "I felt since it was my last game I had to step up. I wanted it so bad. It was my dream to play at Bramlage and I wouldn't have made it without my team!" Dinkel said. Photo by Dani Hausler



**AFTER** The girls' basketball banquet is held at the end of the season every year. The seniors, Monica Towns, Brittany Dinkel, Kaleigh Soneson, and Sidney Gottschalk, hold up posters made by Coach Mick. The posters have stickers which represent different stats received throughout the season. Photo by Brianna Rohr



# State Bound

Hard work pays off in a trip to the tourney

As basketball season rolled around the corner, the girls were ready to be in the gym and start playing.

"We prepared by working on breaking the types of presses that the other team ran and by just having fun," Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> said.

The team knew they had the skill and confidence to win games and that's what they set out to do. Each individual player brought their unique skills to the court.

"Our team was very unselfish. The leading scorers differed from one game to the next. Players were just as excited to see a teammate score as to score themselves," head Coach Perry Mick said.

When sub-state began the team had a record of 16-4, and easily improved it

to 19-4, earning their ticket to state.

"My feelings were everywhere after we won sub-state! I was excited that my team got to go to state my senior year," Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> said.

Playing in Manhattan was a change for many of the players.

"The atmosphere was different because it was so big and there weren't as many people," Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup> said.

After a hard fought game against Washington County, the Ralliers fell short 64-44. Even though they lost, it was a memorable season.

"These qualities made my team great: our energy, determination, and how we made every situation fun," Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> said.



**MONICA TOWNS<sup>14</sup>**

"I always make sure I am doing my part as a team player. I try to keep a positive attitude out on the court."



**STEPHANIE GREENWAY<sup>15</sup>**

"When I shoot free-throws, I always think about the rest of the game and what might happen if I miss and what will happen if I make it."



**ASHLEY MATTHEYER<sup>17</sup>**

"During practice, the thing I work on the most is taking the ball up when I have a chance. Also, rebounding more!"

## Scoreboard

### Record 19-5

Phillipsburg	57-47 W
Cheylin	92-37 W
Golden Plains	60-37 W
Hoxie	64-56 L
Palco	55-30 W
Osborne	27-52 L
Ness City	60-67 L
Stockton	67-46 W
Oakley	49-46 W
Smith Center*	57-29 W
Phillipsburg*	34-49 L
Hill City	53-37 W
Victoria	38-22 W
Plainville	56-41 W
Smith Center	56-46 W
Oakley	54-42 W
Quinter	65-23 W
Trego	54-38 W
Norton	57-30 W
Stockton	49-41 W
Plainville**	57-24 W
Hill City**	46-14 W
Oakley**	55-42 W
Washington County***	44-64 L

## All-League

### FIRST TEAM

Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup>

### SECOND TEAM

Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>

### HONORABLE MENTION

Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup>

## All-Area

### THIRD TEAM

Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup>

### HONORABLE MENTION

Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>

## All-State

### HONORABLE MENTION

Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup>

Nike Head Band

Hair Spray

Gatorade Bottle

Ibuprofen

Beats By Dre

Ponytails

Nike Elite Socks

**A N A T O M Y**  
of a  
*Basketball Player*

\*MCL Tournament

\*\*Sub-State

\*\*\*State

Coaches : Perry Mick and Jessica Bollig



### Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup>

"My teammates expect me to get us into the right offense and keep the team under control throughout the game."

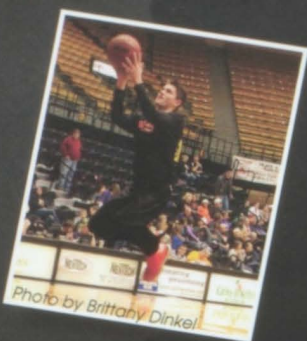


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### Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup>

"As a senior and a leader on the team, I work through words and actions to help the team succeed."

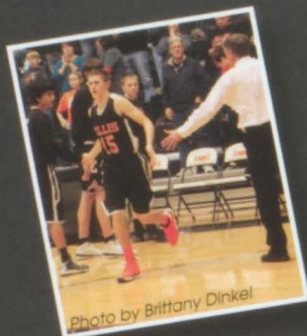


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### Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup>

"Being a senior this year I felt like we needed more encouraging words. Instead of negative comments so I took on that role."

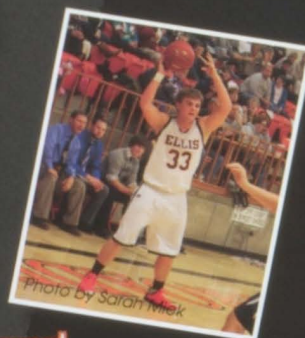


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## Scoreboard

Record 9-13

Phillipsburg	58-61 L
Cheylin*	71-51 W
Rawlins County*	64-63 W
Hoxie*	47-69 L
Palco	82-31 W
Osborne	55-63 L
Ness City	57-43 W
Stockton	49-57 L
Oakley**	55-62 L
Hill City**	64-60 W
Norton**	44-49 L
Hill City	54-62 L
Victoria	71-88 L
Plainville	59-63 L
Quinter	62-56 W
Smith Center	60-53 W
Oakley	42-55 L
Trego	80-53 W
Norton	50-55 L
Stockton	62-73 L
Atwood***	76-64 W
Plainville***	44-72 L

\*Castle Rock Classic

\*\*MCL Tournament

\*\*\*Sub-State

### All-MCL

Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup>-1st Team

### All-Area

Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup>-3rd Team

### All-State

Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup>-Hon. Mention

**Coaches:** Chris Rorabaugh and  
Bulch Hayes

# Big Shoes to Fill

Railers step up to replace leadership roles

Most basketball teams experience years with a young roster at some point. This was one of those years for the Railers.

"We all adjusted and played pretty well as a team," Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> said.

Graduating eight varsity players in the previous year forced underclassmen to step up and fill those positions.

"We needed someone to help push the rest of the team, so I took on that role," Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup> said.

Coaching a younger team comes with many obstacles. Coach Rorabaugh experienced this first hand.

"I think the biggest drawback was that our upper two classes just have low numbers," Rorabaugh said.

With inexperienced

varsity players, the season was a roller coaster, having a fair share of both good and bad games.

An intense game was during the semi-final game of the Castle Rock Classic against Rawlins County. Great effort by both teams led them into an intense overtime. The game was won by the Railers on a terrific shot by sophomore Alex Towns.

"Making the last second three made me feel more confident in myself and my playing ability," Towns said.

During the MCL tournament, the Railers went 1-2, finishing 6th out of 8 teams.

In the final week of the season, they beat Atwood in the first round of the sub-state tournament but eventually fell to state runner-up Plainville.

Railers by the numbers...



Eli Lohrmeyer #23

\* avg. 10.3 PPG

Brandon Bollig #11

\* avg. 10.7 PPG

Brendon Brenner #44

\* avg. 20.2 PPG

Josh Tway #20

\* avg. 2.3 RPG

Easton Smith #42

\* avg. 1.6 RPG

Scott Pfeifer #15 Derek Pfeifer #21

\* avg. 6.3 RPG

Nick Gehring #33

\* avg. 7.6 PPG

Clay Felk #4

\* avg. 2.4 PPG

\* avg. 1.1 RPG

Alex Towns #22

\* avg. 3.9 PPG





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**Reach** During the league tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays, varsity starter Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> jumps up with Norton opponent to try and block his shot during the game for 5th place. Brenner had a total of 25 points during the competition. Photo by Brittany Dinkel

**On Guard** Junior starter Eli Lohrmeyer shuffles with a Stockton opponent to try and get the steal. Lohrmeyer had 21 steals throughout the season.

**Keep Your Dribble** Freshman Clayton Feik handles the point guard position during a JV game against Hill City. "Playing at Gross Memorial Coliseum was my favorite part," Feik said.



**Before** Returning Coach Chris Rorabough counts on his hands as freshman Chase Hudson rounds the corner for one of his last laps of conditioning after they finished their early practice. "We did a lot of conditioning at the beginning, but it got easier," Hudson said. Photo by Jill Wood



**During** Freshman guard Derek Pfelfer handles the ball against a Hill City opponent during the JV game. "We are a bit undersized, but have steadily improved as the season has progressed," assistant Coach Butch Hayes said. Photo by Hailey Dinkel



**After** Coach Rorabough talks about the team's season at the banquet that was held at Golden Corral. Each player received a poster with stickers that represented their stats on the season. Courtesy Photo





**FLYING HIGH** The cheerleaders perform one of their pyramid group stunts during the Homecoming pep rally held at Memorial Park in downtown Ellis. "We are doing a lot more complicated stunts than we did last year and I like that we are stunting a lot more," Stephanie Greenway<sup>16</sup> said.

Photo by Sarah Mick



Photo by Brianna Rohr



Photo by Sarah Mick



**FOLLOW THE LEADER** The cheerleaders lead the pee-wee cheer camp participants in some cheers during a football game. This year, the campers not only danced at halftime, but they also got the chance to cheer alongside the cheerleaders.

**SPELLING OUT SPIRIT** The team works together to form the letter "E" with pompoms at the Homecoming pep rally. "The challenge about forming the letters was that we had to make them as straight as possible to look good," Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> said.



**BEFORE** Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup> applies a small tattoo to her face before performing at the Homecoming bonfire. "My favorite part of the bonfire is doing what we call bleacher beats! It's our mini dances we do every year at the bonfire, and they are super fun," Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Dani Hausler



**DURING** The cheerleaders stick their final stunt of their routine during the first fall sports pep rally. The girls performed a hip hop dance routine that they learned and perfected at the UCA cheer camp that they attended at Butler Community College in El Dorado. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**AFTER** During the MCL basketball tournament, LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> and Allie Frickey<sup>17</sup> show their spirit to the crowd following a timeout cheer. Spiriting consists of various different arm motions and jumps that the cheerleaders use to get the fans pumped up. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



# A Group Effort

## Squad members pool their strengths

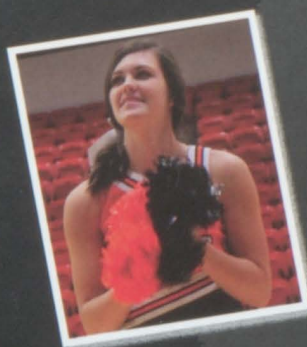
There are certain tasks that require a large amount of teamwork. One of these activities is cheerleading. Whether they are in front of a crowd or planning the next pep rally, the cheerleaders always strive to work together in order to be the best they can be.

Out of all the projects that a cheer squad takes on, stunting is the challenge that truly brings the team together. Each team member has to contribute in order for the stunt to turn out correctly in the end. The trust involved is a trait that must be present in each performance.

"Being a flyer, you really have to put complete trust in the girls that are holding you and the girls below you. It really takes the whole team to make the stunts a success," Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup> said.

Another example of teamwork on the cheer squad includes the process of planning out each of the pep rallies that are held throughout the year. The three seniors on the squad met many extra times in order to make everything run smoothly. From choosing the uniform and bow that everyone will wear to designing and preparing for each game, the senior cheerleaders worked very hard to make the season a success for the squad.

"I think that the three seniors working together so closely has definitely been a great thing for our squad. They support each other which helps all of us," Coach Kristi Bittel said. "This has been a great year and I think them getting along has helped a lot."

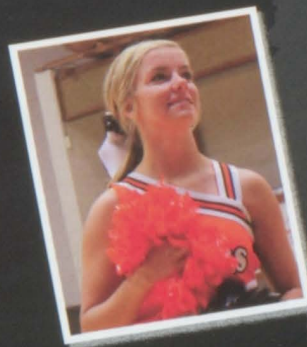


**KALEIGH SONESON<sup>14</sup>**

"I'll miss the bonding time I have with the two other seniors and the cheer squad. They are like my second family, from being at cheer camp, to cheering at games and sitting all day at wrestling tournaments."

**REGAN KRAUSE<sup>14</sup>**

"I'll miss all the girls the most. When I go into college, I won't have a 'team'/'squad' environment. I've gotten so close with them the past four years and we're like sisters."



**BRITTANY DINKEL<sup>14</sup>**

"The thing I will miss most would be cheering for football games, just the feeling of cheering to a big crowd of people from the community."

## Jumping for Joy

Cheerleaders have three main jumps called the three consecutive jumps. These include the Toe-Touch, the Herkie, and the Hurdler. The cheerleaders took a poll and voted to decide which cheerleaders on the squad do them the best.

**Best Toe-Touch  
Hailey Dinkel<sup>15</sup>**



**Best Hurdler  
Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>**



**Best Herkie  
Regan Krause<sup>14</sup>**



## 2013-2014 EHS Cheerleaders

### -Seniors-

Regan Krause (Captain)  
Kaleigh Soneson (Captain)  
Brittany Dinkel (Captain)

### -Juniors-

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

### -Sophomores-

Paige Molstad  
LexAnne Wolf  
Aspen Younger

### -Freshman-

Allie Frickey

### -Sponsor-

Kristi Bittel





**Work in Progress** Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup> and Lexi Rome<sup>17</sup> work together to make decorations for the "Under the Sea" themed dance. "It was worth it in the end. Everything looked good and we all worked together," Buchholz said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



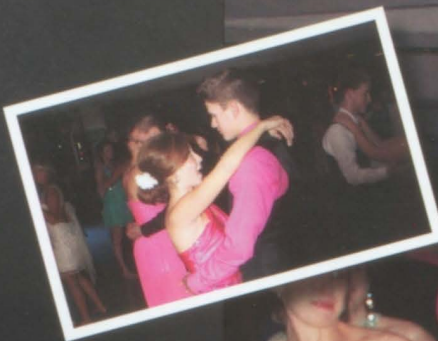
**Model Status** Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> and Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> show off their Snoball attire as they take part in Promenade at the Good Sam. "It is good because the elderly really enjoy seeing all our outfits," Lohrmeyer said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Picture Perfect** Royalty pose for a picture after receiving their titles. The candidates were chosen by fellow KAY members. "I was nervous because I didn't think I was going to win, but it was fun," Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**Boogie Time** Freshman Spencer Fuller isn't scared to show off his moves while dancing to *What Does the Fox Say* with fellow classmates Brayden Bittel and Derek Pfeifer. "I liked dancing in front of everyone with the boys. They really helped me out," Fuller said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**Last Dance** "Snoball was bittersweet this year. I realized that it would be the last time getting ready with Regan Krause<sup>14</sup>," Christen Spinelli<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**Memories** "The thing I will miss most will be spending the evening with all my friends and going to IHOP afterwards," Landon Younger<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



Who do you think has the best dance moves?

Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup>



10%

Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>



12%

Spencer Fuller<sup>17</sup>



78%

Source: 50 students polled



# Dance the Night Away

Royalty earns points to score a crown

The dresses, the dancing, and the decorations are all key components to a successful Snoball dance. The dance is put on by the Ellis KAY club. All students are invited to attend.

Starting in 2011, promenade was held at the Ellis Good Samaritan home. The students came dressed in their Snoball apparel and walked the halls to show the residents.

"I liked seeing all the smiles on the residents' faces. It made me feel like I was doing something important for our community," junior KAY board member Olivia Reiter said.

Besides having all the essentials of a dance, there is also a very special ceremony. This involves crowning a prince and princess from each class and then a king

and a queen from the senior class.

Students must earn 50 points by participating in KAY-sponsored activities such as "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" or the annual Food Box Auction to be nominated for royalty. From the list of qualified people, every KAY member votes on three candidates from each class.

This year the senior king candidates were Scott Pfeifer, Dusty Bittel, and Joshua Tway. The queen candidates were Regan Krause, Brittany Dinkel, and Chayanit "Ink" Khamklad. Khamklad is a foreign exchange student from Thailand.

"I was so excited to be nominated for Snoball queen," Khamklad said. "I was surprised very much."

The two candidates crowned King and Queen were Pfeifer and Khamklad.

"I was really happy that Ink won," Pfeifer said. "I'm glad that she was really able to fit in this school year."

**Gettin' Low** Freshman Dalton Hensley and junior Jared Pfeifer bend their backs low as they dance to *Wobble*. "The best part was when everyone circled around Spencer when he danced to *Thriller*," Hensley said. Photo by Jill Wood



**Before** Sophomore Paige Molstad sits patiently while getting her hair done for the dance. "For my hair I found two different hairstyles I liked and then I had the hairstylist combine the two. In the end I really liked how it turned out," Molstad said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**During** Senior foreign exchange student Chayanit "Ink" Khamklad dances to the music with sophomores Sintia Jimenez and Sierra Cunningham. "I liked the music they played but I would have liked if they would have played an Asian song," Ink said. Photo by Jill Wood



**After** Freshman Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> enjoys some breakfast food after the dance. "Our whole group of fourteen people went to Lexie Rome's house and we ate breakfast," Pfeifer said. "I think the best part of Snoball was being around friends and watching Spencer Fuller<sup>12</sup> dance." Courtesy Photo



# Policy Rewards Students

Good attendance means chance for no finals

**A**lways dread those semester finals? Coming to school this year was even more important because there was a new attendance reward system to try and improve the average attendance. Last year the average student missed just less than nine days a year.

"We started the attendance policy to try and improve student attendance rates. However, students would need to show improvement in their attendance in order to keep the policy going on to next year," Mr. Burton said.

The policy revolves around a student's grades and absences. Depending on how many absences you have and your grade in the class, you could miss up to 3 days and still not be required to take finals.

Another bonus to this policy is that if you are gone for only one hour, you only receive

an absence for that class and not for the whole day, so you might end up taking some finals but not others.

"I liked taking only a couple finals because of the attendance rules because I got to sleep in and it was less stressful," Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> said.

However, you can choose to take the final for any of your classes if you are trying to improve your grade. If your grade doesn't improve, it doesn't count against you. This is a big bonus for people who are on the border and want to give their best effort to get to the higher letter grade.

"I really liked that a final could only raise your grade. I chose to take the Advanced Comp final and it brought my grade up," Braden Parke<sup>14</sup> said.



**Close Inspection** Sintia Jimenez<sup>16</sup> and Ink Khamklad<sup>11</sup> participate in an experiment for their chemistry class. "The reason I like chemistry so much is because of the labs. Learning all the vocabulary and equations is all worth it once we actually get to try it out ourselves and put what we learned to use," Jimenez<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Before** Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> demonstrates her assigned vocabulary word for English II on the whiteboard. "I like to draw out examples of the vocabulary words on the board because it helps us to visualize the word better and gets everybody up and moving," Younger said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**During** Mrs. Wood explains what each word means and relates it to the story the students are reading. "Some students learn best when they are moving. Besides, it's just fun to see what everyone draws," Wood said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**After** LeeAnn Wilson<sup>16</sup> enjoys her book now that she knows what all the words mean in her sophomore English class. "I don't like to read the books at home. I like reading them at school because it helps me understand it better if we read it as a class," Wilson<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Brianna Rohr





### Cool Down

Some of the freshman girls group together to stretch out at the end of their P.E. class.  
Photo by Halley Dinkel



**Sing Along** Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup>, Tori Tebo, and Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> lead their class in singing the shark song. They used the song for a presentation about sharks they had to give in their English class. Photo by Jill Wood



### Helping Hand

Mrs. Grogan assists Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> on the World History class assignment. All sophomores are required to take the class. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Extra Practice** "I like working on the board because it's better than doing it on paper. I also enjoy it because it gives us more practice for our upcoming assignment," Lexie Rome<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Workout** Brittany Bollig<sup>17</sup> works through her ab workout in the physical education class that all freshmen are required to take. "My favorite part about P.E. is when we get to play games," Bollig<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Halley Dinkel



**Working Together** Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> and Halley Dinkel<sup>15</sup> work together to complete their chemistry experiment. "I like when we do labs with partners because I have somebody to help me with the calculations," Mick<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Brianna Rohr







**Baking Goodies** LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> and Gage Goble<sup>16</sup> begin baking payday bars in Advanced Foods to help out with the hospitality room for the Ellis wrestling tournament. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Mystery Meat** Josh Smith<sup>17</sup> looks at cuts of meat in preparation for the upcoming Meat Judging competition. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Makin' Sparks Fly** Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup> focuses on creating the perfect weld while in Ag Welding I. This is one of the many types of welds that the shop classes practice and use regularly. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



**It's A Boy** In the Family Studies class, Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> feeds the mechanical baby to avoid its piercing cries. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Lending a Helpful Hand** Josh Townley<sup>14</sup> with the help of Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> and the rest of the Residential Carpentry class help install doors to the new weight room and wrestling shed. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Chicks 'n' Engines** Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> and Sierra Cunningham<sup>16</sup> spend their time in Small Gas Engines working on their engine. "I took the class because I thought it would be good life knowledge," Schoenberger said. "It's just relaxing." *Photo by Dani Hausler*

## Classroom Necessities

Students share their most valuable classroom items

### Glasses

In Drafting, one of Keyston Moeder's<sup>16</sup> essentials is safety glasses. Otherwise, you could risk losing an eye.



### Bugs

In preparation for the Entomology judging event for FFA, Abby Haflliger<sup>14</sup> needs to have specimens to practice with.



### Fabric

To get projects done during Consumer Education, Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup> needs a variety of fabric, patience, and time.





# New Changes, New Chances

Vocational classes enjoy technology upgrade

Imagine

the moment your eyes came across your first ever cell phone. You were extremely happy because you could now keep in touch with your friends and you were always in the loop. This excitement is exactly what the teachers of the vocational classes felt when they got their new machines and appliances this year, opening the door to new opportunities.

Mr. Jost and his shop and welding classes are now enjoying a brand new plasma cutter. They are planning to incorporate it with shop projects and fundraising opportunities.

"It gives us more chances for exciting projects," Josh Kreutzer<sup>15</sup> said.

The Drafting, Cabinetmaking, and Residential Carpentry classes also got a new laser engraver. With

this, they were able to create many different license plate designs with the Ellis High School logo. They were able to sell and distribute these to the community. They also created plaques for the FFA chapter banquet and wrestling tournament bracket awards.

"Without it, our projects would be bland. Now, it makes our projects more detailed and unique," Nick Rose<sup>15</sup> said.

Mrs. Nilhas and her consumer science classes were able to restock each kitchen with new mixing bowls, measuring cups and spoons, utensils, and Kitchen Aid mixers. They also purchased new quilting supplies and rotary cutting boards.

"The new equipment makes it easier to do things without any complications," Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> said.

Most students take one of these classes at some point in high school, so these new tools allow for better opportunities for the future.

## Holey Knots

Tanner Keithley<sup>14</sup> helps out the local boy scout troop by drilling holes in a board to help them learn new skills. The troop will use this to learn how to tie knots. "Mr. Carroll gave me the project, but I felt pretty good about doing it," Keithley said. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**Before** Sam Rupp<sup>17</sup> pins his rows together before he begins sewing his quilt. Before pinning, students have to choose three or more fabrics, cut it into strips, then finally begin pinning the strips together in order to sew them. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**During** Ashton Johnson<sup>17</sup> and Rae McClung<sup>17</sup> start sewing the pieces of their quilts together. Both girls are in the Creative Textiles class. "I love quilting," McClung said. "It is very fun and relaxing." Photo by Brianna Rohr



**After** Lindsay Augustine<sup>17</sup> shows off her finished quilt to Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup>. This year, Augustine made two quilts. "I created two quilts this year because I wanted to make my sister a quilt," Augustine said. "And I finished my first one quickly." Photo by Dani Hausler



# Bigger and Better

Band Numbers Drastically Increase

Every school year brings new and exciting things, whether it is getting a new teacher or learning something different. This is especially true in the band room this year. The size of the band has nearly tripled since 2012. With their new numbers, their sound has changed as well. The band now has a bigger sound with all of the new people. They are able to play more instruments which rounds out the sound.

"Everything has really gotten better in our band," junior Stephanie Greenway said. "We play so much louder now and it sounds great. There are also more parts covered in the pieces that we play, and people don't have to switch instruments like they did last year."

However, having a bigger band also has a few downsides. At times it may be harder to resolve problems or

make big decisions.

"I have some mixed feelings about having so many people being a part of our band," sophomore Aspen Younger said. "It's great that our band has a bigger sound, but not everyone is at the same level and it's harder to work out parts."

With the increase in numbers, the band has also had more opportunities and been able to participate in bigger and better things.

"Since the increase in members, the school board has given us a lot of money for equipment which will hopefully help the future of our band program," senior Alan Wilson<sup>14</sup> said. "We will be taking a trip to Kansas City this summer and that's pretty exciting."



**Shady Business** Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> shades a ball with watercolor during art class. "I really hate working with watercolor," Molstad said. "It's messy, hard to deal with, and takes forever to dry." Photo by Christen Spinelli



**Before** Members of the band set up stands and get their instruments ready on the stage to prepare for their performance during the spring concert. They performed three songs which included music from "Titanic" and a medley of songs from "the Phantom of the Opera". Photo by Olivia Reiter



**During** Kassi Brown<sup>17</sup> and Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup> play their flutes to the song "Summit", another tune that was performed by the band at the spring concert. "My favorite song was Titanic," Brown said. "I was told by many people that it was soothing and relaxing." Photo by Olivia Reiter



**After** Sierra Cunningham<sup>16</sup> reaches out to receive her award packet from band teacher, Mrs. Williams. "I got two awards this year," Cunningham said. "I got one for getting a 2 rating in my percussion ensemble and I also lettered in band again this year." Photo by Olivia Reiter





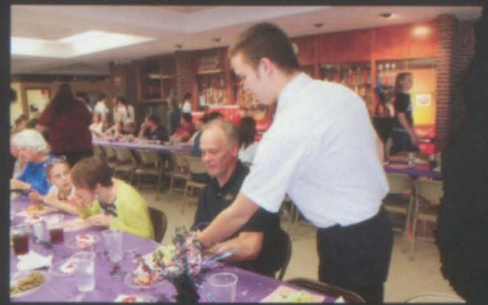
### Self Portrait

Joey Raub<sup>16</sup> paints a picture of himself with watercolors in Mr. White's art class.  
*Photo by Christen Spinelli*



### Precision

Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> meticulously glues squares to posterboard to make a Talledaga Nights portrait.  
*Photo by Olivia Reiter*



### At Your Service

Ryan Pritchett<sup>15</sup> serves a guest their food at Dinner Theatre. The meal consisted of chicken cordon bleu with a salad, roll, green beans, rice, and strawberry cake for dessert. *Photo by Olivia Reiter*



### Gettin' Down

Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> practices her moves for "Walk Like an Egyptian". "This year's choreography is really cool," Younger commented. "We had a real choreographer teach us." *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



### Front and Center

Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup> and Regan Krause<sup>14</sup> dance around Zak Ramos<sup>17</sup> during "Let's Hear It For the Boy" featuring the male members of the choir during the Dinner Theatre. *Photo by Olivia Reiter*



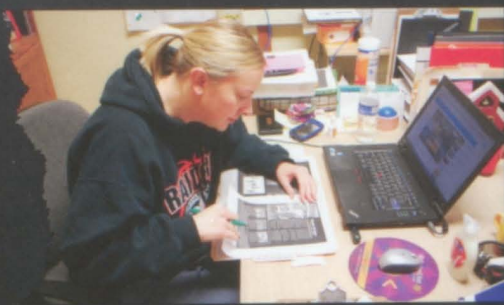
### Prepping

Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> prepares salad dressing for Dinner Theatre. "Getting ready was a lot of fun," Tebo said. "I got out of class, so it was good." *Photo by Olivia Reiter*

## HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE DINNER THEATRE?







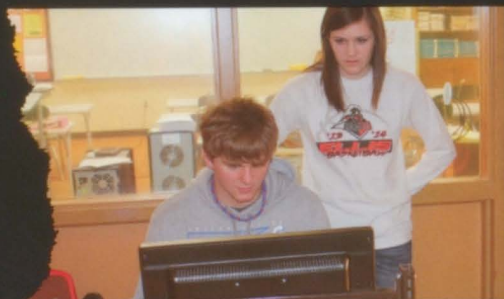
**Adviser at Work** Jill Wood checks a yearbook page for errors and ways to improve it. Once she has checked it she gives it back to the students so they can edit it before restarting the cycle. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Watchful Aid** Craig Amrein assists Wanda Jimenez<sup>14</sup> with designing the state wrestling website. "Creating the graphic for the page would be the most difficult part of webpage," Jimenez said. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Master of the Tricaster** Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup> adds the video from the Tricaster to the main storyboard so the news can be filmed. "The hardest part is staying focused and not getting distracted," Gehring said. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Double Check** Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> and Nick Gehring<sup>14</sup> look over the setting of the USD 388 News before beginning to film that week's news episode. The news is filmed with the help of the Tricaster. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



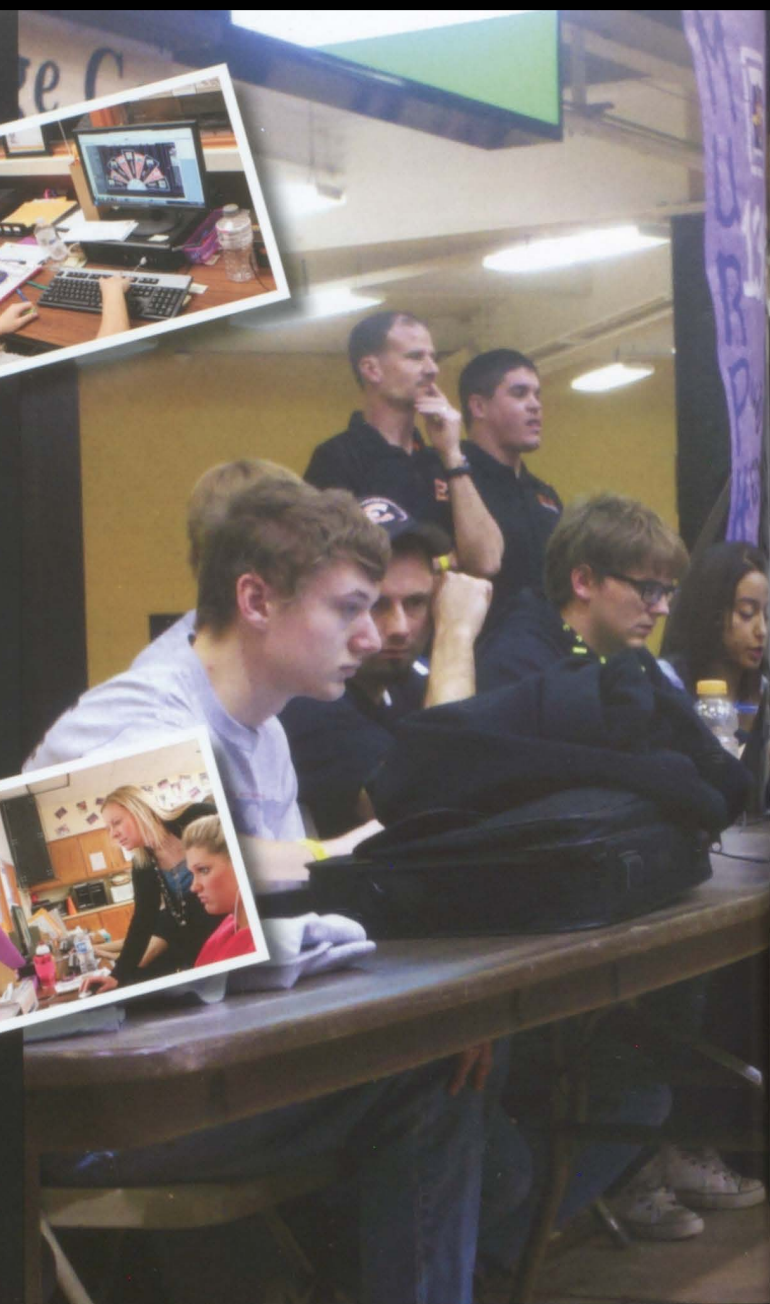
### Graphic Work

Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> works on the infographic for the volleyball page. "Getting good quotes that I can use is the most challenging part of yearbook," Dinkel said. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



### A Little Help

Adviser Jill Wood helps Regan Krause<sup>14</sup> with the senior pages. "Making a layout by myself for the senior ad page was the toughest part," Krause said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



## Vital Organs

Students hold important positions in communication classes



**Wanda Jimenez**  
**Webpage**

I design pages and graphics.



**Nick Gehring**  
**USD388 News**

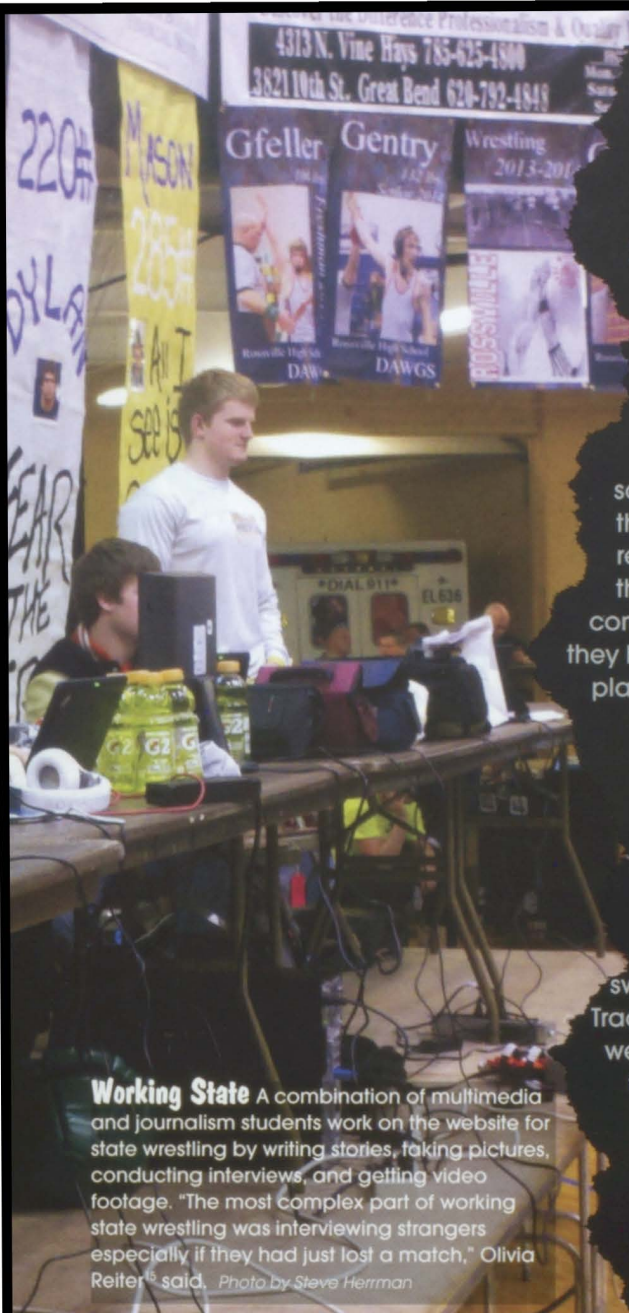
I run the Tricaster for the USD388 News.



**Regan Krause**  
**Yearbook**

I help edit the yearbook as co-editor.





# Behind the Website

Students work to cover state wrestling tournament

The

communication classes have a lot of responsibility as it is with having to create a yearbook, managing the school website, and creating the USD388 News. With all this responsibility, the classes have their hands full, but when it comes time for State Wrestling, they have even more on their plates.

This year, however, the webpage and media students called in some reinforcements to get some extra help with the website.

According to technology teacher Craig Amrein, state wrestling officials switched to a software called TrackWrestling, which had a website that displayed results of the matches. In order to keep the opportunity open for the multimedia students, Amrein had to come up with a new way to present the

website.

"I wanted to create a website that was the true media feel for technology, so the website offered news stories in video and writing format along with video. I thought it was a great opportunity to unite the webpage, USD 388 News, and journalism students for a single combined effort," Amrein said.

Even though it was most of the journalism students' first time working on a website, they were able to gather the information needed for their stories with little effort.

"It was a great experience for me as a writer and a reporter. It was fun to interview people I didn't know," Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> said.

Even though the webpage team has worked at state before they still had their own share of challenges.

"Just making sure the website was working and that we got the pictures on it was the most tasking part of managing the website," Braden Parke<sup>14</sup> said.

**Working State** A combination of multimedia and journalism students work on the website for state wrestling by writing stories, taking pictures, conducting interviews, and getting video footage. "The most complex part of working state wrestling was interviewing strangers especially if they had just lost a match," Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Steve Herrman



**Before** Christen Spinelli<sup>14</sup> and Regan Krause<sup>14</sup> design the cover for the yearbook. "The tricky part of designing a cover was making one that everyone would like," Krause said. Photo By Jill Wood



**During** Christen Spinelli<sup>14</sup> and Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> combine ideas during a journalism worknight. "The most problematic part of creating an infographic is coming up with an idea for it and designing it in a way that looks good on a page," Mick said. Photo by Dusty Bittel



**After** Students enjoy a signing and distribution party for the yearbook during the first week of school. "It's fun looking at all the pictures with friends," Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Dani Hausler





**F**lying High Sophomore Brendon Brenner competes in the Triple Jump at Ellis' home meet. Brenner placed fourth in this meet with a jump of 38'5.50. Photo by Brittany Dinkel





Photo by Sarah Mick

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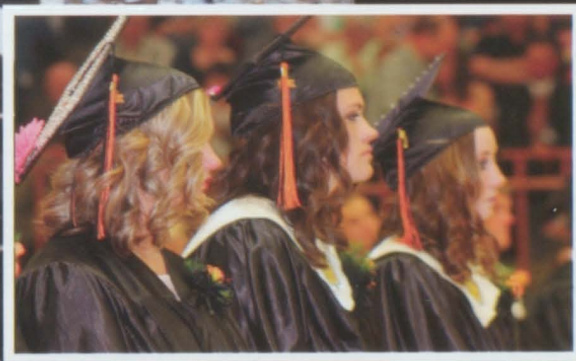


Photo by Brianna Rohr

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# Springing into Summer



### Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup>

"I have been pitching since the 4th grade. Out of any position on the field, pitching is my favorite. It proves that I can be a leader for my team by keeping the momentum of the game going."



Photo by Teri Rohr

### Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup>

"Outfield is exciting because you never know when it will come out there and whether or not it will be to you or you need to go cover someone else."



Photo by Brittany Dinkel

### Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>

"My favorite part about playing softball is the experience of doing it with my friends. It is also really exciting when you get a good hit."



Photo by Olivia Reiter

## Scoreboard

	US	THEM
Plainville/Natoma	0	10
Plainville/Natoma	13	21
Ellsworth	6	19
Ellsworth	16	20
Ellinwood	0	10
Ellinwood	6	8
TMP	1	10
TMP	9	17
Lincoln	24	7
Lincoln	14	4
Larned	1	22
Larned	3	20
Plainville/Natoma	7	6
Plainville/Natoma	12	22
Hoisington	0	10
Hoisington	8	18
Goodland	3	22
Goodland	10	28
*Bennington	19	8
*Ellinwood	3	13

Coaches: Mallory Shanahan  
Taylor Rathgeber

\*Regionals

# Stepping Up

Lady Railers look to underclassmen for leaders

On every sports team there are people who play leadership roles. These people are usually seniors. They are the most experienced and the oldest on the team, so they are naturally looked up to. However, that was not the case this softball season. The team consisted of no seniors which left two juniors, Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup> and Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup>, to guide the team.

"It's weird not having seniors because they usually make the plans," Buchholz<sup>15</sup> commented. "We really have to step up and make executive decisions like what we are going to wear on game days."

The team isn't just lacking seniors, it's lacking members as a whole. They started the season with a

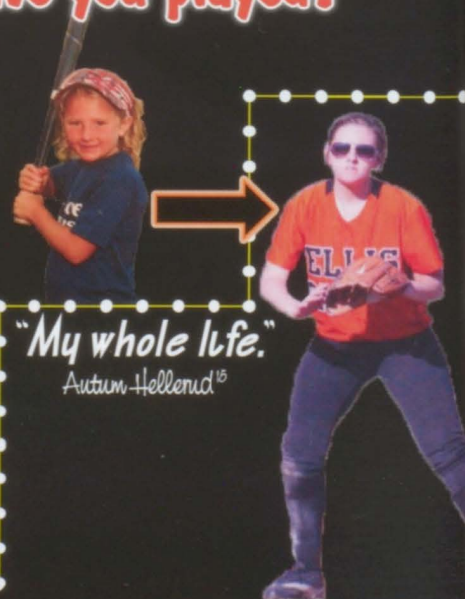
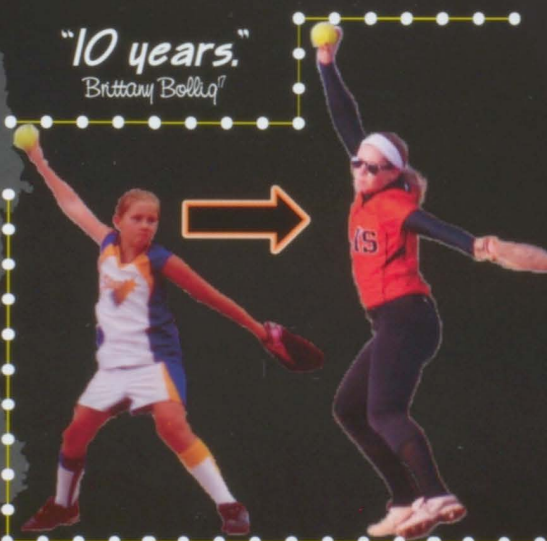
mere ten players and then lost a member half-way through the year. With only nine players, the team barely had enough participants to fill the whole field.

"We are a very inexperienced team and we pretty much started from square one," Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> said. "It's hard to practice our positions because we sometimes have people missing. However, with a team of only nine, we're a lot closer as a team and I wouldn't change it for anything."

In Regional play, the Lady Railers won their first game against Bennington 19-8, run-ruling them in the fifth inning. They went on to play Ellinwood, but they came up short to the Eagles 3-13, ending their season.

## How many years have you played?

"10 years."  
Brittany Bolla<sup>9</sup>



"My whole life."  
Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup>





**You're Out** Brittany Bollig<sup>17</sup> attempts to tag out a runner at home plate during the Ellis vs. Plainville game. "I like tagging people out because it keeps them from scoring. But I would rather strike them out instead," Bollig said. Photo by Terri Rohr



**Hit the Seam** Lexie Rome<sup>15</sup> warms up with pitcher Skylar Gottschalk before the start of the inning. The pitchers always get time to warm up before the opposing team's first batter is up to bat.



**Safe** Autumn Hellerud<sup>16</sup> slides into home plate during an intense play against Lincoln. The Railers gained two of their wins from playing Lincoln.



**Before** Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup> and Sintia Jimenez<sup>16</sup> warm up their arms before another inning in the game against Bennington. "I like warming up at the beginning of the inning because we get to talk about what we need to do better and I like to field the balls from soft toss," Jimenez said. Photo by Terri Rohr



**During** Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> attempts to get an out on first during the Ellis vs. Larned game. "I like playing first base because you get to touch the ball every play. Playing on second base is better because I'm more comfortable there and I have been playing the longest there," Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Terri Rohr



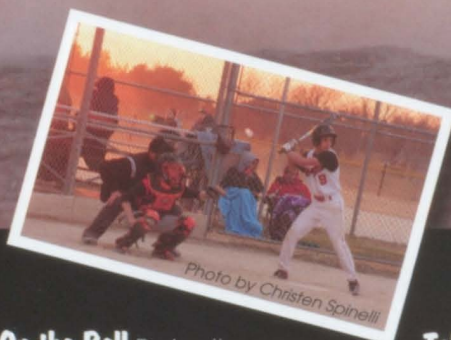
**After** The team comes together after every game in right field to hear the coaches' thoughts on the game. "I like going to right field after games because it gives us an overview of what we did in the game and what we need to work on," Autumn Hellerud<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Terri Rohr





**He's Safe!** Freshman Trayton Kroeger makes a hard dash for home in the game against Leoti, landing safely. "I was so pumped up. It was really exciting knowing I won the winning point by sliding in to home on a close call," Kroeger said.

*Photo by Brittany Dinkel*



*Photo by Christen Spinelli*

**Eye On the Ball** During the game against Ellsworth, freshman Dalton Hensley calls for the perfect pitch to strike the batter out.



*Photo by Christen Spinelli*

**Taking a Cut** Freshman Clay Felk swings at a pitch in the state game against Troy trying his best to help get some points on the board.



**Before** The team gathers in a huddle before their game as Coach Ryan Augustine and Coach David Wildeman give them a quick pep talk before taking the field against the TMP Monarchs. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



**During** Freshman Easton Smith finds the pitch he wants to swing at against Lincoln. The Railers were victorious in both games of the doubleheader.

*Photo by Christen Spinelli*



**After** The boys line up and shake hands with Leoti after beating them both games of the doubleheader with scores of 25-10 and 10-0.

*Photo By Brittany Dinkel*



# Teamwork is Key

Players work together for a good season

Baseball means standing in the heat, having dirt blown into your eyes, and being blinded by the sun. That may seem unenjoyable, but it is only a few of the numerous parts of baseball that the Ellis team lives for.

"I just love playing the game. I love the feeling when I get a good hit and the ball just bounces off the bat," Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup> said.

Another part that has made baseball such a success this season is the teamwork and bond that is shared between teammates. Becoming one as a team is a major goal for a team to be successful.

"Our team has a lot of leadership. We are a young team, but we have a lot of talent that shows on and off the field," Braden Parke<sup>14</sup> said.

The team has had some difficulties to overcome such as having a new head coach and a fairly young team. With nine of the fourteen players being freshmen there are many inexperienced baseball players, but they are sure stepping up to the plate.

"We are extremely young and loaded with freshman with a lot of talent. As we progressed I could tell they were becoming more involved and energetic," Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> said.

The team placed first at regionals beating Herington 12-6 and Lincoln 15-0. They moved on to state and took on Troy in Great Bend.

The Railers went up against a 19-3 team but couldn't get their bats going. They ended their season, losing to Troy 5-0.

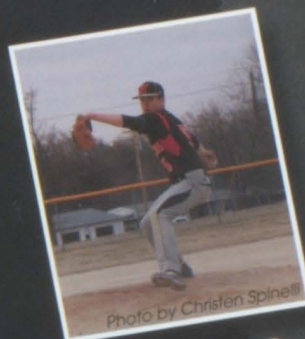


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## BRANDON BOLLIG<sup>15</sup>

"My favorite position is pitcher because I like to be in control of the tempo of the game."

## BRADEN PARKE<sup>14</sup>

"I enjoy batting. I try to focus on keeping my weight back and hitting dingers."

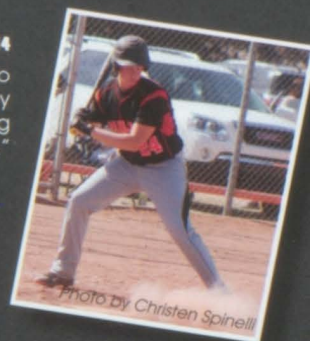


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## SCOTT PFEIFER<sup>14</sup>

"Pitching for me is a roller coaster. It's always fun to pitch a good 7 innings, but when you walk a couple kids or they get hits it's not as enjoyable."

## Scoreboard

Record 11-8

Team	US	THEM
Ellsworth	4	3
Ellsworth	10	0
Larned	6	12
Larned	0	13
Leoti	25	10
Leoti	15	0
TMP*	2	20
TMP*	0	13
Lincoln	16	8
Lincoln	12	2
Russell	1	11
Russell	4	6
Hoisington	0	15
Hoisington	1	2
Minneola	20	5
Minneola	14	0
Colby	4	1
Herington**	12	6
Lincoln**	15	0
Troy***	0	5

District Game\*  
Playoff Game\*\*  
State Tournament Game\*\*\*

## ELLIS

RAILER BASEBALL

### ELLIS RAILER LINEUP

1	4	Dalton Hensley	C
2	5	Brandon Bollig	P
3	22	Brevin LaBarge	LF
4	14	Scott Pfeifer	1B
5	1	Easton Smith	SS
6	2	Clay Feik	CF
7	24	Braden Parke	2B
8	12	Nathan Cox	RF
9	32	Daniel Carbajal	3B

### EHS 2014 ROSTER

1 E. SMITH <sup>17</sup>	13 B. BITTEL <sup>17</sup>
2 C. FEIK <sup>17</sup>	14 S. PFEIFER <sup>14</sup>
3 T. KROEGER <sup>17</sup>	15 T. SCHMIDT <sup>16</sup>
4 D. HENSLEY <sup>17</sup>	21 B. KEITHLEY <sup>17</sup>
5 B. BOLLIG <sup>15</sup>	22 B. LABARGE <sup>17</sup>
10 Z. RAMOS <sup>17</sup>	24 B. PARKE <sup>14</sup>
12 N. COX <sup>17</sup>	32 D. CARBAJAL <sup>17</sup>

HEAD COACH: RYAN AUGUSTINE  
ASST. COACH: DAVID WILDEMAN



### Dakota Sproul<sup>16</sup>

"This season was fun. I didn't get to throw much, but I still got to hang out with all of my buddies."

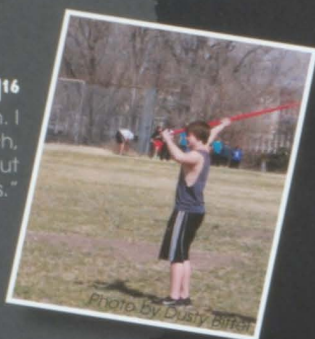


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### Landon Younger<sup>14</sup>

"It was a good season, but it went by fast. I hope we'll be competitive at regionals and state."



Photo by Brittany Dinkel

### Nick Rose<sup>15</sup>

"This season was way better than last year. I definitely improved and I hope I do just as well next year."

## Team Placings

Ellis Invitational	2nd
Stockton	5th
Plainville	5th
Osborne	6th
Quinter	4th
Victoria	3rd
MCL	7th
Regionals	7th

## State Qualifiers

### Landon Younger<sup>14</sup>

Pole Vault - 12'6" 6th Place  
4x100m relay - 45.75 4th Place

### Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup>

Javelin - 147'4" 14th Place

### Sean Lee<sup>15</sup>

4x100m relay - 45.75 4th Place

### Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>

110HH - 16.42 8th Place  
300IH - 42.85 9th Place  
4x100m relay - 45.75 4th Place  
Long Jump - 20'10.75" 1st Place

### Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup>

4x100m relay - 45.75 4th Place

# Strength and Stamina

## Athletes find their niche in multiple events

### POW!

The sound of the starting gun signals the beginning of the 100m dash. Trego is in the lead, now Stockton, and then Ellis pushes ahead and takes the lead until finally crossing the finish line! Running is typically the most popular event at track meets.

Running events tend to be a favorite since the spectators are able to see the competition unfold right in front of their eyes. Jumping and throwing events are lengthy considering not everyone can go at once like they do during running events such as hurdles.

"I participate in the 4x100m dash," junior Sean Lee stated. "However, the only reason I like running in track is because it tones my legs nicely for the summer."

Even if you aren't

fast or great at running there are other events that you can participate in.

"My favorite event in track is discus," Austin Meis<sup>17</sup> commented. "I enjoy it because I excel at it. My upper body strength is incredible which is why I like it so much."

If neither running nor throwing suit you, there are always jumping events that you can compete in as well such as triple jump.

"Triple jump is the best event," Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> said. "My sister was good at it so I decided to try it and turns out I'm pretty decent too."

Track is a sport where you can still participate even if you aren't particularly good at one event, making it one of the most diverse sports that is offered.

## How Do You Prepare?

### Athletes share how they get ready physically and mentally



### Brody Douglas<sup>14</sup>

Douglas participates in the annual Scottish Games at the Gatherin' to prepare for his track season. "Shot put, telephone poles, same thing," Douglas said.



### Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>

Pfeifer prepares for his events by changing his socks before each one of his events. "Got to look fly for every event," Pfeifer said.





**Leap of Faith** During the Osborne track meet Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> races to the finish line in the 100 meter hurdles. Pfeifer ended up placing fourth with a time of 15.64 seconds. He also took part in the 300 meter hurdles, also placing fourth with a time of 41.93 seconds. "I wasn't happy with the way I placed," Pfeifer said. "But I ran my fastest times on both races. Plus, the kids that beat me are some of the best in the state in 1A." Photo by Ashley Butler



Photo by Danl Hausler

**Mark!** Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup> helps measure a throw at the boys discus ring at the junior high track meet. High school track members are always called upon to help work at the junior high Ellis Invitational.



**Helpin' a Bud** With assistance from former Ellis student John Mendoza, Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> sets himself up for the 400 meter dash at the MCL meet held in Phillipsburg.



**Before** Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> takes a quick power nap at the MCL meet in Phillipsburg before warming up and competing in the 400 meter dash. He also participated in the 4 x 100 meter relay, placing 4th. The relay ended up qualifying at regionals for the state competition. Photo by Ashley Butler



**During** Brody Douglas<sup>14</sup> prepares to release the shot put during his glide at the MCL meet in Phillipsburg. He ended up placing fifth with a throw of 42'3". "I felt pretty good," Douglas said. "It wasn't my best throw, but it felt great to be in the top five." Photo by Ashley Butler



**After** After straining a muscle during the Osborne Invitational track meet, Sean Lee<sup>15</sup> ices the back of his neck to ease the pain. Even with an injury he managed to get third in both javelin and the 400 meter dash. He also placed fifth in shot put. Photo by Ashley Butler





**Watchful Eye** Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> prepares to leave the pavement during the triple jump at the Ellis Invitational while her father, Brian Gottschalk, watches in the background. "It has helped a lot to have my parents be so supportive at track meets. During a track meet, coach Wolf would need to help with pole vault, so my dad would help me and tell me what I was doing right or wrong," Gottschalk said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Work It** Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> helps at the EJH meet on a sunny afternoon. Basgall was in charge of marking where the shot put landed.



**In It to Win It** Approaching the final hurdle in the race, Lauren Pritchett<sup>16</sup> and Dacia LaBarge<sup>17</sup> prepare to finish strong at the Ellis Invitational meet.



**Before** Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> waits patiently as Coach Erbert prepares her shoes for the javelin event at MCL in Phillipsburg. "Coach Steve was always willing to stay as late as needed at practices to help us get to where he thought we should be. He was willing to help in any way possible," Torline said. Photo by Ashley Butler



**During** Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup> strides out to finish strong towards the end of her 800 meter race at the MCL meet. Gamez is one of the four girls who regularly participated in the 800 meter run at several track meets. She finished her race at MCL with a time of 3:03.38 minutes. Photo by Ashley Butler



**After** Team manager Monica Towns<sup>14</sup> and Stephanie Greenway wait patiently for their teammates to start loading the bus after the events wrapped up at the league meet in Phillipsburg. The athletes often park themselves at the camp when they have their events completed in order to relax. Photo by Ashley Butler



# New Blood, No Problem

Team excels with addition of young members

**F**reshmen team members can have struggles when entering high school. However, through outstanding performances, this year's freshmen quickly earned their place.

The freshmen sprinters, Dacia LaBarge and Jasmyn Hernandez, improved times and gained experience.

"I enjoyed beating my personal record in hurdles," LaBarge said.

Ashton Johnson<sup>17</sup> showed her strength at the throwing fields in shot put and javelin.

"My favorite part of track was seeing all the great talent at meets," Johnson said.

Jessica Gamez was the sole middle distance runner, competing in the

800m run.

"I liked running with people that weren't in my grade because I made new friends from the other classes," Gamez said.

Ashley Mattheyer was one of the freshmen who shined in various events. Mattheyer competed in high jump, long jump, the 200m dash, and the 400m dash. She was not only able to qualify for state high jump, but she won the event with a jump of 5'4".

"It was amazing to go to state as a freshman," Mattheyer said. "Always having help from the team and coaches allowed me to be prepared to compete at the state level and achieve my goals."

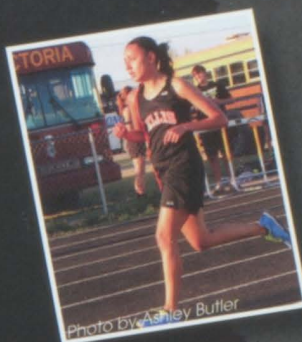


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## Wanda Jimenez<sup>14</sup>

"Track was fun because I was able to get to know people more than I would've if I wouldn't have gotten involved. I enjoyed hanging out at the practices and meets."

## Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup>

"My favorite part of track this year was getting my personal record in my field events. I like pushing myself to get the height I've been struggling with in pole vault."



Photo by Tiffany Dinkel



Photo by Dacia LaBarge

## LeeAnne Wilson<sup>16</sup>

"I enjoyed track this year because it was fun to throw with my brother during his senior year."

## HOT SHOTS OF THE TRACK

Red-hot individual performances lead to team success



### Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup>

300 M Hurdles  
54.20s-Victoria



### Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup>

High Jump  
5'6.25"-Stockton Inv.



### Rachel Keller<sup>14</sup>

Shot put  
32'9"-Stockton Inv.



### Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>

800 M Run  
2:52.51-Phillipsburg



### Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup>

Long Jump  
17'6.25"-Victoria

## Team Placings

Ellis Invitational	1st
Stockton	1st
Plainville	3rd
Osborne	1st
Quinter	2nd
Victoria	1st
MCL	5th
Regionals	3rd

## State Qualifiers

SIDNEY GOTTSCHALK<sup>14</sup>  
Pole Vault - 7'6" 13th Place

RACHEL KELLER<sup>14</sup>  
Shot Put - 32'6" 12th Place

KALEIGH SONESON<sup>14</sup>  
Pole Vault - 8'6" 9th Place

ALEXCIA DEUTSCHER<sup>16</sup>  
100HH - 16.36 5th Place  
200m - 27.58 10th Place  
High Jump - 5'0" 7th Place  
Long Jump - 16'11.5" 4th Place

ASHLEY MATTHEYER<sup>17</sup>  
High Jump - 5'4" 1st Place



# Going For the Gold

Siblings take over the golf team

## Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup>

"My favorite part about golf is probably being able to play at other courses and meeting new people."



Photo by Brittany Dinkel

## Josh Tway<sup>14</sup>

"My favorite part about golf is that it is a challenging sport and uses a lot of thinking."



Photo by Brittany Dinkel

## Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup>

"My favorite part about golf is getting to spend time with my team."

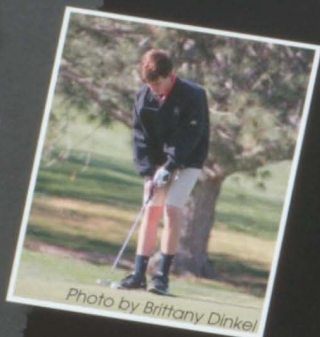


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## Personal Bests

### GOLFERS

### SCORES

Skyler Tebo <sup>14</sup>	31 @ State
Josh Tway <sup>14</sup>	45 @ TMP
Keyston Moeder <sup>16</sup>	43 @ Norton
Tori Tebo <sup>16</sup>	45 @ P-burg
Chase Hudson <sup>17</sup>	45 @ Hill City
Taylor Beisner <sup>17</sup>	54 @ Ellis

## State Champion

Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup>

1st - 31

## Coach

Matt Carroll

Brittany Dinkel 48 Golf

Having siblings on the same golf team is rare but having siblings with outstanding talent is even more unusual. Senior Skyler Tebo and sophomore Tori Tebo have both been playing the game since they were little.

"I first started playing golf at a family reunion when I was 3 years old," Skyler said.

This is the first year for Tori to play golf as a school sport. Her freshman year she spent playing softball but with a little pressure from family and love for the game, she decided to join the golf team.

"I've missed playing and I wanted to be involved in a spring sport."

Most of the boys have never had a girl on their team. The last time a girl played on varsity was in 2010.

"I don't mind having

her on the team. I think it's good," senior teammate Josh Tway said, "Maybe now we can get more girls out for golf."

Skyler has been on the golf team since he was a freshman winning regionals and placing at state all four years.

"There wasn't much pressure to make it to state this year, but there was a bunch of pressure on winning it," Skyler said.

Not only did he make it to state, his dream of winning it finally came true. The competition was held in Hays on May 27th which was also Skyler's birthday, making winning the title the perfect present.

"The feeling of finally winning state was unbelievable," Skyler said, "The best part was knowing all my hard work finally paid off."

## GOLF

## Role Models



Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup>



Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup>



Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup>

## Rory McIlroy

"When I was starting to golf, he was really big, and I just have always liked him."

## Alexis Thompson

"She was the youngest girl to ever play in the women's tournament."

## Bubba Watson

"I think he has really worked hard and earned being where he is."





**Eye on the Hole** Senior Skyler Tebo bends down to get a better look at the hole before making a putt at Smoky Hill Golf Course in Hays. "I don't mind putting, but it is the most boring thing to practice," Tebo said. "There is so much that can go wrong. You have to hit it perfect to be able to make it." Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Lean a Little** Freshman Chase Hudson follows to see where his ball lands, making sure it won't land in the water at Smoky Hill Golf Course in Hays.



**Bombs Away** Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> watches as her ball lands. "The hardest part of golf for me is when I mess up. I know there is nobody else to blame but myself," Tebo said.



**Before** Sophomore Keyston Moeder lines up his putter with a helpful tool during practice. "The hardest part about golf for me is understanding the game as best as I can," Moeder said, "because one day you can be hitting every fairway and the next be taking a 10 on almost every hole." Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**During** First year golfer Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> hold his swing after teeing off at the TMP tournament held at Smoky Hill Golf Course. "The best feeling is hitting a ball horrible but then my next ball is perfect. Just the feeling of that makes the shank worth it," Hudson said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**After** Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup> celebrates after making a putt at state golf on his way to a championship. "I had a lot of nerves going into the round knowing it was my last time to get a state title," Tebo said, "but winning it by 6 shots was the best feeling ever." Photo by Brittany Dinkel



# A Little Bit Country

Junior class chooses unique theme for Prom

**H**ollywood masquerade, and casino-themed proms are all common themes that the junior classes have selected over the years. This year the juniors picked a theme that has never been seen before – western.

"The theme we picked this year is really original," junior Autum Hellerud said. "I love it because it's so different from the usual glitz and glam."

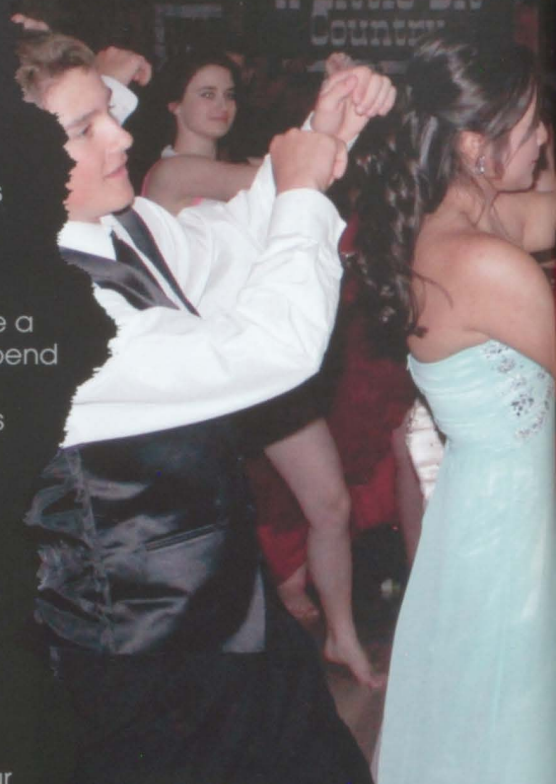
The decorations committee for prom picks out three themes and the rest of the class votes on which one they like the best. This year the options were western, Hawaiian, and the Great Gatsby theme. Western won by a landslide; the entire class was pretty much on board.

"I really liked the Great Gatsby theme idea because it's pretty and elegant," Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> stated. "However, I'm excited for the western theme because nobody has ever

done it before."

There's a lot of work that goes into a prom besides just picking the theme. Juniors are responsible to book activities for After Prom, plan the meal, order decorations, and organize a seating chart. They also spend the whole Friday before prom setting up the tables and decorations to make sure that everything is perfect.

"I'm on the decoration committee," junior Sarah Henman said. "We looked through a ton of catalogs to find what we wanted and I also got the paper to make our invitations with. Planning it all out is stressful, but it's ultimately a great bonding experience for my class."



**Wobble Baby** Students flock to the dance floor to dance to the Wobble, a favorite of every dance. "The Wobble gets everyone pumped up," Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup> said. "It's a good song to play when nobody is dancing and just sitting around."

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Before** Juniors Baylee Werth, Mollie Buchholz, Sean Lee, and Justin Esner study over a prom catalog trying to decide on decorations to order. "Picking out and deciding what we were going to order was a lot of fun and a lot of time spent with my classmates," Werth said.

*Photo by Olivia Reiter*



**During** Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup> and Brianna LaBarge<sup>15</sup> staple up gossamer as part of the prom decorations the Friday before the dance. "The best part of decorating was getting it all done in one day and making the lobby look amazing," Mattheyer said.

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



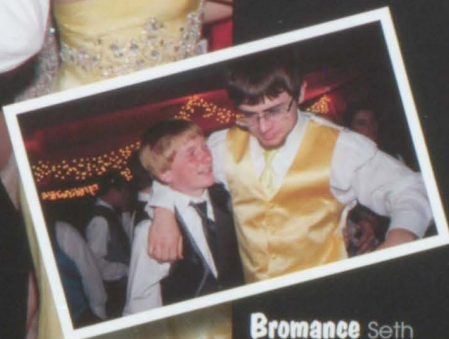
**After** The junior class worked throughout the day to perfect decorations. This is the finished product that class and couple pictures were taken in front of. "There was frustration and arguments but overall we were proud of what we did," Brianna LaBarge<sup>15</sup> said.

*Photo by Jill Wood*





**Finish Line** Mara Geschwentner<sup>14</sup> and K.C. Windholz race to the top of the blow-up obstacle course during After-Prom.  
*Photo by Brittany Dinkel*



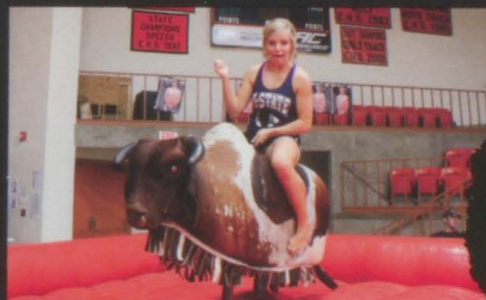
**Bromance** Seth Fuller<sup>14</sup> shows his love by putting his arm around freshman Chase Hudson.  
*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Last Dance** The seniors gather in the middle of the dance floor for the final song of the night. It is tradition to play "Jumper" at the end of every dance while everyone forms a circle around the seniors.  
*Photo by Brianna Rohr*

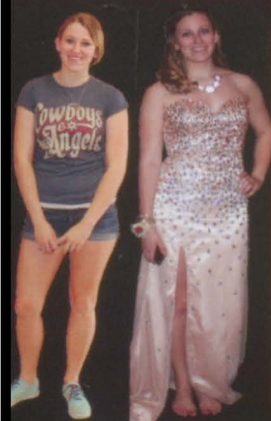


**Cowboy Up** Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> and Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup> link arms as they participate in a dance known as "The Flying Dutchman." "This was a really good way to end my senior prom," Tebo said.  
*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Ride 'Em Cowgirl** Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> shows off her skills on the mechanical bull that was rented for After Prom this year. She was the female bullriding champion of the night.  
*Photo by Brianna Rohr*

## What did you do to prepare for Prom?

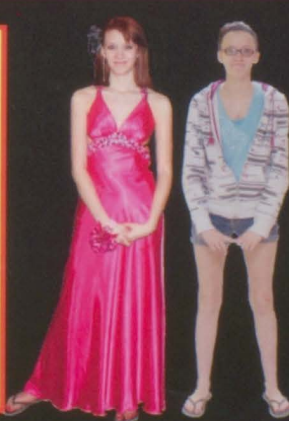


Alysha Werth<sup>14</sup>

- Go to work
- Hair and makeup
- Group pictures
- Board the Party Bus
- Eat at McDonald's
- Arrive at Prom

Kylee Keller<sup>15</sup>

- Do my hair
- Paint my finger and toenails
- Put on my makeup
- Put on the dress
- Go to the dance



**Swing Your Partner** Seniors Dusty Bittel, Wanda Jimenez, Rachel Keller, and Sidney Gottschalk demonstrate their version of swing dancing. "We made up the moves all by ourselves," Bittel said.  
*Photo by Brianna Rohr*





**Jolly Voices** LeeAnn Wilson<sup>16</sup> holds her music sheet in front of her while singing Christmas jingles for the families waiting to get on the ride at the polar express held in Ellis. Photo by Sarah Mick



**Dig Deep** Kaleigh Soneson<sup>14</sup> and Bryce Keithley<sup>17</sup> work together on Community Service day. "We dug up the dirt behind the school and took it to the practice field to fill in the holes," Soneson said. Photo by Regan Krause



**Concentration Wins** Joseph Wynn<sup>17</sup> and Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> play each other on an Xbox set up at 5th Quarter while Brevin LaBarge<sup>17</sup> cheers them on. Many different forms of entertainment were available for students to enjoy. Photo by Olivia Reiter



**Pop em'** Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> takes aim and throws darts at a board with balloons hoping to pop one at the St. Mary's Carnival. "If you popped one you got a ticket. With my ticket I won I just used it to play other games," Lohrmeyer said. Courtesy Photo



**Turkey Time** Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup>, Lexie Rome<sup>17</sup>, and Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup> hold up the turkeys they won at the Ellis Recreation Commission's annual Turkey Shoot. Photo by Jill Wood



**Four In a Row** Lyla Meserve<sup>17</sup> and Clara Garnett<sup>15</sup> play a friendly game of Connect Four at 5th Quarter. Photo by Olivia Reiter



## When Do You Work?

### 8% Don't work

"I don't work because I'm not old enough and I can't find anything I'd like to do," Lyla Meserve<sup>17</sup> said.



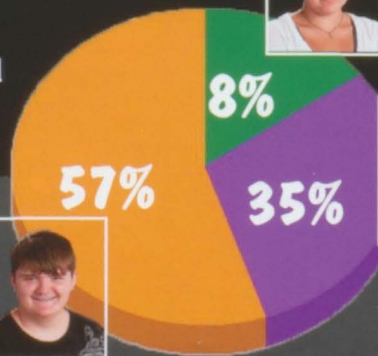
### 35% during the summer

"I only work in the summer because it's busy during the school year and I don't have as much time," Sintia Jimenez<sup>16</sup> said.



### 57% During the school year and summer

"I work at Dillon's during the school year and the summer because I need money for gas and other things," Carson Rupp<sup>15</sup> said.





# Leisure Time

Students enjoy their time away

For most students their day begins with waking up early, going to school, and sometimes dreading it. There are many events in school that students can participate in, but what do they do outside the doors of EHS? For many that may be an athletic event.

"We have practices on Sundays and tournaments on Saturdays for elite volleyball. It's different because you don't know all the people at first," Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> said.

You can find numerous students earning a little extra cash by working at an after school job. Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> holds two jobs at the Chrysler Boyhood Home and the Ellis Public Library.

"I get paid and it keeps me busy. At the Chrysler Home I like to hear about where the visitors are from and why they

came," Clark said.

Students also help the community by doing various volunteer work at the food pantry, trick or treat so others can eat, and etc. Plus, Ellis High School hosts a community service day once every year.

"My group worked on clearing out old furniture from the St. Mary's basement. I enjoyed it because our group had a great attitude," Erianna Basgall<sup>17</sup> said.

Then there is relaxing. Students look forward to the final bell every day and especially the weekend. This is where students can spend their free time however they please.

"I like going out to eat with my brother and nephew. I like to chill on my couch and have Netflix marathons," Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup> said.

Whether it be a sport, a job, community service, or spending time with friends and family, the time is usually enjoyed and looked forward to.

**Jazz Hands** Hailey Dinkel<sup>16</sup> and Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> work on their dance moves while playing Just Dance at 5th Quarter on a Friday night. "I like having a good time with my friends and it was something fun for all of us to do. Plus I like showing off my dance moves," Dinkel said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Before** Before beginning a day of work at Dairy Queen, Allen Augustine<sup>14</sup> uses a wet washcloth to clean off the tables. "I work around everyday from 4 to 11. I like working there because it pays \$8.30 an hour," Augustine said. Photo by Sarah Mick



**During** Augustine takes an order and prepares it in the back of Dairy Queen. "It's pretty easy to remember how to make everything. It only took me around two days to memorize everything. It's all around the same," Augustine said. Photo by Olivia Relter



**After** At closing time, Augustine uses the cash register to clock out after an afternoon of working. "I like closing Dairy Queen better than I like opening it because there's a lot less to do at closing time," Augustine said. Photo by Olivia Relter



# Remember the Times

Seniors look back as they move forward

**A**s the senior class of 2014 says their final goodbyes, they realize they are graduates and may never see each other again.

Some graduates made memories that will stay with them forever.

"I must say my favorite part of high school is growing up throughout the years with my class, becoming closer not just as classmates, but as friends and family," Alysha Werth said.

Other graduates made memories involving sports and organizations.

"My favorite part of high school was sports. Being able to have fun with your friends and representing your school is always a great time," Sidney Gottschalk said.

There were also many memories that were made

during their senior year.

"My favorite part of school was when we got together as a class so Nick could get some footage for the senior video. It's my favorite part because it was fun to hang out as a class and bowl," Dusty Bittel said.

Four of the senior girls made a memory that they will never forget--they led the Lady Railer basketball team to the state tournament.

"Going to state basketball was my high school goal! Ever since I was little I wanted to go to state. I'm going to miss basketball because it is a sport that I love to do. I made many memories during the season," Kaleigh Soneson said.



**Proud Father** School board member Jerry Pfeifer receives a huge hug from son Scott Pfeifer after giving Scott his diploma. Scott plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Architecture. Photo by Baylee Werth



**Before** The senior class met on Friday morning at 9:45 to practice before the actual graduation ceremony on Saturday. The class voted on which song they would be singing for graduation and they chose *Time of Your Life* by Mike Taylor.

Photo by Baylee Werth



**During** The class waits patiently for the senior video to start. Every year the senior class has a video that is played with pictures throughout the years. This year the video was made by class member Nick Gehring. The class went bowling a couple times to have some entertaining footage.

Photo by Baylee Werth



**After** Brittany Dinkel gives an excited look with her diploma as she exits the graduation ceremony. Dinkel will be attending Fort Hays State University in the fall and majoring in Nursing. "I'm looking forward to something new and meeting lots of new people in college," Dinkel said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr





**We're Done** Josh Tway escorts K.C. Windholz out of the graduation ceremony before lining up for all the congratulations from family and friends. *Photo by Baylee Werth*



**Advice is Key** The senior class chose one of the most influential people in our community, Leonard Schoenberger, to speak at graduation. *Photo by Baylee Werth*



**Belt It Out** The choir performed *I'll Be There* by Roger Emerson during the ceremony held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Regan Krause and Morgan Thille were the only two senior choir members this year. *Photo by Baylee Werth*



**Shake With the Right** Foreign exchange student Chayanit "Ink" Khamklad receives her diploma at the graduation ceremony. Khamklad will return to Thailand and complete her real senior year in the fall. *Photo by Baylee Werth*

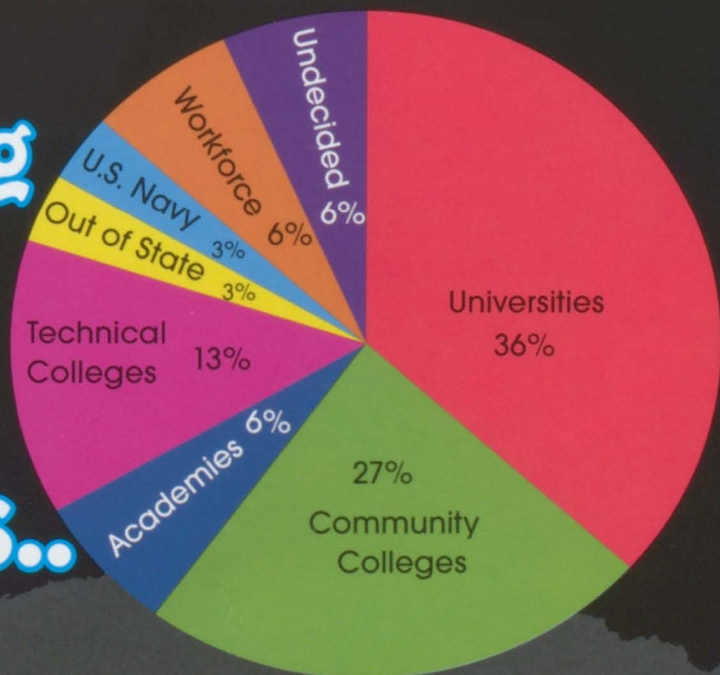


**Top of the Class** Valedictorian Sidney Gottschalk receives her trophy during the graduation ceremony. Skyler Tebo, Abby Hafliager, and Scott Pfeifer were also valedictorians of the senior class. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**We Did It** Wanda Jimenez, Sidney Gottschalk, and Abby Hafliager throw their hats up in the air after they are announced as the 2014 Ellis High School graduates. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

**Going  
Our  
Own  
Ways..**







**Dramatically Baked** Alyssa Dawson and several play and forensics members sell baked good during the homecoming football game to raise funds for the play, forensics, and drama club. *Photo by Danl Hausler*



**LOL Tips** Forensics Coach Alyssa Dawson advises Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> and Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> on what they think they can do to make their duet funnier and how to fix the rough spots in the performance. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



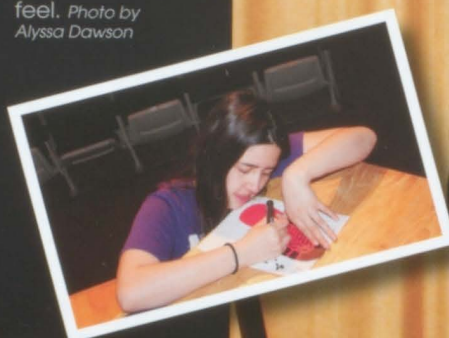
**Motives Fly** The cast of the murder mystery skit point fingers and accuse each other of killing Judge Dawson during Forensics Night. The cast and the audience tried to figure out who had committed the murders. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Can I Help You?** Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> and Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> perform their duet "We Loathe Our Costumers" by Bradley Walton during forensics night. The two took turns playing strange costumers while their characters, Bailey and Campbell, had to act nice to them. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**'Chalk' Dusty** Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> makes a tape outline of Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup> while decorating for forensics night to give it a crime scene feel. *Photo by Alyssa Dawson*



**Shoeprinting** Christina Wright<sup>14</sup> works hard on detailing a bloody shoe print to decorate the stage for forensics night. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



## What's Your Crime?

Forensics students show off their pieces

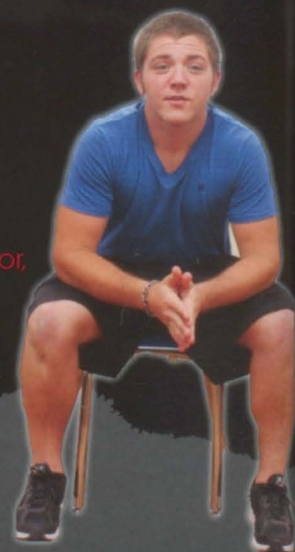


"I Won a Giant Inflatable Banana at the State Fair...Now What?"

By Bradley Walton  
Rylee Torline

"Medal of Honor, Who"

By Tom Cole  
Brody Douglas





# Dramatic Change

Students investigate new class, organization

## Forensics.

When most people hear that word they immediately think of crime scene investigators and the forensics work that goes into solving a crime. Students, however, know it is a speech and drama competition where the team members can perform any type of poetry, speech or acting piece.

The Theater and Forensics class is a new class that was first available to students last year. This class allows for students to get more involved in the play and forensics. Along with allowing students to get more involved, it can have several benefits when it's time for the forensics season to start.

"I'm glad I took the class, because outside of class you don't have Mrs. Dawson. She gives you advice and judges you based on how the

judges will judge you," Maddy Gnad16 said.

The students in the class also come together to plan the Ellis forensics meet so that it runs smoothly and that there isn't much stress on the students running the meet.

"Making sure everything runs right with the other teams and the coaches is the most stressful part of running the meet," Rylee Torline16 said.

Even though the class has its benefits, some students would rather have it just focus on either theater or forensics.

"I don't think I should have taken the class because I'm more of a forensics person and I like to do things on my own," Brianna Rohr16 said.

Also new this year was the creation of Drama Club. Students who are involved with the club must take part in school performances and can serve in leadership roles within the organization. The group also attended college performances.

**Please?** Jeremiah Gerhardt<sup>17</sup> pleads with his blind date, Monica Towns<sup>14</sup>, in their one-act play entitled "Check, Please." Instead of a written final in their Theater and Forensics class, the students performed these one-acts in front of an audience for their grade.

Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Before** Kylee Hollingshead<sup>17</sup> looks through the forensics cabinet for a piece that she could perform at a meet during seminar. The forensics cabinet is full of pieces that can appeal to any type of performer.

Photo by Dusty Bittel

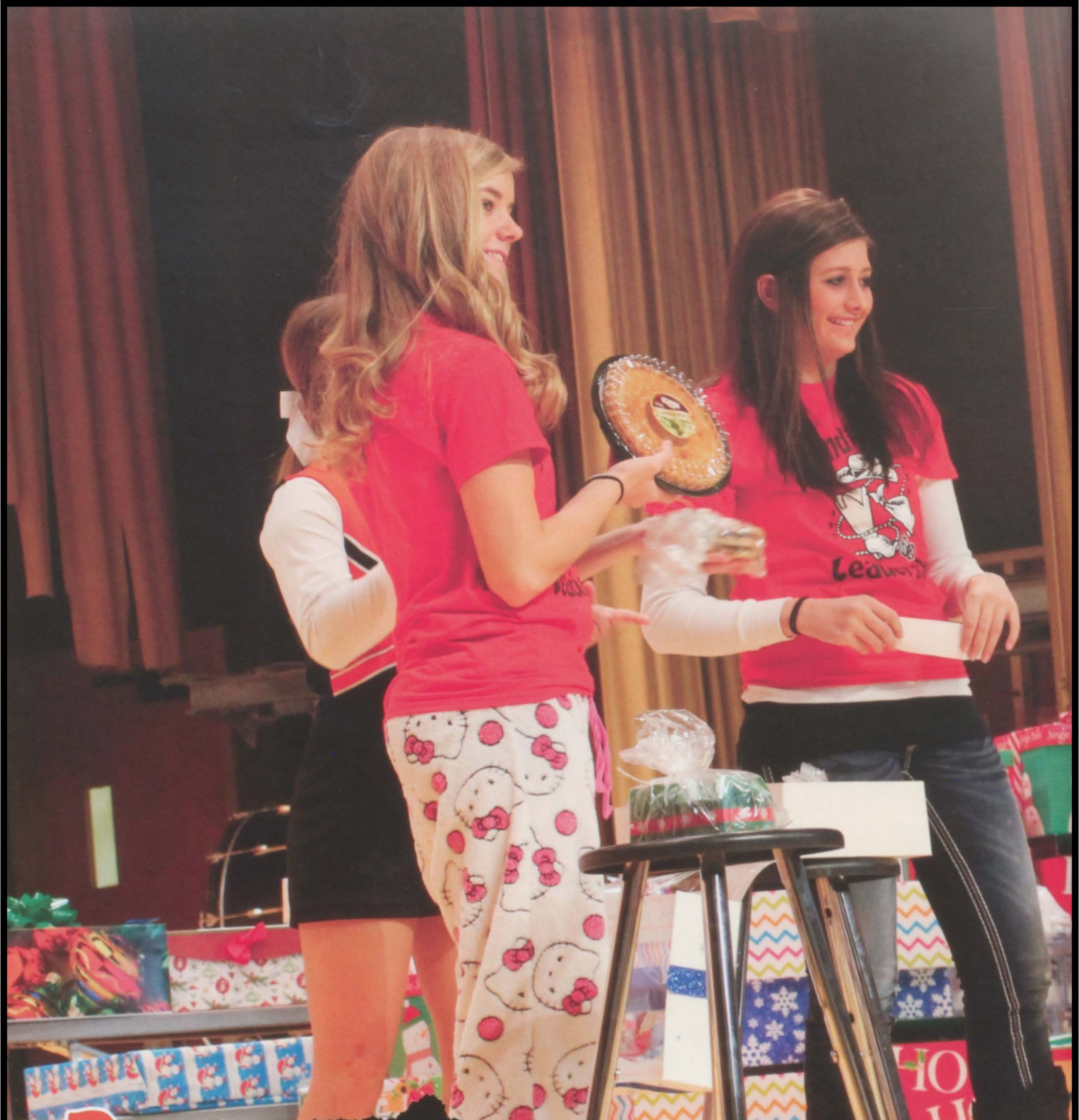


**During** Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> practices her poetry piece before going to her room to perform the piece during the Western Plains meet. Her piece was a compilation of two poems, "Anerex" by Eavan Boland and "Shrinking Women" by Lily Myers. Photo by Dusty Bittel



**After** Lindsay Augustine<sup>17</sup> (far right) lines up on the stage with the other extemporaneous competitors that had broke finals at the Western Plains meet to find out their place. Augustine placed 6th out of the six finalists. Photo by Dusty Bittel





**B**id em' High Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> and Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup> help distribute food boxes during the annual KAYS food box auction. "It's our biggest fundraiser. Without it, we wouldn't be able to do a lot of the fun things we put on. It definitely gets intense between the bidders," Werth said. *Photo by Ashley Butler*





Photo by Dusty Bittel

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Photo by Regan Krause

# Behind the Events



# Expanding Abilities

Members grow through out-of-classroom activities

Most organizations are a stay-in-school kind of organization. The National FFA Organization is the complete opposite. FFA focuses on out of the classroom experiences and projects, ranging from personal growth opportunities to helping the community.

Partners in Active Learning Support (P.A.L.S.) allows members to teach first graders the different aspects of agriculture and how it affects their everyday life. One project that P.A.L.S. took part in was teaching the kids the different parts of soil using different foods to represent the layers.

"My favorite part is spending time with kids and seeing them light up," Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup> said. "The soil activity was fun and the kids ended up with a treat."

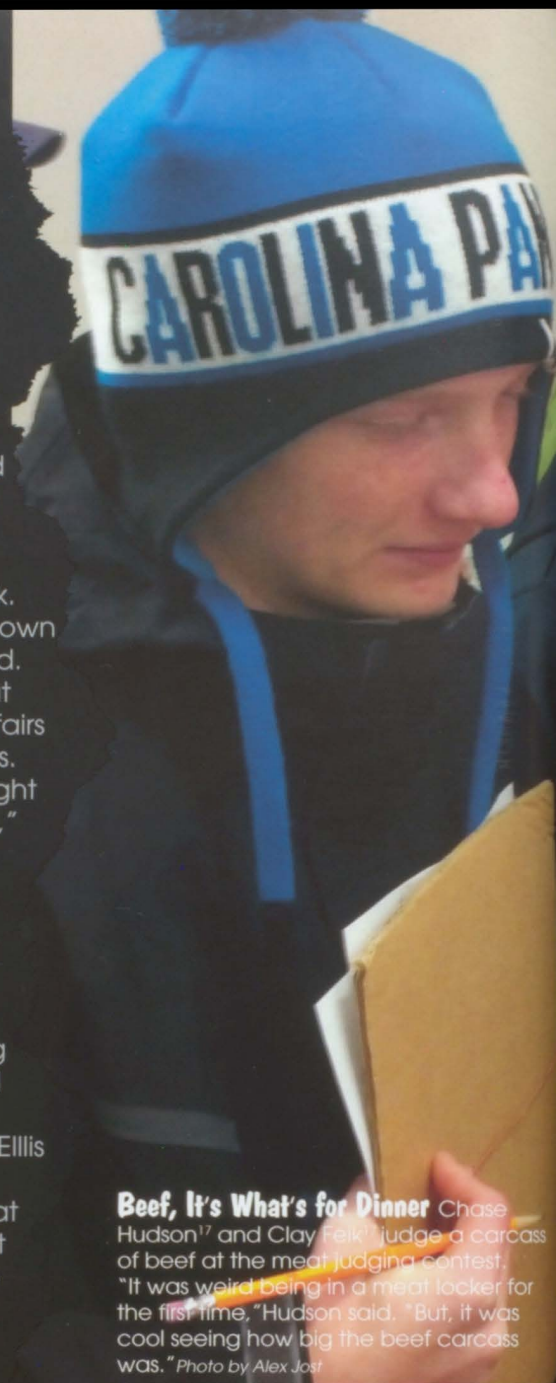
Many students grow through FFA with their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE). This can be

any job or chore related to agriculture, including working at the grocery store or a vet, growing crops, or raising livestock. Monica Towns<sup>14</sup> has her own Registered Hereford herd. She sells most calves, but keeps some to show at fairs and to replace her cows.

"My SAE has taught me a lot of responsibility," Towns said. "The profit I have made is going to help pay for college."

The chapter also performs volunteer work by gathering, organizing, and handing out non-perishable food items in the community in cooperation with the Ellis Food Pantry.

"I enjoy helping at the pantry, knowing that I'm making a difference and helping out in the community," Rachel Keller<sup>14</sup> said.



**Beef, It's What's for Dinner** Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> and Clay Feik<sup>17</sup> judge a carcass of beef at the meat judging contest. "It was weird being in a meat locker for the first time," Hudson said. "But, it was cool seeing how big the beef carcass was." Photo by Alex Jost



**Before** In preparation for livestock judging Alex Towns<sup>16</sup> looks over a class of breeding ewes. An ideal breeding ewe has a flat topline, large frame, low fat content, and good muscling. Photo by Dani Hausler



**During** With the help of Mr. Jost, Monica Towns<sup>14</sup> looks over a class of Red Angus heifers at the district livestock judging contest. Along with cattle, Towns had to judge classes of hogs, sheep, and goats. Photo by Dani Hausler



**After** Monica Towns<sup>14</sup>, Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup>, and Lindsay Augustine<sup>17</sup> show off their medals after livestock judging. "I was shocked," Augustine said. "I didn't think I'd place, since it was my first time. Now, I feel confident and ready to go compete at state!" Photo by Dani Hausler





### Dig for It

During the FFA Lock-In, Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> tries to blow a bubble through a whipped cream covered face. Photo by Dani Hausler



### Flippin' Awesome

Braden Parke<sup>14</sup> and Brayden Bittel<sup>16</sup> help at the annual FFA Football Barbeque by grilling burgers. Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Being a PAL

The Agriculture Business class takes part in P.A.L.S. by educating St. Mary's first graders about the positive aspects of agriculture. "It's fun hanging out with the kids," Kylee Keller<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Baylee Werth



### Line Em' Up

The FFA officer team prepares to install the new officer team at banquet. "It was sad standing with my team for the last time," Abby Haflinger<sup>14</sup> said. "But I'm ready for the new officers to lead the way." Photo by Steve Hausler



### Barrels of Fun

During the Water Festival, FFA members Kadon Augustine<sup>16</sup> and Alex Towns<sup>16</sup> helped by making sixty-three water barrels to give out to the community. Photo by Dani Hausler

## Piecing It Together

### Advisor



### Officers



The pieces of a successful FFA Chapter include having a dedicated advisor, strong officer team, active members, and a supportive community.

"If the chapter was missing one of the pieces, it wouldn't be as strong," Alex Towns<sup>16</sup> said.

### Community



### Members



### Do I Hear Two-Fifty?

Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup> and Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> sell as a pair during the Annual FFA Labor Auction. They were just a few of many that sold. All proceeds go to the graduating senior members and the members going to Washington Leadership Conference. Photo by Dani Hausler





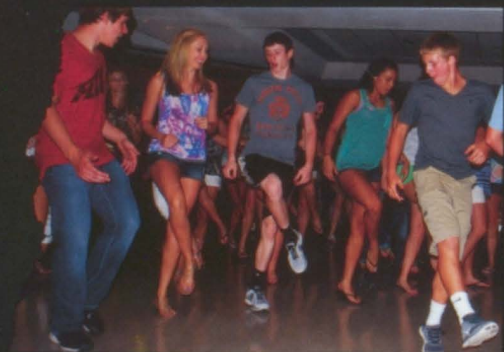
**Mixin' It Up** Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> stirs the cheese dip at the annual FCCLA Christmas party. The members are invited to come and enjoy several different holiday games and snacks. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Keeping Track** KAYS officers Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> and Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> mark down items donated by KAYS members during the canned food drive. There were nearly 100 items donated to the Ellis Food Pantry. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Leading Strong** A few of the FCCLA officers work together to create games during the annual Freshmen Fun Night. Freshmen were invited to hang out at the school with fun activities and tasty snacks. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Kickin' It** A few students enjoy the first annual back to school dance sponsored by the KAYS organization. In the past, the group put on the Halloween dance, but in an effort to increase attendance, they switched to a different time. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Watchful Eye** FCCLA advisor Breanne Nilhas assists the officers during the baked goods silent auction. Proceeds were donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation. *Photo by Dusty Bittel*



**Heads Up** Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> and her classmates approach their prey during the KAYS dodgeball tournament held during a seminar at the start of the school year. *Photo by Christen Spinelli*



## Critical Digits

6

Number of officers leading the FCCLA organization

\$1,000

The total amount of proceeds donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation by FCCLA

69

Number of students involved in KAYS



\$2,588

Total amount of money earned from the KAYS food box auction that will be used to sponsor chapter events

47

Number of students who are a part of the FCCLA chapter



14

Number of KAYS officers and board members



# Making a Difference

School organizations bring responsibility to students

The organizations that are created within the school don't always have to keep their efforts within the school walls. FCCLA and KAYS are two organizations where the students get to experience what it's like to give a helping hand within their school and also their community.

The FCCLA chapter participated in the fundraising efforts of the district to help out a national program. Their project was to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The chapter held a silent auction of baked goods and also a bake sale at sporting events. The items were donated by local businesses and residents in Ellis and Hays. The FCCLA members went to great lengths to make it successful.

"The FCCLA members made lots of phone calls to get donations, worked on making baked goods, and then worked the events. I was so proud of their accomplishment on raising \$1,000 for such a great cause," FCCLA advisor Breanne Nilhas said.

The KAYS organization also kept busy throughout the year with various projects. One important project was collecting hygienic goods for the people in the Philippines who were affected by the typhoon that passed through in 2013. Many members participated and were able to donate many different items for the people in need.

"I think it went over really well. I was a little surprised by how much stuff we received to send to them. It was a great cause and I'm glad we could help out just a little," KAYS president Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> said.

All the hard work of each organization allowed the students to have fun while they helped out the community.

**Pass It Down** Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> and Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup> show off the baked items one of the boxes has to offer during the KAYS Food Box Auction. The proceeds go to the chapter to help pay for events. "My favorite part about the auction is watching people outbid each other," Werth<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Danl Hausler



**Before** Dusty Bittel<sup>14</sup> converses with the District B officer team before the FCCLA Star Events competition in Ellis. Bittel<sup>14</sup> was elected to be the district treasurer. "The most fun part about being a district officer was getting together with other schools to plan FCCLA events," Bittel<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Ashley Butler



**During** Ellis FCCLA chapter president Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup> greets the participants of the annual FCCLA Star Events. This year, the competitions were held at Ellis High School. Greenway was one of the officers in charge of giving the competitors and advisors directions for the day. Photo by Ashley Butler



**After** Lexie Rome<sup>17</sup> enjoys her meal after helping with the cooking in the hospitality room for the FCCLA Star Events. Ellis members and officers arrived early in order to prepare the meal for judges and bus drivers from other towns. They also helped set up the school and clean up afterwards. Photo by Ashley Butler



# Models of Commitment

Students help through service to youth

Have you ever wanted to experience the thrill of being able to spend your time as a mentor and role model for a younger member of the community? Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters and Link Crew organizations this dream can become a reality.

"I love being a role model to a Little! I've always wanted a little sister and being in Bigs give me a feel of what having a little sister is," Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup> said.

BBBS is an organization where a high school student spends Thursday mornings with the Little they're paired with.

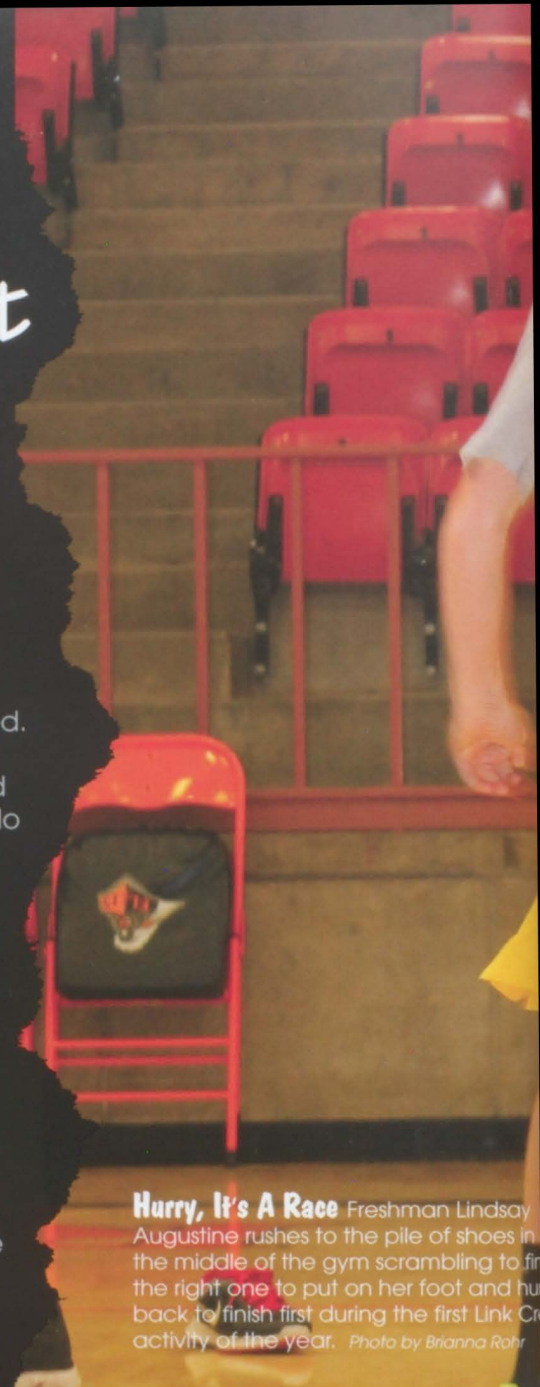
"BBBS provides a great leadership opportunity to our high school students. Making a connection with a Little and becoming a role model gives them increased self-confidence, someone to listen to them, and a support system," BIGS sponsor Breanne Nilhas said.

Being a part of this program not only benefits the Little, but the Big as well. The Little has someone to look up to and admire and the Big gets the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping out a child in need.

Link Crew is an opportunity that is offered to upperclassmen. They do various activities with the freshmen to orient and welcome them into the high school lifestyle.

"My favorite part of Link Crew is getting the good advice from my group leaders. The activities make me want to make a difference," Lindsay Augustine<sup>17</sup> said.

Both programs are a way for any students to volunteer their time to help others.



**Hurry, It's A Race** Freshman Lindsay Augustine rushes to the pile of shoes in the middle of the gym scrambling to find the right one to put on her foot and hurries back to finish first during the first Link Crew activity of the year. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Before** Senior Christen Spinelli helps her freshman group search for all of the items on the list for the scavenger hunt to accomplish the goals and take first place. Photo by Dusty Bittel



**During** Regan Krause<sup>14</sup> and Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> discuss and answer questions with a group of freshmen before finals and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate during the "Cocoa and Cram" session. Photo by Christen Spinelli



**After** The last Link Crew activity of the year the senior members answered questions about what they would do differently through their high school career for the freshman class. Photo by Halley Dinkel





### I Spy

Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> and Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> sit together with their Littles to play a board game.  
*Photo by Hailey Dinkel*



### Helping Hand

Sharing a special treat, Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> helps her Little with homework in the morning before school.  
*Photo by Sarah Mick*



### Listen Up

Seniors Sidney Gottschalk and Skyler Tebo talk to their group of freshmen, giving them helpful advice and tips on how to do well on finals. *Photo by Hailey Dinkel*



### Attack Attack Attack!

Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> studies her cards indecisively trying to make a move on her Little, Star Dinkel, while playing Uno in the library before the bell rings to go to class. *Photo by Hailey Dinkel*



### Charge!

Freshmen boys Dalton Hensley, Clayton Feik, and Easton Smith prepare to fire balls at the other team while participating in a game of dodgeball during Link Crew. *Photo by Ashley Butler*



### Ahoy Mateys

The Bigs and Littles join together to play the game Ships and Sailors to start the end of the year activity. The goal was to run to find the perfect number of people to have five men pointing north.  
*Photo by Hailey Dinkel*

## Describe Your Big In One Word...

Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> is...

Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> is...

Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> is...

awesome!

pretty!

creative!



Khianne



Makenna



Kaelyn



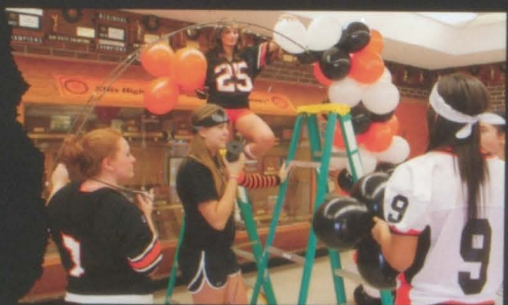


**Whoops!** During a scholars' bowl meet, Morgan Thille<sup>14</sup> realizes the answer to a question after answering it incorrectly. "When I would answer a question wrong, I just laughed it off," Thille said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



### Listen Up

"My favorite part about being STUCO president was helping make homecoming a success and being able to do the the announcements," Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**Team Work** The STUCO prepares for the Homecoming dance by decorating the lobby where the dance is held. "I liked working with the other members, and Mr. Kohl also gave us suckers," Ashley Butler<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Mrs. Wood

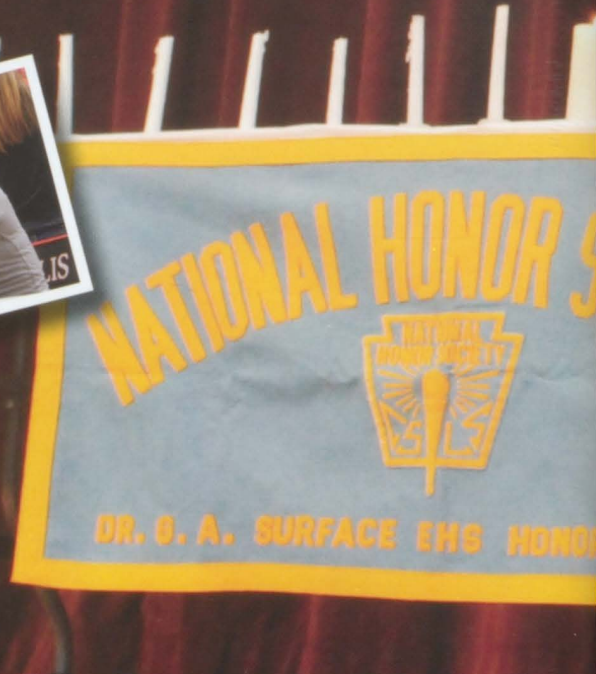


### Rehydrate

"I love donating blood. Just knowing that I'm saving three lives makes me feel really good," Brittany Dinkel<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Jill Wood



**Wise Words** Two-year member Scott Pfeifer<sup>14</sup> reads the duties of being a part of National Honor Society. "The best part about NHS was the feeling of helping others in need for nothing in return," Pfeifer said. Photo by Regan Krause



**Lending A Hand** STUCO sponsor Mr. Kohl lends a hand to Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> as he donates blood for the first time. "It was comforting knowing someone was there for me since I'm scared of needles," Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> said. "He was like my mom, and he also promised me a pop." Photo by Dusty Bittel

## The Best Service Memory: National Honor Society



"Running the scoreboard for the Jr. High MCEL wrestling tournament."  
- Landon Younger<sup>14</sup>



"Spending time with my little sister, Tessa, every Thursday morning for Big Brothers Big Sisters."  
- Christen Spinelli<sup>14</sup>



"Working with the Jr. High cheerleaders and teaching them all of their cheers, how to stunt and jump, and a dance."  
- Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup>



# Leading and Learning

Students put their smarts and skills into practice

A big part of student's lives involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, and Scholars' Bowl revolve around community service, scholastic achievements, character, and student leadership.

"Some traits I've learned from both NHS and Scholars' Bowl are an increased sense of responsibility and leadership," Wanda Jimenez<sup>14</sup> said.

National Honor Society is very involved. To be considered, a student must possess a 3.5 GPA, 40 total hours of community service, and must be involved in at least seven school-related activities.

"NHS is a good influence on the school. It gives the other students positive role models," Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> said.

Student Council (STUCO) is an organization led by students. They plan and put on events like the Red Cross Blood Drive and Homecoming events. Each year new students are elected from all classes as well as various organizations.

"I like STUCO because it is the students' voice. They contribute to what the student body would like to see change in the school," president Sidney Gottschalk<sup>14</sup> said.

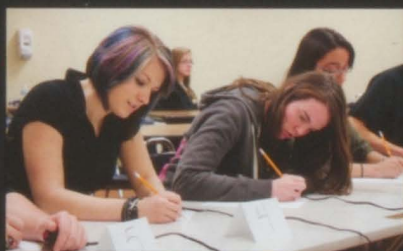
Scholars' Bowl is a group of students willing to give their time to an extracurricular activity to show their knowledge on trivia. The team has doubled in size since last year and excelled in meets, placing 1st at the Hill City meet and 2nd at the Ellis meet.

"I like that it's something that you can do if you're not good at sports. It's nice that there are several different categories since some people have different strengths," Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> said.

**Light the Way** Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> does her part by lighting a candle during the induction to National Honor Society. NHS is more than just about being on the honor roll. It serves to honor students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Photo by Regan Krause



**Before** Senior scholars' bowl participant Dusty Bittel concentrates as he practices before the Ellis meet. "The meets are intense and the questions vary in difficulty, but scholars' bowl has helped me academically by teaching me new things and reinforcing things I have already learned," Bittel<sup>14</sup> said. Photo by Brianna Rohr

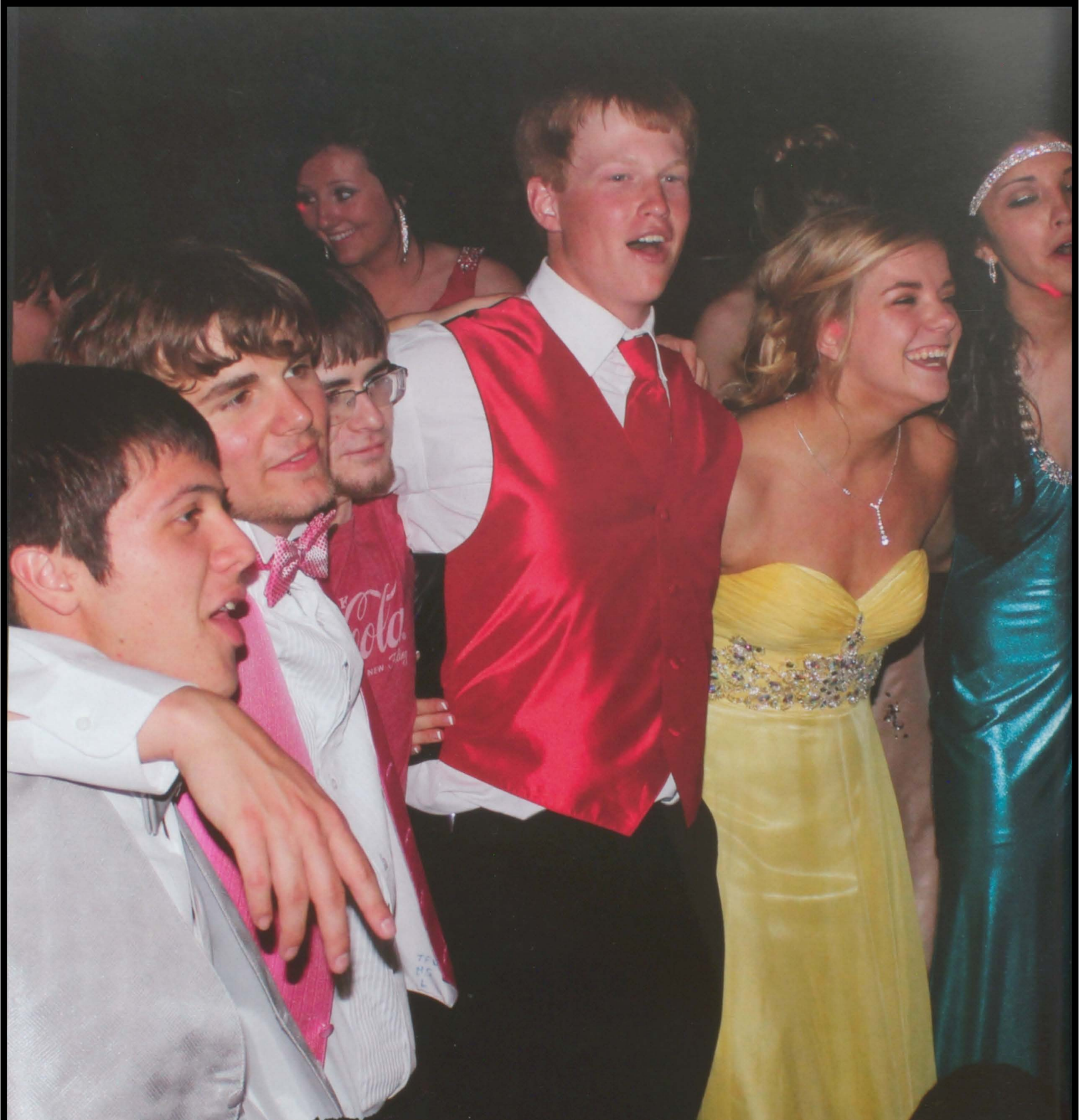


**During** During a round at the Ellis meet, Abby Hafliker<sup>14</sup> and Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> work vigorously on a math question. "Scholars' bowl has a positive impact on our school because it shines the limelight on people who don't always get recognized for their academic achievements," Basgall<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Brittany Dinkel



**After** The Ellis 1 team poses for a picture after they received second at the Ellis meet. "The best thing about Scholars' Bowl is that anyone can participate," Wanda Jimenez<sup>14</sup> said. "There are a wide variety of questions and always something that you might know that no one else does." Photo by Brianna Rohr





**T**he Last Dance Seniors Brady Jacques, Nick Gehring, Seth Fuller, Braden Parke, Brittany Dinkel, Monica Towns, and Christen Spinelli stand in a circle with their class and sing "Good Riddance" by Green Day, the last song of their high school dance career. "My favorite part of prom this year was dancing with the seniors at the end. I'll miss that the most," Parke said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*





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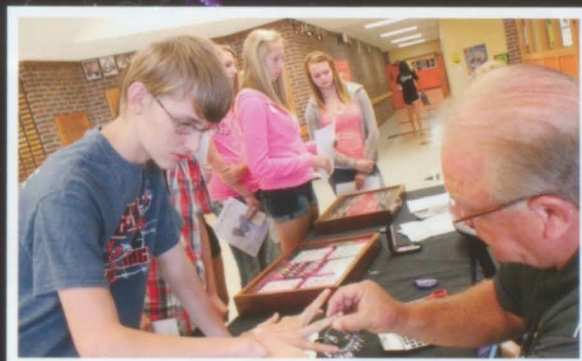


Photo by Baylee Werth

# Coming Together





Lindsay Augustine



Taylor Beisner



Brayden Bittel



Allie Frickey



Spencer Fuller



Jessica Gamez



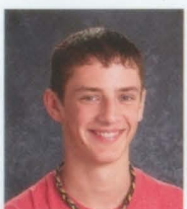
Kylee Hollingshead



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Dusty Lepper



Ashley Mattheyer



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Derek Pfeifer



Zakarie Ramos



Lexie Rome



Trent Rose

### The Artist

Jasmyn Hernandez participates in a drawing activity during Freshman Fun Night.



Photo by Ashley Butler

### Take Notes

Josh Smith, Zakarie Ramos, and Dylan Gilbert give their attention at a bullying seminar during Link Crew.



Photo by Baylee Werth



# You Know You're a Freshman When....



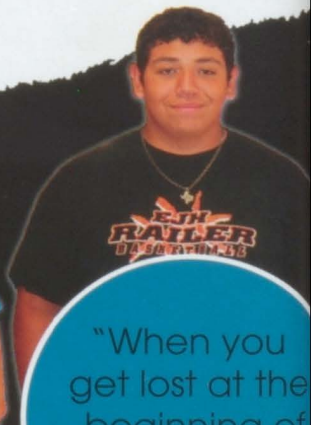
"When the seniors pick on you."  
-Brayden Bittel



"When you get called 'freshie' all the time."  
-Kylee Hollingshead



"When you get trampled by seniors."  
-Rae McClung



"When you get lost at the beginning of the year."  
-Daniel Carbajal





**Support** Dalton Hensley, Clay Feik, and Chase Hudson, show off their school spirit by painting their stomachs to say EHS at the girls state basketball game. "We wanted to show team spirit and support," Feik said. Photo by Dani Hausler



Brittany Bollig



Kassi Brown



Daniel Carbajal



Nathan Cox



Clay Feik



Jeremiah Gerhardt



Dylan Gilbert



Alyssa Hafliker



Dalton Hensley



Jasmyn Hernandez



Brittney Johnson



Catherine Johnson



Bryce Keithley



Kaylee King



Trayton Kroeger



Rae McClung



Austin Meis



Lyla Meserve



Katelynn Milbourne



Brandon North



Sam Rupp



Easton Smith



Josh Smith



Bradley Wallace



Joseph Wynn

## Learning the Ropes

Freshmen get accustomed to high school

Freshman year can seem intimidating. It's a new school with new people, classes, and teachers. It can take awhile to get used to the way high school works.

"My biggest fear coming into high school was getting pushed around by the older kids," Jessica Gamez said.

There are many programs in the high school to help freshman. Link Crew is a program

where older students meet to talk or play planned activities together. The Link Crew members give advice on many subjects like bullying and finals.

"Link Crew helped me feel more confident around the older students," Joseph Wynn said.

Another night just for freshmen is the Freshman Fun Night sponsored by FCCLA.

"The best thing that I did at the Freshman Fun Night was

give Dusty (Bittel<sup>14</sup>) a high five!" Brevin LaBarge said.

They have also had to step up in sports and compete at a high level at a young age. Many played varsity football and basketball and made it to state in individual events, like wrestler Dalton Hensley.

"I wasn't afraid because most of the people in my weight class were freshmen too," Hensley said.





Kobe Armbruster



Kadon Augustine



Ryan Augustine



Daniel DeLaRosa



Alexcia Deutscher



Maddy Gnad



Keyston Moeder



Paige Molstad



Lauren Pritchett



Rylee Torline



Alexander Towns



LeeAnn Wilson



### Perfect Fit

Kadon Augustine gets his ring sized by the Jostens representative before ordering his class ring. Photo by Baylee Werth



### Let's Hear it

The sophomore class yells their loudest to represent their group at the winter sports pep rally. Photo by Brianna Rohr

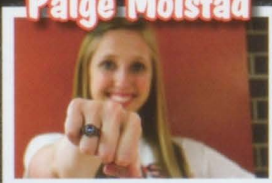


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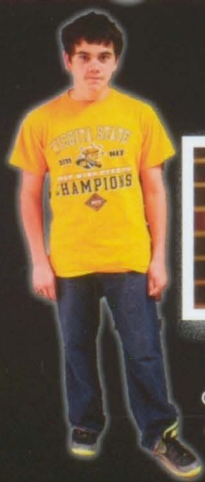
Sophomores show off new hand bands



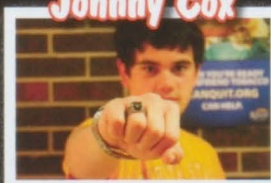
**Paige Molstad**



"My favorite parts about my ring are the pink ribbon, the blue stone, and the year on the side."



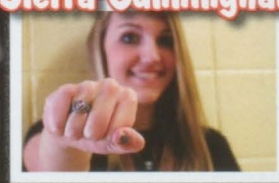
**Johnny Cox**



"My favorite part about my ring is the color of the stone."

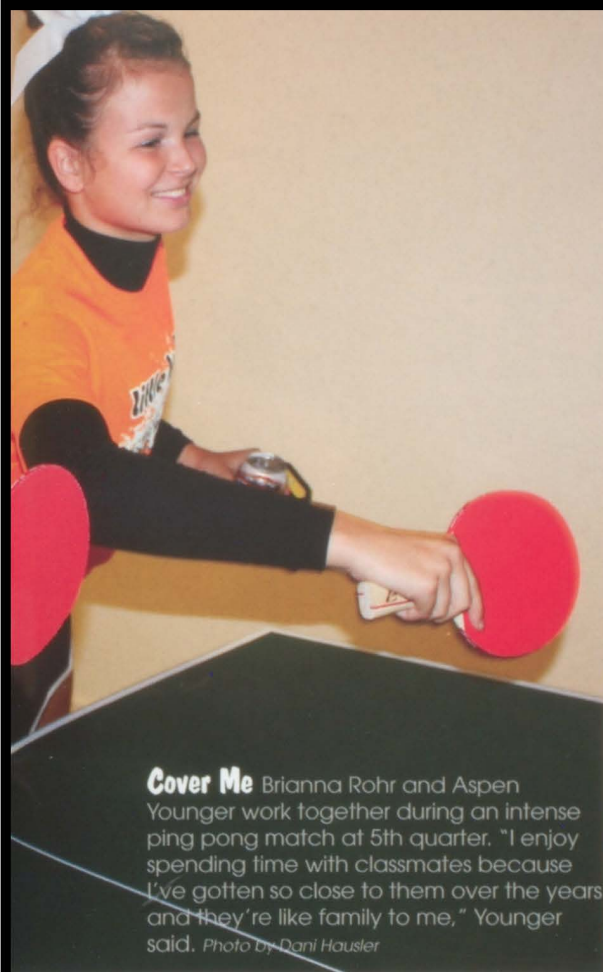


**Sierra Cunningham**



"My favorite part about my ring is the saying carved on the inside of the ring."





**Cover Me** Brianna Rohr and Aspen Younger work together during an intense ping pong match at 5th quarter. "I enjoy spending time with classmates because I've gotten so close to them over the years and they're like family to me," Younger said. Photo by Dani Hausler



Keisha Brack



Brendon Brenner



Jacob Burns



Jonathan Cox



Sierra Cunningham



Skylar Gottschalk



Dylan Haas



Ethan Honas



Sintia Jimenez



Brandon Kingsley



Brianna Rohr



Theron Schmidt



Jenna Schoenberger



Dakota Sproul



Tori Tebo



LexAnne Wolf



Aspen Younger



Erianna Basgall



Gage Goble



Joey Raub

## Through the Years

Sophomores grow together from the beginning

At many elementary schools, grades are divided into at least two separate classes because of the large number of students in that age group. However, the sophomore class wasn't quite big enough to split up. Until junior high, they were kept in the same class, allowing them to become close as a group and truly learn about each other throughout their elementary years.

"We never had to worry about whether we would be with our friends or not," Tori Tebo said.

As junior high students, finding out the assigned classes was a strange time for the

sophomores. It was the first time they wouldn't be in the same room throughout their entire day at school. Each class would follow different schedules and times they would share together were limited.

"The worst part about splitting classes in junior high was not getting put into a class with the people I wanted," Gage Goble said.

Nearing the halfway point of high school, the sophomores are now well adapted to the separate ways of their group. The students have several chosen electives and core classes

that differ immensely from the schedules of one another.

"It's hard to have such different schedules from my classmates because I don't get to be around my best friends all day," LexAnne Wolf said.

The sophomore class will continue to push through their high school years as they work towards their graduation day. Despite the different paths they have chosen, both in activities and schedules, the class of 2016 remain connected to one another and push each other to be their best.





Brandon Bollig



Mollie Buchholz



Ashley Butler



Kori Clark



Brandon Groff



Danielle Hausler



Autum Hellerud



Sarah Henman



Eli Lohrmeyer



Alexis Mattheyer



Sarah Mick

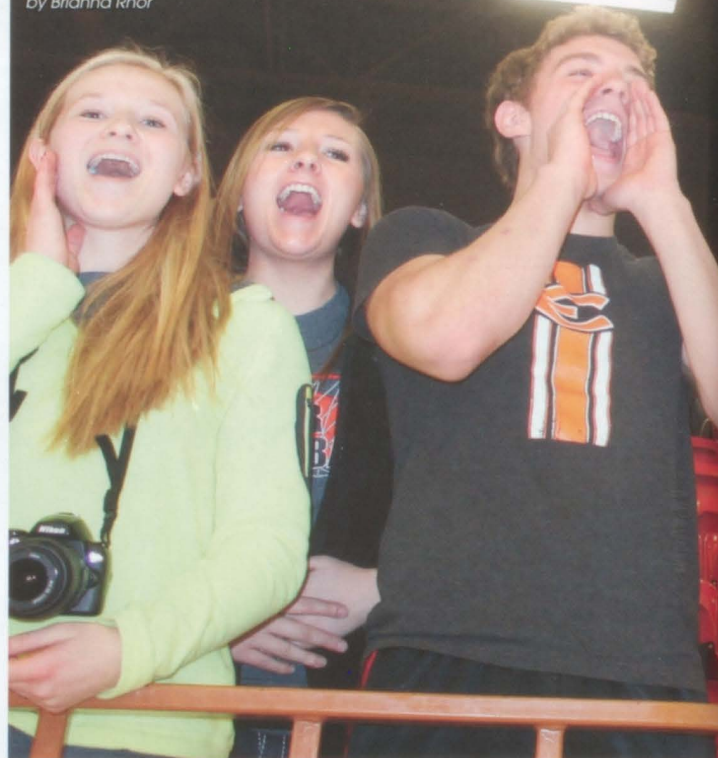


Jared Pfeifer



Baylee Werth

**Shout It Out** Juniors Sarah Mick, Autum Hellerud, Sean Lee, Jared Pfeifer and Eli Lohrmeyer shout out to the cheerleaders to show to them that the Junior Class is the loudest class at the winter Pep Rally. Photo by Brianna Rhor



## My Dream Job

Juniors have careers planned out for the future



**Josh Kreutzer**  
Fighter Jet Pilot

Photo Illustration by Dusty Bittel

"I want to be a fighter jet Pilot because being able to fly a jet and also being in in air to air combat would be awesome. Just the feeling of flying a jet would be amazing."

**Clara Garnett**  
Cosmetologist

"I want to be a cosemetologist becasue I get to help people feel more confident."



Photo Illustration by Dusty Bittel





### Moving Forward

Ryan Pritchett moves a chess piece toward his opponent's king during chess club. Photo by Dusty Bittel

### Future Plans

The juniors listen to Mr. Dale as he discusses enrollment options for next year. Photo by Dusty Bittel



Hailey Dinkel



Justin Esner



Ciara Garnett



Stephanie Greenway



Kylee Keller



Josh Kreutzer



Brianna LaBarge



Sean Lee



Ryan Pritchett



Olivia Reiter



Nick Rose



Carson Rupp

## Brains "R" Us

The junior class takes the academic high road

The junior class has always been one to take an extra step when it comes to academics. From taking Algebra their 8th grade year instead of Pre-Algebra to taking harder classes when they first start freshman year, they've never backed down from an academic challenge.

"Taking harder classes prepares you for college classes next year and it shows the college that you are ready to take it to the next level," Carson Rupp said.

Taking challenging classes during your senior year can be both beneficial and stressful. Like most things, it has its pros and cons.

"A con of taking harder classes is that you have to study more," Kori Clark said.

What compels a student to take harder classes next year can be influenced by a lot of things. Whatever the reason, a student will namely take a class next year because they believe it will benefit them in the future.

"I'm taking harder classes because it will benefit me for college," Brandon Bollig said.

As the juniors receive their class schedules they may become concerned about the classes they have chosen to take. One of their concerns may be that they believe that should have taken easier classes.

"No, I shouldn't have taken easier classes because now I will be prepared for the toughness of

college," Sarah Henman said.

Another concern a student might have when they get their schedule is when they take their classes. This might have more of an effect on their grades than the fact that the class is hard or easy.

"My concern about my schedule is that all my classes are in the morning," Brianna LaBarge said.

Whatever their concern may be or why they have chosen to take such hard classes, the junior class is ready to face these challenges head on. As their slogan for their Kansas State Assessments T-shirts their 7th grade year declared, the junior class of 2015 is certainly "Brains 'R' Us."





### Open Wide

Skyler Tebo<sup>14</sup> gets fed by his mom at the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Sarah Mick



### Smarty Pants

Abby Hafliker, Wanda Jimenez, and Dusty Bittel compete in a scholars' bowl meet. Photo by Brittany Dinkel

### Moving Forward

Wanda Jimenez concentrates on her painting project in art. "The thing I'm going to miss most about Mr. White's class is meeting all the deadlines," Jimenez said. Photo by Regan Krause

**1. Hard At Work** Brady Jacques concentrates on his project during an advanced art class with Mr. White. Photo by Regan Krause

**2. Cowboy Down** Alan Wilson tries his hand at bull riding before getting bucked off during After Prom. Photo by Brittany Dinkel

**3. Pep in Her Step** Kaleigh Soneson cruises to a touchdown during the Homecoming festivities. Photo by Dusty Bittel

**4. Art Time** Sitting in Mr. White's art class, Josh Townley<sup>14</sup> and Jacob Callier<sup>14</sup> work on paintings. Photo by Regan Krause



## Together Till the End

### Seniors Spend Extra Time Together

Unique, extraordinary, and dysfunctional are all words that have been used to describe the senior class. However, the word that stands out the most is family.

Even though they spend five days a week with each other in the school building, the seniors still do things outside of class together.

"We do some really awesome things together," Morgan Thille said. "My favorite was when we all went bowling and then ate at IHOP afterwards."

Another fun bonding activity for them throughout the years has been building their Homecoming float. Classes meet to

determine an idea that is centered around the Homecoming theme, then plan a strategy to become the best float in the parade.

"The memory that stands out most for me is float building," Dusty Bittel said. "We had our doubts the first year, but pulled off a really cool float in the end."



# Before



Dusty Bittel



Brody Douglas



Seth Fuller



Nick Gehring



Allen Augustine



Brittany Dinkel



Sidney Gottschalk



Brady Jacques



Mara Geschwentner



Rachel Keller



Braden Parke



Kaleigh Soneson



Tanner Keithley



Regan Krause



Scott Pfeifer



Christen Spinelli



Skyler Tebo



Josh Tway



Landon Younger



KC Windholz

# During



**Back Row:** Landon Younger, Scott Pfeifer, Tanner Keithley, Skyler Tebo, Josh Tway, Nick Gehring, Josh Townley, Dusty Bittel, K.C. Windholz. **Middle Row:** Brady Jacques, Seth Fuller, Kara Parson, Kourtney Kaicy, Sammy Graves, Kaleigh Soneson, Sidney Gottschalk, Christina Wright, Alaysia Lepper. **Front Row:** Alan Wilson, Braden Parke, Abby Hafliker, Regan Krause, Brittany Dinkel, Alysha Werth, Rachel Keller, Christen Spinelli, and Mara Geschwentner. Courtesy Photo

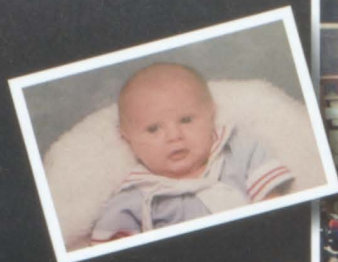
# After



**Back row:** Braden Parke, Regan Krause, Nick Gehring, Brittany Dinkel, Skyler Tebo, Kaleigh Soneson, Josh Tway, Sidney Gottschalk, Seth Fuller, Brody Douglas, Alan Wilson, Jacob Callier, Landon Younger, Tyus Price, Allen Augustine. **Middle Row:** Chayanit Khamklad (Ink), Wanda Jimenez, KC Windholz, Rachel Keller, Mara Geschwentner, Alysha Werth, Christen Spinelli, Monica Towns, Scott Pfeifer. **Front Row:** Christina Wright, Abby Hafliker, Dusty Bittel, and Morgan Thille. Photo by Jill Wood



Congratulations, Allen!



**Allen Augustine**

### ACTIVITIES

Cross Country 10  
Football 10,11,12  
Track 10  
Wrestling 10

### ACTIVITIES

Band 9, 10  
BBBS 10,11,12  
Class Leadership 10  
Cross Country 9,10,11,12  
Drama Club 11,12  
FCCLA 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 9,10,11,12  
Journalism 11,12  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
Web Team 12  
Scholar's Bowl 9,10,11,12  
School Play 11,12  
Track 9,10,11  
Chess Team 12  
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12  
Senior Class Pres.



**Dustin Bittel**



Dusty,  
We are so proud of everything you have accomplished so far and know you will accomplish even more. Good luck and best wishes in college and the future.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Hooya and good luck in college. You'll do amazing. Yeah, you are done with high school!

Love,  
Staci

Congratulations, Jacob!



**Jacob Callier**

### ACTIVITIES

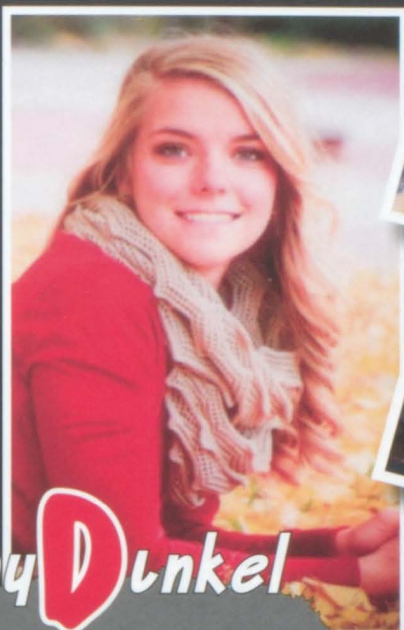
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## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Basketball 9,10,11,12  
BBBS 10,11,12  
Class Leadership 9  
Cheerleading 9,10,11,12  
Cheer Captain 12  
FCCLA 9,10,11  
FFA 11  
Journalism 11,12  
State Champ Sports Photo 12  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
KAYS Pres. 12  
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12  
LINK Crew 11,12  
NHS 12  
Prom Server  
Softball 10,11  
Stuco 9,10  
Track 9  
Volleyball 9,10,11,12

# Brittany Dinkel



Our pretty little Brittany has grown into a very mature young lady. She knows what she wants and works hard to achieve it. We hope life takes her wherever she wants to go. We're so proud of her and love her so much.  
Love,  
Mom, Daniel, Becca, Jerica, and Hailey

From the little boy you were to the man you've become, we are proud. We will miss you while you're in the navy.  
Love,  
The Old Man and Tina



From your first steps to now, you have changed so much. You'll do great things in the service.  
We love you,  
Mom and Colosi



# Brodan Douglas

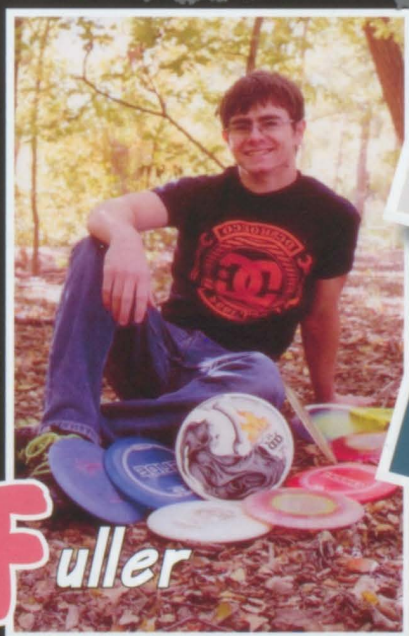
## ACTIVITIES

Football 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 12  
Track 9,10,11,12  
State Powerlifting

## ACTIVITIES

BBBS 11  
FFA 10,11,12  
Football 9,10  
Track 9,10,11

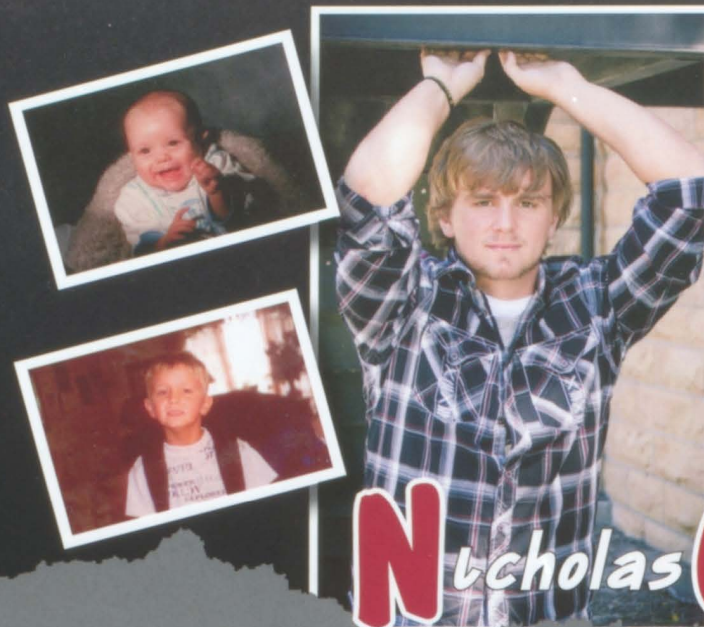
# Seth Fuller



You are our hero. You have been through a lot these last four years. Congratulations, "Batman"!  
Love,  
Mom, Kenny, Dad, Scott, and Spencer



Nicholas,  
You are one of the  
greatest blessings in my  
life. I couldn't be more  
proud to call you my son.  
I'm so excited to see how  
you use the gifts God has  
given you as you start the  
next journey in life.  
I love you,  
Mom



**N**icholas **G**ehring

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Baseball 12  
Basketball 9,10,11,12  
Class Leadership 9,10  
Football 9,10,11,12  
News/Web Team 11,12  
Prom Server  
Stuco 9,10,12  
Track 9,10  
Programming Director 12  
Homecoming King  
Honor Roll 9,10,11

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
Choir 10  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
Volleyball 9



**M**ara **G**eschwentner



From diapers to dolls,  
and dolls to diploma.  
Where has the time  
gone? We are so proud  
of the beautiful, caring,  
independent young  
woman you have  
become. Congratulations  
on this wonderful  
accomplishment. We look  
forward to your future.  
Reach for your star,  
and grab it!  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Brandon,  
and Nick

Sidney,  
Congratulations on your  
accomplishments. We  
are very proud of you  
and the person you have  
become. Good luck in  
your future endeavors!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Shelby



**S**idney **G**ottschalk

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Basketball 9,10,11,12  
BBBS 10,11,12  
Class Leadership 10  
FCCLA 9,10,11,12  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
Link Crew 11,12  
NHS 11,12  
Prom Server  
School Play 11  
Stuco 9,10,11,12  
Stuco Pres. 12  
Track 9,10,11,12  
Volleyball 9,10,11,12  
Site Council 12  
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12  
Perfect Attendance 9,10,11,12



## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
BBBS 11,12  
FFA 9,10,11,12  
FFA Vice Pres. 12  
Football Mgr. 12  
Forensics 10  
KAYS 9,11  
Link Crew 11,12  
Scholar's Bowl 11,12  
School Play 11,12  
Track 9,10  
Volleyball 9,10  
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12

**Abigail Haflinger**



Congratulations, Abigail!

Brady,

we are all so proud of the young man that you have become. It seems like yesterday that you were beginning your first day of kindergarten, and now, you are graduating high school. Whichever career path you choose we know that you will be successful. May your life be filled with all that you want and more. God blessed us when he gave us you.



**Brady Jacques**

## ACTIVITIES

Baseball 10  
FFA 9,10,11,12  
Prom Server  
Track 9

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
Cross Country 10,11  
Drama Club 12  
FCCLA 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 10,11  
NHS 11,12  
Web Team 12  
Prom Server  
Scholar's Bowl 9,10,11,12  
Stuco 9,10,11  
Track 9,10  
Tennis 9  
Perfect Attendance 10  
Honor Roll 9,10,11

**Wanda Jimenez**



We are so proud of you and all the challenges you have overcome. You can achieve whatever you want in life. All you have to do is believe that you can. We believe in you. Happy Graduation Day!



It has been wonderful watching you grow and become the person you are now. We are very proud of you and hope all your dreams come true.  
We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, and Bryce



## ACTIVITIES

FFA 11,12  
Golf 9,10,11

**Tanner Kethley**

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9,10  
FCCLA 9,10,11,12  
FFA 10,11,12  
FFA Secretary 12  
Honor Roll 9,10,11,12  
Journalism 11  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
NHS 11,12  
School Play 11  
Track 9,10,11,12  
Volleyball 9,10,11,12



We are proud of the young lady you have become. Keep up the good work and have faith in yourself. Remember we are always here for you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Meredith  
and Garrett

**Rachel Keller**

Thanks for coming all the way from Thailand to spend a year with us. We have enjoyed sharing the year with you and hope that you have good memories of our community and country. We know you liked the snow! Good luck with your real senior year in Thailand and please come back to see us soon.

Love,  
Robin, Perry, and  
Sarah Henman



## ACTIVITIES

KAYS 12  
Track 12  
Volleyball 12

**Chayanit Khamklad**



## Activities

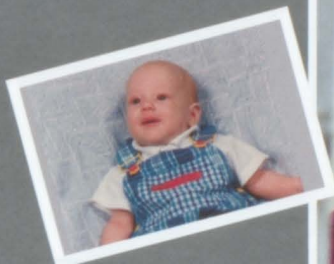
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 Cheerleading Captain 12  
 Choir 9,10,11,12  
 State Vocal Music 10,11,12  
 FCCLA 9,10  
 FFA 11  
 Journalism 11,12  
 State Journalism 11,12  
 State Champ. Academic Photo 11  
 Yearbook Editor 12  
 KAYS 9,10,11,12  
 KAYS Board Member 9,10,11,12  
 Link Crew 12  
 Prom Server  
 Track 9,10,11  
 Volleyball 9,10,11  
 Honor Roll 11,12



**R**egan**K**rause

From a sassy little girl to a beautiful and smart young lady. You can do anything you set your mind to. Reach for the stars, Sispol!  
 We are very proud of you.  
 Love,  
 Dad, Mom and Dylan

Congratulations!  
 We wish you much happiness and go confidently in the direction of your dreams!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**B**raden**P**arke

## Activities

Baseball 9,10,11,12  
 Basketball 9,10,11,12  
 FFA 9,10,11,12  
 Football 9  
 Forensics 9,12  
 KAYS 10,11,12  
 Link Crew 11,12  
 News/Web Team 11,12  
 Prom Server  
 School Play 11,12

## Activities

Baseball 9,10,11,12  
 Basketball 9,10,11,12  
 BBBS 10,11,12  
 Class Leadership 10  
 Drama Club 12  
 FFA 9,10,11,12  
 Football 9,10,11,12  
 KAYS 9,10,11,12  
 Link Crew 11,12  
 NHS 11,12  
 Prom Server  
 School Play 11,12  
 STUCO 11,12  
 Honor Roll 9,10,11,12



**S**cott**P**felfer

Congratulations, Scott!  
 We are so proud of all you have accomplished. While we are sad to see this chapter of your life come to a close, we are very excited to see what the next chapter of your life holds in store for you. We love you and good luck!  
 Mom and Dad



To my lil' Loo child,  
Cool Cat Kaleigh-boo-  
Baleigh, K-So, Soneson,  
We are proud of all you  
have become! Stay  
beautiful, caring, fun-  
loving, dedicated and  
hard working! Enjoy life's  
journey, for this is just a  
stepping stone!

Love always  
Mom, Dad & Geoffrey



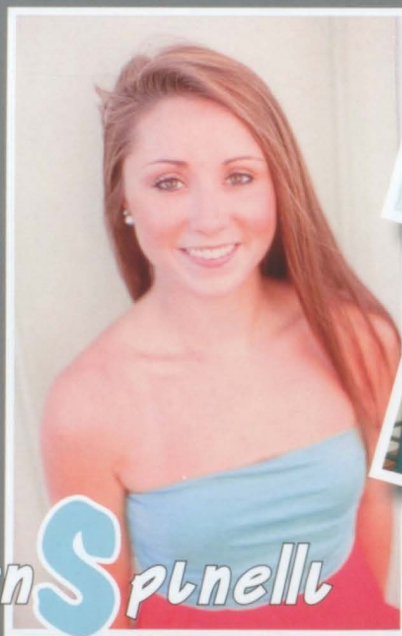
**K**aleigh**S**oneson

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
BBBS 10, 11, 12  
Class Leadership 9, 10  
Homecoming Queen 12  
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12  
Cheer Co Captain 11  
Cheer Captain 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 11  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
NHS 11, 12  
News/Web Team 12  
Prom Server  
STUCO 10  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Class Pres. 10  
Class Vice Pres. 11

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball Manager 11, 12  
BBBS 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10  
Journalism 11, 12  
State Journalism 11, 12  
Yearbook Editor 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS Board 10, 11, 12  
Link Crew 11, 12  
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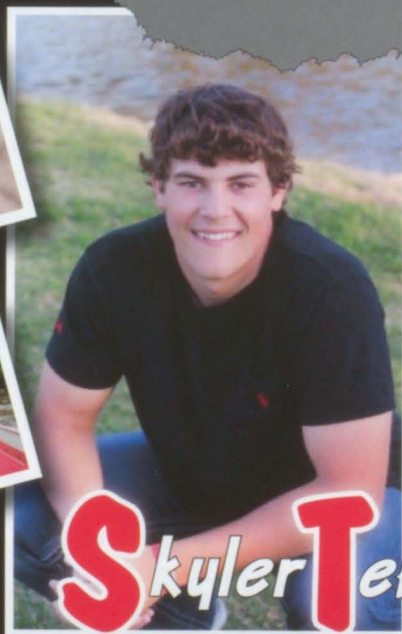
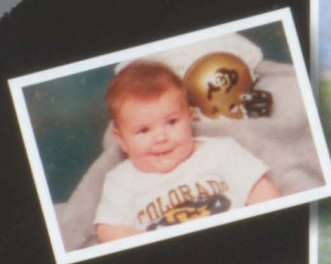
**C**hristen**S**pinelli



Christen,  
Congratulations! Stay  
strong in your beliefs,  
have confidence in your  
abilities, and you  
will succeed.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jessica,  
and Stephanie

Congratulations, Skyler! It's  
been a fun ride! We are so  
proud of you and all of your  
accomplishments so far. It  
seems like yesterday you were  
that little 3-year-old stinker  
swinging your golf clubs. Now,  
you are going to live your  
dream. With your effort and  
determination, nothing stands  
in your way. Thank you for all of  
the fun years so far. Can't wait  
to watch you play in college!  
We wish you love, happiness,  
and success as you go after  
your dreams! Phil 4:13

We Love You,  
Dad, Mom, and Tori



**S**kyler**T**ebo

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
FCCLA 9, 12  
FFA 9  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12  
Golf 9, 10, 11, 12  
State Golf 9, 10, 11  
KAYS 9, 11, 12  
Link Crew 12  
NHS 12  
Wrestling 10, 11, 12  
State Wrestling 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12



## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Choir 9,10,11,12  
Drama Club 11  
Forensics 11  
Scholar's Bowl 12  
School Play 12

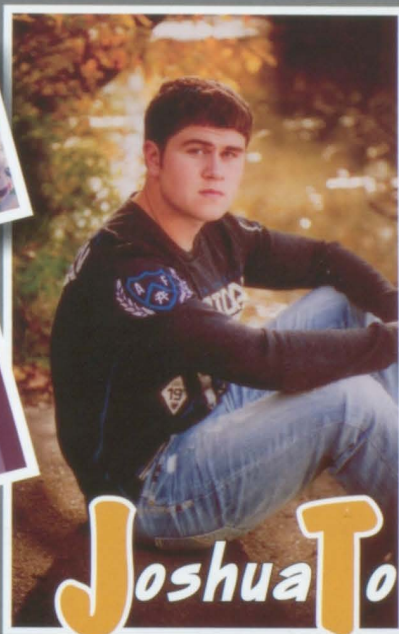


Congratulations, Morgan!

**M**organ**T**hille

Joshua,  
We are very proud of  
the young man you  
have become.

All our love,  
Mom, Evan, Nate  
and Grandma



## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
FFA 10, 11, 12  
Golf 10

**J**oshua**T**ownley

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9,10,11,12  
Drama Club 12  
FFA 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 12  
Prom Server  
School Play 12



Your family loves you  
and is very proud of you.  
Congratulations, Monica!

**M**onica**T**owns



Congratulations!  
We are very proud of you  
and everything you have  
accomplished so far.  
Best of luck to you as you  
reach for happiness and  
success in your future!

Love,  
Your Family



**Joshua Tway**

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Basketball 9,10,11,12  
Cross Country 11  
Golf 9,10,11,12  
State Golf 9,11  
KAYS 9,10,11,12  
KAYS Board Member 9,10  
News/Web Team 12  
Prom Server  
Honor Roll 9,12

## ACTIVITIES

FCCLA 9  
KAYS 9,10,12  
Track 9,10,11  
Volleyball 9,10,11,12  
Wrestling Mgr. 12  
Honor Roll 12



**Alysha Werth**

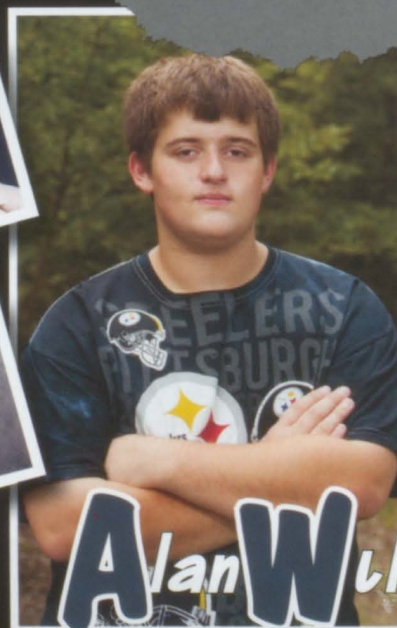


We are so proud of the  
young lady that you  
have become. You are  
so strong-willed. Always  
believe in yourself  
and never stop  
following your dreams.  
We love you!

We are so proud of the  
young man you have  
become. May all of your  
dreams come true. The  
world is waiting for you.  
Always remember God is  
with you.

Congrats!

Dad, Mom, & LeeAnn



**Alan Wilson**

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9,10,11,12  
State Band 10  
FCCLA 9,10,11,12  
FFA 11,12  
Football 10,11,12  
Forensics 9  
KAYS 11,12  
Scholar's Bowl 12  
Track 9,10,11,12  
Honor Roll 9,11  
Chess Club 12



## ACTIVITIES

Basketball 9  
Drama Club 12  
FFA 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 9,10,11,12  
School Play 11,12  
Track 9,10,11,12



**Kathleen Windholz**

Good luck in your future!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Monkey,  
I'm so happy the day you  
adopted me and took  
me as your mom. How  
proud I am to see what a  
beautiful and intelligent  
young woman you have  
become. Hang on to  
your belief and  
love in the Lord.

I Love You,  
Mom



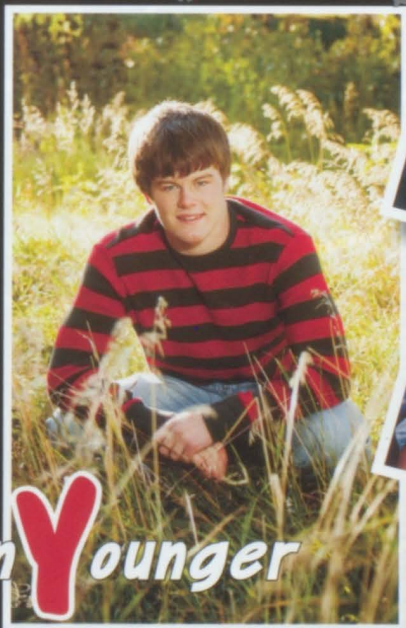
**Christina Wright**

## ACTIVITIES

Cross Country 10,11  
Drama Club 12  
FCCLA 9,11,12  
Forensics 10  
News/Web Team 11,12  
School Play 11,12  
Volleyball 9

## ACTIVITIES

Band 9  
Baseball 10  
BBBS 11  
Class Leadership 9  
FCCLA 11,12  
FFA 9,10  
Football 9,10,11,12  
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NHS 11,12  
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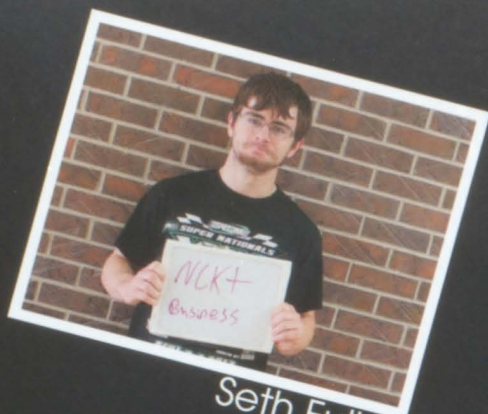
**Landon Younger**

We are so proud of the  
young man you have  
become and we can't  
wait to see what your  
future holds for you. As  
Ralph Waldo Emerson  
would say, "Do not go  
where the path may  
lead; instead go where  
there is no path &  
leave a trail."

Love you,  
Dad, Mom, Aspen  
and Bryce



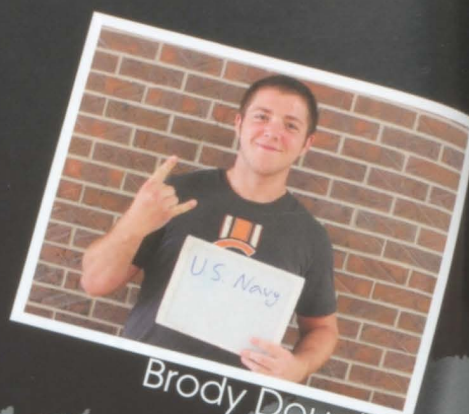
# Class of 2014



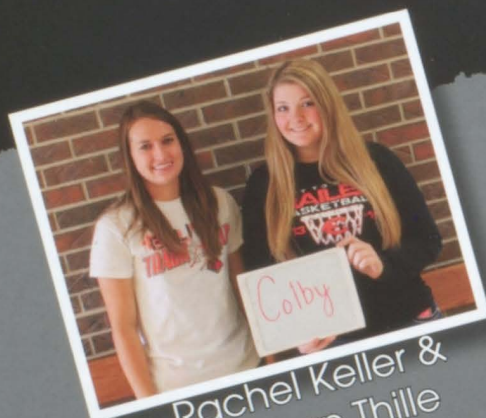
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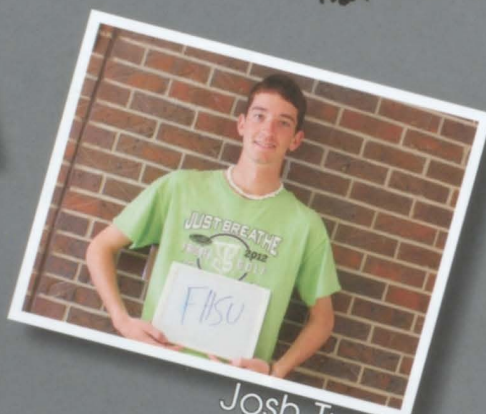
Mara Geschwentner



Brody Douglas



Rachel Keller &  
Morgan Thille



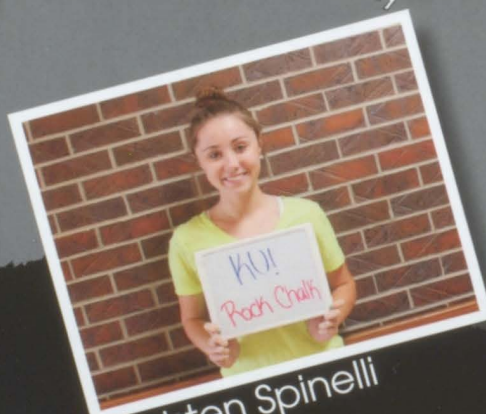
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Dusty Bittel



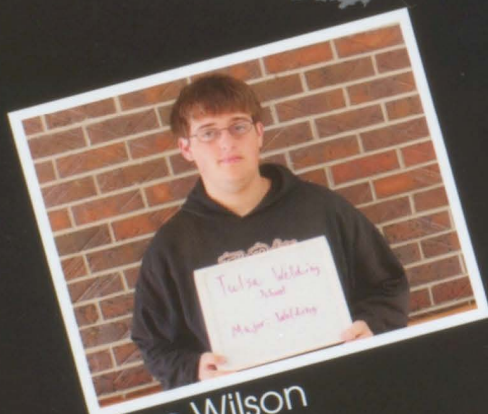
Ink Khamklad



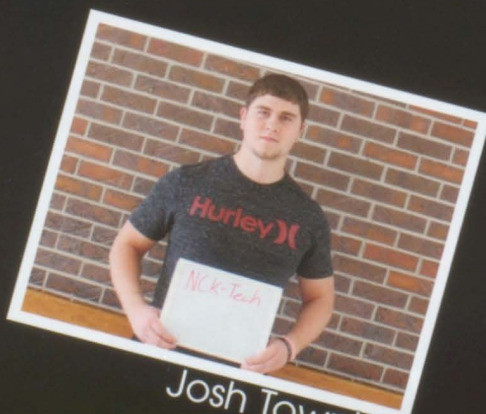
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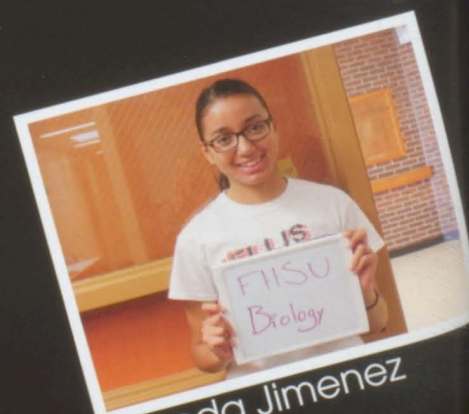
Skyler Tebo



Alan Wilson



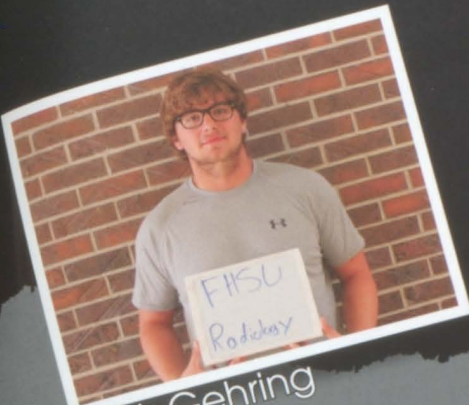
Josh Townley



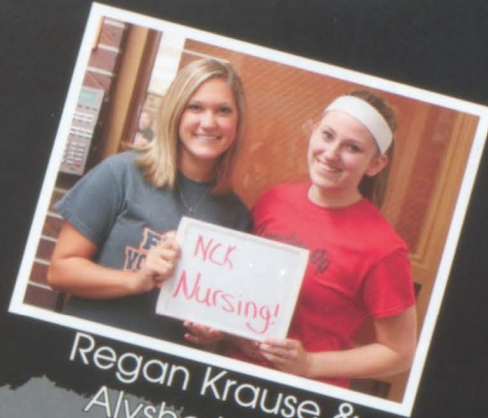
Wanda Jimenez



# Future Plans...



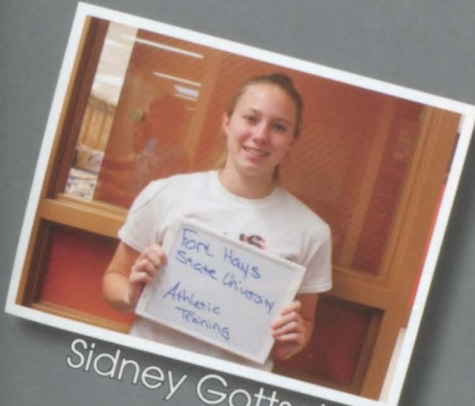
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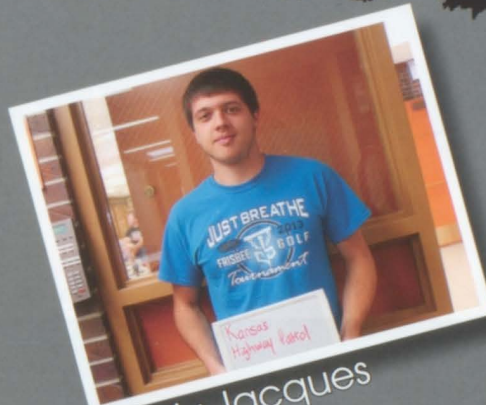
Regan Krause &  
Alyshia Werth



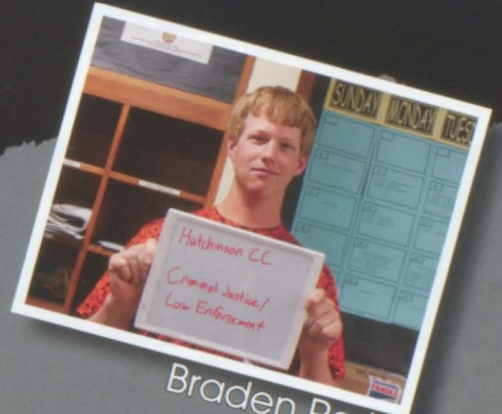
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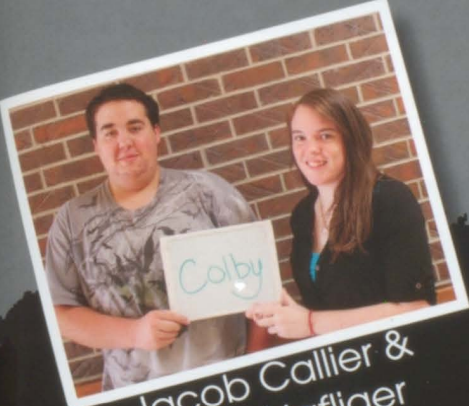
Sidney Gottschalk



Brady Jacques



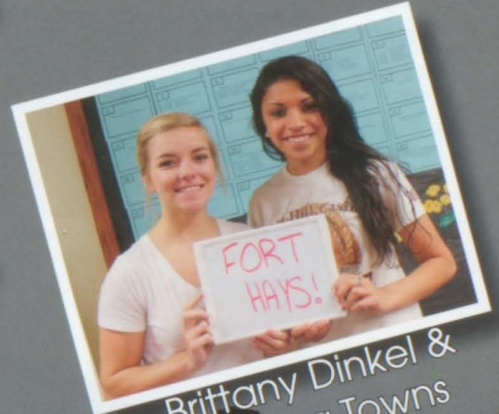
Braden Parke



Jacob Callier &  
Abby Hafliker



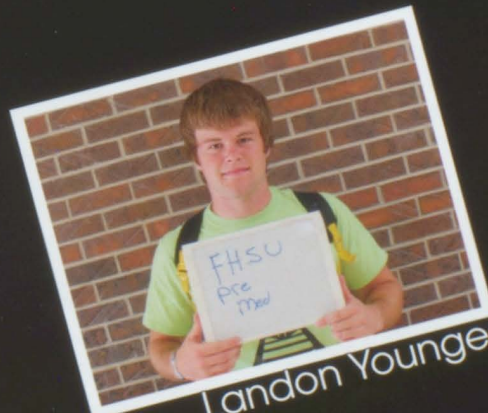
Kaleigh Soneson



Brittany Dinkel &  
Monica Towns



Scott Pfeifer



Landon Younger



Allen Augustine,  
KC Windholz, &  
Christina Wright





**Craig Amrein**  
Multimedia,  
Football, Freshmen  
Sponsor



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



**Ryan Augustine**  
Baseball



**Alyssa Crawford**  
Para-Educator



**Troy Dale**  
Counselor, Link  
Crew



**Alyssa Dawson**  
English, Forensics,  
Play Director



**Butch Hayes**  
Math, Football,  
Basketball, Track



**Randy Herman**  
Custodian



**Steve Herman**  
Technology  
Director



### Check Mate?

Mr. Hayes  
contemplates  
his next move as  
he competes in a  
seminar chess  
tournament.

*Photo by Dusty Bittel*



### Stayin' Alive

Mr. Carroll  
practices  
CPR after  
demonstrations  
during a district  
inservice. *Photo by  
Jill Wood*



### Not Pictured

Ellen Bickle Volleyball  
Brandon Pfeifer Wrestling  
Malory Shanahan Softball  
Jessica Bollig Girls Basketball  
Taylor Rathgeber Softball



**Maria Mick**  
Secretary



**Perry Mick**  
Math, Physics,  
NHS Sponsor,  
Girls Basketball



**Breanne Nilhas**  
FACS, FCCLA,  
Junior Sponsor



**Mary Parke**  
School Nurse



**Chris Rorabaugh**  
Boys Basketball



**Sandy Shupe**  
Special Education

## Getting Involved

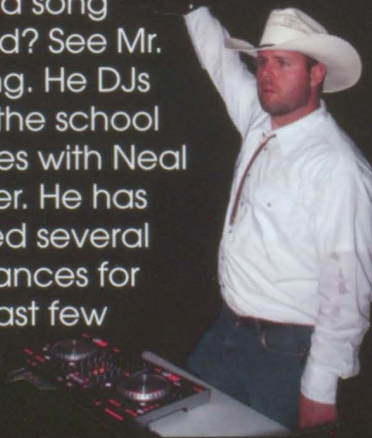
### Mr. Amrein

Many teachers have a favorite team, so Mr. Amrein sports his favorite pick, K-State, on "Team Day" during Homecoming week.



### Mr. Dreiling

Want a song played? See Mr. Dreiling. He DJs all of the school dances with Neal Metzler. He has worked several Ellis dances for the past few years.

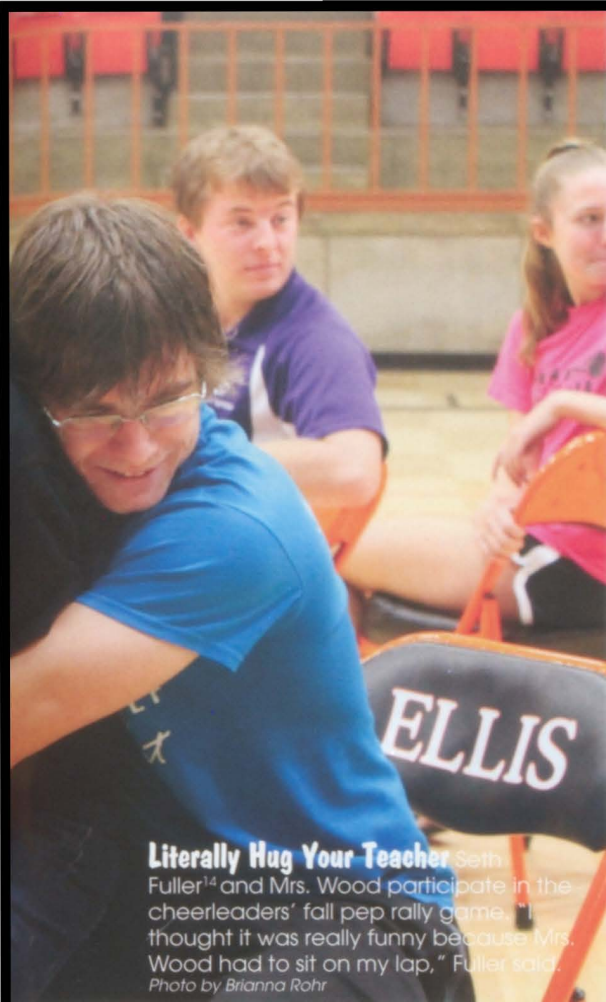


### Mr. Kohl

When he wasn't eating soup, Mr. Kohl helped in the kitchen during the FCCLA Star Events.







**Literally Hug Your Teacher** Seth Fuller<sup>14</sup> and Mrs. Wood participate in the cheerleaders' fall pep rally game. "I thought it was really funny because Mrs. Wood had to sit on my lap," Fuller said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



Kerry Bittel  
Librarian, Chess  
Club Sponsor



Kristi Bittel  
KAY Sponsor,  
Cheerleading



Corey Burton  
Principal



Matt Carroll  
Golf, Industrial  
Technology



Nicole Carroll  
KAY Sponsor



Casey Dinkel  
Wrestling



Steve Erbert  
Track



Natalie Gabel  
Food Services



Paula  
Greenway  
Para-Educator,  
Junior Sponsor



Jackie Grogan  
Spanish, Soc. Science,  
Sr. Sponsor, Scholars  
Bowl



Gwen Honas  
Food Services



Alex Jost  
Agricultural Ed.,  
FFA



Jeff Kohl  
Government,  
History, STUCO



Leonard  
LaBarge  
Custodian



Heather Lyman  
Sophomore  
Sponsor



Sarah Staten  
Volleyball



Brian White  
Art



David Wildeman  
Science,  
Baseball



Stacey Williams  
Band, Choir



Jack Wolf  
Science, Cross  
Country, Track



Rhonda Wolf  
Office Assistant



Jill Wood  
English,  
Journalism

## Taking Action

Teachers Go the Extra Mile To Be Involved

At some schools, the faculty may do nothing more than teach the students, rarely involving themselves in activities that students participate in, such as Spirit Week or other festivities.

However, this is not the case here. Teachers get into as many events as possible.

An example of this is math instructor Mr. Hayes' involvement in Chess Club. This is a new extra-curricular that is being offered this

year. Students that participate meet in the library every seminar to challenge each other to matches.

Mr. Hayes, who also coaches multiple sports, joins the students as often as possible and has even won a tournament.

"I play because I like the strategy of chess, and playing with the students makes it more competitive. After I won, I celebrated with a couple fist

pumps. I am undefeated this year," Hayes said.

Another occasion that almost all teachers participate in is Spirit Week during Homecoming.

It is tradition for the students to play against the teachers in a volleyball match, which the teachers usually win.

"I play to re-live my glory days, and who doesn't like beating the students?" English instructor Alyssa Dawson said.



# Band



**Front Row:** Allie Frickey, LeeAnn Wilson, Ashley Butler, Stephanie Greenway, Aspen Younger, Lexie Rome, Dacia LaBarge, Lauren Pritchett **Second Row:** Jessica Gamez, Jasmyrn Hernandez, Brittany Bollig, Erianna Bascall, Rylee Torline, Sintia Jimenez, Ashton Johnson, Joey Raub, Dalton Hensley **Third Row:** Nathan Cox, Alan Wilson, Kassi Brown, Sierra Cunningham, Ryan Pritchett, Easton Smith, Bryce Keithley, Jenna Schoenberger *Photo by Regan Krause*

# Baseball



**Front Row:** Easton Smith, Scott Pfeifer, Braden Parke, Nick Gehring, Zak Ramos, Theron Schmidt, Bryce Keithley **Second Row:** Coach Wildeman, Brandon Bollig, Brevin LaBarge, Bräyden Bittel, Clay Feik, Dalton Hensley, Trayton Kroeger, Daniel Carbajal, Nathan Cox, Coach Augustine *Photo by Ellis Review*

# Boys Basketball



**Front Row:** Chase Hudson, Theron Schmidt, Alex Towns, Easton Smith, Joseph Wynn, Derek Pfeifer, Taylor Beisner, Clay Feik **Second Row:** Keyston Moeder, Nick Rose, Nick Gehring, Eli Lohrmeyer, Brendon Brennet, Josh Tway, Scott Pfeifer, Brandon Bollig, Braden Parke *Photo by Jill Wood*

# Girls Basketball



**Front Row:** Mgr. Brianna Rohr, Sarah Mick, Stephanie Greenway, Kaleigh Soneson, Monica Towns, Sidney Gottschalk, Brittany Dinkel, Baylee Werth, Autum Hellerud **Second Row:** Coach Mick, Brittney Johnson, LexAnne Wolf, Aspen Younger, Jenna Schoenberger, Alexcia Deutscher, Skylar Gottschalk, Paige Molstad, Brittany Bollig, Ashley Mattheyer, Lindsay Augustine, Jasmyrn Hernandez, Lexie Rome **Not Pictured:** Coach Bollig *Photo by Jill Wood*

# BBBS



**Front Row:** Kori Clark, Abby Hafliger, Ashley Butler, Christen Spinelli, Alexis Mattheyer, Sarah Mick, Clara Garnett **Second Row:** Jenna Schoenberger, LeeAnn Wilson, Baylee Werth, Brittany Dinkel, Brianna Rohr, Rylee Torline, Brianna LaBarge, Sarah Henman **Third Row:** Tori Tebo, Alexcia Deutscher, Scott Pfeifer, Dusty Bittel, Skylar Gottschalk, Paige Molstad, Kaleigh Soneson, Sidney Gottschalk *Photo by Regan Krause*

# Bus Barn



**Front Row:** Swede Swenson, Marvin Riedel, Dennis Wolf, Rhonda Wolf, Sarah Staten, Heather Schumacher, Eldon Pfeifer, and Troy Parson. **Not Pictured:** Paulette Kroeger, Wes Shannon, and Brandy Helms. *Photo by Regan Krause*



# Cheerleading



**Front Row:** Brittany Dinkel, Kaleigh Soneson, Regan Krause **Second Row:** Ashley Butler, Hailey Dinkel, Olivia Reiter, Sarah Henman **Third Row:** LexAnne Wolf, Paige Molstad, Baylee Werth, Stephanie Greenway, Aspen Younger, Allie Frickey Photo by Brianna Rohr

# Chess Club



Abby Haflliger, Scott Pfeifer, Joey Raub, Ryan Pritchett, Dusty Bittel, Alan Wilson, Ethan Honas, Carson Rupp, Bryson Parson Photo by Regan Krause

# Choir



**Front Row:** Alexis Mattheyer, Morgan Thille, Regan Krause, Aspen Younger, LeeAnn Wilson, Clara Barnett **Second Row:** Katie Milbourne, Nathan Cox, Tori Tebo, Zak Ramos, Kylee Hollingshead, Alyssa Haflliger, Ashton Johnson Photo by Brianna Rohr

# Cross Country



Kori Clark, Rylee Torline, Ashley Butler, Dusty Bittel, Nathan Cox, Nick Rose, Chase Hudson Photo by Regan Krause

# District Office



Superintendent Bob Young and Secretary Connie Waldschmidt Photo by Regan Krause

# Drama Club Officers



**Front Row:** Alyssa Dawson, Sponsor; Ashley Butler, Treasurer; Dani Hausler, President; Rylee Torline, Vice President. **Second Row:** Scott Pfeifer, Secretary; Dusty Bittel, Vice President; Paige Molstad, Public Relations and Media; Monica Towns, Public Relations and Media. Photo by Brianna Rohr



# EHS Staff



**Front Row:** Jackie Grogan, Alyssa Dawson, Alex Jost, Jill Wood; Sandy Shupe, Stacey Williams **Second Row:** Corey Burton, David Wildeman, Jake Dreiling, Butch Hayes, Kerry Bittel, Perry Mick, Troy Dale, Brandon Armbruster, Brian White, Craig Amrein, Matt Carroll. **Not Pictured:** Jeff Kohl, Breanne Nilhas, Steve Herrman. Photo by Regan Krause

# FCCLA Officers



Rylee Torline, VP of Public Relations; Tori Tebo, VP Finance; Brianna Rohr, VP of Membership and Stuco Representative; Stephanie Greenway, President; Ashley Butler, Vice President and VP of STAR Events; and Dusty Bittel, Secretary. Photo by Regan Krause

# FFA Officers



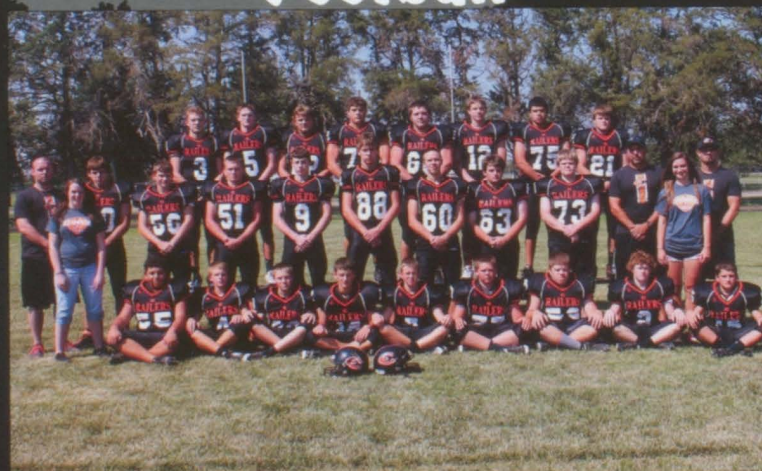
**Front Row:** Dani Hausler, Abby Hafliker, Alexis Mattheyer **Second Row:** Keyston Moeder, Jenna Schoenberger, Monica Towns, Rachel Keller Photo by Steven Hausler

# Forensics



**Front Row:** Ashley Butler, Alexis Mattheyer, Rae McClung, Wanda Jimenez **Second Row:** LeeAnn Wilson, Rylee Torline, Kylee Hollingshead, Lauren Pritchett, Katie Millborne **Third Row:** Sponsor Alyssa Dawson, Maddy Gnad, Brianna Rohr, Paige Molstad, Dusty Bittel, Brody Douglas, Brevin LaBarge, Dylan Gilbert Photo by Regan Krause

# Football



**Front Row:** Daniel Carbajal, Dalton Hensley, Derek Pfeifer, Brevin LaBarge, Easton Smith, Brandon North, Austin Meis, Clay Feik, Trayton Kroeger **Second Row:** Coach Dreiling, Mgr. Abby Hafliker, Dylan Haas, Josh Smith, Brandon Groff, Jared Pfeifer, Brendon Brenner, Ryan Pritchett, Alan Wilson, Dennis Jackson, Coach Hayes, Mgr. Brianna LaBarge, Coach Amrein **Third Row:** Sean Lee, Scott Pfeifer, Nick Gehring, Skyler Tebo, Brody Douglas, Eli Lohrmeyer, Daniel DeLaRosa, Landon Younger Photo by Jill Wood

Groups 94 Regan Krause

# Golf



Spencer Fuller, Keyston Moeder, Josh Tway, Skyler Tebo, Taylor Beisner, Tori Tebo, Chase Hudson. Photo by Ellis Review



# Journalism



**Front Row:** Regan Krause, Christen Spinelli, Brittany Dinkel, and Dusty Bittel  
**Second Row:** Ashley Butler, Dani Hausler, Olivia Reiter, Brianna Rohr, Baylee Werth, Sarah Mick, and Hailey Dinkel *Photo by Maria Mick*

# KAY Officers



**Front Row:** Points: Kori Clark, Co Points: Brjanna Rohr, Treasurer: Regan Krause, Secretary: Kaleigh Soneson, President: Brittany Dinkel, and Vice President: Baylee Werth *Photo by Christen Spinelli*

# Link Crew



**Front Row:** Kori Clark, Abby Hafliker, Brittany Dinkel, Christen Spinelli, Regan Krause, and Ashley Butler **Second Row:** Autum Hellerud, Scott Pfeifer, Skyler Tebo, Braden Parke, Stephanie Greenway, and Sidney Gottschalk *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

# NHS



**Front Row:** Landon Younger, Scott Pfeifer, Skyler Tebo, Sarah Henman  
**Second Row:** Wanda Jimenez, Rachel Keller, Olivia Reiter, Stephanie Greenway, Sidney Gottschalk, Kaleigh Soneson, Autum Hellerud, Brittany Dinkel, Christen Spinelli, Kori Clark, Ashley Butler, Sarah Mick *Photo by Regan Krause*

# Scholar's Bowl



**Front Row:** Sintia Jimenez, LeeAnn Wilson, and Lyla Meserve **Second Row:** Joey Raub, Abby Hafliker, Morgan Thille, Alan Wilson, Dalton Hensley **Third Row:** Wanda Jimenez, Erianna Basgall, Dusty Bittel, Carson Rupp, Ethan Honas *Photo by Jackie Grogan*

# School Board



**Front Row:** Trish Groff, Toni Younger, and Tracy Kinderknecht **Second Row:** Jerry Pfeifer, John Walz, Mark Polifka, Marty Hollern *Courtesy Photo*



# Softball



**Front Row:** Sintia Jimenez, Aspen Younger, Brianna Rohr, Lexie Rome **Second Row:** Autum Hellerud, Skylar Gottschalk, Mollie Buchholz, Brittany Bollig, Jenna Schoenberger. Photo by Regan Krause

# STUCO Officers



Ashley Butler, Sidney Gottschalk, Scott Pfeifer, and Sarah Mick  
Photo by Regan Krause

# Boys Track



**Front Row:** Johnny Cox, Dakota Sproul, Austin Meis, Landon Younger, Alan Wilson, Jacob Burns, Gage Goble, Mgr. Clara Garnett **Second Row:** Mgr. Monica Towns, Nick Rose, Jared Pfeifer, Sean Lee, Joseph Wynn, Brendon Brenner, Daniel DeLaRosa, Brody Douglas, Ethan Honas, and Brandon Groff Photo by Ellis Review

# Girls Track



**Front Row:** Ashton Johnson, Ashley Butler, Jessica Gamez, Lauren Pritchett, Dack LaBarge, and LeeAnn Wilson **Second Row:** Erianna Basgall, Keisha Brack, Jasmyn Hernandez, Stephanie Greenway, Kori Clark, Rachel Keller, Wanda Jimenez, Rylee Torline, Ink Khamklad, and Mgr. Clara Garnett **Third Row:** Mgr. Monica Towns, Paige Molstad, Ashley Mattheyer, Sidney Gottschalk, Sierra Cunningham, Alexcia Deutscher, Kaleigh Soneson, and KC Windholz Photo by Ellis Review

# Multimedia/Web



**Front Row:** Christina Wright, Kori Clark, Wanda Jimenez, Ashley Butler, Christen Spinelli, Kaleigh Soneson **Second Row:** Nick Gehring, Dusty Bittel, Josh Tway, Brandon Bollig, Braden Parke Photo by Regan Krause

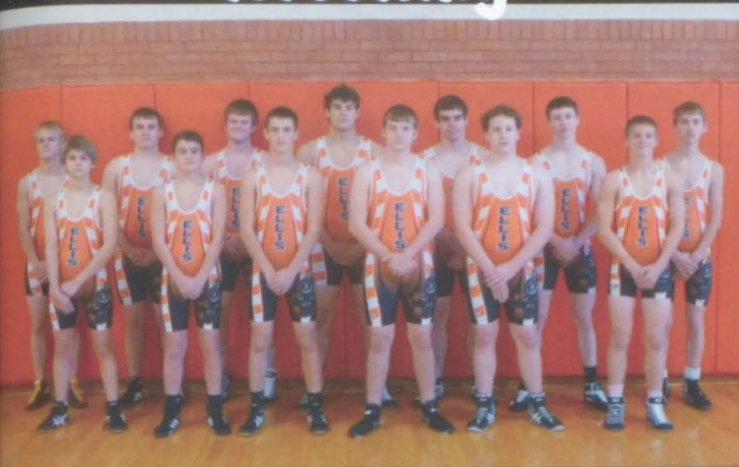
# Volleyball



**Front Row:** Mgr. Keisha Brack, Stephanie Greenway, Alysha Werth, Kaleigh Soneson, Brittany Dinkel, Sidney Gottschalk, Rachel Keller, Ink Khamklad, Mgr. Brittney Johnson **Second Row:** Lexie Rome, Hailey Dinkel, LeeAnn Wilson, Ashton Johnson, Lindsay Augustine, Aspen Younger, Brittany Bollig, Brianna Rohr, Ashley Mattheyer, Jasmyn Hernandez, Lauren Pritchett, Jessica Gamez, Allie Frickey **Third Row:** Sarah Mick, Mollie Buchholz, Autum Hellerud, Alexcia Deutscher, Skylar Gottschalk, Tori Tebo, Baylee Werth, Jenna Schoenberger Photo by Jill Wood



# Wrestling



**Front Row:** Bryson Parson, Trayton Kroeger, Brevin LaBarge, Josh Smith, Bryce Keithley, Dalton Hensley **Second Row:** Kobe Armbruster, Brandon Groff, Landon Younger, Skyler Tebo, Dylan Haas, Jared Pfeifer, Kadon Augustine *Courtesy Photo*

# Freshmen



**Front Row:** Lindsay Augustine, Lyla Meserve **Second Row:** Dacia LaBarge, Kaylee King, Alyssa Hafziger, Lexie Rome, Jasmyn Hernandez, Allie Frickey, Ashton Johnson, Jessica Gamez, Ashley Mattheyer, Rae McClung, Kylee Hollingshead **Third Row:** Brevin LaBarge, Zak Ramos, Spencer Fuller, Clay Felk, Trayton Kroeger, Brayden Bittel, Chase Hudson, Austin Meis, Trent Rose **Back Row:** Joseph Wynn, Dylan Gilbert, Dusty Lepper, Bryce Keithley, Daniel Carbajal, Andrew Thompson, Nathan Cox **Not Pictured:** Taylor Beisner, Brittany Bollig, Kass Brown, Jeremiah Gerhardt, Dalton Hensley, Clinton Irvin, Brittney Johnson, Brandon North, Bryson Parson, Derek Pfeifer, Sam Rupp, Easton Smith, Josh Smith, Bradley Wallace. *Photo by Jill Wood*

# Sophomores



**Front Row:** Alexcia Deutscher, Aspen Younger, Skylar Gottschalk, LexAnne Wolf **Second Row:** Lauren Pritchett, LeeAnn Wilson, Jenna Schoenberger, Maddy Gnad, Tori Tebo, Courtney Hamel, Brianna Rohr, Rylee Tortine, Sierra Cunningham, Paige Molstad, Erianna Basgall **Third Row:** Joey Raub, Kadon Augustine, Alex Towns, Kobe Armbruster, Dylan Haas, Daniel DeLaRosa, Dakota Sparul, Keyston Moeder, Gage Goble, Brandon Kingsley, Theron Schmidt **Not Pictured:** Ryan Augustine, Keisha Brack, Brendon Brenner, Jacob Burns, Johnny Cox, Ethan Honas, Sinthia Jimenez. *Photo by Jill Wood*

# Juniors



**Front Row:** Sarah Henman, Olivia Reiter, Dani Hausler, Alexis Mattheyer **Second Row:** Mollie Buchholz, Stephanie Greenway, Baylee Werth, Autum Hellerud, Hailey Dinkel, Sarah Mick, Ashley Butler, Kori Clark, Brianna LaBarge **Third Row:** Nick Rose, Brandon Groff, Sean Lee, Eli Lohrmeyer, Brandon Bollig, Jared Pfeifer, Josh Kreutzer **Not Pictured:** Justin Esner, Clara Garnett, Kylee Keller, Ryan Pritchett, Carson Rupp. *Photo by Jill Wood*

# Seniors



**Front Row:** Dusty Bittel, Abby Hafziger, Mara Geschwentner, Morgan Thille **Second Row:** Sidney Gottschalk, Rachel Keller, Alysha Werth, Regan Krause, Kaleigh Soneson, Brittany Dinkel, Christen Spinelli, Monica Towns, KC Windholz, Ink Khanklad **Third Row:** Brady Jacques, Seth Fuller, Nick Gehring, Skyler Tebo, Josh Tway, Landon Younger, Brody Douglas, Jacob Callier, Braden Parke, Tanner Keithley, Alan Wilson **Not Pictured:** Allen Augustine, Wanda Jimenez, Scott Pfeifer, Josh Townley, Christina Wright. *Photo by Jill Wood*



*Congratulations to Senior Yearbook Editor Christen Spinelli*



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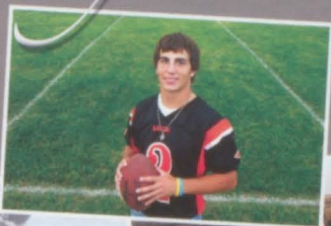
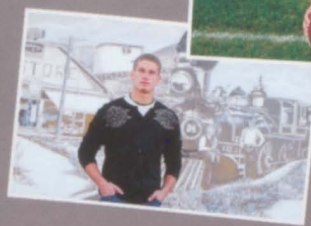
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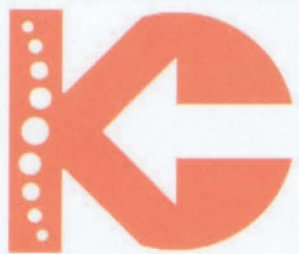
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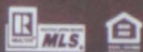
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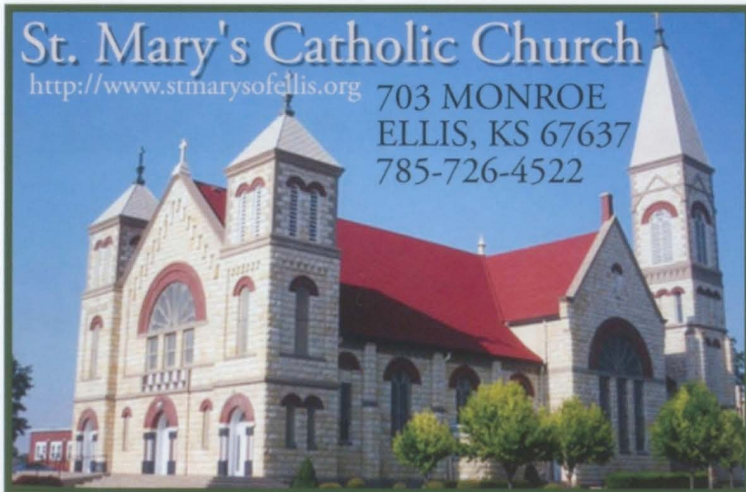
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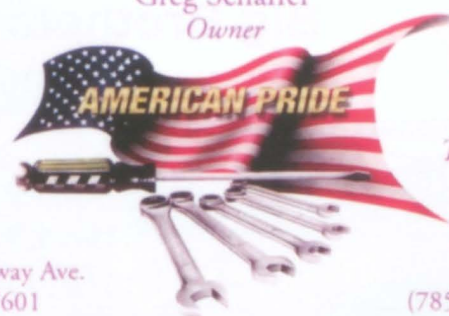


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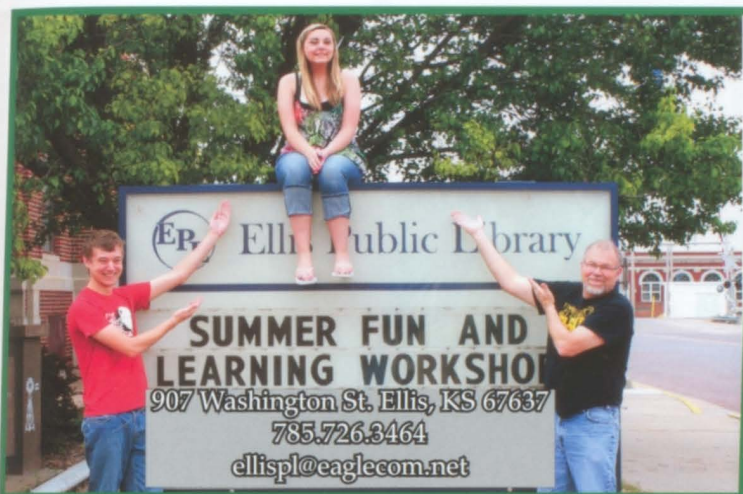




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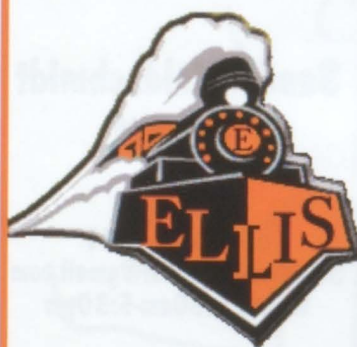
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