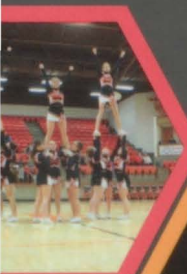
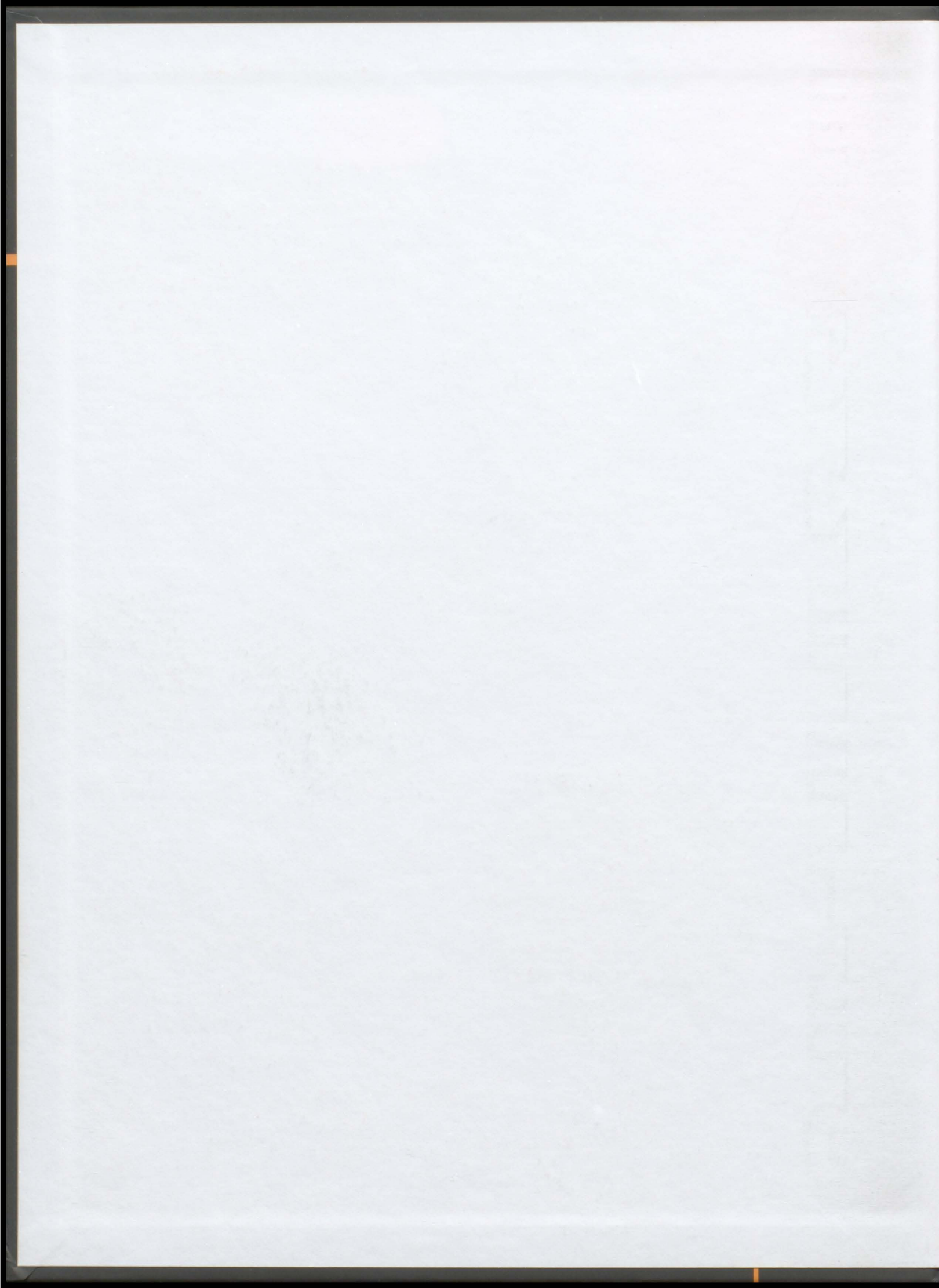


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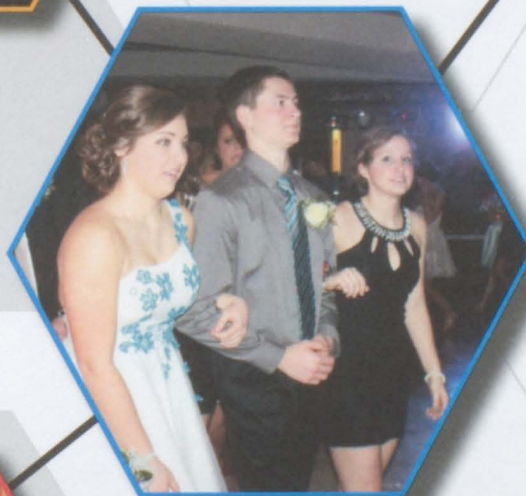




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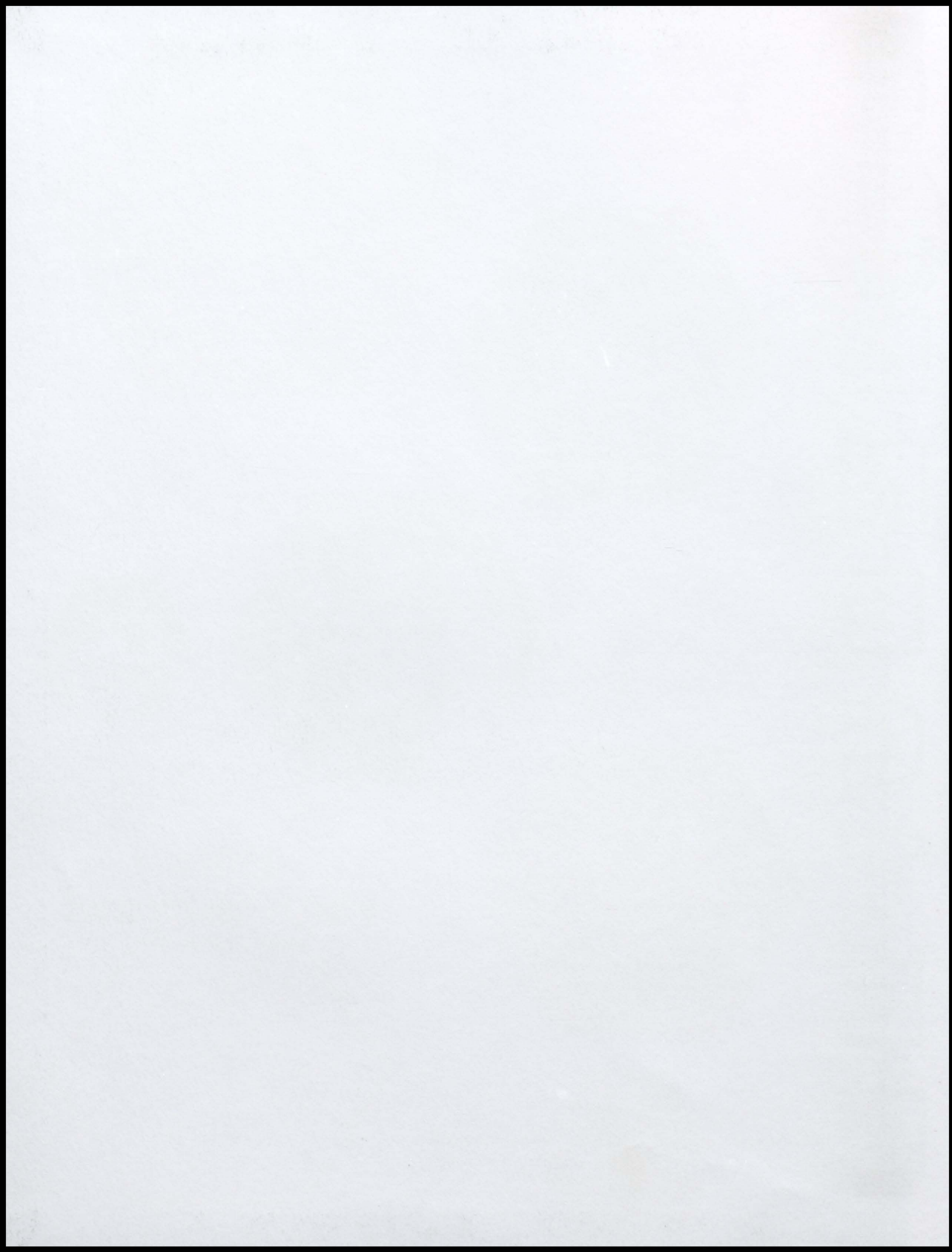


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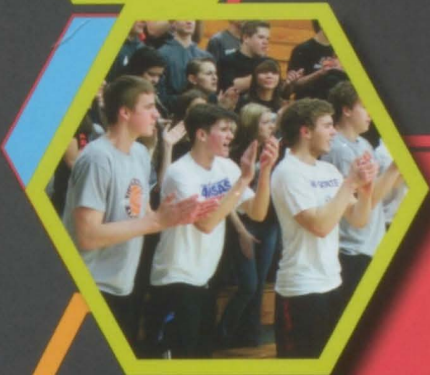
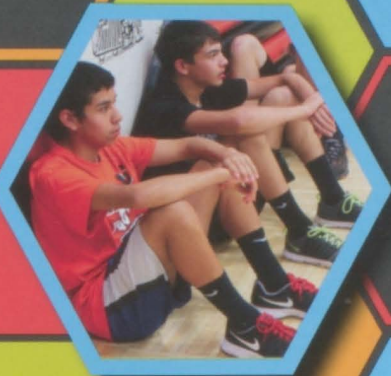


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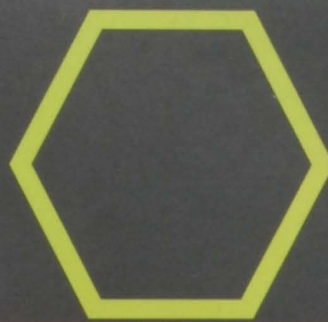
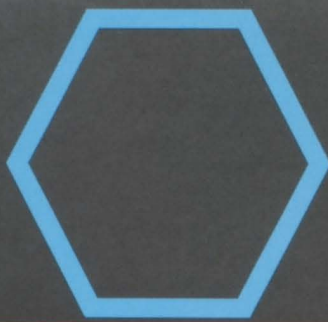




Throughout any typical high school, there are many students **CONNECTED** to one another by similar interests and activities as the others around them. However, it's not until you're in a smaller environment when you actually experience a true **CONNECTION** with each face you see in the hallway, whether it be by actual relation or shared experiences and traits. We explored the in-depth ways that our students relate to each other by digging deeper than what's on the surface. Highlighting the more unique ways we **CONNECT** was a challenge, but the result has been quite the masterpiece. We hope you enjoy the **CONNECTIONS** we discovered when we found out just how we are all

# C-O-N-N-E-C-T-E-D

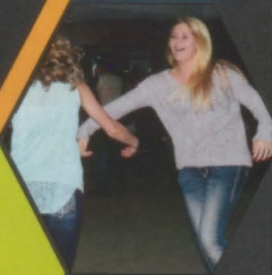




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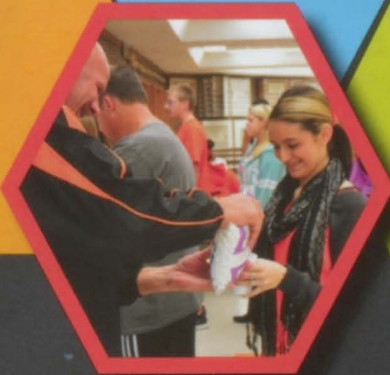
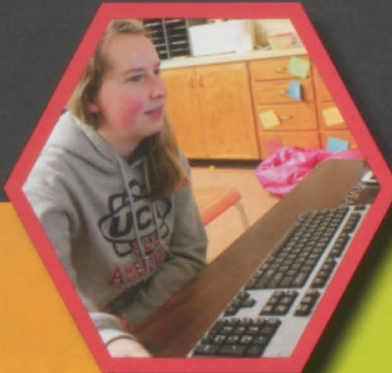


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Craig  
Amrein



Graduated from  
Ellis High School



Jeff  
Kohl

Enjoy hunting

Matt  
Carroll



## King and Queen



Ms. Anderson and Mr. Hayes pose for the camera after being awarded king and queen of EHS. "The first thing that popped into my head [when I won] was that I could have my students call me 'her majesty,'" Ms. Anderson said.

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Faculty

Skylar Gottschalk

## Connecting the Pieces

### Sew It Seams

Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Nilhas shows students the basics of the new embroidery machine. "The embroidery machine is good to have because it is able to add detail that a regular machine would not be able to do," Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



### Their Real Side

You may be used to seeing teachers talking in the hallways but they are usually teaching. We see a different side of Paula Greenway (right) as she is being dressed up as a model during the fall pep rally. After taking several awkward Christmas photos, Jill Wood (top) poses for one of her own. "I'm going to miss time like these where everyone is just themselves and it is flat out fun," Wood said.





## Flashback to 1995

Journalism students take a break from class to ask Mr. Amrein what he thinks has changed most from his years at EHS to now.



Craig Amrein *Multimedia, Football, Freshmen Sponsor*  
Elizabeth Anderson *Social Sciences, Scholars Bowl, Softball, Sophomore Sponsor*  
Brandon Armbruster *GPD, PE./Health, Athletic Director*  
Malory Arnhold *Softball*  
Ryan Augustine *Baseball*



Kerry Bittel *Librarian*  
Kristi Bittel *KAY Sponsor, Cheerleading*  
Jessica Bollig *Girls Basketball*  
Corey Burton *Principal*  
Matt Carroll *Industrial Technology, Golf*



Nicole Carroll *KAY Sponsor*  
Troy Dale *Counselor, Link Crew*  
Alyssa Dawson *English, Forensics, Play Director*  
Jake Dreiling *IMPACT, Football*  
Casey Dinkel *Wrestling*



Steve Erbert *Track*  
Natalie Gabel *Food Services*  
Paula Greenway *Para-Educator, Junior Sponsor, Volleyball*  
Butch Hayes *Math, Football, Boys Basketball, Track*  
Randy Herman *Custodian*



Steve Herrman *Technology Director*  
Gwen Honas *Food Services*  
Toni Jensen *Volleyball*  
Alex Jost *Agricultural Ed., FFA*  
Norleen Knoll *Library Para*



Jeff Kohl *Government, History, STUCO Sponsor*  
Leonard LaBarge *Custodian*  
Jared Mick *Boys Basketball*  
Maria Mick *Secretary*  
Perry Mick *Math, Physics, NHS Sponsor, Girls Basketball*



Breanne Nilhas *FACS, FCCLA, Junior Sponsor*  
Mary Parke *Nurse*  
Sandy Shupe *Special Education*  
Brian White *Art*  
David Wildeman *Science, Baseball*



Stacey Williams *Band, Choir*  
Jack Wolf *Science, Cross Country, Track*  
Jill Wood *English, Journalism*

Not Pictured:  
Juanita Carbajal *Sophomore Class Sponsor*  
Brandon Pfeifer *Wrestling*  
Teresa Wilkens *Volleyball*





## Dominating Dodgeball

The freshman class takes on the Juniors in a fun-filled, intense game of dodgeball.

Melanie Befort  
Blakely Bittel  
Kelsey Brack  
Abby Burton  
Taton Busby  
Austin Carbajal



Julia Cox  
Samantha Crawford  
Jordyn Eaton  
Joseph Eck  
Kaylyn Foster  
Kyrsten Frickey



Nicholas Geschwentner  
Ryan Herl  
Junior Hernandez  
Taylor Honas  
Caden Huff  
Aiden Johnson



Koda Keever  
Drew Keller  
Lane Kohl  
Kinley Kuppertz  
Sierra Pfannenstiel  
Jaylenn Pfeifer



Haley Reiter  
Jaqueline Reyes  
Sierra Schmidt  
Natalie Schoenberger  
Geoffrey Soneson  
Dawson Sproul



Cole Swenson  
Francis Towns  
Ali Weber  
Shelby Werth  
Levi Wolf  
Bryce Younger



Brendon Zweifel



## Surviving Freshmen Year

Students share tips for the start of high school

Don't steal other classes windows during homecoming! And make sure to always have extra gum.

-Ali Weber

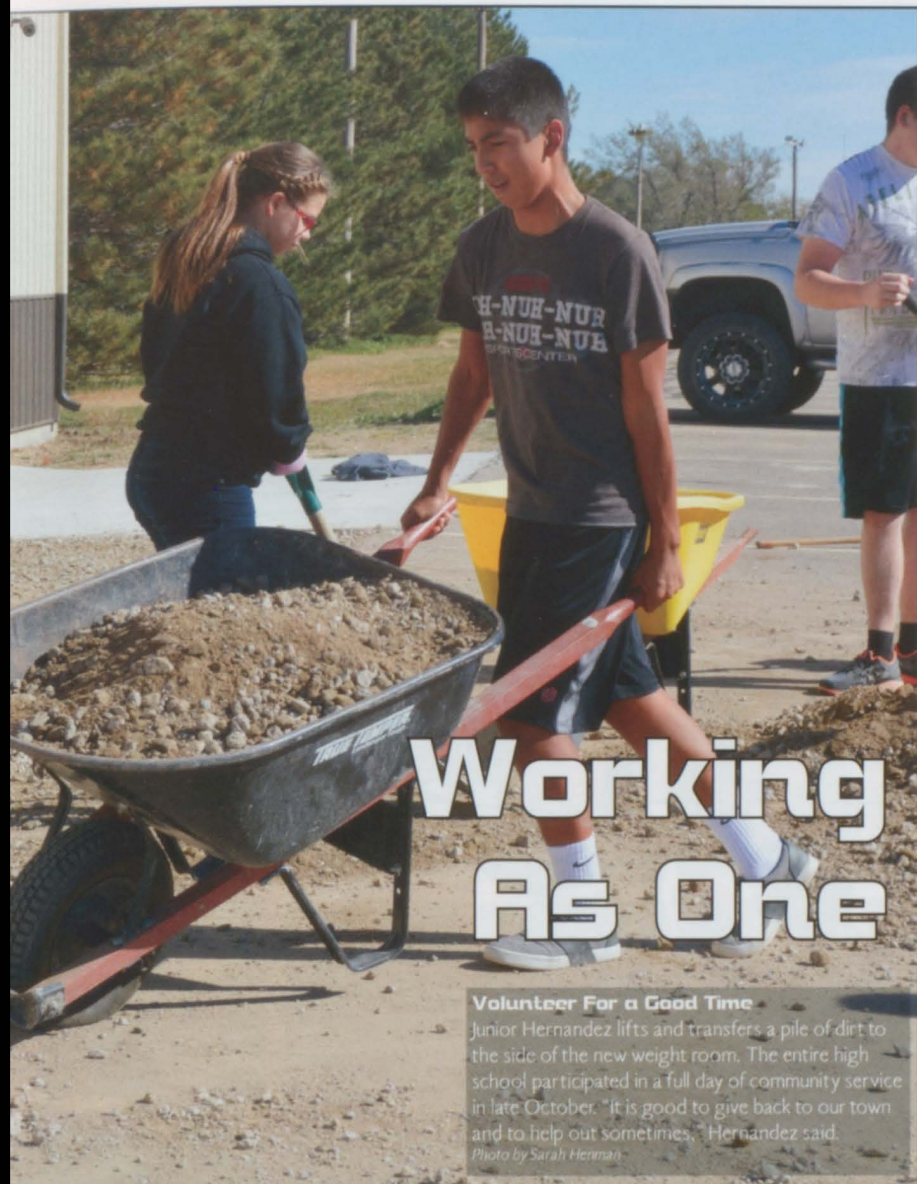
Make sure to get all your homework done and get involved!

-Francis Towns

Be outgoing and don't care what other people think of you!

-Julia Cox





# Working As One

## Volunteer For a Good Time

Junior Hernandez lifts and transfers a pile of dirt to the side of the new weight room. The entire high school participated in a full day of community service in late October. "It is good to give back to our town and to help out sometimes," Hernandez said.

*Photo by Sarah Henman*



Line Up!

*Photo by Ashley Butler*

**Stick Together** Freshmen (top) stand together and cheer on fellow classmates participating in homecoming activities.

**Learning Life Lessons** Brendon Zweifel, Austin Carbajal, Geoffrey Soneson, and Cole Swenson (left) enjoy the entertainment of their Link Crew leaders putting on a play about bullying. Link Crew consists of upperclassmen guiding the freshmen through their first year of high school.

*Photo by Sarah Henman*



## My School Crib



*Dawson Sproul and Bryce Younger*

"I love that the lockers are tall and slender! I consider my locker special because it shelters all of my valuable equipment that is needed for my average day," said Dawson Sproul.

"My locker may look a little messy but it is organized the way I like," said Bryce Younger.





Traister  
Kreeger

Took biology  
and chemistry  
this year



Brittany  
Bollig

Participated in  
cross country



Derek  
Pfeiffer

## Hot to Trot



Brayden Bittel struts his stuff while representing the sophomores during the Mr. EHS pageant at the winter pep rally. "I would do the Mr. EHS pageant again. It was fun, but embarrassing," Bittel said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



## In Trusting Hands

### Makeover Mayhem

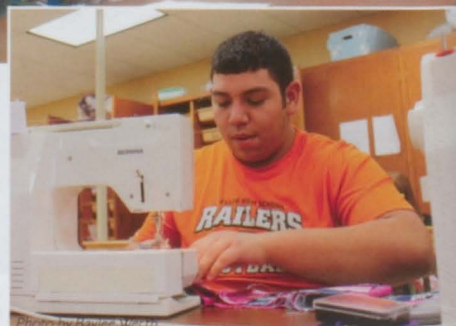
Lipstick. Eyeshadow. Blush. All were used during the homecoming pep rally for blindfolded makeovers. Jasymn Hernandez gives Brittney Johnson a new look, while Allie Frickey supervises. *Photo by Baylee Werth*

## Hands on, Brains on

*Photo by Paige Molstad*

### Preferred Way of Learning

During sophomore year, students get more freedom when it comes to picking electives. They have the opportunity to pick from an abundance of more "hands on" classes rather than sticking to core classes. Allie Frickey and Kaylee King (top) hold mock interviews for Digital Media. Daniel Carbajal (right) sews together his quilt in Mrs. Nilhas' FACS class. "I enjoy classes that teach us skills in a different way than just sitting at a desk," Kaylee King said.



*Photo by Baylee Werth*



# Got Moves?

Spencer Fuller dances to his version of "Beat It" by Michael Jackson at the homecoming dance.



Lindsay Augustine  
Taylor Beisner  
Brayden Bittel  
Brittany Bollig  
Kassi Brown  
Daniel Carbajal



Nathan Cox  
Clay Feik  
Allie Frickey  
Spencer Fuller  
Jessica Gamez  
Jeremiah Gerhardt



Dylan Gilbert  
Cortney Hamel  
Dalton Hensley  
Jasmyn Hernandez  
Kylee Hollingshead  
Chase Hudson



Clint Irvin  
Brittney Johnson  
Catherine A. Johnson  
Bryce Keithley  
Kaylee King  
Trayton Kroeger



Brevin LaBarge  
Dacia LaBarge  
Dusty Lepper  
Ashley Mattheyer  
Rae McClung  
Austin Meis



Lyla Meserve  
Katelynn Milbourne  
Brandon North  
Bryson Parson  
Derek Pfeifer  
Zakarie Ramos



Lexie Rome  
Trent Rose  
Samuel Rupp  
Tanner Small



Easton Smith  
Joshua Smith  
Bradley Wallace  
Joseph Wynn

Sophomores

Paige Molstad





## Pinging and Ponging

Brendon Brenner and Paige Molstad face off in an intense ping pong match at 5th Quarter.

Kobe Armbruster  
Kadon Augustine  
Ryan Augustine  
Garrett Bader  
Erianna Basgall  
Keisha Brack



Brendon Brenner  
Jacob Burns  
Jonathan Cox  
Sierra Cunningham  
Daniel DeLaRosa  
Alexcia Deutscher



Maddy Gnad  
Gage Goble  
Skylar Gottschalk  
Dylan Haas  
Ethan Honas  
Sintia Jimenez



Brandon Kingsley  
Keyston Moeder  
A. Paige Molstad  
Lauren Pritchett  
Joey Raub  
Brianna Rohr



Theron Schmidt  
Jenna Schoenberger  
Dakota Sproul  
Tori Tebo  
Rylee Torline  
Alexander Towns



LeeAnn Wilson  
LexAnne Wolf  
Aspen Younger



Photo by Paige Molstad

### Sewing Storm

Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> works on her quilt in Mrs. Nilhas' Creative Textiles class. "I love being able to see my progress on my quilt every day," Tebo said.



Photo by Paige Molstad

### Perfect Trio

Erianna Basgall, Aspen Younger, and Sierra Cunningham play as a section in the winter music concert. "My favorite part of being in the band has been watching it grow and listening to it improve every year," Younger said.

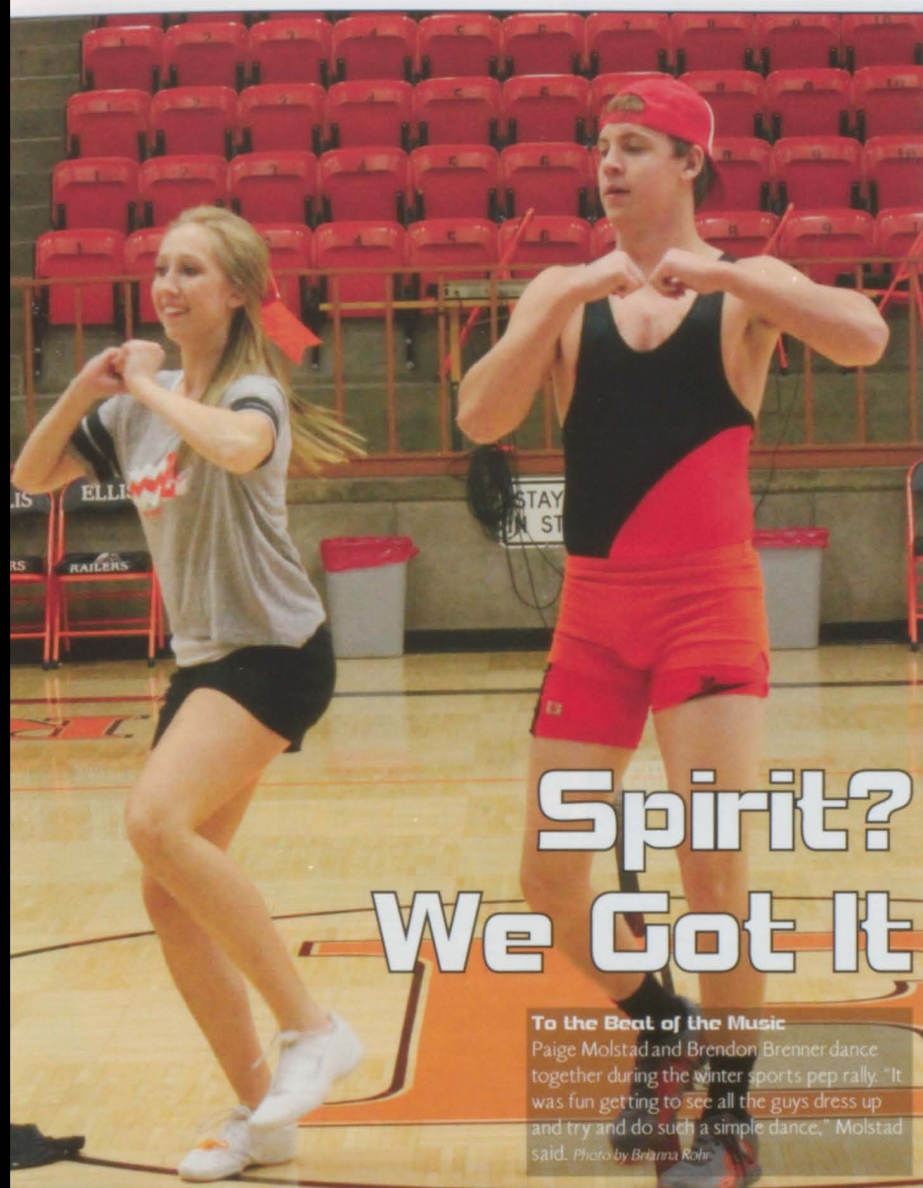


Photo by Paige Molstad

### Savin' Lives

Ethan Honas<sup>16</sup> gives blood at the annual STUCO blood drive. "[My favorite part of the blood drive was] the chance to help someone that you don't know," Honas said.





# Spirit? We Got It

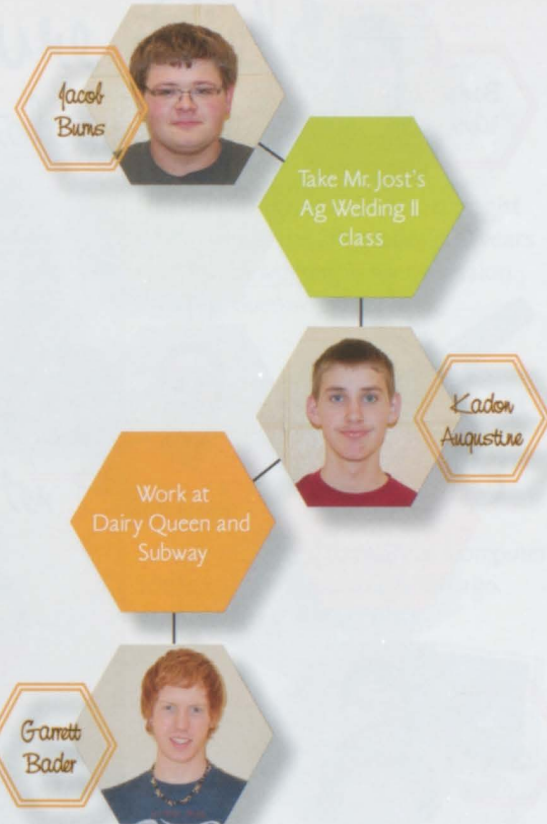
**To the Beat of the Music**  
Paige Molstad and Brendon Brenner dance together during the winter sports pep rally. "It was fun getting to see all the guys dress up and try and do such a simple dance," Molstad said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



## As a Team

**Peppin Up**  
Part of the junior class (top), participates in the fall pep rally by helping the cheerleaders with a class cheer. Dakota Sproul and Gage Goble (left) also get into the pep rally spirit by participating in the Mr. EHS contest. "I was really honored that I was able to perform in front of my fellow classmates. It was totally worth it to get a Gatorade and birthday crown. It was one of my best memories of my junior year," Goble said.

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



## Makin' Memories

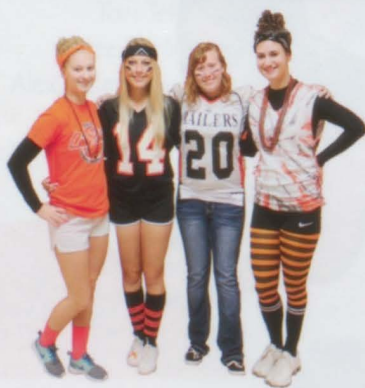


Skylar Gottschalk works on a volleyball poster at the annual jersey auction. "I really enjoyed the idea of making a poster during the jersey auction. It really got the community involved and helped raised school spirit," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Jill Wood*





## Railer Pride

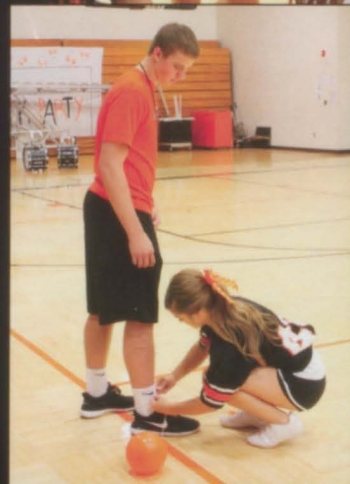


"I will miss everyone getting together and playing games in the morning before the parade! It was nice to see everyone having a good time together," Brianna LaBarge said.

**Pretty in Pink** Hailey Dinkel watches as Autum Hellerud attempts to put lipstick on Sean Lee while blindfolded during the homecoming pep rally. "I love playing pep rally games! It's what makes the pep rallies fun and exciting!" Hellerud said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

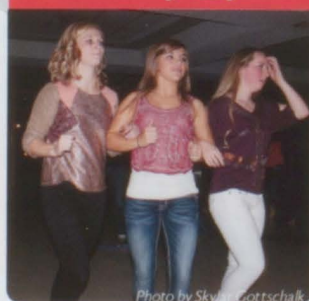
**Teamwork** Hailey Dinkel helps to tie a balloon onto Eli Lohrmeyer's foot to prepare for a pep rally game. "I like planning the pep rally games for the students because it helps them get involved if we have fun things that they enjoy to do. Some students aren't in many school activities or organizations and picking students to participate helps them get involved. I like dancing and seeing everyone's faces when we do something cool and impressive," Dinkel said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

**Last Homecoming** The senior class gathers for the traditional senior homecoming picture. Homecoming was a little different because of the weather but still just as sentimental. "I will miss seeing Dani [Hausler] every day because the real world doesn't match my oddness like Dani does," Ashley Butler said. *Photo by Jill Wood*

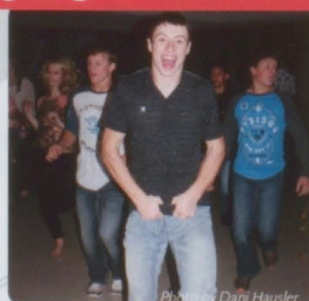


## Everybody Dance Now

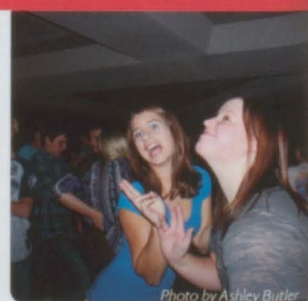
Just country boys and girls gettin' down on the farm



*Photo by Skye Gottschalk*



*Photo by Dani Hausler*



*Photo by Ashley Butler*

### Sarah Mick

"I like school dances because it's fun to get dressed up and spend time with your friends."

### Jared Pfeifer

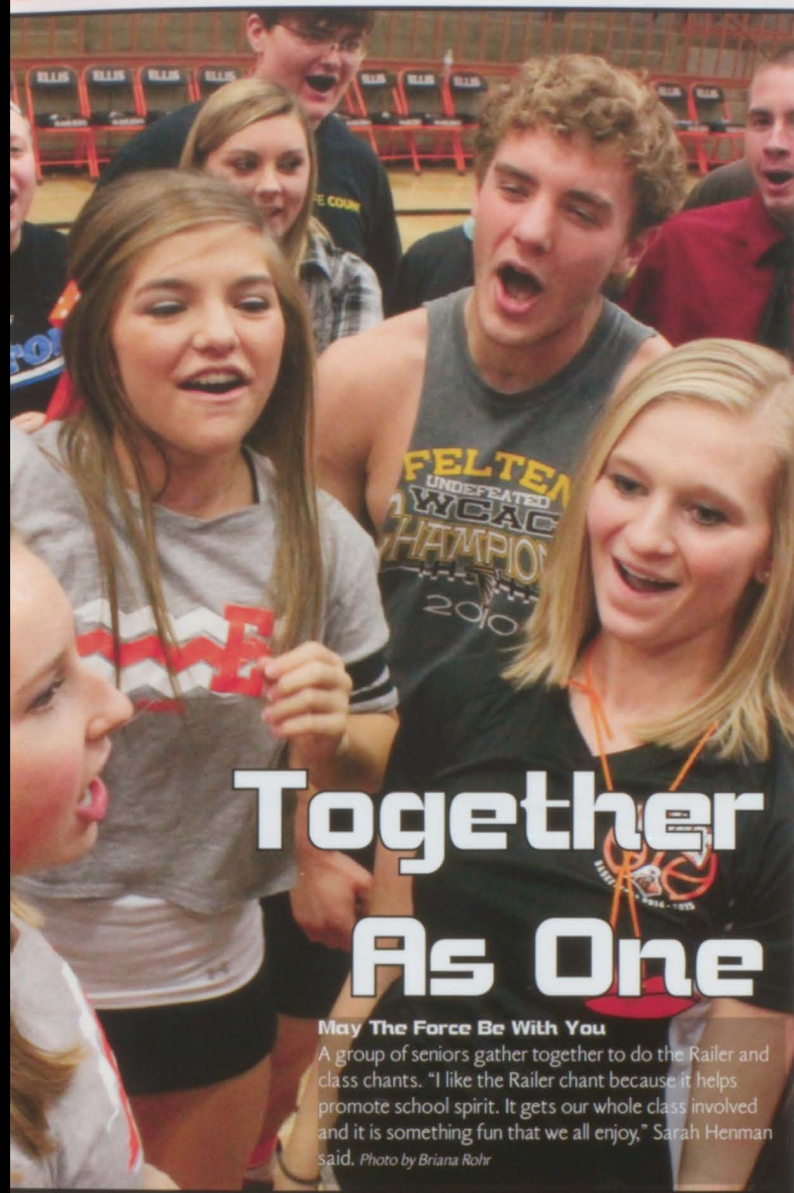
"My favorite part of going to school dances is getting wild with my boy Dalton Hensley."

### Stephanie Greenway

"Dances are just a fun way to hang out with my friends. We all enjoy dancing together."



**Unwritten** The seniors made the most of their senior year by attending many activities and making some interesting faces.



# Together As One

## May The Force Be With You

A group of seniors gather together to do the Railer and class chants. "I like the Railer chant because it helps promote school spirit. It gets our whole class involved and it is something fun that we all enjoy," Sarah Henman said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Loud and Proud** Sean Lee, Jared Pfeifer, Mollie Buchholz, and Autum Hellerud (top) participate in a homecoming pep rally activity. Hailey Dinkel and Sean Lee(right) pose in the annual dance the cheerleaders do with the boys. "I like dancing and seeing everyone's faces when we do something cool and impressive," Dinkel said. Photos by Brianna Rohr

## Future Fields

### Cosmetology



I decided to major as a cosmetologist when I was in the 7th grade. In 10 years I see myself working in my own salon.  
-Mollie Buchholz



### Computer Science



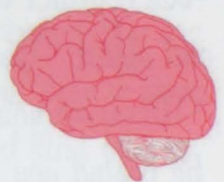
I decided I wanted to major in Computer Science about a year and a half ago.  
-Carson Rupp



### Psychology



I decided on psychology this year after taking the general education class. I see myself being happy and enjoying what I am doing with my career.  
-Kori Clark



### Criminal Justice



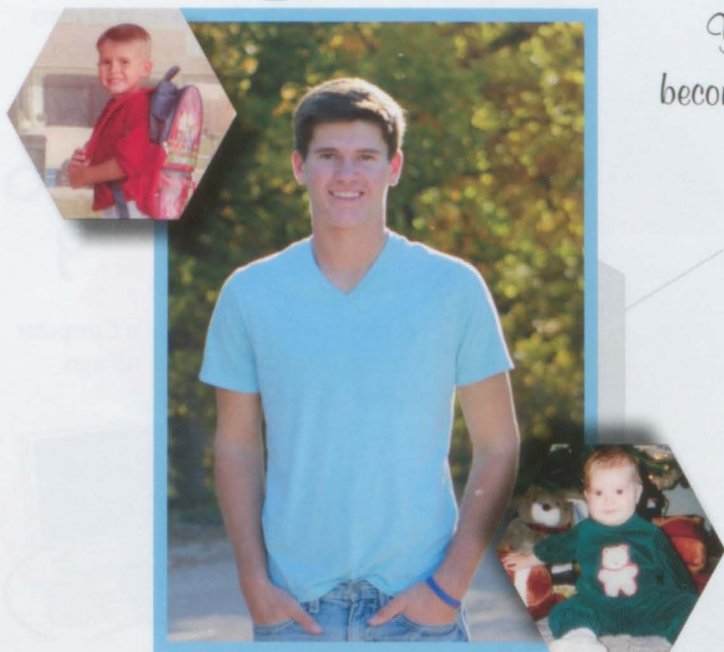
I decided the major criminal justice in October of 2014. I don't really see myself in 10 years using this degree unless I really need a job in this field. I am taking this major as something I could fall back on if needed.  
-Nick Rose







## Brandon Bollig



You have made us so proud of the young man you have become. We cannot wait to see what lies ahead of you as you enter a new chapter of your life.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Candace, Brittany, Carter,  
Ace, Skipper, and Cat

All A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
Kansas Honor Scholar 12

Raising you has been such a blessing and gift! We couldn't be more proud of all your hard work and effort. Your future looks bright and beautiful! Wherever you decide to land in this life, we will be behind you every step of the way. You are our daughter, our light, our love, Claire Bear.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Kristine,  
Grandma and Grandpa.

FCCLA 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 10, 11, 12  
Softball 10, 11  
Volleyball 10, 11  
Wrestling Manager 10

## Mollie Buchholz





We are so proud of you. You have always been our bubbly little girl with a big heart. You truly light up the room with your personality and positive outlook. Your very down-to-earth, common sense look at everything is so refreshing to us. Stay true to you—keep strong in your faith, your beliefs, and how you deal with others.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Kelsey

All A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Band 9, 10, 11, 12  
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12  
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
State Music Qualifier 9, 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
District KMEA Band 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA Officer 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 11, 12

National Honor Society 11, 12  
Snoball Royalty 11, 12  
STUCO 11, 12  
Class President 10, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10  
Journalism Editor 12  
Kansas Honor Scholar 12  
Link Crew 11, 12  
BIGS 11, 12  
Kansas Governor's Scholar 12

## Ashley Butler



## Kori Clark



Our baby girl has grown up in front of our eyes. We are so proud of you. We're excited to watch you grow in your next chapter of life. Believe in yourself and stay true to yourself—you can do anything you set your mind to.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Tori

Site Council Award 9, 10, 11, 12  
Cross Country 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11, 12  
School Play Crew member 10, 11, 12  
BIGS 10, 11, 12  
KAYS Leadership Camp 9, 10, 11

Track 9, 10, 11  
KAYS Points Chairman 11, 12  
Link Crew 11, 12  
National Honor Society 11, 12  
Web Team 11, 12  
Teacher's Aide 12  
Snoball Attendant 10  
Volleyball Manager 9



Getting ready to start another chapter of your life,  
I hope it takes you where you want to be. It will  
be very hard when you leave. I wish you all the  
luck in the world and that you are as happy as  
you were when you were my sweet little girl!

Love you,  
Mom, brother, sisters, and Wyatt

FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 11  
Track 9, 10  
STUCO 12  
Wrestling Manager 9

## Hailey Dinkel



## Justin Esner



Congratulations, Justin!





## Ciara Garnett



*I am very proud to have been able to watch you grow into  
such a wonderful young lady.*

*I love you,  
Mom*

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12

*You have went from the tiny, bubbling little bundle  
of joy to a bright, beautiful, athletic, academic young  
lady. You have made us proud to be your parents!  
With your many achievements throughout the years, we  
both know you will be a success in whatever you choose  
to do for the rest of your life!*

*With all of our love,  
Mom and Dad*

All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Band 9, 10, 11, 12  
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
State Band 9, 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

FCCLA President 11, 12  
LINK Crew 11, 12  
National Honor Society 11, 12  
Site Council 11, 12  
KAYS Board Member 12  
MCL All-Academic Team 12  
STUCO 12  
Forensics 9

## Stephanie Greenway



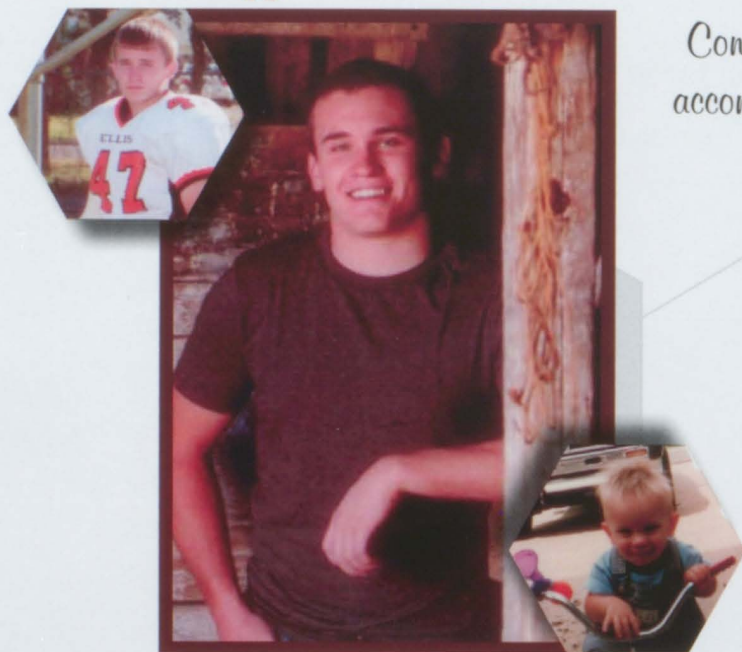
Seniors

Dani Hausler





## Brandon Groff



Congratulations! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Good luck on all your new adventures.

We love you,  
Mom and Dad

Football 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
Wrestling 10, 11, 12  
FFA 9, 10, 11  
Football Captain 12  
Homecoming King 12  
State Wrestling Qualifier 12  
State Track 11  
7th Place at State in Javelin 12

"Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway." - John Wayne. So saddle up, Dani, tighten your cinch, and hop on this ride we call life and enjoy every minute of it. We love you and know you are destined for great things!

Mom and Dad

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 11, 12  
School Play 10, 11, 12  
Drama Club 11, 12  
Track 9, 10  
Class Vice President 12  
Drama Club Secretary 12  
FFA President 12

FFA Star Farmer 12  
Yearbook Editor 12  
Drama Club President 11  
FFA Most Outstanding Member 11  
FFA Reporter 11  
Washington Leadership Conf. 11  
Class Secretary 10  
Basketball Manager 9  
Volleyball 9

## Danielle Hausler





*A child is a gift from God at any age. Four years ago you were our gift. We are proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. We know that you have become the person your dad wanted - follow your dreams and don't let anyone stand in your way.*

*Be proud of your accomplishments and know that our hearts are with you as you pursue your dreams. Congratulations- love you always, your second parents, Steve and Cindy*

FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 10, 11, 12  
LINK Crew Leader 11, 12

Basketball 9, 11  
Basketball Manager 12  
Class Secretary 12  
FCCLA Officer 12  
National Honor Society 11  
Wrestling Manager 10

## Autum Hellerud



## Sarah Henman



*Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, do it with all your might, Ecc. 9:10. We are proud of you and have enjoyed watching you grow into a wonderful young lady.*

*We love you,  
Mom and Dad.*

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12  
Comm. Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
BIGS 10, 11, 12  
STUCO 10, 11, 12  
All-American Cheerleader 11, 12  
National Honor Society 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 12

HAC Writing Award 9, 11  
Cheer Captain 12  
Scholar's Bowl 12  
Cross Country 10  
FCCLA Officer 10  
State Journalism 10  
Band 9  
State Band 9  
Track 9



## Kylee Keller

Congratulations Kybird!

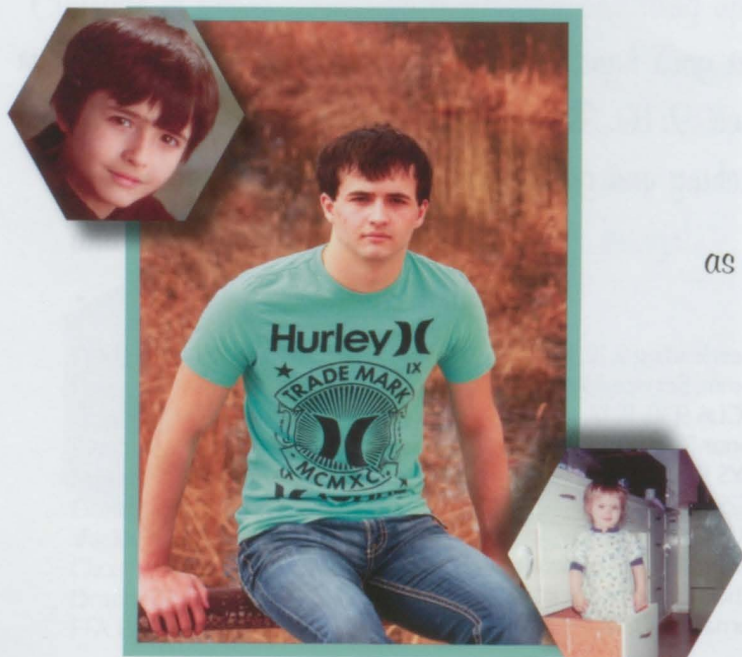
We are so proud of you and the beautiful young woman you have become. You have always been such a blessing. May you never settle for less than the best. Always look for the blessings that each day holds for you.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Keaton, Kolten, and Kamden

FFA 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 12  
KAYS 10  
Track 10



## Josh Kreutzer



With a click of a button one journey closes  
as another one powers up. We are very proud of the  
young man you have become.

Love,  
Mom and Dad





## Brianna LaBarge



Brianna, we are so very proud of you. Congratulations and best wishes for your future.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Dacia

FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
BIGS 10, 11, 12  
Play Crew 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10

Prom Server 12  
Football Manager 11  
Cross Country Manager 10  
Journalism 10  
Band 9  
Volleyball 9

We are proud of you and have high hopes for a bright future for you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Football 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 10, 11, 12  
Track 10, 11, 12  
Web Team 11, 12  
Football Co-Captain 12  
Link Crew 12

Baseball 9  
Volunteer Coach- 2014 Youth  
Track Shot-put  
2014 Football MVP  
4th Place State 4x100 Relay 11  
2nd Place State Javelin 12

## Sean Lee



Seniors

Dani Hausler





## Eli Lohrmeyer



*We are so proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to watching you succeed in the future. We all love you so very much. Go get the world, son.*

*Love Always,  
Mom and Caleb, Dad and Kelly, Luke, Noah,  
Ryan, and Hannah*

All "A" Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11  
Football 9, 10, 11  
2nd Place at State in Discus 12

## Alexis Mattheyer



*We are proud of you! Always remember who to turn to in the future: God, Mom, and Dad. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:34*

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12  
School Play 10, 11, 12  
SCCL 11, 12  
Choir 10, 11  
Volleyball 9, 10

FFA Vice President 12  
Washington Leadership Conf. 12  
FFA Treasurer 11  
Journalism 10  
Track 10  
Softball 9



## Sarah Mick

Congratulations on all your achievements! Good luck in college and all your future endeavors.

Way to go, SJ!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Rachel, and Jared



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
Site Council Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12  
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12  
BIGS 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 11, 12  
KAY Board Member 9, 10, 11  
National Honor Society 11, 12  
STUCO 11, 12

STUCO Treasurer 11, 12  
Class Vice President 9, 10  
Softball 9, 12  
Homecoming Queen 12  
KAY Secretary 12  
Link Crew Leader 12  
Class President 11  
State Champion Yearbook Copy Writing 11  
Track 10  
Forensics 9

## Jared Pfeifer



You've grown into an exceptional young man, and you've given us so many opportunities to be proud of you. We feel lucky to have been able to be a part of all of your accomplishments through the years. There is no limit to what you can accomplish in the future!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Jaylinn, Jordan, Branden, and Gunner

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12  
Track 9, 10, 11, 12  
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12  
Band 9, 10  
KAYS 10

STUCO  
Wrestling State Qualifier 11  
State Champion in Long Jump 11  
State Placer 110 Hurdles 11  
State Placer 4x100 Relay 11  
6th Place at State in Long Jump 12

Seniors

Dani Hawley



We are so proud of you and the man you are becoming! Continue to follow the Lord's will for your life and you will never go wrong. We will continue to pray for you every day and we can't wait to see your successes in the future.

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
Jeremiah 17:7

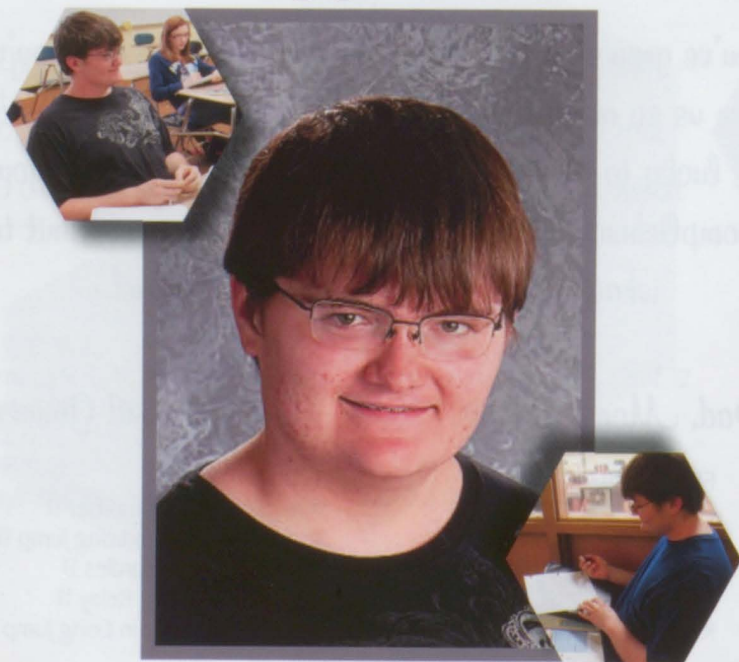
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Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
Amarillo High 1st Chair Honors 9, 10  
Placed in top 8 in 3 swim meets 9, 10  
First Chair in Band 12  
Football 11  
Second Chair in Band 11

Amarillo Swim Team  
Amarillo Swim Team Award  
Water Leadership Award  
Kansas State Honor Band  
Lettered in Band  
Lettered in Swimming  
Perfect Attendance Award

## Ryan Pritchett



## Carson Rupp



Congratulations, Carson!





## Dominique Rose



*Congratulations, Nick!*

## Olivia Reiter



*Congratulations on all of your achievements.*

*We are so proud of you and  
can't wait to see what your future holds!*

*All our love,  
Dad, Mom, and Haley*

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
STUCO 10, 11, 12  
National Honor Society 11, 12  
Scholar's Bowl 9, 12  
Cross Country 12  
FCCLA Secretary 12

Homecoming Candidate 12  
Student Council President 12  
Journalism 11  
Band 9  
Forensics 9  
Volleyball 9  
Softball 9  
KAYS





## Baylee Werth



We are very proud of the young lady you have grown into. You have ambitious goals that once you set your mind to, you accomplish them. We look forward to seeing the wonderful things you will do in the future. We all LOVE YOU and are here to support you on the next step of life.

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12  
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12  
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12  
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12  
Journalism 10, 11, 12  
Basketball 9, 10, 11  
FFA 9, 10, 11

Journalism Business Manager 11, 12  
Cheerleading Co-Captain 12  
Basketball Manager 12  
KAYS President 12  
KAYS Vice President 11  
Band 9

## Oh, The Places You'll Go

Students give their insight on which colleges they plan to attend



Photo by Dani Hausler

### Ciara Garnett

"I chose Hays Academy of Hair Design because it's a great learning space for me to be able to study cosmetology."



Photo by Dani Hausler

### Carson Rupp

"[I'm going to] FHSU due to the affordability of the college. I do not want to go to a college where I'm going to be in a lot of debt."

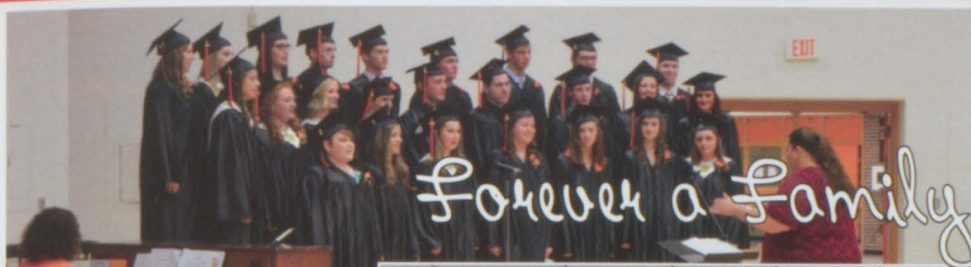


Photo by Dani Hausler

### Ashley Butler

"I am attending Fort Hays State University, because music is a passion of mine and I admire the music program that Fort Hays has to offer."





Forever a Family

#### In Tune

Students (top) come together and harmonize their senior song, "I Was Here," by Lady Antebellum. "I enjoyed the song," Brianna LaBarge said. "It was my last time to truly bond with all of my fellow classmates." Photo by Jessica Gamez

#### Crazy Crew

Seniors pose for a silly photo op (right) during their final Homecoming Week. "I liked how we would joke around with each other," Alexis Mattheyer said. "It made it easier to have fun and get along." Photo by Jill Wood



## Throwback Through the Years



Olivia Reiter and Hailey Dinkel 2012/2013



Sean Lee and Eli Lohrmeyer 2013/2014



Alexis Mattheyer and Kori Clark 2012/2013



Olivia Reiter, Mollie Buchholz, and Sarah Mick 2013/2014



Eli Lohrmeyer, Brandon Bollig, and Jared Pfiefer 2013/2014



Mollie Buchholz, Autumn Hellerud, Sarah Mick, and Dani Hausler 2012/2013



Class of 2010 2010/2011



Brandon Groff and Sean Lee 2012/2013

#### Justin Esner

"I want to be a network administrator because it's a high paying job and there's a lot of available positions throughout the world." Photo by Dani Hausler



#### Kylee Keller

"I honestly don't know what I want to be. I'm going to take a year off and think about it. I've thought about being a vet, but I'm just not sure it's for me." Photo by Kassi Brown



#### Josh Kreutzer

"I want to be a web developer because the pay is good, I can create my own hours, and I enjoy it. I've wanted to be a web developer ever since I was a little kid." Photo by Dani Hausler

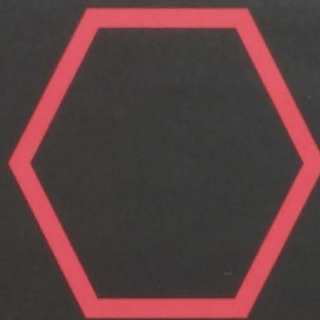
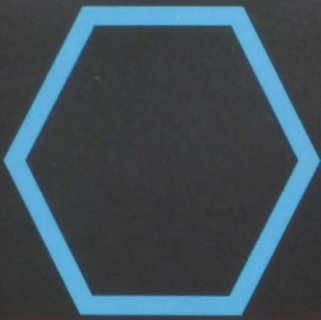


When I Grow Up...

Seniors

Dani Hausler





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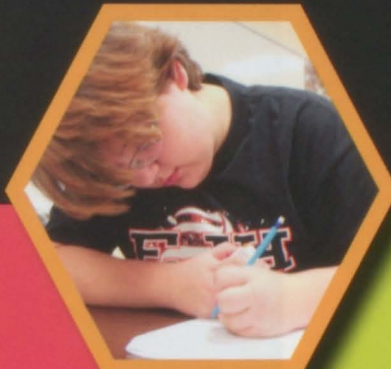
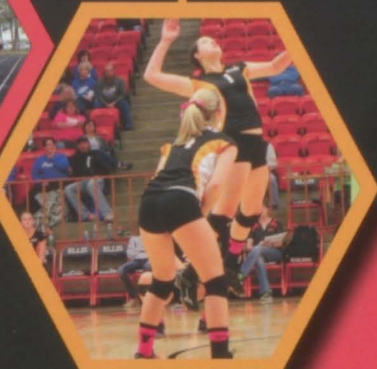


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Went to  
Miami, Florida for  
summer vacation



Natalie  
Schoenberger

Played on the same  
Hays Recreation  
basketball team



Taylor  
Honas



**Get Piggy With It** Bryce Younger<sup>17</sup> watches as teammates Joseph Eck<sup>18</sup> and Clay Feik<sup>17</sup> try to restrain their pig at the Ellis Junior Free Fair this past summer. "My favorite part of pig wrestling was being able to go run around in mud in front of a big crowd and chase down the pig," Younger<sup>17</sup> said. The boys ended up getting third place with a time of 14.76 seconds. Photo by Brianna Rohr

# Summertime Shenanigans

## Students stay connected through a variety of events

**"Cheer camp  
was fun  
because we  
took home  
the banana."  
-Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup>**

By the first day of school, most students are already counting down the days until summer vacation. Whether it be camps, jobs, sports, or just hanging out, students always seem to find ways to stay connected with their peers during the hot summer months.

Warmer weather means it is time for fun in the sun. Many students participate in local community events. The annual River fest in June has live music, games, and fun for all ages. The Ellis Junior Free Fair takes place in late July and includes showing livestock, crafts, and events such as hog wrestling and a street dance.

"I liked playing sand volleyball with my friends," Allie Frickey<sup>17</sup> said.

While some were having fun in the sun, others were hard at work either making sundaes at Dairy Queen, refereeing different sports for the Ellis Recreation Commission, or keeping watch over kids at the pool.

"I really enjoyed working with the variety of tasks I had to do [at the pool] and working around my friends," Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> said.

Some students stayed in Ellis during the summer, while others enjoyed vacationing in foreign countries, traveling across the country for sports, or staying in state and attending various leadership camps.

"Cheer camp was fun, because we did well this year and took home the banana. I got to know the upperclassmen better and met new people from different towns," Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> said.

All in all, most students kept their summer full of many different kinds of activities. Even though many were busy, they still found the time to stay connected with one another and with their community. Story by Page Molstad



## Flippin' Fun

When not giving lessons or saving lives, the lifeguards have fun at the Ellis Pool.



**Sisterly Love** Sisters Olivia Reiter<sup>®</sup> and Haley Reiter<sup>®</sup> walk up the sidewalk, holding hands, to enter the school on their first day of high school together. This was Olivia's last first day of high school and Haley's first. "I didn't feel as nervous walking into my first day of high school, because I knew Olivia would always be there for me," Haley Reiter said.

*Photo by Dani Hausler*



## Wonder Workshop

Rylee Torline<sup>®</sup> narrates the story that went along with the bible school put on by the United Methodist church. She was one of many high school students who helped with the camp. "Helping at the vacation bible school over the summer was an awesome way to interact with the children of our community while receiving community service points at the same time!" Torline said.

*Photo by Jill Wood*



**Ribbit, Ribbit** Many community members enjoyed the Frozen Frog shaved ice shack, which made an appearance at Riverfest this past summer. This new business was run by Abby Burton<sup>®</sup> and principal Corey Burton. *Photo by Jill Wood*



**Ride 'Em** Lyla Meserve<sup>®</sup> leads Starfire, the horse, and Jersee Fabrizio around the park during Riverfest. "It was fun because I got to be around my favorite animal," Meserve<sup>®</sup> said.

*Photo by Jill Wood*



**Looking On** Trayton Kroeger<sup>®</sup>, Chase Hudson<sup>®</sup>, and Brayden Bittel<sup>®</sup> watch as competitors participate at the golf table at Riverfest. Participants tried to hit a golf ball across Big Creek.

*Photo by Jill Wood*



## Close Only Counts...

Chase Hudson<sup>®</sup> participates in the horseshoe tournament at Riverfest last summer. "I was partners with Bryce [Younger<sup>®</sup>] and we got out on the first round," Hudson<sup>®</sup> said.

*Photo by Jill Wood*



**Soak It All In** Students Dakota Sproul<sup>®</sup>, Daniel Carbajal<sup>®</sup>, and Clay Feik<sup>®</sup>, soak in the sun during Riverfest. "My favorite part of Riverfest was the food and being with my friends," Clay Feik<sup>®</sup> said. *Photo by Jill Wood*

# SUMMER JOBS



Source: 40 Ellis High Students



**Striving For Success**  
Check out the cross country team in action as they compete in the Hill City meet.



# When I'm RUNNING

## On the Run



**Grab & Go** Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> takes a quick drink at the mile mark before finishing her run at the Hill City meet.

*Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Stretching Out** Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> and Austin Carbajal<sup>18</sup> do Coach Wolf's warm-ups as preparation for their varsity run at Hill City.

*Photo by Rylee Torline*



**Teamwork** Olivia Reiter<sup>19</sup> passes a water bottle to Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> at the Ness City meet.

*Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Finishing Strong** Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> pushes on through the last part of the race at the Ness City meet. His hard work paid off, earning a time of 22:07.

*Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Rehydrating** Olivia Reiter<sup>19</sup> receives water from manager Ashley Butler<sup>20</sup> at the soap scrimmage. *Photo by Sarah Herman*



"I think about how proud Mr. Wolf will be with my time."

-Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup>



"I like to keep my mind blank and focus on moving my legs to finish the race."

-Brittany Bollig<sup>17</sup>



"I think about all the food I'm going to eat when I'm done."

-Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup>



"I think about how I'd rather be running JV and not varsity."

-Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup>

**Striding Out** Nick Rose<sup>19</sup> rounds the corner of the last mile of the boy's varsity race at Hill City, pushing his legs to continue. "The best part of cross country is literally just being able to get in shape," Rose says. *Photo by Rylee Torline*



**Golden Guidance** Brittany Bollig<sup>17</sup> and Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> listen to the wisdom of Coach Wolf before the run at Hill City. Because it was known for being a tough course, runners needed all the advice they could get. "The hardest part of the Hill City cross country meet is the giant valley that we ran up four times," Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> said.

*Photo by Ashley Butler*



**Cooling Off** Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> helps fellow teammate Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> cool off after the soap scrimmage run. The entire team finishes the scrimmage with their fastest time of the course. "My favorite part of the scrimmage was having all the people supporting and cheering us on at the start," Sproul said. *Photo by Sarah Herman*





# Making Strides

## Cross Country team grows, times shrink

Usually known for being the smallest sports team, the cross-country team had a spike in participation for this year's season. The increase in new members led to more competition and an overall decrease in the team's times.

This year's season included four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen, consisting of previous and new members to the team. Having this large of a team led cross country coach Jack Wolf to modify his coaching techniques slightly.

"The workouts did not vary with the bigger group, but it was hard to keep track of everyone and make sure everyone was getting the utmost out of the workout to better themselves," Coach Wolf said.

Also adjusting to the bigger team are the runners who have become used running with a smaller team. Running for the cross country team for two other years, Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> returned for her senior year to run with this assorted group of runners.

"I feel like [having a bigger team] pushed me a lot harder because there were a lot of girls better than me," Clark<sup>15</sup> said

From trips to the McDonald's order line, to singing on bus rides home, the team found a way to bond and entertain themselves at the same time.

"It was a lot more fun than last year because you had a lot more people to talk to and have fun with," Chase Hudson<sup>17</sup> said.

Story by Rylee Torline

**"I feel like having a bigger team pushed me harder."**

- Kori Clark<sup>15</sup>







Stephanie  
Greenway<sup>16</sup>



Stephanie handed a voting ballot for homecoming royalty to Joseph

Joseph  
Wynn<sup>17</sup>



Joseph voted in the royalty election for Sarah who got crowned queen

Sarah  
Muck<sup>18</sup>



### Don't Go Breaking My Heart

Students dance in sync to a popular upbeat song during the homecoming dance on Saturday, wrapping up the very busy week. "My favorite part of homecoming week is the dance. Dances are so fun. I love to let loose and have fun with my whole school," Lexanne Wolf<sup>16</sup> said. The dance is favored by many high school students. It has always been one of the most popular activities that finish off the eventful week. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

# Weather Changes Tradition

Students face a unique Homecoming due to heavy rain

**"It was a really good bonding activity."**

- Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup>

Homecoming has its traditions, but this year was very different from the other years. Due to rainy weather in the never-ending drought, several special events were either cancelled or modified to be different in order to work with the weather situation.

"It was different this year because we didn't get to have our parade or bonfire. We also moved some games inside. It was sad thinking that I wouldn't be able to experience being on my cross country float for the last time," senior Kori Clark said.

The much-loved game of powder puff football that the ladies in the school participate in is typically played on the football field. However, it was moved into the gym this year because of the wet, soppy grass. Another outdoor tradition that was altered was the parade that would normally follow the games. It ended up being cancelled which was another disappointing turn of events.

"My sophomore classmates and I spent a lot of our time and hard work on our class float. It was a really good bonding activity for us, but I was really disappointed that we didn't get to show off our float because it was really good. Even though the parade was cancelled, it was still a really fun day," Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup> said.

Although there were many differences this year, there were activities that still went on like normal. The dance was moved to Saturday night, which a lot of students really enjoyed. Also, the pep rally was still held, even though it took place in the high school gym rather than the street as usual. Spirit is a big deal during homecoming and the pep rally brought a lot of spirit into the high school students.

"I liked the pep rally because everyone seemed to get into it. There was a lot of energy in the stands when we did the chants and everyone seemed to be hyped," Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> said.

Story by Sarah Henman





#### Last Man Standing

Senior Brandon Bollig takes on the remaining members of the sophomore class in a short clip from the epic dodgeball battle.

#### Royalty Ruling

After the crowning ceremony, Baylee Werth, Queen Sarah Mick, and Olivia Reiter along with Jared Pfeifer, King Brandon Groff, and Sean Lee pose for pictures with flower girl Taylor Kohl and crown bearer Baylor Born. "It was pretty cool being crowned king. I was actually pretty surprised I got it. I figured one of my other competitors would win over me," Groff said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr

#### Bleacher Bash

The student section gets pumped up during the pep rally which was held indoors this year due to bad weather. "This year was very exciting for me. I loved seeing students jump in with the cheers and have fun," Alexis Mattheyer<sup>18</sup> said. Getting the students to show school pride was a major project that the whole community helped with.

Photo by Brianna Rohr

#### Out of Bounds

Refereeing for the traditional boys volleyball match against teachers, Autum Hellerud<sup>18</sup> calls a ball out. Photo by Ashley Butler

#### Dodgeball Bliss

Senior Brandon Bollig gets lifted up by his fellow classmates after winning the dodgeball tournament for the class. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

#### Sideline Coaches

Daniel Carbajal<sup>17</sup>, Nathan Cox<sup>17</sup> and Brandon North<sup>17</sup> watch an intense volleyball match and root for the students to cream the teachers. Photo by Ashley Butler

#### Anyone Open?

Looking for open teammates to throw the football to, Keisha Brack<sup>16</sup> prepares to make a pass further down the court. "Powder Puff football is my favorite part of homecoming," Brack<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Rylee Torline

#### Hut Hut

Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> looks under her legs to hike the ball perfectly into her quarterback's hands. Photo by Rylee Torline

# Spirit Week

## Team

### Patriotic



SIERRA SCHMIDT<sup>18</sup>



BRIANNA BASSETT<sup>16</sup>



BRUCE KENNELLY<sup>17</sup>

### Tie Dye



CIARA GARNETT<sup>18</sup>

### Orange & Black



DANI HAVELER<sup>18</sup>





# Growing Season

*Young team makes gains*

**"This was a fun season. We had a lot of exciting games."**

- Easton Smith<sup>17</sup>

Ups and downs. This would be one way to describe the Railer football season this fall. With a 4 - 5 record, the young team kept striving to improve themselves.

"This was a fun season. We had a lot of exciting games. The most memorable thing from this season was when Bryce Keithley made that diving catch against TMP," quarterback Easton Smith<sup>17</sup> said.

With only three seniors on the team, it was important for everyone to step up and be a leader in any way they could. Even though Dylan Haas was only a junior, he was named a team captain. No other juniors were named as a captain this year. The coaches name the captains based on who they think will lead the team the best.

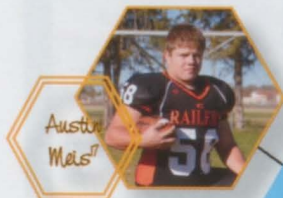
"I tried to lead by example and by making good plays. I helped anyone if they had a question and I tried to keep people from getting discouraged if they messed up," Haas said.

The team was also plagued with many injuries throughout the season. Senior Jared Pfeifer tore his ACL and meniscus towards the end of the season. It was a season-ending injury that was hard on him and the team as a whole.

"It didn't feel great that I couldn't play with my teammates one last time, especially when my team needed me for our last game. All I could do is just say 'play every play' and give it your all because you never know when it could be your last," Pfeifer said.

The players are positive that the experience from this year will pay off next year. Most of the team will be returning, having only lost three seniors.

"I think we will have a good year next year because so many underclassmen got experience this year and that will carry over and help us next season," Haas said. *Story by Sarah Mick*



Austin Mels<sup>56</sup>

Drink  
Fruit Punch  
Gatorade



Sam Rupp<sup>63</sup>

Wear Under  
Armour apparel  
on  
game day



Geoffrey Sorenson<sup>36</sup>

Football

Sarah Henman

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**Catch Me If You Can** Senior and team captain Sean Lee runs with ball in hand from the defenders of Wichita County. "I think about my assignment, and what I need to do when I am on the field. Playing relaxed helped me a lot," Lee said. *Photo by Dani Hauser*





**Big Win** Check out some of the best plays of the dominating Homecoming win versus Leoti-Wichita County.

# 23

Number of players on the team, the lowest in recent years.



# 214

Number of points scored on the season. The team scored a season-high 54 against Wichita County on Homecoming.



# 5

Number of major injuries suffered by members of the team. Injuries ranged from ACL tears to broken collarbones to dislocated knee caps.



**Hand In Hand** The captains walk linked together onto the field to meet with the opponent's captains and the referees before the game starts. "One of the things I like most is knowing younger boys look up to me and how I perform on Friday nights," Brandon Groff<sup>19</sup> said. The captains' goals for this year were to work on all skills to prepare their younger teammates and keep the team bonded.

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Hut, Hut** Center Daniel Carbajal<sup>19</sup> is in a ready stance on the line. "While I am on the line during Friday night games, all that runs through my mind is that I need to defend the best I can, even if it goes to extreme measures. We all just do the best we can to bring our team to victory," Carbajal said. The team concentrated on teamwork the whole year and worked on building the bond of the team.

*Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Go Long** With the ball still in hand, quarterback Easton Smith<sup>17</sup> is ready to make a throw and carry out the play to give some yardage to the Railers against state - ranked Norton. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Nice Catch** Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> makes an leaping catch, leading to an eventual touchdown during the game played at Lewis Field stadium in Hays against TMP. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Down, Set, Hut!** The offensive line is down and ready to face off against the opposing team leading them to a victory score of 54-0. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Eying the Endzone** After making a catch, Sean Lee<sup>33</sup> runs the ball into the end zone to score a touchdown against the Thomas More Prep Monarchs. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



**Face Off** The defensive linemen are ready to throw down with their opponents from Wichita County. *Photo by Dani Hausler*

In the Zone

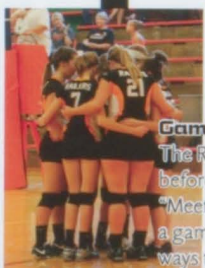


**3-Peat** The Railers compete in the Ellis Invitational and celebrate their win after coming back from a rough start.



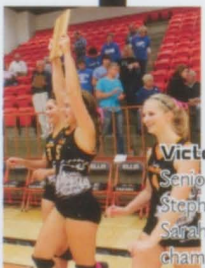
#### Kill It

Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> goes up for a kill during the game against Northern Valley. "My favorite memory is winning the Ellis Invitational," Schoenberger said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Game Plan

The Railer JV team gathers before their last home game. "Meeting in the middle before a game is one of the best ways to bond with our team," Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> said. Photo by Jessica Gamez



#### Victory Is Ours

Seniors Baylee Werth, Stephanie Greenway, and Sarah Mick hold up their championship plaque after winning the three-peat at the Railer Invitational. Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Serve's Up

Libero Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> serves to begin play. "When you get an ace, it's one of the best feelings in a game. But, I also don't like serving because all of the pressure is on you," Younger said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Assisting

Sarah Mick<sup>19</sup> prepares to set the ball to her teammate. Mick ended the season with a total of 807 assists. Photo by Brianna Rohr

# GAME FACES

I concentrate on my technique and what I should do to make sure I make the best hit.

-Baylee Werth<sup>16</sup>



My favorite memory is from the Greensburg tournament when we got second because we had all begun to work as a team there.

-Kaylin Foster<sup>18</sup>

I concentrate on how when I hit the ball I feel incredibly powerful.

-Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup>



My favorite memory is from this season practicing with all the girls. We always had something to laugh about during practice.

-Lindsay Augustus<sup>17</sup>

**Share the Love** Railer fans run out to greet the team after they won the championship against Stockton at the Railer Invitational. The Railers won in three sets with scores of 25-20, 22-25, and 29-27. "It was just nice to know that we had everyone's support and that they never gave up on us."

It was awesome to have so many people cheering us on," Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup> said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Teamwork Leads to Success

The JV poses for a picture after receiving second place in the Kiowa County Tournament. "At the Greensburg tournament I felt that we worked really well as a team. Our teamwork led us to the championship game. My favorite moment of the season was when me and Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> would talk in a British accent the entire game to cheer people up," Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> said.

Courtesy Photo







# Season Takes Sudden Turn

*Injuries affect team's consistency on the court*

After getting into the final round of sub-state last year, the expectations were high this season. Although there was plenty of talent, injuries may have taken away from their overall success.

"It's hard when a starter gets hurt because you're used to them on the court. Getting accustomed to new girls on the court took practice, but overall I don't think it was too hard because we're all one team and everyone really stepped up and played hard," Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> said.

The season started out strong winning six games before a loss to LaCrosse in the championship game of the Otis-Bison/LaCrosse tournament. Little did they know, the injuries would soon begin.

"I feel like we played pretty good and really came together as a team and fought as hard as we could," Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> said.

The Lady Railers played Stockton and Trego on September 23, and gained a win from both. However they lost a fellow teammate to an injury. Middle hitter Alexcia Deustcher strained the tendon

in her thumb when blocking the opposing team. Deustcher sat out for three games and a tournament and then returned to play for sub-state, but unfortunately broke her thumb and needed surgery.

"It's different watching them play because you notice all the mistakes and you wonder to yourself if that is what you look like when you are playing. Also it's just not fun to sit and watch," Deustcher<sup>16</sup> said.

The Railers lost yet another player shortly after that. Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> was injured in a car accident and was out for the rest of the season.

"Not finishing my last year of volleyball was the worst feeling ever. This was my last year to play as hard as I could and the best that I could and only being able to play half of the already short season was very devastating," Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> said.

The Lady Railers did not go any further than sub-state. They won the first round against Trego but lost the second round to Ness City, ending their season at 23-12. *Story by Brianna Rohr*

**"...everyone really stepped up and played hard."**

- Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup>



**Ready, Ready, Up** Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> and Alexcia Deustcher<sup>16</sup> attempt to make a block during the Ellis Invitational game against Western Plains. "Blocking is important because it keeps the back row from having to dig up really hard passes," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



Natalie Schoenberger<sup>16</sup>

Favorite warm up song is "This Is How We Do It" by Montell Jordan

Kyrsten Muckey<sup>15</sup>

Have the same Asics Gel volleyball shoes

Ali Weber<sup>16</sup>

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Kaylyn Foster



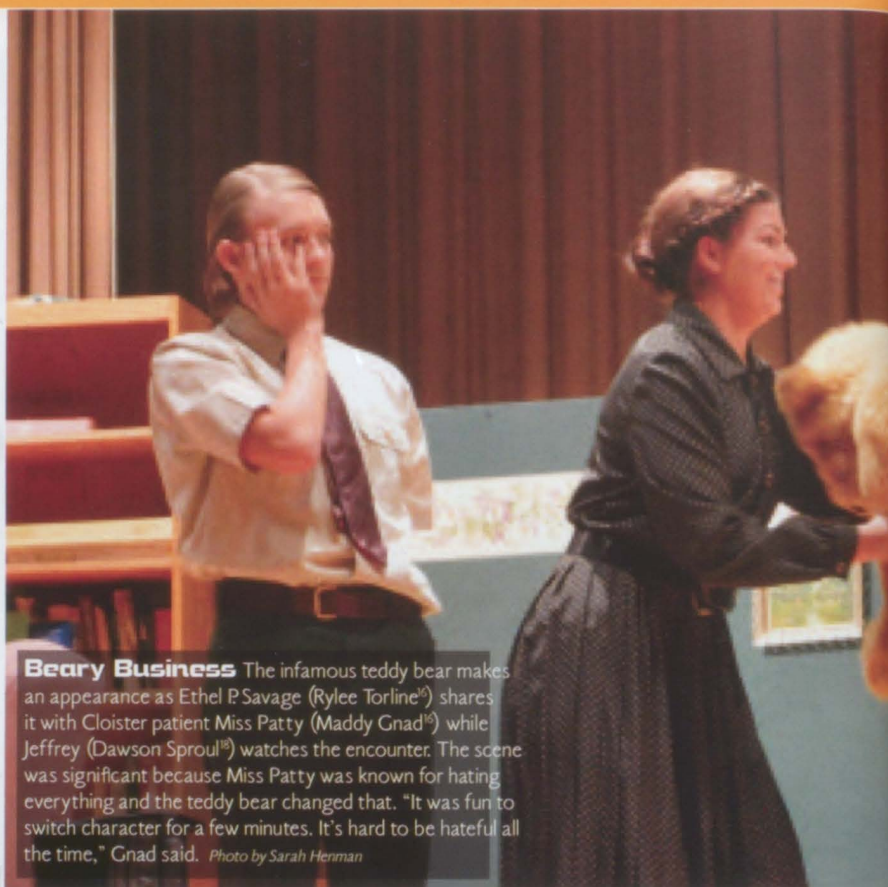
First year doing the play



Drew Keller

Played siblings in the play

Aspen Younger



**Beary Business** The infamous teddy bear makes an appearance as Ethel P. Savage (Rylee Torline<sup>18</sup>) shares it with Cloister patient Miss Patty (Maddy Gnad<sup>19</sup>) while Jeffrey (Dawson Sproul<sup>19</sup>) watches the encounter. The scene was significant because Miss Patty was known for hating everything and the teddy bear changed that. "It was fun to switch character for a few minutes. It's hard to be hateful all the time," Gnad said. Photo by Sarah Herman

# Hard Work Pays Off

Determination makes "The Curious Savage" a success

**"Being a stage ninja was pretty cool."**

- Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup>

If you came to the play this year, you would see first hand how dysfunctional the Savage family is, just like many families can be. Composed of an egotistical senator, a gold digging elitist, and a judge lacking a backbone, the Savage siblings cause quite the commotion along with their mischievous step-mother.

Before all of the shenanigans the Savages brought during the play, students had to audition to get a part.

"I was nervous for auditions because there were a lot of people trying out for the same part as me," Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup> said.

After auditions, students were given their scripts and began memorizing their lines. This caused students some stress, as well as paying 10 cents for each line they missed at practices.

"Memorizing lines wasn't exactly enjoyable but it had to be done. I think dime a line helped people take memorizing lines more seriously," Ashley Butler<sup>19</sup> said.

While the actors were busy memorizing lines, the crew stayed busy organizing props, designing and building the set, and manning the lights and sound booth.

"Overall it was fun, but it was also hard when the light board didn't work," Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup> said.

On the night of performances, stage hands, nicknamed "stage ninjas," were responsible for delivering props to the cast, and changing the set as needed in-between the scenes.

"Being a stage ninja was pretty cool, but you have to have night vision, or at least learn how to run into things quietly," Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> said.

With all of the people that dedicated their time and hard work this year, the play couldn't be anything but successful. It wasn't always easy, but the cast of *The Curious Savage* pulled it off. Story by Paige Molstad



## Parting is Sweet Sorrow

The cast of "The Curious Savage" performs in the final scene of the play.



### A Clash of Strings

Some of the actors had specific props that went with their character. Hannibal (Dani Hausler<sup>17</sup>) was an on-edge pseudo-violinist. "I really liked how the character Hannibal went on rants—it was something I could really relate to! As far as the violin goes, even though I didn't know how to play, it wasn't a problem, because neither did Hannibal!" Hausler said. Photo by Sarah Henman

### The "Mad" Savages

Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>, Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>, and Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> perfect their air of intimidation as they stand in their "meanwhich". A meanwhich is when all the Savages would surround another cast member and try to intimidate them. "Some of the blocking was difficult because I had to remember to stay next to Paige or Drew so we could accomplish our meanwhich," Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Sarah Henman

### Stage Ready

Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup> and Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> stand in front of the mirror and apply their stage makeup. Some actors were able to do their own makeup. Photo by Brianna Rohr

### Hair Did

Olivia Reiter<sup>19</sup> teases Skylar Gottschalk's<sup>16</sup> hair before the first showing. "This was my first time being a part of the play. It was cool to help the characters come to life and then watch them perform," Reiter said. Photo by Brianna Rohr

### Set Man

Keaton Moeder<sup>16</sup> attaches the window frame to the back wall on the set. "It was hard coming up with a design for the window that would work with the rest of the set, but Mr. Carroll helped us hang the drapes," Moeder said. Photo by Paige Molstad

### Two In One

Dani Hausler<sup>17</sup> runs through some pronunciation warm-ups while Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> helps her get ready by adding shadow to Dani's face. Photo by Paige Molstad

### Helping Hands

Brittney Johnson<sup>17</sup> applies Aspen Younger's<sup>16</sup> stage makeup. Doing Aspen's makeup was different because they had to make her look like a man. Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Quote Me On It

Favorite Lines of the Play

Mrs. Dawson, director



*"Take an umbrella, it's raining."*

-Fairy, played by Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup>



Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup>

*"Get your hands off him, you stupid ox!"*

-Miss Willie, as played by Alexis Mattheyer<sup>15</sup>

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Paige Molstad

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## Getting a Shot

Through a cooperative agreement with Thomas More Prep High School in Hays, Nathan Cox<sup>17</sup> and Junior Hernandez<sup>18</sup> were able to participate in soccer this fall. "It was a great opportunity and I had lots of fun because I got to meet a lot of new people," Hernandez said.



There are many organizations that help serve the community, and Ellis' National FFA Organization is no different. One way FFA spends a lot of time serving the community is helping with the local food pantry.

"I really enjoy helping at the pantry because I'm giving back to others who are less fortunate. Ellis is a small community and everyone feels like family, so when someone is in need, it's like you're in need too," Dani Hausler<sup>19</sup> said.

They also attended the annual National Convention in Kentucky this year.

"I have went to National Convention for two years. I like attending National Convention because I gain such an amazing experience there," said Lindsay Augustine<sup>20</sup>.

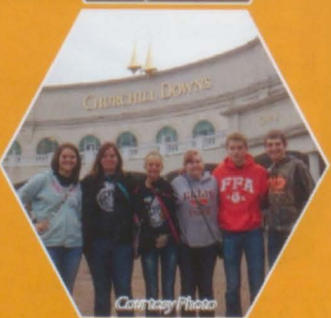
The FFA chapter is also involved in fruit sales, the annual labor auction, as well as other community service projects.



Photo by Dani Hausler



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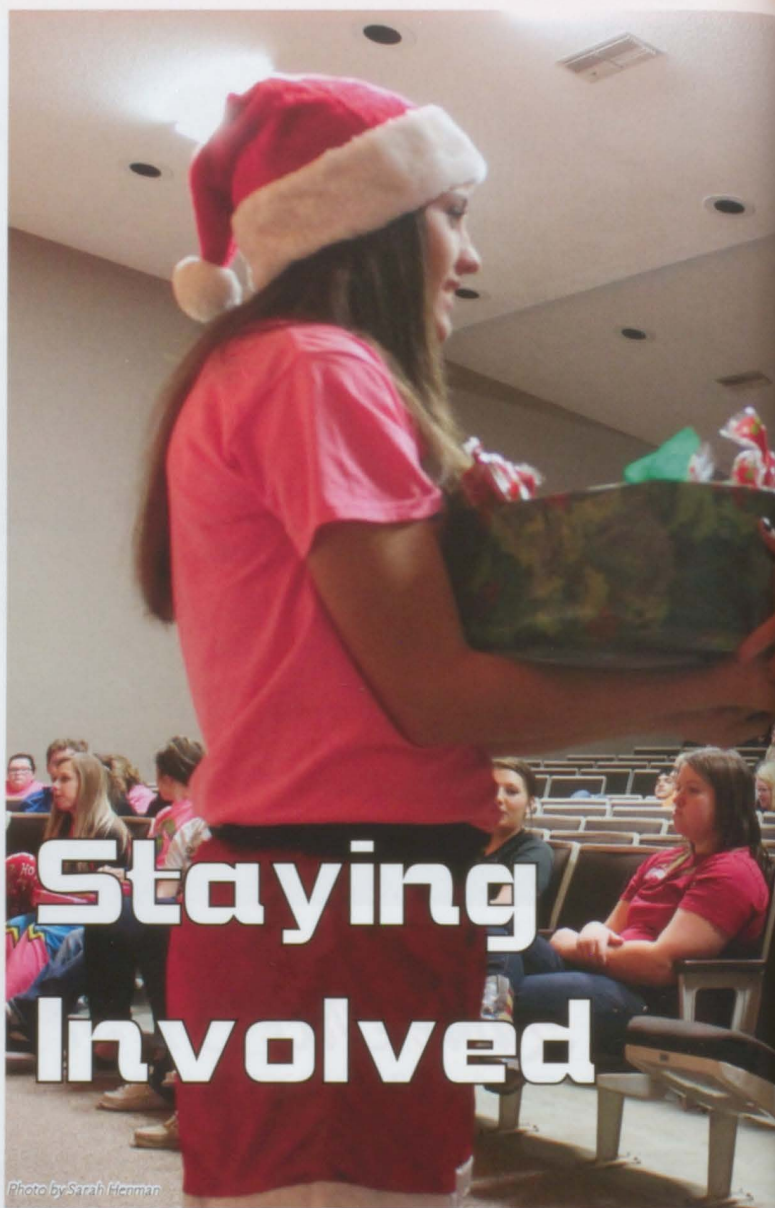


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## Staying Involved

Photo by Sarah Herman



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### Wait for the Go

Senior homecoming candidates Sarah Mick and Jared Pfeifer wait for instructions from Stuco sponsor Mr. Kohl on when to go and be introduced.

### Getting Prepped

Junior Maddy Gnad prepares to have her blood drawn for the first time. The blood drive is sponsored by the Stuco organization annually.



Photo by Paige Mohr





### Keepin' Busy

Students participate in the KAY food box auction, journalism Christmas party, and FCCLA freshmen fun night during the fall and early winter.

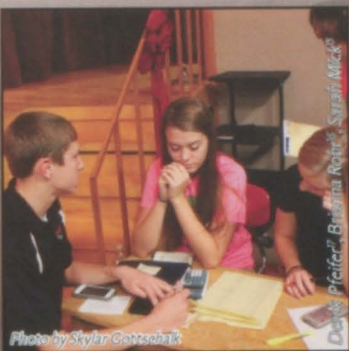


Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



Photo by Daniel Hausler

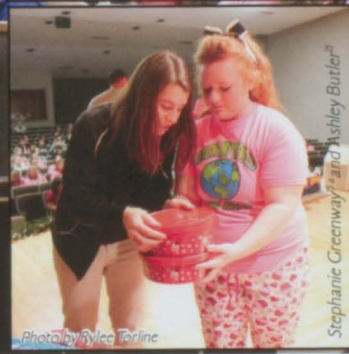


Photo by Rylee Terline

For many years, KAY has been one of the school's largest clubs. However, this year the membership of KAY is higher than any other organization with 78 members. KAY keeps busy throughout the year with numerous events.

One of those events is the annual food box auction, usually held at the end of the first semester. This is open to all students, and is a prime opportunity to gain points for KAY members.

"I enjoyed the food box auction. I like getting to see what all everyone came up with and how they decorated their boxes, I also liked getting to figure out the points for each box," Kori Clark<sup>15</sup> said.

The food box auction also brings a lot of money into the KAY chapter, which helps pay for all of the decorations and supplies for Snoball in February as well as other events throughout the year.

"I enjoyed the food box because it brings in good money for our chapter and its always fun to see how high the food will go for and to also buy a box," Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> said.

## FCCLA Fun

**Charades** FCCLA officers Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> and Olivia Reiter<sup>17</sup> demonstrate a game for freshman fun night.

"The officers thought it would be a fun way to get everyone involved if we brought a bunch of silly dress up clothes and made the freshmen put them on," Reiter said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Little Trip** A group of FCCLA members stop to pose for a picture while in Little Rock, Arkansas. They traveled to Arkansas with Hoisington FCCLA to attend the National Cluster Meeting. "I went to the cluster meeting because I knew it would be a good experience," Kassi Brown<sup>17</sup> said.

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### Sugar Me Up

Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup> frosts sugar cookies for the Ellis Good Samaritan Home during FCCLA week. "I liked frosting the cookies because it would make the residents happy," Gamez said.

Photo by Kassi Brown



## High Honors



Sarah Mick<sup>18</sup>

"I did National Honors Society because it would look good on college applications and volunteering was a good experience because I got to help someone who needed it without expecting any payment," Sarah Mick<sup>18</sup> said.

## Different Kind of Family

Journalism staff members unite to create a unique yearbook

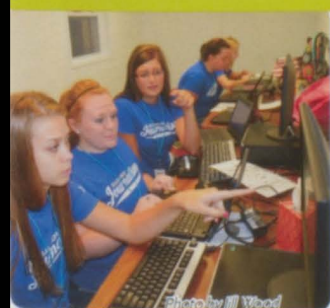


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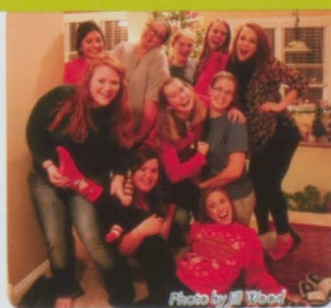


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Photo by Kristina Rohr

**Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup>** Five journalism students competed at the Scholastic Press Association contest at the state fair. "Going to the State Fair was a good experience; we had to come out of our comfort zones."

**Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>** The journalism students gather for the annual Christmas party at Ashley Butler's house. "I really like getting to hang out with everyone outside of a classroom setting."

**Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup>** The yearbook staff gathers before each deadline for a worknight filled with pages and pizza. "Worknights give us extra time to work on our pages and make them fantastic."





**The Exact Inch**  
Brevin LaBarge<sup>17</sup> measures out a piece of wood to the accurate measurement. "I like woodshop because I enjoy the hands-on experience compared to just sitting in class," Labarge<sup>17</sup> said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Teamwork**  
Easton Smith<sup>17</sup> and Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup> combine forces to cut out pieces of wood. The wood they prepared will be used to complete the entertainment center they are working on. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Concentrate**  
Kadon Augustine<sup>16</sup> works hard to plane a piece of wood during Cabinetmaking. "This class will benefit me later in life because if something breaks, I can fix it myself," Augustine<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

**Nailed It**

## Pumping Iron



"I enjoy P.E. class because I get to improve myself every day and it'll benefit me for sports. I also enjoy gamedays on Tuesdays and Thursdays because I enjoy the days off from lifting," Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> said.



## Physics Keeps Us Going

Throughout the first semester of the year, the Physics class did many experiments and labs. Some of these were a lever lab and testing car acceleration at a constant speed.

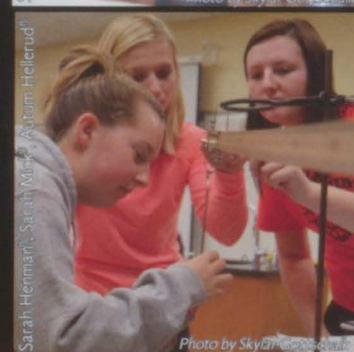
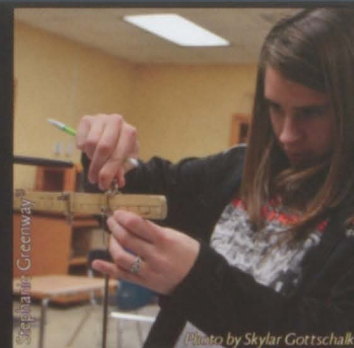
"I enjoyed the car experiment because we got to go outside and it was interesting to see how much force it actually takes to move a car," Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup> said.

Physics is one of the four options juniors and seniors have to take after the required classes of Physical Science and Biology.

"I chose Physics because it sounded really interesting," Justin Esner<sup>15</sup> said.

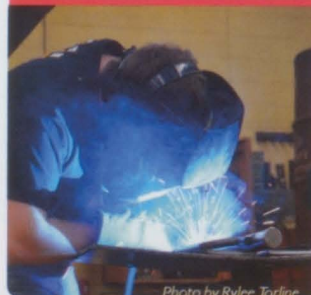
The Physics class plans to stay busy in the classroom with a variety of experiments to go along with their lessons.

"Students learn by seeing, hearing, and doing. In Physics, the 'doing' comes in the form of lab activities. Students get a chance to see what we have learned in action. Hopefully the lab will reinforce what we learn in class," Physics teacher Mr. Mick said.

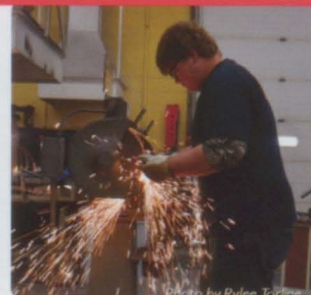


## Makin' Sparks Fly

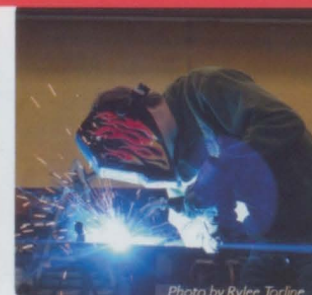
Welding students spend class time learning skills for life



**Ryan Augustine<sup>16</sup>**  
"The most difficult part of welding is making sure all of your settings are correct."



**Jacob Burns<sup>16</sup>**  
"My favorite part of welding is seeing the end result of the project I'm working on."



**Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup>**  
"I like welding because it's going to help me pursue my college and career."



### Light 'em Up

Chemistry teacher Mr. Wildeman shows students how some gases are very combustible. Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup> also shows off his welding skills.



## Studying=Success



### Problem Solved

Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> uses her free time to finish up extra problems on the assignment given to her in Mr. Hayes' Algebra I class. "I like when Mr. Hayes gives us free time to finish our assignment because I like when I don't have homework."

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*

## Accelerated Learning

### May The Force Be With You

Physics teacher Mr. Mick instructs seniors Brandon Bollig and Carson Rupp to find how much acceleration it takes to move a car at a constant force. *Photo by Baylee Werth*

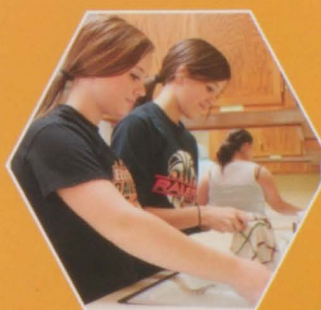
## Shady Business



*Photo by Brianna Rohr*

### A Little Sketchy

Ciara Garnett<sup>15</sup> (top) and LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> (left) work on a project in Principles of Illustration. Students had to pick a full-body picture of someone to practice drawing and shading a figure. "I enjoyed this project because it was more challenging and sometimes I like being challenged," Garnett said.



Many students enroll in Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) because of the delicious food or because they think it'll be easy. Although FACS does include these things, it requires a lot more duties than just that.

"I took FACS because I thought it was mainly cooking and eating, but then I realized it takes a lot more effort than that," Kinley Kuppertz<sup>18</sup> said.

Students not only take on the role of cooking, but also learn the importance of kitchen safety, how to cook food properly, and the cleaning process that follows. This helps students learn the responsibilities of running a kitchen.

"FACS is beneficial because you can use the skills you learn the rest of your life," Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup> said.

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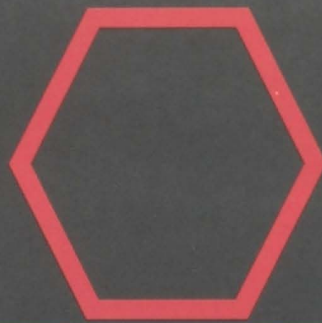
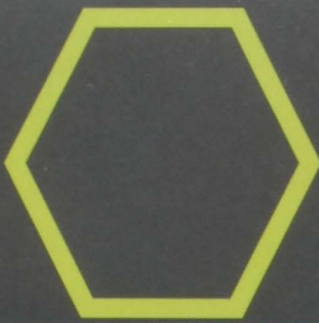
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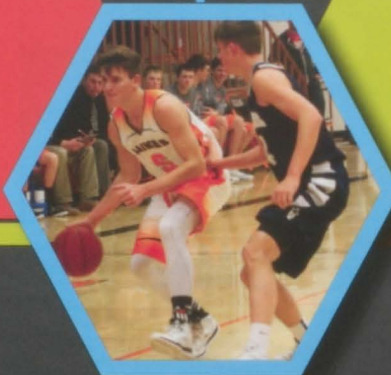
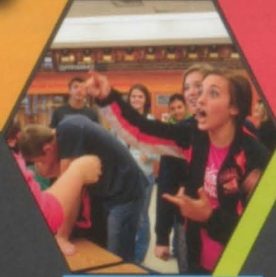
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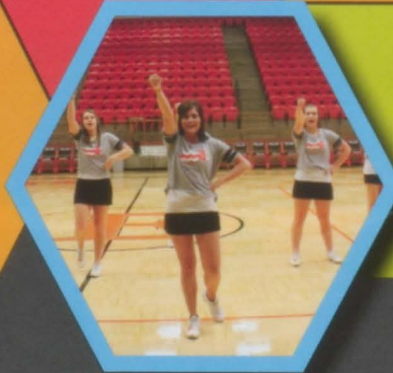
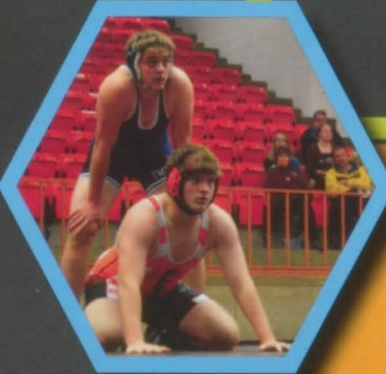


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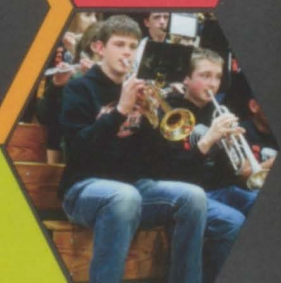
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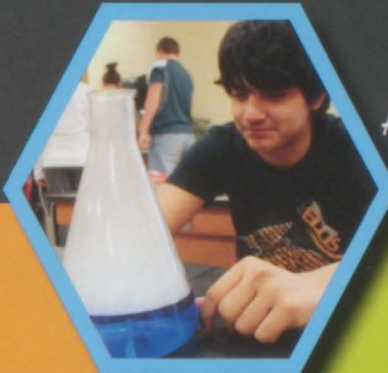
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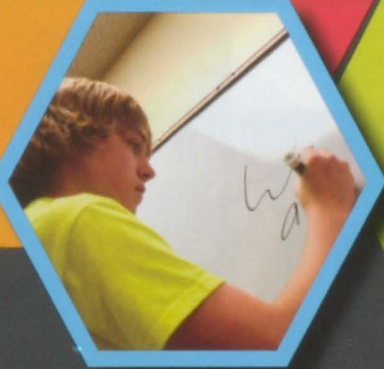


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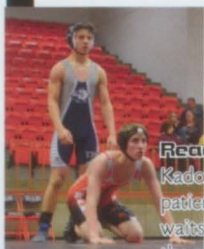
**Go, Go, Dalton Go!**  
Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> moves quickly in one of his state tournament matches.



**Momma's Boy**  
Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> smiles at his mom during senior night at the dual against TMP. "My parents supported me even when I wasn't doing good and pushed me to work harder outside of practice," Pfeifer said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Quick Break**  
Brandon Groff<sup>19</sup> gets a short breather while listening to instructions from the officials. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Ready to Fight**  
Kaden Augustine<sup>16</sup> perches patiently as his opponent waits for the signal from the ref to proceed with the match. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Sweet Victory**  
Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> gets his arm held up towards the Ellis crowd, declaring his victory. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Job Well Done** Coach Dinkel shakes hands with Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup> in a job well done after one of Kohl's matches. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

## Senior Night vs. TMP

# Off the Mat...



**Dylan Haas<sup>15</sup>**  
Off the mat, I work out and lift weights.



**Kaden Augustine<sup>16</sup>**  
Off the mat, I eat to meet my weight class



**Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup>**  
Off the mat, I work to cut weight.

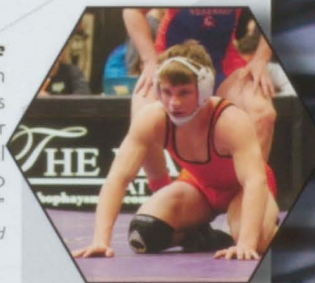


**Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup>**  
Off the mat, I work to better myself.

### Eye on The Prize

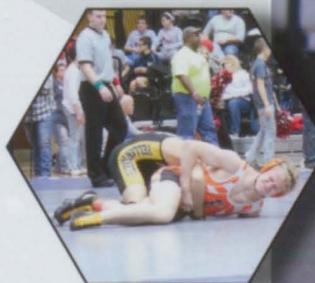
Waiting intently, Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> sets up in referee's position as his opponent settles in behind. This was Hensley's second year attending the state tournament. "My goal for next year is to be a state champion. I also want to take more than four kids to state,"

Hensley said. Photo by Paige Molstad



### No Pain, No Gain

Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup> resist his opponent, and fights through the pain, during one of his matches at the 3-21A State Tournament. Armbruster battled a back and shoulder injury for the most part of the season. "I had a ligament in my shoulder tear. Eventually it healed on its own," Armbruster said. Photo by Brianna Rohr







# Grapplers Go the Distance

## Dinkel completes last season with team

This past season was the final season that Coach Dinkel would be EHS's head wrestling coach. That being said, Dinkel ended his final season on a solid note, taking four boys to state this year.

"It's not about the wins and losses but about the way we react to them. Do we give up or just keep fighting. Taking four kids to state in our Regional was a great way to end the season. The best part is that we will have three of them back to compete next season," Coach Dinkel said.

Senior wrestler Brandon Groff has been with Dinkel all four years of high school. This was Groff's first year making an appearance at state.

"State was pretty rad and gnarly. Never quit and remember that the worst practices are the ones that matter the most," Groff<sup>15</sup> said.

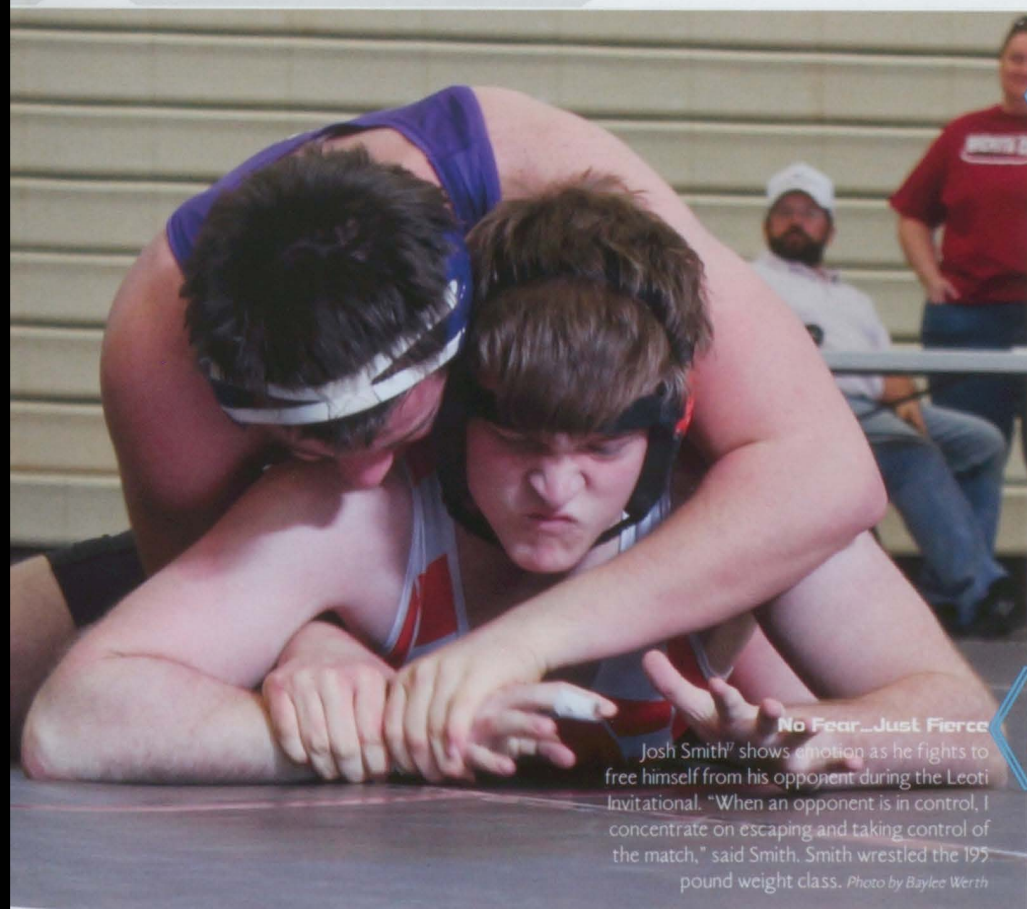
This year was different than any other year because of the fact that Ellis was able to take four out of the eight wrestlers. In most years, Ellis only takes one to three. Other first year state competitors were Kobe Armbruster<sup>16</sup> and Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup>. Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> also made an appearance at the state tournament for his second time.

"If you're not first, you're last," Hensley<sup>17</sup> said about competing at state.

Injuries played another factor on the amount of kids wrestling this year. Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>, who competed at state last year as a junior, was out with a knee injury for the entirety of the season, along with fellow teammate Dylan Haas<sup>16</sup>.

All in all, the wrestlers had a successful season and with the team's returning experience, should be able to have another successful season next year. *Story by Paige Molstad*

**"Do we  
give up, or  
just keep  
fighting?"**  
-Coach Dinkel



**No Fear...Just Fierce**  
Josh Smith<sup>17</sup> shows emotion as he fights to free himself from his opponent during the Leoti Invitational. "When an opponent is in control, I concentrate on escaping and taking control of the match," said Smith. Smith wrestled the 195 pound weight class. *Photo by Baylee Werth*







# Against the Odds

*Lady Railers step up after a tough loss*

**"I felt like I  
let the team  
down..."**

*- Alexcia  
Deutscher<sup>16</sup>*

Some people enjoy the thrill of roller coasters, while others have a different view. This season would be comparable to that of a roller coaster. With the ladies having winning seasons the last two years, they set their standards high this year to add another winning season to the boards. Unfortunately, they fell a few games short of their goal. The girls finished their season 11-12.

"I was a little disappointed we didn't have a winning record. We had many goals this season, and having a winning record was one of them," senior guard Stephanie Greenway said.

Not only did the Railers fall short of a winning record, they also lost a returning starter, Alexcia Deutscher<sup>16</sup> to an ACL tear during the Quinter Classic Tournament against Dighton. Deutscher averaged in the double figures in points and rebounds per game, so her loss was huge for the team.

"I knew something was wrong but I didn't want to admit it. When Shawn, the athletic trainer,

told me the news at school, I cried. I felt like I let the team down and let myself down because you set so many goals for each season and they just tumbled down after three games. Although people doubted the girls team, they still had a great season and a lot of people stepped up," Deutscher said.

This is exactly what the girls knew they needed to do. Even though they lost a player, they were determined to win as many games as possible.

"Many players stepped up after Alexcia's injury. It was truly a team effort to make up for her absence. Although we certainly missed her, I was proud of the way we adjusted after her injury and put together a very positive season," head coach Perry Mick said.

The season concluded with a run in the sub-state tournament, taking the Lady Railers to the championship game against a good Hill City team. Unfortunately, their season ended there with a loss, 44 - 54. *Story by Skylar Gottschalk*



Ashlee  
Johnson

First year  
basketball players



Aiden  
Johnson

Played on JV



Kelsey  
Brack



**Let's Do This!** Senior Sarah Mick receives high fives and encouragement from her teammates as she runs out on the court. "I like starting games because it make me less nervous than coming into the game later. I think the younger girls look up to starters because they want to be in their position when they're older," Mick said. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**In the Finals** Check out some clips from the sub-state championship game between Ellis and Hill City.



# My Superstition...

I always jam out to hard core music before our warm-ups.

I always put my uniform on the same way with my headband around my head.

I always braid my bangs back for each game.



Kinley Kuppertz



Stephanie Greenway



Ashley Mattheyer



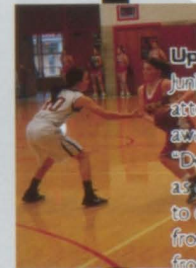
**Hands Up** Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> plays hard defense against a player on the Thomas Moore Prep team. Molstad led the junior varsity team with the most blocks this season with 11. Photo by Sarah Herman



**It's Mine** Sophomore forward Ashley Mattheyer fights for the ball to gain possession. "Being aggressive is essential to play basketball because you want to have control of the ball and not just give it to the other team," Mattheyer said. Photo by Rylee Torline



**Two Is Better Than One** Freshman Kaylyn Foster and sophomore Ashley Mattheyer work together to try and block a shot from their opponent. "Teamwork is important during basketball because if there is no teamwork, it's each individual against five and that's impossible," Foster said. Photo by Rylee Torline



**Up For Grabs** Junior guard Aspen Younger attempts to swipe the ball away from her opponent. "Defense is just as important as offense because you want to do as much as you can from keeping the other team from scoring," Younger said. Photo by Rylee Torline



**Block Party** Junior forward Skylar Gottschalk blocks a ball against the opposing team. Gottschalk finished the season with 17 blocks. Photo by Rylee Torline

## Defense, Defense

**Catch Me If You Can** Senior point guard Stephanie Greenway outruns everyone to score a lay-up. "I enjoy cherry picking because it brings the team more points and it allows more chances to get points," Greenway said. Greenway finished the season with 177 points. Photo by Dani Hausler

**Taking Care of Business** Junior Jenna Schoenberger uses all her might to jump high and get a defensive rebound. "I think rebounding is important so we can stop teams from getting second chances and also we can get second chances. We struggled with teams that had bigger girls who could rebound well but other than that I think we did okay with rebounding this season," Schoenberger said. Photo by Rylee Torline



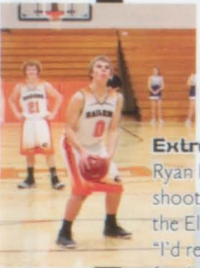
## Down to the Wire

In the first game of the season, the Railers compete in overtime against Phillipsburg.



**Grab & Go** Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> goes up for the ball at the beginning of the Trego game. "It doesn't make me nervous to jump at the beginning of the game because I've done it my whole life," Brenner said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Extreme Measures

Ryan Herl<sup>18</sup> focuses on shooting a free throw during the Ellis vs. Stockton game. "I'd really like to have less than five losses next year," Herl said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Shoot for 2

Easton Smith<sup>17</sup> goes up for a shot during the Quinter Classic game against Cheylin. "I expect us to have another winning season and make it to state again next year," Smith said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Going to the Hoop

Joseph Eck<sup>18</sup> handles the ball during the state competition. "I felt accomplished playing varsity my freshman year. I'd really like for us to make it to state again," Eck said.

Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Against the Grain** Eli Lohmeyer takes a shot against TMP during the MCL tournament. TMP gave the Railers 2 of their 6 losses.

Photo by Brianna Rohr

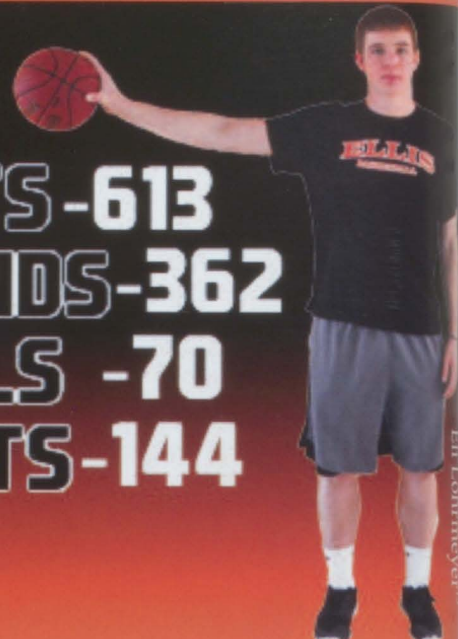
## Perfecting Skills

# CAREER STATS



Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup>

**352- POINTS -613**  
**73- REBOUNDS -362**  
**86- STEALS -70**  
**133- ASSISTS -144**



Eli Lohmeyer<sup>17</sup>

### Checkin' In

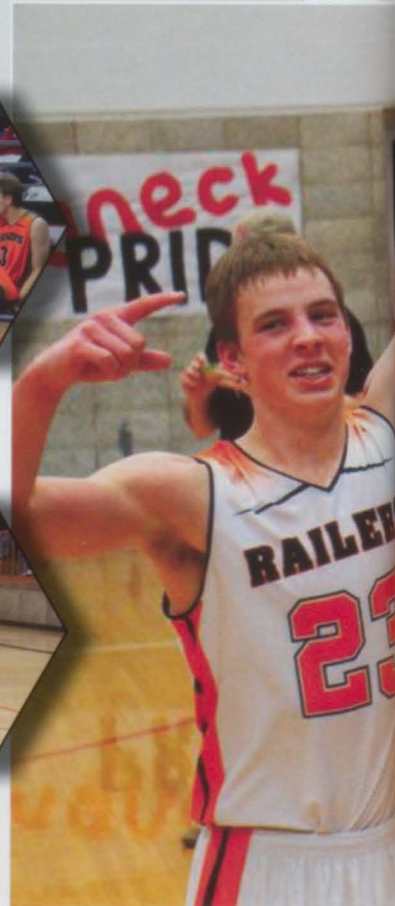
Clay Feik<sup>17</sup>, Easton Smith<sup>17</sup>, and Ryan Herl<sup>18</sup> sit on the sidelines and wait to go into the game against St. John in Manhattan. "It's important to have a bunch of subs come off of the bench so no one gets wore out or tired. It's good to keep everybody refreshed," Feik said.

Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



**Hustle down the Court** Junior Alex Towns brings the ball to the hoop during the game against Wheatland-Grinnell. "I like being the point guard because you pretty much control the game and the pace of the game," Towns said. Towns ended the year with 104 points.

Photo by Brianna Rohr







# Railers Earn Sub-State Title

*Railers meet goal to make State appearance*

The boys basketball team has not earned a spot in the state tournament since 2003, but this year that was the top goal. They knew it wouldn't be easy.

"We talked about going to state at the beginning of the year, that was the goal, and also to have an 80% winning record," Brendon Brenner<sup>16</sup> said.

They started the season strong, winning six games in a row, including the Quinter Classic championship.

"We had always gotten really close to taking it, but fell short. It felt good to go in there and dominate it this year," Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> said.

After the Quinter Classic, however, a bit of a rough spot came up. They lost five games in a row, two of them to TMP.

"It was hard facing the losses against TMP because it was two of the losses that we should have had loser games," Alex Towns<sup>16</sup> said.

They then moved on to a winning streak all the way into sub-state. They faced off against Hill City in the sub-state championship game. They had lost to Hill City

earlier in the season, 63-73.

"When I found out we were playing Hill City for the sub-state championships I was excited because we had a chance to get revenge on them for beating us in the regular season, and the atmosphere in Hill City is awesome," Derek Pfeifer<sup>17</sup> said.

The Railers were closely matched with the Ringnecks throughout the entire game, but managed to come out victorious in overtime 63-58.

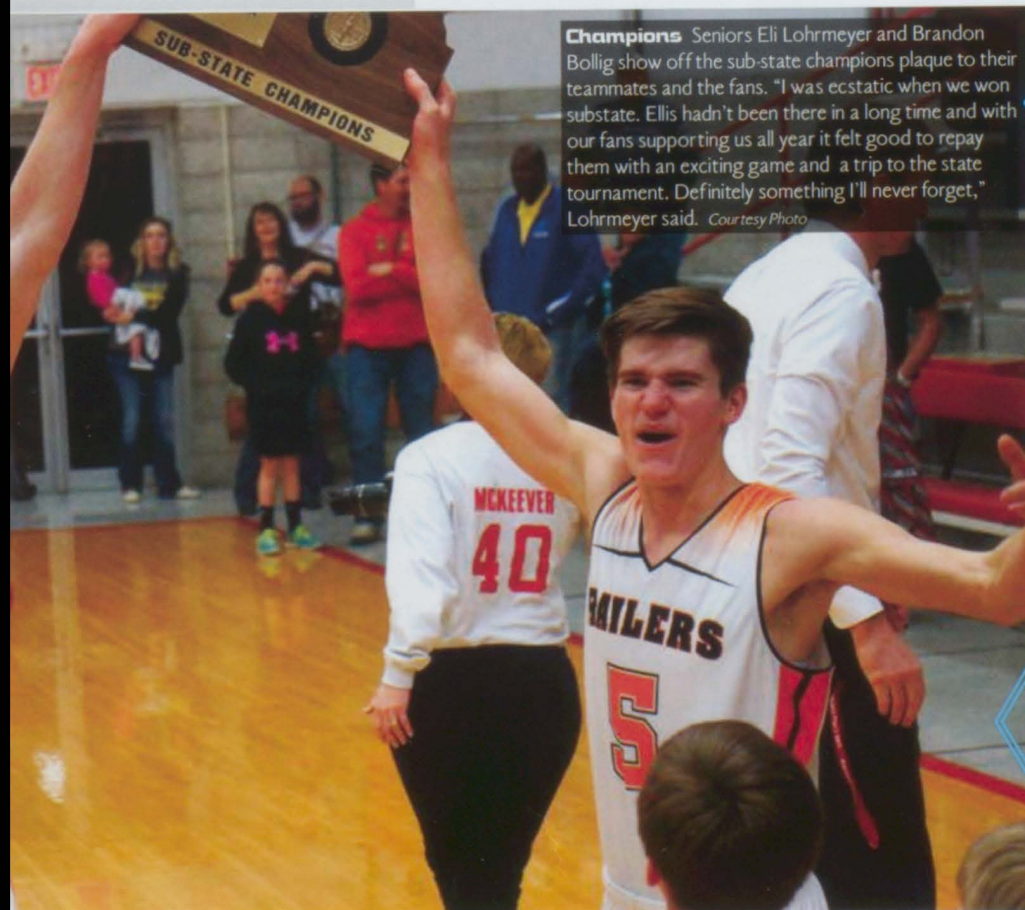
"It was one of the greatest feelings I have ever felt in my athletic career. It's undescrivable," Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> said.

The team then went on to face St. John at the state tournament. They knew St. John would be a tough competitor, having won two consecutive state championships, but they had the mindset that they were going to try their best to win. Unfortunately, the Railers were defeated by the Tigers, 41-83.

"I thought we set our goals and were able to accomplish those goals. It was a great season," head coach Butch Hayes said. *Story by Brianna Rohr*

**"It was one of the greatest feelings I have ever felt in my athletic career."**

*- Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup>*



**Champions** Seniors Eli Lohrmeyer and Brandon Bollig show off the sub-state champions plaque to their teammates and the fans. "I was ecstatic when we won substate. Ellis hadn't been there in a long time and with our fans supporting us all year it felt good to repay them with an exciting game and a trip to the state tournament. Definitely something I'll never forget," Lohrmeyer said. *Courtesy Photo*







# Students With Spirit

Cheer squad stays busy through camps, school events

**"It brings the squad closer together."**

- Allie Frickey<sup>7</sup>

Because it is a competitive sport, cheerleading takes hard work and dedication. Starting the new year off, the squad prepares themselves for the much anticipated UCA summer camp. They are expected by the coach to have certain stunting skills, high jumps, flexibility, and good stamina. This year the squad brought home four trophies and the banana.

"Getting the banana at camp is huge. It means that your squad was the loudest, politest, and all around most respectful squad to the staff, facility, and other campers," Co-captain Baylee Werth<sup>8</sup> said.

Another thing that is awarded at camp is the All-American award. The girls perform the newly learned dance, cheer, and a jump. Six upperclassmen became All-American cheerleaders this July: Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup>, Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup>, Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup>, Hailey Dinkel<sup>15</sup>, Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>, and Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>. Camp is a highlight for the cheerleaders because of the

friendly competition, but that soon ends and the start of the school year rolls around.

Another high point for the squad is homecoming. The cheerleaders are in charge of many things, including the pep rally on Friday.

"I love homecoming, and being a cheerleader during it is so much fun! Even though it is really stressful, it brings the squad closer together," Allie Frickey<sup>7</sup> said.

In February, the cheerleaders got a special opportunity. They were asked to dance at a state wrestling. State wrestling brings in a lot of people and packs Gross Memorial at Fort Hays State University. The squad executed a near-perfect performance and the crowd went wild. This was the last dance the ladies would ever do together.

"The state dance was fun but stressful at the same time. We had long, hard practices but it was all worth it when we performed it," Hailey Reiter<sup>18</sup> said. *Story by Sarah Henman*

Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup>



Think the best thing about camp was winning the banana

Stephanie Greenwood<sup>17</sup>



Prefer to cheer at basketball games

Allie Frickey<sup>7</sup>



Cheerleading

Sarah Henman

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**Be Sure to Smile** Stunting is a common activity that cheerleaders do and love. "I like to stunt mainly because it shows how athletic us cheerleaders really have to be. I think it looks neat and the crowd enjoys watching us do fun pyramids," captain Sarah Henman<sup>2</sup> said.

*Photo by Brianna Rohr*



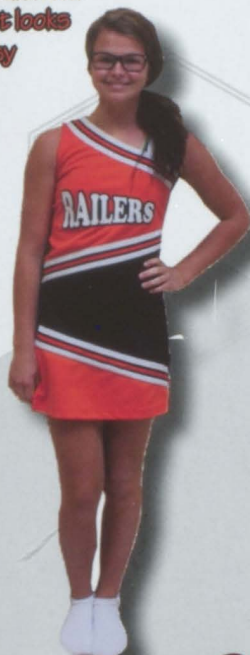
## Break a Leg

Check out the biggest performance of the year during the 3-21A state wrestling tournament.



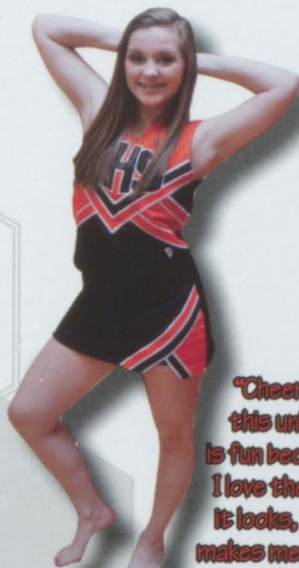
"I like this uniform because it looks very classy and fits me well."

- Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>



"This uniform is special because it's the uniform we perform in the most."

- Ashley Butler<sup>16</sup>



"Cheering in this uniform is fun because I love the way it looks, so it makes me even happier."

- Kyrsten Fickey<sup>18</sup>



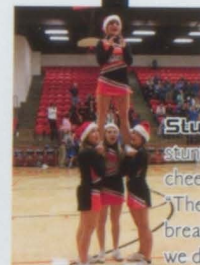
## Cheerleader Runway



### Follow Me

Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> dances in front view of pee-wee cheerleaders. "I love pee-wee because all the little girls are so cute!" Molstad said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Stuntin' Santas** With a stunt built, the cheer Santas cheer on the basketball team.

"The game before Christmas break is my favorite because we dance to jolly music," Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> said.

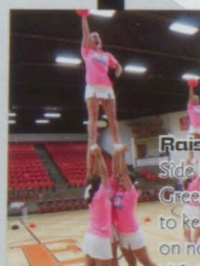
Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Yell Orange!

Setting a motion during a cheer, Baylee Werth<sup>18</sup> works to pump up the crowd's spirit.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Raising Heights

Side base Stephanie Greenway<sup>17</sup> uses her strength to keep the stunt up. "I focus on not hurting my flyer while I lift," Greenway said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Snake Line** "Dancing with the girls was a different experience, something I'd never thought I would do," Dylan Haas<sup>16</sup> said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Keep the Beat** Performing at an energy filled homecoming pep rally, the squad keeps a beat. "I love doing the stomp clap because it's a fun tradition we have done since I've been on the squad. It's challenging to get all of us together, but the work is worth it!" Hailey Dinkel<sup>19</sup> said. The stomp clap is typically performed at many home games. Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Stay Tight** Performing during the halftime of the last home boys basketball game, the whole squad works together to hit a stunt pyramid perfectly. Flyer Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> said, "One of the most challenging parts of being a top girl is having trust in your bases, but that's also what makes it fun." Photo by Brianna Rohr

Scream & Shout





Tori  
Tebbs<sup>16</sup>



Brought  
out-of-town  
dates



Abby  
Burton<sup>15</sup>

Won Snoball Royalty

Brendon  
Brenner<sup>16</sup>



**Perfectly In Step** As a dance staple, and favorite of many students, several line and group songs are played throughout the dance. Shown above, is a group dance in action, as several of the girls kick their legs to the beat of Copperhead Road. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

# Boogie At the Ball

Winter formal adds flair to Valentine's Day

**"The theme of a Valentine's Day dance was really cool!"**  
- Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup>

February 14th--a day known for candy hearts, chocolate and declarations of love--took on a new role this year when the KAY club hosted their annual Snoball dance on the same day.

"Since Snoball fell on Valentine's Day, we all agreed to go with that for the theme because it would make the best sense," Kori Clark<sup>15</sup>, KAY points chairman, said.

Balloons, gossamer, and a giant centerpiece heart (all in the red, pink and white variety) filled the commons area as the dance occurred. Members of the KAY club were in charge of decorating the night before the dance.

"The theme of a Valentine's Day dance was a great idea! The decorations screamed 'Valentine's Day' so it was cool that they were on the same day," Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> said.

Despite the date being convenient from a theme standpoint, the dance posed a scheduling problem for numerous students and their busy schedules. With a forensics meet,

wrestling tournament, and basketball games the Friday before, many student athletes weren't available to help decorate.

"It was a bit stressful knowing I couldn't contribute to helping decorate and get the dance ready because of our basketball game. I've always helped decorate, so it was disappointing to know I couldn't lend a hand," Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup>, KAY member and basketball player, said.

Even with a shortage of people, the remaining KAY members more than executed their theme as well as a successful dance, earning many positive reviews.

"I enjoyed Snoball this year. I always have a lot of fun dancing with my friends. It is always such a fun time, and getting to dress up is a cool change from daily clothes. All of this made Snoball one of my favorite dances of the year and quite a success," Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>, KAY vice president, said. *Story by Paige Molstad*



**All Together Now**  
Students show their wild side through dancing and much more at this year's dance.



### Plus One

Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup> and Dawson Sproul<sup>16</sup> add a new partner to a typical slow song—a balloon used for decoration. "It was an awesome experience taking Olivia as my date to Snoball, especially because I'm a freshman and she's a senior," Sproul said. *Photo by Dani Hausler*

### And the Winner Is...

Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> places a tiara atop the head of Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> during the crowning ceremony at Snoball. "It was awesome to get to participate in crowning in a different way this year—crowning my best friend," Gottschalk said. *Photo by Rylee Torline*

### Round-n-Round

Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup> and Shelby Werth<sup>16</sup> swing dance to an upbeat song at Snoball. "Shelby and I rocked at swing dancing even though we had no idea what we were doing," Rohr said. *Photo by Rylee Torline*

### Shimmy & Shake

Kelsey Brack<sup>16</sup> and Jaylenn Pfeifer<sup>16</sup> move to the beat at their first Snoball as freshmen. "My favorite part was dancing with everyone and getting to dress up," Pfeifer said. *Photo by Rylee Torline*

### Kickin' It

Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> and Sarah Mick<sup>16</sup> dance together in 'The Cotton Eyed Joe'. "I really enjoy [that song] because you get the chance to dance with several people at a time," Younger said. *Photo by Jill Wood*

**Jammin' Out** Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> and Brevin LaBarge<sup>17</sup> dance like no one is watching during a favorite at the dance—'Moves Like Bernie.' *Photo by Paige Molstad*

### All Through the Night

Daniel DeLaRosa<sup>16</sup> and Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> enjoy each other's company during one of the slow songs at the dance. "It's easy to dance with Danny, because we're so comfortable together," Basgall said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*

**In the Groove**

# Selfie-Portraits

Students get into a Valentine's Day mood by taking silly selfies at the dance



**Strike a Pose**  
Baylee Werth<sup>16</sup> and Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> pose for a smiling selfie. "My favorite selfie pose is definitely the kissy face. I took around 36 selfies throughout the night of Snoball," Werth said. *Photo by Dani Hausler*



**Posed and Ready**  
Taton Busby<sup>16</sup> and Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup> prepare to take a selfie during Snoball. "The pictures I took will help me to remember the night for the rest of my life," Hensley said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Say Cheese!**  
Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> and Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> attempt the perfect selfie, with both an excited smile and a goofy duck face. "I take pictures cause a lot of memories can be displayed in one picture," Mattheyer said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*

Snoball

Rylee Torline





## Sweets For Sale

Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> tallies money during the FCCLA week silent auction held at a home basketball game. The club grouped together to raise money for Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Hays Humane Society, and the Ellis Western Plains Animals Refuge. The club raised a grand total of \$700.



Photo by Kassi Brown

### Strike or Spare?

Francis Towns<sup>18</sup> attempts to bowl a strike - worthy throw at the annual FFA bowling party which took place during FFA week. "I loved getting to hang out with my friends while bowling," Towns said.

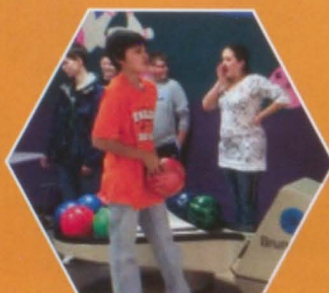


Photo by David Huster

### Pucker Up

As a fundraiser for the local food pantry, the FFA had the Kiss-A-Cow event. For several weeks, students could donate money to vote for an EHS staff member that they wanted to see kiss a cow. The lucky winner this year? Principal Corey Burton.



Photo by Ryilee Turline

### Pancake Man

Golden brown and ready to turn, pancakes made by Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup> were ready to eat at the FFA pancake feed which took place at a home basketball game.

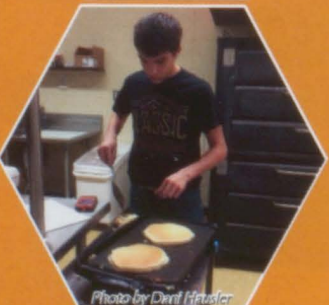
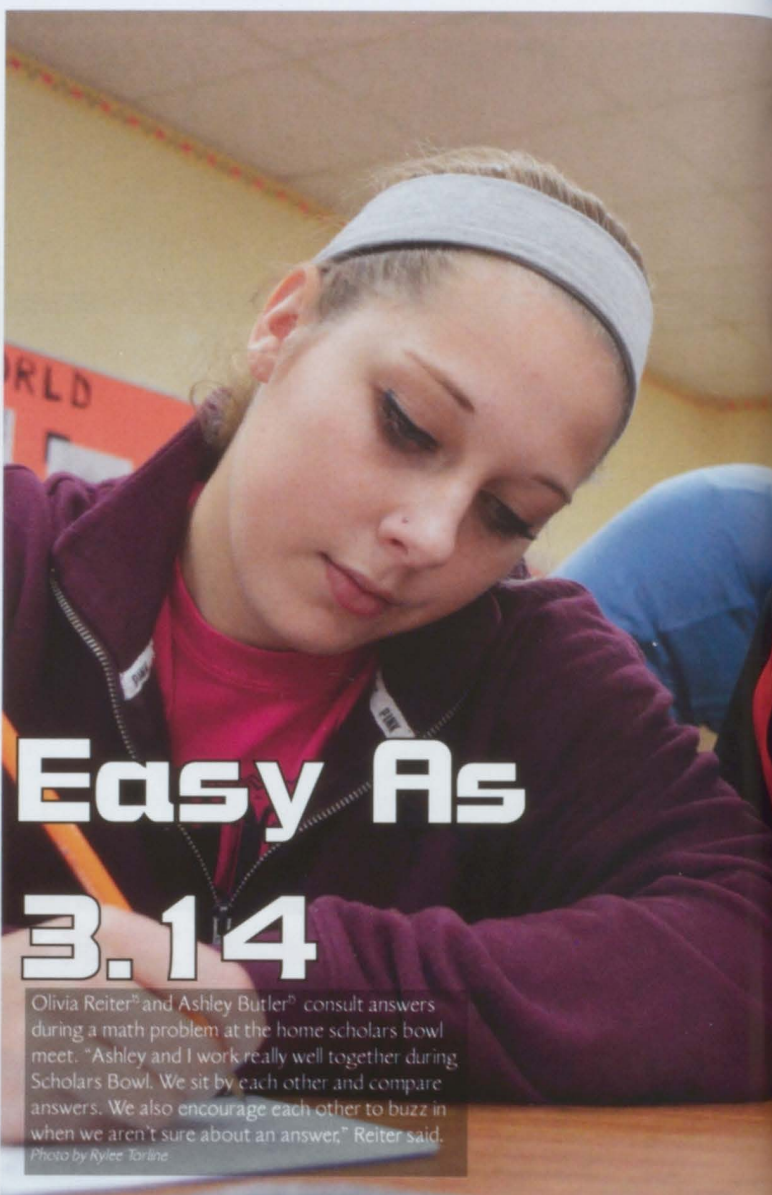


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## FFA Is In the Air



## Easy As 3.14

Olivia Reiter<sup>18</sup> and Ashley Butler<sup>18</sup> consult answers during a math problem at the home scholars bowl meet. "Ashley and I work really well together during Scholars Bowl. We sit by each other and compare answers. We also encourage each other to buzz in when we aren't sure about an answer," Reiter said.

Photo by Kylee Turline



## 5th Quarter Fun

Photo by Page McLeod

### Catchin' Up

Students (top) play an intense game of Catch Phrase at the last 5th quarter of the year after an equally exciting basketball game.

### Shoot, Score!

Freshmen Kinley Kuppertz and Haley Reiter (right) rally to score points in a friendly game of foosball.



Photo by Page McLeod





### Work in Progress

Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup>, Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup>, and Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup> work together to design the yearbook during one of their worknights.



Photo by Rylee Turline

Ms. Anderson



Photo by Rylee Turline

Dawson Sprout



Photo by Rylee Turline

Samantha Crawford

With a new coach in tow, social studies teacher Ms. Anderson, the scholars bowl team had a successful year, with highs in participation throughout the classes. New to coaching, Anderson started the season with tryouts.

"I would find scholar's bowl questions online and have the students come in and try and answer the questions, the top six students who answered the most correctly were on the team. Then, every couple of meets I would do the tryout process again to give all the students who signed up a chance to participate," Anderson said.

Starting out strong, both the junior varsity and varsity teams medaled at the first meet.

"The team was super excited and so was I. Everyone always had a positive attitude and that always makes things better," Anderson added.

With a season full of fun and academics, the team looks forward to next year with even more enthusiasm.

"I am most looking forward to see the returning students come back, and for the new talent coming up from the 8th grade," Anderson said.

### I Like Big Bows

Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> helps assistant KAY sponsor Nicole Carroll hang a large bow for the annual KAY's Snoball dance. "My favorite part of helping decorate was getting pizza after," Schmidt said. Photo by Kassi Brown



### Pick a Paper

LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> and Ashton Johnson<sup>17</sup> attempt to find the perfect color of paper to help colorify the commons area for the dance. The theme for the dance was "Be Mine," so much red and pink was used. Photo by Kassi Brown



### Fluff n' Tuck

Autum Hellerud<sup>15</sup> arranges tissue paper into a large heart for snoball. "My favorite part was putting together the big heart for the backdrop!" Hellerud said. Photo by Kassi Brown



## Behind the Scenes

## Say Cheese!



Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> grins as she snaps a photo of her fellow FFA'ers at the annual FFA bowling party which took place during FFA week. "My favorite part of the bowling party was getting to take funny pictures of everyone," Schoenberger said.

## Sisters For Life

Bigs program allows high schoolers to connect with their own little



Photo by Jessica Gamez



Photo by Jessica Gamez



Photo by Jessica Gamez

**Kori Clark<sup>15</sup>** "My favorite part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters is getting to be a role model and set a good example for my little."

**Lexi Rome<sup>17</sup>** "I like getting to know about [my little] when she is eating breakfast or when we are playing a game together."

**LeeAnn Wilson<sup>16</sup>** "My favorite part about my time with my little is getting to spend time with her and get to know her better."





### Mad Scientist

Joey Raub<sup>16</sup> experiments with dry ice mixed with food coloring and warm water. "I thought the dry-ice experiment was fun. It was cool to see what you can do with CO<sub>2</sub>," Raub said.

Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



### Sharp Mind

Sophomore biology student Trent Rose explores the inside of a dissected clam. "I thought dissecting was fun. It gets us out of taking notes and we get to cut open dead animals," Rose said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



### On the Ball

Stephanie Greenway<sup>25</sup> and Lauren Pritchett<sup>16</sup> measure the pressure of a basketball while standing on it. "This lab helped me learn about the pressure in a basketball and how it relates to the air around us," Greenway said. Photo by Brianna Rohr

## I... I... I Workout

Hailey Dinkel<sup>15</sup> and Mollie Buchholz<sup>25</sup>



Hailey Dinkel<sup>15</sup> hits the abs with a med ball while Mollie Buchholz<sup>25</sup> performs a push press to improve her shoulder strength. "I enjoy GPD because I like to stay in shape throughout the year," Dinkel said.

Academic Module

Skylar Gottschalk

### Getting With the Program

Like every year, students are allowed anywhere from three to five electives of their choice. One of these options includes media classes.

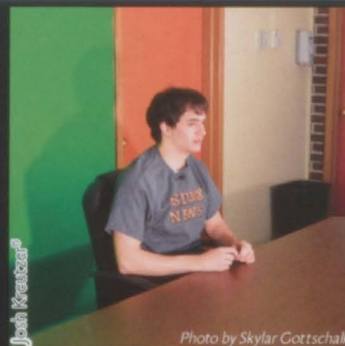
"I chose to do a media class because it will help me with things I want to do in the future," Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> said.

Students work their way up from the basic media classes to be in the most advanced class, video productions. Although this class is a creative outlet, it can be difficult. This year the video productions class is dealing with the set back of the malfunctioning Tri-Caster Pro. Without this, the class would not be able to present the USD 388 News.

"The Tri-Caster gives students the opportunity to work with many special effects and virtual studios in video productions. We've utilized the Tri-Caster Pro for six years," Media teacher Mr. Amrein said.

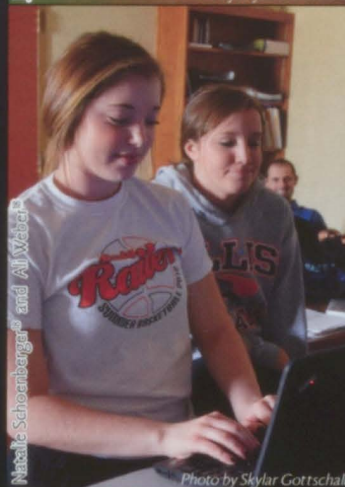
With this setback, Mr. Amrein talked it over with the school administration and agreed it was time for a new Tri-Caster.

"I'm excited to get a new Tri-Caster so we won't have to deal with the old one being loud," Ethan Honas<sup>16</sup> said.



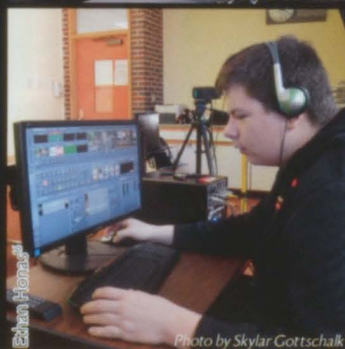
Joey Raub<sup>16</sup>

Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



Nicole Schoenberg<sup>16</sup> and Al Weber<sup>16</sup>

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Ethan Honas<sup>16</sup>

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## Stitch by Stitch

FACS students learn the fundamentals of making a quilt



Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



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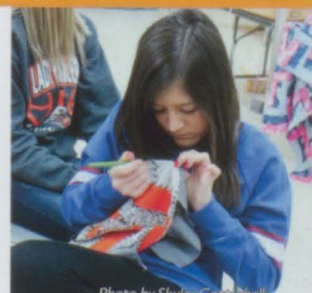


Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

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

"The hardest part about sewing is cutting your fabric, because if you make one wrong cut it could lead you to mess up your entire quilt and have to recut."

### Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup>

"My favorite part about quilting is starting to sew blocks together because then you can actually start to see what it will look like."

### Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup>

"I think quilting is beneficial to learn because it teaches you how to be patient and I will be able to keep the quilt as a lifetime memory."



Students participate in numerous activities throughout the day. "I enjoy hand-ons activities compared to sitting in class because I learn better that way," Sierra Cunningham<sup>®</sup> said.

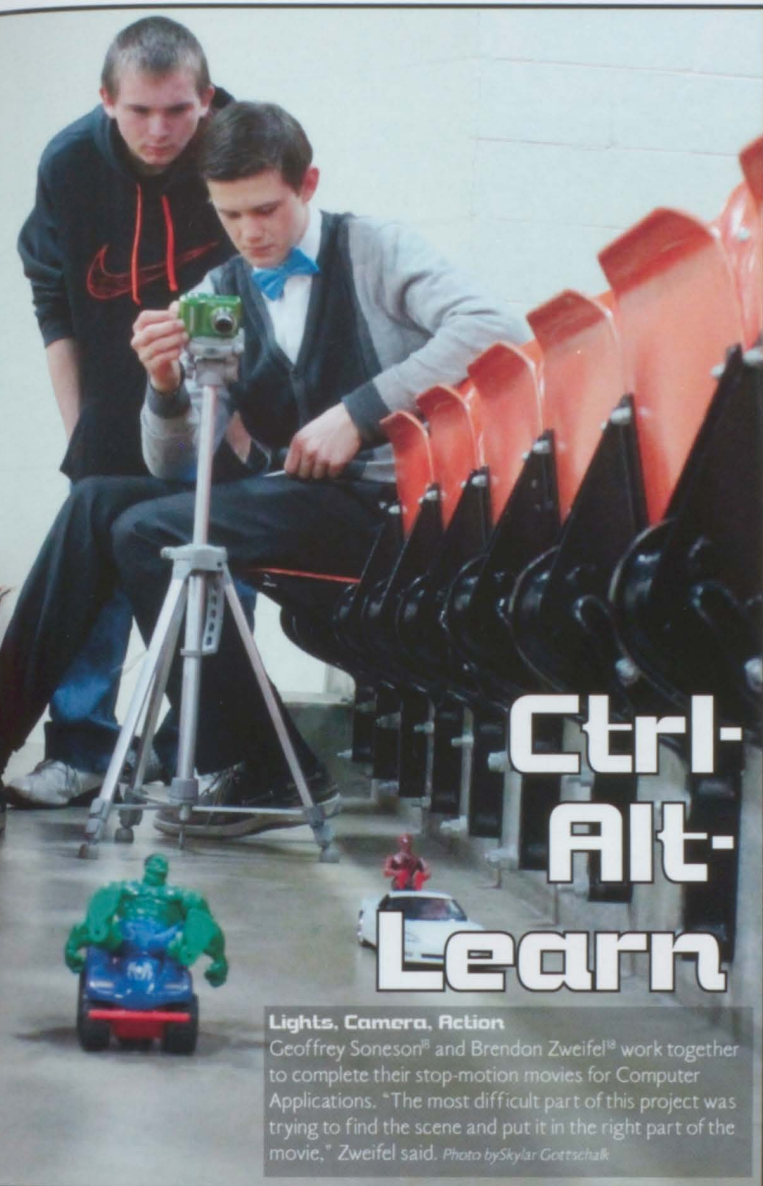


## Chick Me Out



### Yolks On You

Agriscience teacher Mr. Jost shows and explains each part of a chicken to Bryson Parson<sup>®</sup>. The class learns this each year so they can prepare for the poultry judging competitions. Students learn parts such as the breast, drumstick, and halves of the chicken. "It was kind of cool to learn the parts of a chicken because it was nice to learn the parts we hadn't known before," Parson said. Photo by Rylee Torline



## Ctrl-Alt-Learn

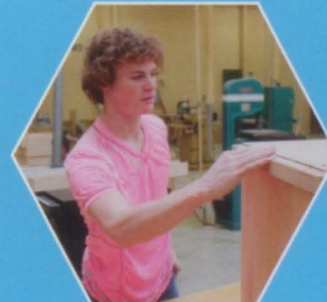
### Lights, Camera, Action

Geoffrey Soneson<sup>®</sup> and Brendon Zweifel<sup>®</sup> work together to complete their stop-motion movies for Computer Applications. "The most difficult part of this project was trying to find the scene and put it in the right part of the movie," Zweifel said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



### 'Wood' it Work?

Josh Kreutzer<sup>®</sup> examines a printout of a car from the new 3-D printer in Mr. Carroll's room. "It was cool to mess with the 3-D printer because it's something you don't experience every day," Kreutzer said.



Clay Feik<sup>®</sup> sands his project in Mr. Carroll's cabinetmaking class to complete his TV stand.

"The hardest part of my project is making sure that everything fits together correctly," Feik said.



Ryan Augustine<sup>®</sup> cuts out a piece of wood to start the process of making coasters.

"My favorite part of woodshop is seeing my final project and being able to take it home and having it forever," Augustine said.

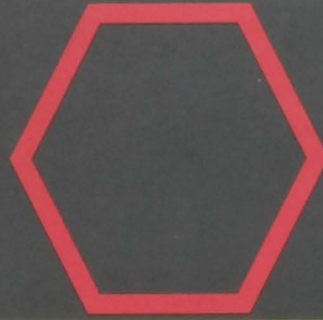
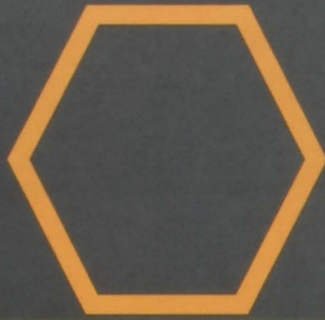
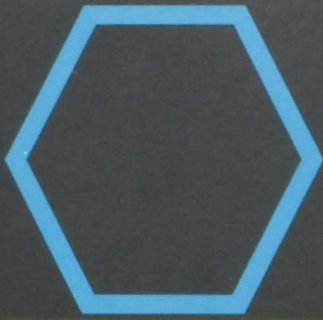
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## Successful Building



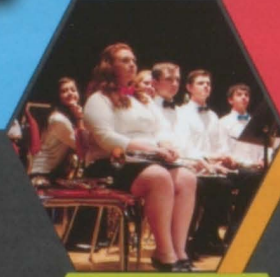
**Strike a Pose** The EHS Choir (top) and a quartet of Kyrsten Frickey<sup>®</sup>, Tori Tebo<sup>®</sup>, Brianna Rohr<sup>®</sup>, and Aspen Younger<sup>®</sup> (left) pose for the crowd during their annual dinner theatre performance. "I thought the dinner theatre went very well and I feel the audience felt the same," EHS choir member Jordyn Eaton<sup>®</sup> said.





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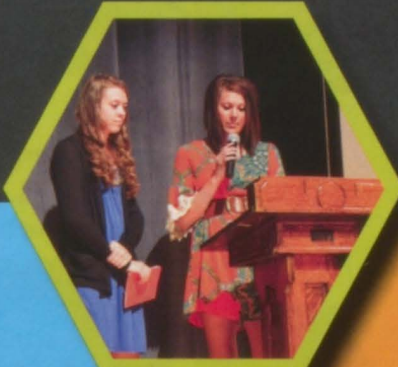


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#### Check It Out

Want to see more? View a slideshow of the girls on the field and in the dugout throughout the season.



#### Down and Dirty

Junior Aspen Younger fields a ball from shortstop to first during the game against Ellsworth. "I was happy I got to play some before my injury even though it hurt really bad to throw a ball," Younger said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Working for Accuracy

Skylar Gottschalk pitches during the game against Ellsworth. Gottschalk struck a total of 51 batters out this year. "Being pitcher helps me feel like a leader to the younger girls," Gottschalk said. Photo by Sarah Henman



#### Gettin' Low

Sophomore Lindsay Augustine gets in her stance to prepare for a pitch. "I enjoy catching the most because I get to touch the ball each play and I just have a passion for catching," Augustine said. Photo by Brianna Rohr



#### Glove in the Dirt

Freshman Ali Weber goes after a ball in right field during a game against Ellsworth. "I enjoyed just generally being on the team and spending time with my teammates," Weber said. Photo by Sarah Henman



#### Throw Down

Second baseman Sarah Mick throws the ball to home plate in an attempt to get the runner out at one of the four home games of the season. Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Diamond Divas

# What's in your Bag?



Graphic by Paige Molstad

#### Taylor Honas<sup>18</sup>

Seeds, water bottle, cleats, glove, head band, and sunglasses.



Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup>: Gloves, cleats, perfume, granola bars, water, and her dog, Coopen



#### Lay it Down

Samantha Crawford<sup>18</sup> attempts to hit down a bunt in hopes she will get on base. "I feel that bunting over batting is a good offensive strategy to advance current runners and to confuse the pitcher. As a fast runner, I like bunting over batting as long as I get on top of the ball. I enjoy the strategy and technique," Crawford said. Photo by Sarah Henman



#### Round and Look

Senior Autum Hellerud<sup>19</sup> rounds first base to see if she can steal second. "It's important to round first because you may be given the opportunity to go to second and maybe even third. I love stealing! It's fun to be competitive and take the risk to try and make it closer to score," Hellerud said. Photo by Sarah Henman







# Making A Comeback

*Team makes advancements from previous year*

Only having nine players on last year's team, the Railer softball girls had a rough 2014 season with a record of 3-17. However, this year the team had a jump in numbers and an overall better record. Having 12 girls out this year, the team ended the season with a record of 9-11.

"I think this year's softball season was a huge improvement compared to last year's, and I'm glad to see that we improved as a team and had a much better record. It was good to see all the hard work we put in together as a team," Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> said.

Although the Railers had several returners, they also had a handful of new players to the team.

"I felt like [my first year] went really well. We didn't go to state, but I had a really good time playing with the people on the team. I'm looking forward to next year!" freshman Natalie Schoenberger said.

The Railers ended the regular season 8-10 and run-ruled the opposing team in five of the 8 wins.

"I thought our regular season went real well and we accomplished some goals. I was glad to play with all the girls on the team and I wouldn't trade them for anyone else," Lexie Rome<sup>17</sup> said.

The Railers dominated the first round of regionals, beating the Bennington Eagles 15-0.

"After winning the first regional game, I was really happy that we had went and did our job to move one step closer to state," head coach Malory Arnhold said.

The Railers then advanced to the second round of regionals against the Sacred Heart Knights. Unfortunately, the Railers were unable to bring home another win and lost to the Knights, ending their season.

"I feel this season was one of the most fun since I have been coaching. All the girls enjoyed playing together and all had the same goal in mind and that was to have fun, play hard, and win!" Arnhold added.

*Story by Brianna Rohr*

**"It was good to see all the hard work we put in together as a team."**

*- Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup>*



**A Flick of the Wrist** Sophomore Brittany Bollig concentrates on her pitch to get the batter out. "My favorite part of softball is just being part of a team and knowing that if you make a mistake, your team will have your back no matter what. After I get someone out I get an adrenaline rush and I feel like I can do anything because I get so pumped," Bollig said. *Courtesy Photo*







# Youthful Year

Team succeeds despite lack of upperclassmen

**"We did have a tough regional but we'll get there next year."**

- Trayton Kroeger<sup>17</sup>

With the Railers making a state appearance last season, they had high expectations to make a showing again this year.

"Going to state was absolutely one of our goals because I felt that we had the right tools to do it. We just happened to be placed in a difficult regional," Senior Brandon Bollig said.

Not only were the boys placed in a tough regional, they only had one senior to rely on for leadership.

"The majority of the time it was nice being the only senior because I enjoyed being a leader on the field. However, sometimes it felt like a burden because I couldn't rely on somebody else to take charge. On the plus side, guys like Dalton [Hensley<sup>17</sup>] and Easton [Smith<sup>17</sup>] are already distinguished leaders of their respective class and played leadership roles as well," Bollig added.

Although the boys struggled a bit with leadership, they still came together to win tough games such as the one against Ulysses, a 4A school.

"When we won the game against Ulysses, I felt like crying because I was overwhelmed with joy," sophomore Dalton Hensley said.

With great wins come losses. The boys were put up against Spearville for the first round of regionals. They lost the game 4 - 3 and ended their season with a record of 10-7.

"I feel like we played very well this year as a whole. We did have a tough regional but we'll get there next year. We'll miss Brandon [Bollig] next year because he is a great pitcher, but we have a lot of pitchers who can fill his position," sophomore Trayton Kroeger said.

Story by Skylar Gottschalk



**Home Is Where the Heart Is** - Easton Smith shows signs of relief as he takes his final steps toward home plate. "My favorite memory from this year was when we went to Ulysses, a 4A school, and beat them," Smith said. The boys won the game against Ulysses 6-2. Photo by Brianna Role



## Baseball Galore

Check out more of the baseball team against their rivals in this slideshow of pictures from throughout the season.



# Locked and Loaded

RANDON BOLLIG<sup>15</sup>

EASTON SMITH<sup>17</sup>

NO HITTER: 3  
INNINGS PITCHED: 52.2  
STRIKE OUTS: 90  
HOME RUNS AGAINST: 0  
BATTERS FACED: 212  
BATTING AVERAGE PITCHER: .177  
# OF PITCHES: 789  
PICK OFFS: 27

1ST TEAM ALL STATE PITCHER

NO HITTER: 0  
INNINGS PITCHED: 35  
STRIKE OUTS: 45  
HOME RUNS AGAINST: 0  
BATTERS FACED: 187  
BATTING AVERAGE PITCHER: .275  
# OF PITCHES: 707  
PICK OFFS: 7

Graphic by Paige Molstad

**Taking Advice** Daniel Carbajal<sup>17</sup> takes a break from warming up to get from encouraging words from Coach Wildeman before batting. "I like getting advice because it's good tips I can use," Carbajal said.  
Photo by Paige Molstad

**First Base Bound** Brevin LaBarge<sup>17</sup> takes off after a hit during the game against Minneola. "When I get a good hit I feel like I am going to make it to second to where I can get in scoring position," LaBarge said.  
Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Throw the Hands** Easton Smith<sup>17</sup> take a solid cut at the ball. "It's important to throw your hands first because when you throw your hands first, your bat should be going towards the ball which gives you a high chance of hitting it," Smith said.  
Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Deep Breath** Zak Ramos<sup>17</sup> mentally prepares himself for the next pitch that's in store. Ramos finished the season with a .200 batting average.  
Photo by Brianna Rohr

**Batter Up** Brandon Bollig<sup>15</sup> steps up to the plate to receive a pitch at a home game. Bollig ended this year's season with a .571 batting average.  
Photo by Brianna Rohr

### Reaching New Heights

Bryce Keithley<sup>17</sup> reaches high to catch the ball that, unfortunately, slips from his grasp. "When I let an easy ball get away from me I feel like a little kid making a dumb mistake and not a high school player. It's frustrating because I know I could have made the play and got an out and possibly stop a run from scoring," Keithley said.  
Photo by Paige Molstad

### Should I Stay or Should I Go

Sophomore Brevin LaBarge studies the location of the ball in order to notice if he can steal a base or not. "I love stealing bases because I am trying to get the record for most stolen bases this year. Also, it helps my team score runs to win games," LaBarge said. Photo by Paige Molstad

Hey Batter, Batter

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## Performance Pics

Snap the code for a slideshow of pictures from the state track meet held at Wichita State University.

# WEAPON OF CHOICE



**Hands Up** 3 hops is all Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> needs to reach 3rd place at the Ellis Invitational with a triple jump of 32' 2". Photo by Sarah Henman



**Comin' Down** Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> spreads her arms as she clears the high jump bar. Mattheyer placed first at the home meet with a jump of 5' 2". Photo by Brianna Rohr



**Pushing Boundries** Taking home first place for triple jump at the home meet, Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> jumps 33' 8.50". "What runs through my mind before I compete is what I need to improve on and how to achieve that," Burton said. Photo by Sarah Henman



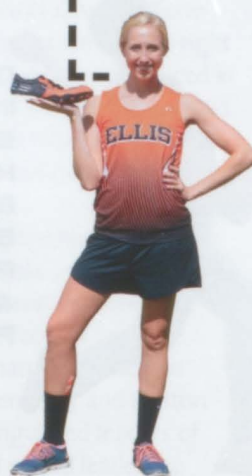
**Don't Look Down** In the midst of pushing the pole away to land softly on the mat, Stephanie Greenway<sup>19</sup> reaches a pole vault height of 6'. Photo by Ashley Butler



**Hopping Hurdles** Jaylin Pfeifer clears the 110 meter hurdles in front of the home Ellis crowd ending with a time of 19.90 seconds. Photo by Sarah Henman



"Running is my favorite because it's what I do best."  
-Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>



"I enjoy pole vault because I like to feel like I'm flying."  
-Jaylin Pfeifer<sup>18</sup>

"I like relays because it involves teamwork and we're really good."  
-Jasmyn Hernandez<sup>17</sup>



"Javelin is the best because it's a challenge and it's fun to do."  
-Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup>

**Now's the Time** Kinley Kuppertz<sup>18</sup> prepares to perform her glide as she participates in the Osborne Invitational shot put event.

She threw a 32' 2.25" that day. "My most challenging thing to overcome with shot put is getting all the footwork and motions down. I really enjoy all the meets and chilling with my friends," Kuppertz said.

Photo by Ashley Butler



**Thinking Light** "Something I like about pole vault is the feeling you get when you clear a height, cause its very thrilling! I had to overcome getting used to going off my right foot instead of my left but I still have trouble with that," Melanie Befort<sup>18</sup> said. Befort had a pole vault of 5' 6" at the Osborne Invitational.

Photo by Ashley Butler







# Taking Over

## Girls track teams excels in every direction

When records are broken and medals won, usually it is done by the upperclassmen. That was definitely not the case for the girls track team this year. There were eight freshman girls out for track and many of them were placers at every meet. There are also many that participated in the various relays the track team competed in.

"I would have to say that what I like most about relays is the fact that it is a team effort. All four members have to put forth their own effort, and in the end you either win or lose as a team. I like the fact of finishing as one, all together," Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> said.

The freshman improved every day with practice and training. They received advice and coaching from not only the coaches, but from upperclassmen and the more experienced members involved in track.

"I try to not only lead by trying my best during my events, but I also lead by being motivational. I like to show the underclassmen that track is fun even if you don't excel in all your events," Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> said.

The team's state - qualifying 4x100 and 4x400 relays include Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup>, Abby Burton<sup>18</sup>, Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup>, Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup>, and alternate Jasmyn Hernandez<sup>17</sup>. Also qualifying for state were Kaylyn Foster in discus, Burton in triple jump, and Mattheyer in long jump and high jump.

The five girls participated in the state track meet at the end of May. The 4x100 relay placed 7th with a time of 53.27, Burton placed 5th in triple jump with a personal best of 34'9.25", Mattheyer placed 6th in long jump with a jump of 15'6", and Foster took home 2nd place in discus with a throw of 117'2". *Story by Sarah Mick*

**"I like the fact of finishing as one, all together."**  
- Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup>



**I Got This** Ashley Mattheyer<sup>17</sup> takes the handoff from Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> for the final leg of the 4x100m relay at the state track meet in Wichita. The team placed 7th with a time of 53.27. *Photo by Jasmyn Hernandez*

Sierra Planerstedt<sup>15</sup>

Like to fuel up with Powerade and snacks at meets

Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup>

Broke the school's 4x400m relay record

Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup>

Girls Track  
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# Challenge Accepted

Boys overcome setbacks to make it to state

**"I feared injuring my knee again and that I wouldn't be fast anymore."**

- Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>

Sprinting past the competition, working through injuries, and breaking records--these all were accomplished this year as the boys each worked for another trip to state.

The 4x100m relay was state champion in 2012 and placed 4th in state last season. Members of the team this year include Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>, Sean Lee<sup>15</sup>, Joseph Eck<sup>18</sup>, and Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup>.

"The biggest challenges we've had to overcome were injuries to the team and figuring out which order we were going to be in," Lohrmeyer said.

Standout athlete and reigning state champion long jumper, Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup>, has battled through a knee injury for the majority of his senior year. However, he was released a couple weeks into the track season. Although he participated in different running events, his first jump of the season wasn't until the MCL meet in

Plainville. Pfeifer had to switch up his technique due to his injury, but that didn't keep him from placing at state.

"I feared injuring my knee again and that I wouldn't be fast anymore," Pfeifer said.

The javelin record was broke twice this season, both times by Sean Lee<sup>15</sup>. Lee broke the 2002 record by 10 inches at the Plainville track meet. He then later broke his own record at the league meet by over ten feet, with a throw of 182'10".

"I was just glad I did break the record because I had a lot of people expecting me to," Lee said.

At the state track meet, the team competed well. Jared Pfeifer<sup>15</sup> placed 6<sup>th</sup> in long jump, Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in discus, and both Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup> and Sean Lee<sup>15</sup> placed in javelin, Sean taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brandon taking 7<sup>th</sup>.

Story by Paige Molstad

Geoffrey Sorenson<sup>15</sup>



Drink blue Gatorade at meets

Nick Kerschbaum<sup>15</sup>



Throw the javelin

Cole Swenson<sup>15</sup>



Boys Track

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**Making the Stand** Senior Brandon Groff launches his final throw at state competition to make it to the medal stand. Groff finished 7<sup>th</sup> with a throw of 157'6". "It [state track] was awesome, and the fact that every senior guy went and placed made it even better," Groff said. Photo by Jasmyin Hernandez



**Picture Perfect** Check out a slide show of pictures of the team participating in a variety of events from the season.



# REACHING FOR THEIR BEST

Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup>



Javelin: 162'

Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup>



Pole Vault: 10'

Austin Carbajal<sup>18</sup>



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## Overcoming Obstacles

Senior Jared Pfeifer shifts his weight mid-flight in order to land on his hip. Pfeifer was able to place second with only two jumps. This was his first and only meet to jump at before the regional meet.

*Photo by Sarah Herman*



## Getting Set

Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> sprints down Plainville's pole vault runway in order to get his marks right before the competition. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



## Best Shot

Ryan Herl<sup>18</sup> competes at the Hill City Invitational in shot put. Herl threw 35'2.50". *Photo by Paige Molstad*



## Vaulting to Victory

Geoffrey Soneson<sup>18</sup> gathers speed as he approaches the pole vault pit. Soneson attended a pole vault camp over the summer and worked with Coach Wolf on weekends during the season to improve his technique. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Going for Gold** Sean Lee<sup>18</sup> gets ready to throw the javelin in Plainville. Lee won the event while simultaneously breaking his own personal record. *Photo by Paige Molstad*

**Twist and Turn** Eli Lohrmeyer<sup>15</sup> gathers momentum as he contorts his body during the boys' discus throw during the Plainville track meet. "What I like about discus is that I'm decent at it, and I get to throw it with my good friend Brandon Groff<sup>15</sup>," Lohrmeyer said. Lohrmeyer, who's been throwing since his freshmen year, finished the season with a personal record of 153'5". *Photo by Paige Molstad*

**Jump'n Joe** Joseph Eck<sup>18</sup> flies through the air at the Ellis Invitational during the long jump competition. Eck had some knee issues that kept him from competing for a while and when he was able to return to jumping, he pulled his hip flexor and had to take time off again. "It was frustrating this season because I got my best jump at the first meet and couldn't ever come close to beating it," Eck said. *Photo by Sarah Herman*

Mental Marks





### Say Cheese

Take a look at some of the pics from the season that didn't make the page.



**Putt Putt** Right before he hits the ball, Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup> steadies himself and lines his putter up with the ball. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Line It Up** Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> checks his alignment at the Ellis meet while putting on the sixth hole. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Mark It** Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup> goes to place a marker where his ball landed. "Markers are important so your ball is out of the way and so you can pick your ball up and adjust your putt," Beisner said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Personal Caddy** Sophomore Chase Hudson returns his driver to his bag after his turn at teeing off. Hudson's best this year was 88 at the MCL meet. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Go Green** Junior Keyston Moeder watches intently on the green after putting at the home meet this year. *Photo by Paige Molstad*

## Home Meet Highlights



*Photo by Paige Molstad*  
*Graphic by Brianna Rohr*

HOISINGTON-120  
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# Goals IN ONE

WITH KEYSTON MOEDER

**Swing'n Away** During an afternoon practice, Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup> takes some practices teeing off and getting a good ball placement right from the start. "What I like about golf practice is that it doesn't feel like practice. It's very laid back and fun to be at! I make it a goal to try and work on my putting everyday," Beisner said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



**Teeing Off** Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> takes his time as he readies to tee off on the course for practice. "Golf is my favorite sport because it's both physically and mentally demanding. We looked it up on the way back from Goodland and a golfer will burn about 2,000 calories playing 18 holes," Moeder said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*







# Small Numbers

## Low participation affects team competition

The golf team saw a decrease in numbers this year, dipping the number of meet participants. In the past, Ellis has been able to earn some team medals, but this year they were unable to accomplish that.

"This season was different than last with only three people. We knew we couldn't have a team for placing so we considered it a rebuilding year," Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup> said.

The boys started the year off rough at the Hoisington meet where weather played a huge factor in their performance. The team then competed in the MCL meet. The boys posted some of their best scores of the season here, however the competition was tough. Ellis' best performance of the day came from sophomore Chase Hudson with a score of 88.

"My goals for next year are to shoot under 80. My favorite meet was the league meet because I got my personal best there," Hudson<sup>17</sup> said.

Concluding the season was the regional competition held in St. John. Unfortunately Beisner was unable to participate due to illness. Hudson and Moeder struggled with their irons and the pin placement on the course's narrow greens.

"I was having trouble hitting my irons which made for a long day at regionals," Moeder<sup>16</sup> said.

With the lack of participants the team had a difficult season to overcome, but one of learning and improvement.

"Hopefully we can get more golfers out next year and have a competitive team," Carroll said. *Story by Paige Molstad*

**"We considered it a rebuilding year."**

- Taylor Beisner<sup>17</sup>



**Taking It In** Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> studies his ball placement on the green at the I-70 Classic held at the Ellis and WaKeeney golf courses. "Golf is very demanding mentally. You have to keep your focus for three to four hours on end," Moeder said. *Photo by Paige Molstad*



Golf

Paige Molstad

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Leah Wolf<sup>15</sup>



Arrived to prom in the same limo



Ashley Butler<sup>15</sup>

Love to ballroom dance

Garrett Bader<sup>15</sup>



**Hold On Tight** Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup>, Brianna LaBarge<sup>15</sup>, and Lindsay Augustine<sup>15</sup> link hands and try not to pull each other around too crazy during the Chicken Dance. "Prom was special because of all the pretty decorations. It was also bittersweet because it was my last dance ever while I'm attending high school so I tried to make it super fun," Buchholz<sup>15</sup> said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

# Bonjour, Welcome to Paris

Prom had many activities for all people

**"It was a good dance to end my high school year on."**

- Josh Kreutzer<sup>15</sup>

The Eiffel Tower. Lights. Everything you think of when you imagine Paris was what students saw upon arriving in the commons for Prom. The junior class chose the theme "A Night in Paris" and decorated the high school's lobby for the big night. The class took a day of school to get all of the decorations ready for that night. They also planned the meal, after prom, and the prizes at the end.

"Getting the decorations was probably my favorite thing to do before for prom," Tori Tebo<sup>16</sup> said.

Before the dance there is always the meal, pictures, and promenade. Promenade is where students walk onto the stage with their date and allow parents and family to see their outfits and take a picture. The popular colors this year were blue, black, and gold.

The dance is a time spent with classmates and friends. However, instead of just having a dance, the juniors had a photo booth set up that students could participate in during the dance.

"The photo booth was a great hit. It was something different to have and many of the

students and teachers enjoyed taking funny pictures. I hope to have this at dances in the future," Jessica Gamez<sup>17</sup> said.

Prom is known to be just for the upperclassmen with sophomore prom servers. This year there weren't just upperclassmen. Besides the prom servers, there were a large number of underclassmen in attendance at prom.

"I was not expecting to get asked, but prom was a good experience as a freshmen because not all of the underclassmen got to go and I got the chance to," Geoffrey Soneson<sup>18</sup> said.

After prom included laser tag, a bouncy house, and various other activities like basketball and ping pong tables. It lasted until 1 a.m., which is an hour earlier than in previous years. The prizes ranged from candy and pop to gift cards and the biggest prize of a tablet.

"I enjoyed after prom because battling my friends in laser tag was super fun and it was a good dance to end my high school year on," Josh Kreutzer<sup>15</sup> said. Story by Sarah Mick



**Ruffling Feathers**  
Students get a little "clucky"  
while doing the traditional  
"Chicken Dance."



**Say Cheese** Juniors LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> and Sierra Cunningham<sup>16</sup> pause their dance moves to snap a picture. "I think that since people take pictures during the dance they have more photos and videos to remember the dances by. Rather than only having the formal pictures taken before the dance, you can actually take pictures with all your friends during the dance while having a good time," Cunningham<sup>16</sup> said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

**Royal Selfie** Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> and Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup> hold out their cell phones to snap a picture with teacher Ms. Anderson. "It is fun to chaperone dances because it gives the teachers a chance to see and interact with the students beyond just having them in class. I thought the photo booth costumes were a lot of fun because it gave everyone a chance to show their silly side," Anderson said. Photo by Sarah Henman

**Strong Base** Rylee Torline<sup>16</sup> carefully sets the bottom leg of the Eiffel Tower down onto the base. "Some of the instructions for the decorations were hard to comprehend," Torline said. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

**Floating Away** Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup> starts working his way up the balloon arch. Balloons are a traditional decoration used at prom. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

**Reach to the Sky** Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> holds up the decorations to the ceiling. "Decorating for prom was fun because our whole class participated," Basgall said. Photo by Ashley Butler

**Hot Air** Surrounded by a swarm of aired up balloons, LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup> concentrates hard on tying four different colored balloons together. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk

**Careful Cutting** Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup> and Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> use teamwork to make things go a little smoother. "Decorating for prom was harder than I anticipated," Gnad said. Photo by Ashley Butler

## 21ST CENTURY DANCE MOVES



"I love dancing to Copperhead Road because everybody knows it, and it's really energized."  
-Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup>



"The Berney is a cool dance because the beat rocks."  
-Keyston Moeder<sup>16</sup>



"The Wobble is just a pretty neat dance for all of us to do together."  
-Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup>



"Going Fishing In the Dark is a tradition between Aspen [Younger] and me."  
-Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>

Prepping for Paris

Prom  
Sarah Henman





**To the Other Side** The class of 2015 graduates do the ceremonial flip of their tassels to signify they are now high school graduates.

### Big Thank You

Stephanie Greeway and Ashley Butler look into the stands at their families when Mr. Burton thanked all the graduates' parents. "It has always been nice to have the support of the family," Greenway said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### All in the Fam

Brandon Groff hugs his mom, Trish Groff, after receiving his diploma from her. "It was nice to give my mom a hug. It made the moment better," Groff said.

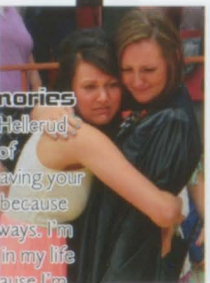
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### Lifetime of Memories

Tori Tebo<sup>®</sup> and Autumn Hellerud share a hug at the end of graduation. "It sucks leaving your underclassman friends because we are going separate ways. I'm starting a new chapter in my life and it makes me sad 'cause I'm used to seeing them every day," Hellerud said.

Photo by Jessica Gamez



### Moving On Up

Ciara Garnett shakes superintendent Robert Young's hands and then receives her diploma. "Getting my high school diploma means that I am ready for the real world," Garnett said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### High Honors

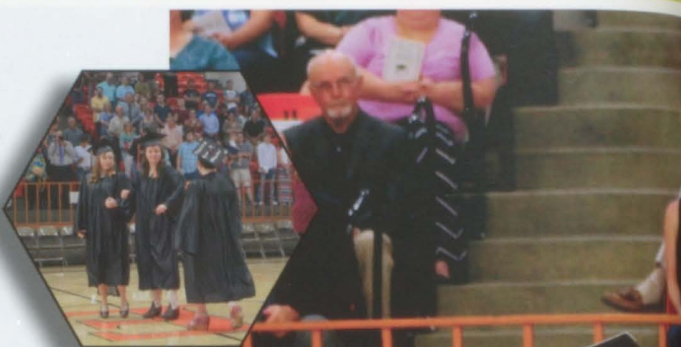
Sarah Mick receives a trophy from principal Corey Burton for receiving the honor of Valedictorian. "It was an honor to be Valedictorian and it felt good knowing my hard work in school paid off," Mick said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



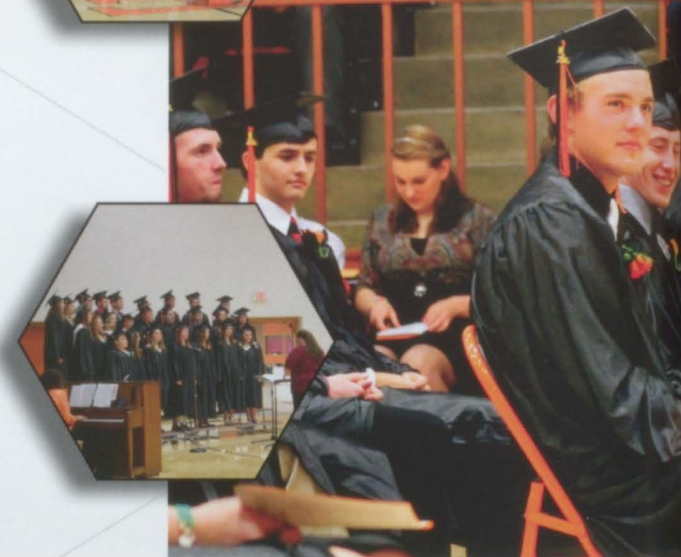
**Hand In Hand** Alexis Mattheyer, Dani Hausler, and Ciara Garnett prepare to walk up to their seats at the graduation ceremony. "It was a little hard and odd walking with all three together, but we made it without messing up. I'm really excited to start a whole new chapter of my life and see what it brings in the theatre part whether I teach it or perform it," Mattheyer said.

Photo by Jessica Gamez

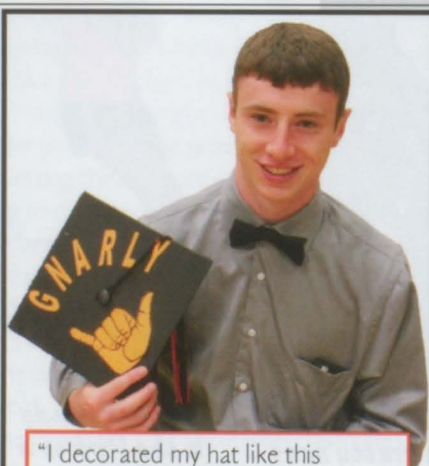


**I Was Here** The seniors chose the song *I Was Here* by Lady Antebellum to perform for graduation. They began practicing after Spring Break all the way up until Graduation. "I really enjoyed that everybody participated in our senior class song and took the time to come to all of the practices. I really liked the song and I think it fit our class well," Baylee Werth said.

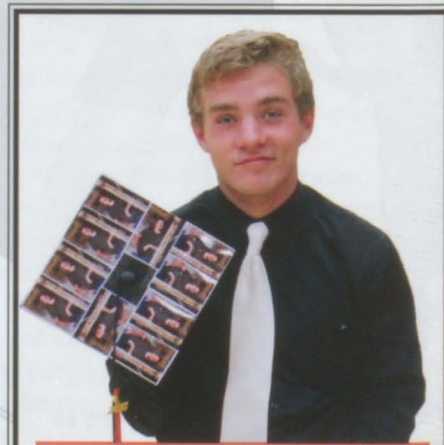
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## Classy CAPS



"I decorated my hat like this because I wanna go to California and be a surfer and have to speak the lingo." -Darek Pfeiffer



"I decorated my hat like this because this man has inspired me and he's hot." -Sean Lee





**Pick a Card** Shelly Hensley shows the crowd a card during her speech at graduation. "It was my honor to have the Class of 2015 ask me to speak at their graduation! As I looked back at having taught that class, they really stood out as academically inclined. I needed a speech to represent their abilities and desire to always go above and beyond. That was how I came up with doing something magical to symbolize them," Hensley said. *Photo by Brianna Rohr*



# New Beginnings

Class of 2015 excited to see what is to come

As another year comes to a close, the senior class of 2015 is ready to make their mark in the world.

"I am ready to get out of high school because I am excited to experience being on my own and having more freedom," Brianna LaBarge said.

For many, this is the last summer of freedom before they go out into the real world.

"I'm excited for this summer because it is the last summer I can do whatever I want," Josh Kreutzer said.

But, not everyone will get those last few months of precious freedom. Some are starting online courses only a few weeks after graduation.

"I am getting started at Hays Academy of Hair Design on May 26 because it's smaller classes and a little bit lower tuition. I am excited to start doing hair and nails and makeup," Ciara Garnett said.

However, some seniors already have a head start from taking college credits during high school.

"I took Psychology, Sociology, Composition 1 and Composition 2, and College Algebra. I took these courses because I didn't want to take up extra time and money in college to take the classes that I can take here at high school," Autum Hellerud said.

While some students may be focusing on their education this summer, many are choosing to work instead.

"Right now I am working at the Walter P Chrysler Boyhood Home and I have also applied to other jobs for the summer. That way I can pay off some college expenses and have extra money for fun stuff," Kori Clarksaid.

No matter what each senior is planning, all members of the senior class are continuing their education in some way or another.

"I'm excited to start college because I can begin working towards my career," Eli Lohrmeyer said.

**"...I'm excited to experience being on my own and having more freedom."**

**-Brianna LaBarge**





## Teaming w/ TMP

Rae McClung<sup>17</sup>, Sintia Jimenez<sup>16</sup>, and Ashton Johnson<sup>17</sup> sport their uniforms in a pre-game photo. The girls, along with LeeAnn Wilson<sup>16</sup>, LexAnne Wolf<sup>16</sup>, Aiden Johnson<sup>18</sup>, and Julia Cox<sup>18</sup> were part of a group that joined with TMP to play spring soccer. "It was awesome getting to play my favorite sport again and it was cool meeting all the TMP girls," Wolf said.



### Gossiping Gurus

Blakely Bittel<sup>16</sup> and Katie Milbourne<sup>17</sup> watch as a scene of "The Odd Couple" unfolds, ready to unleash their opinions on the event. "My character was sassy and so am I, so it made it fun," Milbourne said.

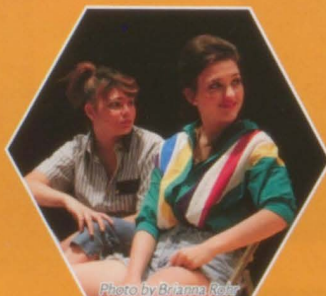


Photo by Brianna Reiter

### Ahh! My Back!

Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup> whimpers on the floor during the Drama Club production of "The Odd Couple." Gnad played Florence, a recently divorced woman who spends most of her time cooking, cleaning, or nagging her best friends.



Photo by Brianna Reiter

### Gaspacho Brothers

Drew Keller<sup>18</sup> provides comfort and 'Spanish Wisdom' to Florence, played by Maddy Gnad<sup>16</sup>. "It was cool to play a Spanish character, and it was also cool to be one of only two guys in the cast," Keller said.

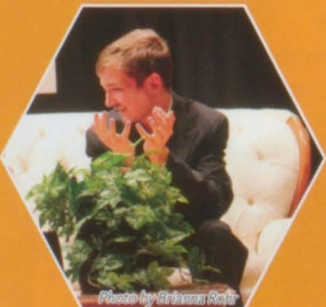
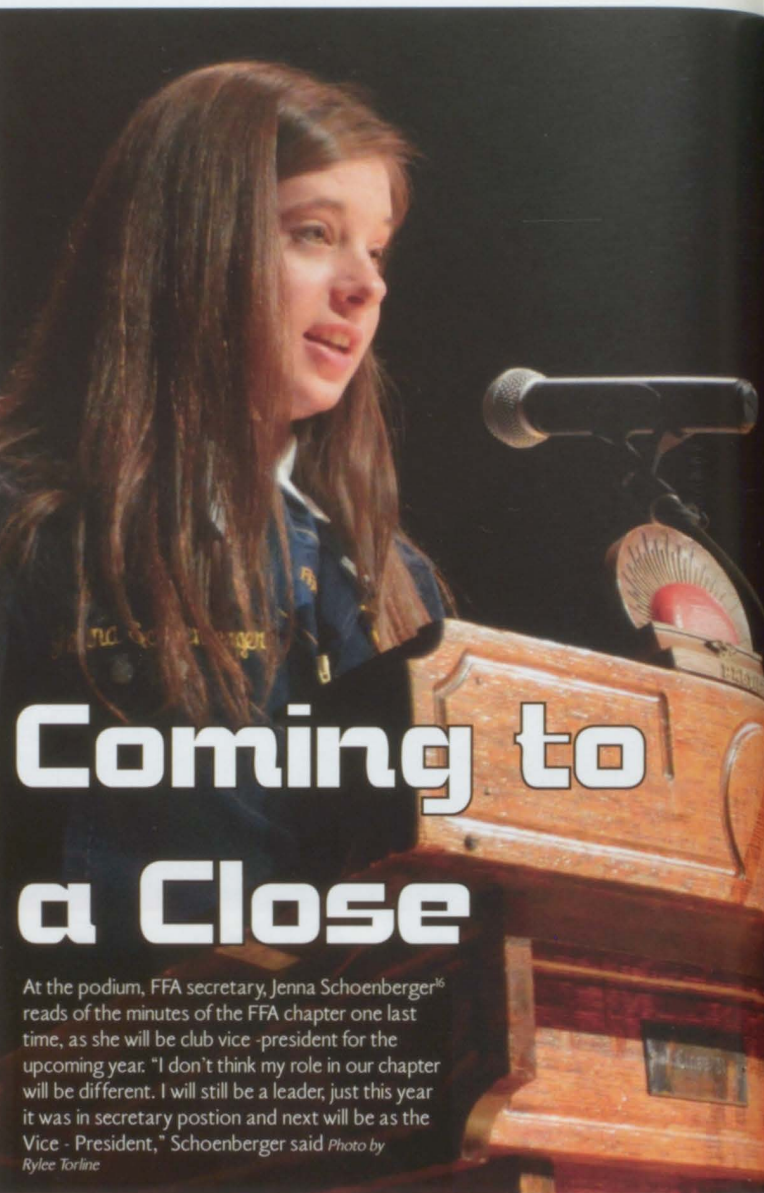


Photo by Brianna Reiter

## Oddly Enjoyable



## Coming to a Close

At the podium, FFA secretary, Jenna Schoenberger<sup>16</sup> reads of the minutes of the FFA chapter one last time, as she will be club vice-president for the upcoming year. "I don't think my role in our chapter will be different. I will still be a leader, just this year it was in secretary position and next will be as the Vice-President," Schoenberger said Photo by Rylee Torline

## FCCLA Farewell

### In With the Old

Kassi Brown<sup>17</sup> (top) reads off a list of duties that she will accomplish as the new Vice-President in the FCCLA chapter.

### Red & White

Stephanie Greenway<sup>15</sup> (right) hands roses off to the old and new FCCLA officers. Red roses indicate a retiring officer while white represented a new officer. Photos by Rylee Torline





## IDA-ing Fools

Dawson Sproul<sup>16</sup> and Kinley Kuppertz<sup>16</sup> prepare for state forensics by practicing together at the annual forensics night.



Photo by Rylee Torline

Koby Armbruster



Photo by Rylee Torline

Dani Hausler and Lindsey Augustine



Photo by Rylee Torline

FFA Officers and Members

With another school year coming to an end, the FFA chapter hosted their annual end of the year banquet. The banquet was set up as a way for FFA members to reminisce on the events throughout the year, to receive awards for the accomplishments they have made, to thank their parents for all their help, and to say goodbye.

"It was bittersweet to be at my last FFA banquet. FFA molded me into the person that I am today. Without it, I don't think I would have become this passionate about cattle and agriculture," Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup>, FFA president, said.

Despite the goodbyes from the senior members, underclassmen FFA members prepared for the upcoming year by taking on new roles in the chapter.

"Being president next year will give me more responsibility. I'll be the one in charge of everything which is scary because there is a lot of added pressure. On the plus side, I know that everything will be getting done to my expectations in the chapter," Lindsay Augustine<sup>17</sup> said.

## Staring Sister

Blakely Bittel<sup>16</sup> gives her best staring contest pose during her duet at forensics night. Along with her partner, Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup>, Bittel performed "World Wide Fans" by John C. Havens. Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



## Night of the 'Nerds'

### We're Married?!

Drew Keller<sup>16</sup> and Kaylyn Foster<sup>16</sup> attempt to become 'un-married' in their duet, "Forensics Marriage". "Working with Drew sometimes felt like we were actually married when we bickered during practices," Foster said. Photo by Paige Molstad



### Poetry Princess

Katie Milbourne<sup>17</sup> draws in the audience with her poem titled "Fingerpaints and Crayons". The poem shows how one teacher combats racism in her kindergarten class. Photo by Paige Molstad



## Flower Power



Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup> and Sarah Mick<sup>15</sup> graciously accept bright pink carnations at the annual KAY end-of-the-year banquet. "I really enjoyed being an active member of the KAY club for four years. I'm going to miss all the planning of events," Werth said.

## Strikes With Sibs

Big Brothers/Big Sisters finishes the year off with bowling



Photo by Baylee Werth

Shaton Johnson<sup>17</sup>  
"I think that our best moment together was getting to bowl together. We got to have fun and get to know each other."

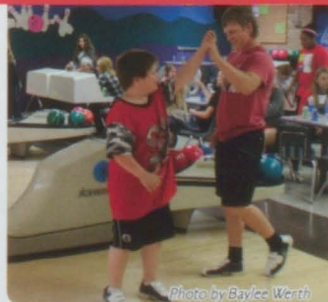


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Dalton Hensley<sup>17</sup>  
"It was sad knowing that I won't get to see my little until the next school year."

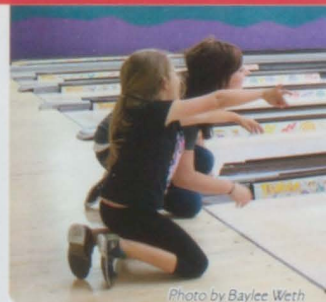
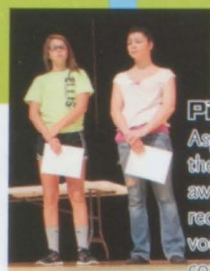


Photo by Baylee Werth

Allie Frickey<sup>17</sup>  
"[My favorite part of BIGS] was getting to make memories with my Little. Our time together was special."





### Pitch Perfect

Aspen Younger<sup>16</sup> receives the most valuable singer award and Katie Milbourne<sup>17</sup> receives most improved vocalist of the school year. "I could be in a bad mood and if I sing it helps me relieve my stress," Younger said.

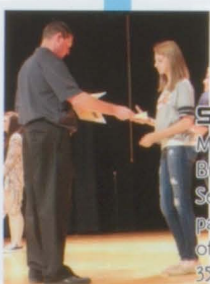
Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Scholars Aboard

Seniors Carson Rupp, Ryan Prichett, and Sarah Mick receive the Kansas State Scholar award. "It will help me in the future because I plan on going into an engineering field," Prichett said.

Photo by Brianna Rohr



### Service Frenzy

Mr. Dale hands Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> her Site Council Service Award for participating in 20 hours of community service. 35 students received this award.

Photo by Dani Hausler

## Hitting the Notes



Senior Ashley Butler performs for the crowd before the band and choir spring concert. "I played *Sonata for Trumpet* by Handel. I chose this song because it was challenging and I learned a lot from it."

## Gaining All Honors

### Realistic Realities

The Career and Community Connections class has started many new things, including the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program and collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald houses. But this year they put together something new—a mock accident. The mock accident included several members of the CCC class, the local police, firefighters, and paramedics, and also a state trooper. The mock accident was designed to be as realistic as possible to show the student body the process of an accident.

"It was a drunk driving scene with a driver [Ciara Garnett<sup>15</sup>] and then three passengers. The driver didn't have any injuries, the front passenger [Olivia Reiter<sup>15</sup>] was thrown from the car and 'killed', and the backseat passengers, myself and Mollie [Buchholz<sup>15</sup>] were severely injured," Sarah Henman<sup>19</sup> said.

The mock accident impacted many students, including junior Tori Tebo.

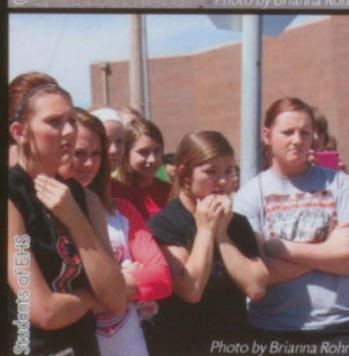
"I thought that it was eye-opening to some, but some people thought it was a joke. I think we should continue to do it to show kids that it could happen," Tebo said.



Mollie Buchholz<sup>15</sup> and Sarah Henman<sup>19</sup>



Ciara Garnett<sup>15</sup>



Students of CCC



## Hands on Learning

English students use resources other than textbooks

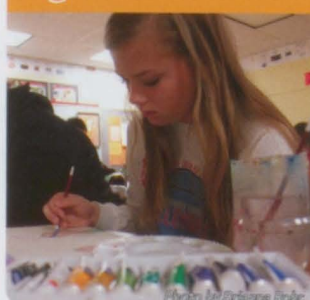


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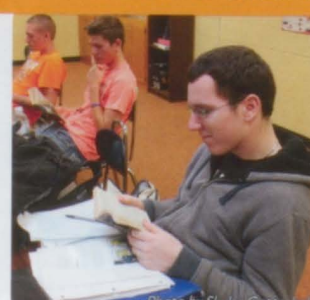


Photo by Skylar Gottschalk



Photo by Brianna Rohr

### Samantha Crawford<sup>17</sup>

"I enjoyed this art project a lot! It was cool to use my creativity and skills to finish an assignment."

### Justin Esner<sup>15</sup>

"I like reading books in English a lot more than writing papers for the class."

### Abby Burton<sup>18</sup>

"We had to pick an important scene from *The Odyssey* and draw it."





## Tube Tunes

Freshmen use different lengths of PVC pipe to demonstrate how the length of the vibrating source affects its pitch.



## Here Piggy Piggy



### Oh, Lardy

Erianna Basgall<sup>16</sup> works on skinning her fetal pig for Mr. Wildeman's Anatomy and Physiology class. This dissection has been a tradition in the class ever since the class began 3 years ago. "I thought the pig dissection was actually pretty fun and it was really fascinating to see the internal organs and muscles. The only down side was how bad the preserving solution smelled. The smell stuck with you all day!" Basgall said. Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Major Impact

**Rescue Squad** Community firefighters and local paramedics work to secure Sarah Henman<sup>1</sup> to the backboard. "I think the message it gave the kids was that things like this could happen to anybody at any time. We all need to be aware of the dangers that come with driving in general. People aren't invincible. Sometimes we teenagers forget that so it's good to refresh our minds," Henman said. Photo by Brianna Rohr

## Nailed It



**From Scratch** Students of Mr. Carroll's Residential Carpentry class (top) work on building a shed for the Ellis Recreation Commission. The Residential Carpentry class built two sheds this year. Nick Rose<sup>15</sup> (left) uses a nail gun to secure the roof down. "Building the sheds was a lot of fun," Rose said.

Photo by Rylee Torline

## EJH Hallway Decor

Sierra Cunningham<sup>16</sup> works on filling in the train on the mural. Mr. Burton asked Mr. White's advanced art students to paint a mural that would be hung in the new junior high hallway for the 2015-2016 school year. "It took a long time, and everyone working on it at the same time didn't communicate, so then it took extra time for everyone to fix the problems," Cunningham said.

Ciara Garnett<sup>15</sup> works on touching up the lettering of the EJH mural and perfecting all of the mistakes. The class began making the junior high mural in March and worked on it up until the end of the school year. "I did like creating the mural, but at the same time I didn't because of all the drama," Garnett said.

LexAnne Wolf tapes off parts of the mural so they can paint around it. Photos by Brianna Rohr

## Step-by-Step

Academic Module

Brianna Rohr

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## Band



Front Row: Joey Raub, Taylor Honas, Julia Cox, Sintia Jimenez, Sierra Schmidt, Aspen Younger, Samantha Crawford, Jaylin Pfeifer Second Row: Erianna Basgall, Sierra Cunningham, Lane Kohl, Geoffrey Soneson, Ashley Butler, Stephanie Greenway, Kassi Brown, LeeAnn Wilson, Lauren Pritchett Third Row: Sierra Pfannenstiel, Jenna Schoenberger, Rylee Torline, Drew Keller, Nathan Cox, Lexie Rome, Melanie Befort, Blakely Bittel Fourth Row: Shelby Werth, Natalie Schoenberger, Brittany Bollig, Haley Reiter, Kinley Kuppertz, Easton Smith, Dalton Hensley, and Aiden Johnson.

**Individual Honors**  
Kassi Brown  
Regional Flute Solo II

Ashley Butler  
Regional Trumpet Solo I, State  
Solo II, Honor Band, Honor Jazz  
Band, and John Philip Sousa  
Band Award

Julia Cox  
Regional Percussion Solo I, State  
Percussion Solo I

Stephanie Greenway  
Regional Flute Solo II

Sintia Jimenez  
Regional Tuba Solo II and Honor  
Band

Sierra Pfannenstiel  
Honor Band

Lauren Pritchett  
Regional Flute Solo II

Ryan Pritchett  
Regional Trombone Solo II

LeeAnn Wilson  
Regional Flute Solo III

**Group Honors**  
State Large Group I, I, I  
Regional Percussion Ensemble I  
State Percussion Ensemble II  
Regional Flute Ensemble I  
State Flute Ensemble II  
Regional Trumpet Trio II

Ellsworth (13 - 3) (16 - 1)  
Lincoln (6 - 3) (4 - 9)  
Leoti (11 - 0) (22 - 11)  
TMP (3 - 5) (0 - 12)  
Lincoln (7 - 3) (11 - 0)  
Scott City (4 - 10) (4 - 3)  
Ulysses (6 - 2) (0 - 3)  
Minneola (15 - 0) (5 - 7)  
Spearville (4 - 3)

Front Row: Trayton Kroeger, Bryce Keithley, Theron Schmidt, Dalton Hensley, Junior Hernandez, and Caden Huff Second Row: Assistant Coach Dave Wildeman, Nathan Cox, Brevin LaBarge, Brandon Bollig, Easton Smith, Zak Ramos, Brayden Bittel, Daniel Carbajal, Head Coach Ryan Augustine.

## Baseball



Phillipsburg 78 - 74  
\*Cheylin 69 - 27  
\*Quinter 71 - 53  
\*Hoxie 62 - 45  
Wheatland 66 - 64  
Ellinwood 51 - 47  
Ness City 69 - 79  
TMP 55 - 69  
Hill City 63 - 73  
\*\*TMP 46 - 64  
\*\*Phillipsburg 51 - 54  
\*\*Trego 71 - 53  
Victoria 76 - 69  
Plainville 68 - 62  
Quinter 74 - 67

Stockton 66 - 44  
Smith Center 57 - 53  
Trego 73 - 42  
Norton 70 - 48  
Oakley 69 - 59  
\*\*\*Rawlins Co. 81 - 35  
\*\*\*Oberlin-Decatur 53 - 41  
\*\*\*Hill City 63 - 58  
\*\*\*\*St. John-Hudson 41 - 83

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

## Boys Basketball



Front Row: Theron Schmidt, Keyston Moeder, Clay Feik, Alex Towns, Brandon Bollig, Eli Lohrmeyer, Chase Hudson, Koda Kever, Cole Swenson, Francis Towns Second Row: Joseph Eck, Geoffrey Soneson, Taylor Beisner, Ryan Herl, Joseph Wynn, Brendon Brenner, Easton Smith, Derek Pfeifer, and Junior Hernandez.



# Girls Basketball



Front Row: Alexcia Deutscher, LexAnne Wolf, Skylar Gottschalk, Sarah Mick, Stephanie Greenway, Jenna Schoenberger, Aspen Younger, Paige Molstad  
Second Row: Autum Hellerud, Baylee Werth, Brittany Bollig, Ashton Johnson, Ashley Mattheyer, Jasmyn Hernandez, Lexie Rome, Shelby Werth, Ali Weber, Brianna Rohr  
Third Row: Abby Burton, Taylor Honas, Aiden Johnson, Kaylyn Foster, Kinley Kuppertz, Kelsey Brack, Haley Reiter, Natalie Schoenberger, and Coach Mick. Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Jessica Bollig

Phillipsburg 60 - 55  
\*Rawlins Co. 50 - 29  
\*Dighton 50 - 55  
\*Wheatland 34 - 45  
Wheatland 44 - 33  
Ellinwood 35 - 46  
Ness City 32 - 31  
TMP 41 - 70  
Hill City 33 - 52  
\*\*Hill City 33 - 49  
\*\*Smith Center 33 - 41  
\*\*Plainville 46 - 50  
Victoria 59 - 44  
Plainville 41 - 38

Quinter 52 - 18  
Stockton 52 - 18  
Smith Center 49 - 56  
Trego 59 - 52  
Norton 37 - 48  
Oakley 58 - 28  
\*\*\*Leoti-Wichita Co. 56 - 36  
\*\*\*Oberlin-Decatur 53 - 43  
\*\*\*Hill City 44 - 54

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

**Group Honors**  
Regional Vocal Ensemble II

**Individual Honors**  
Aspen Younger  
Most Valuable Singer Award and Honor Choir

Katie Milbourne  
Most Improved Singer Award

## Choir



Front Row: Ashton Johnson, Kyrsten Frickey, Kelsey Brack, Brittney Johnson, Garrett Bader, Ciara Garnett  
Second Row: Aiden Johnson, Brianna Rohr, Tori Tebo, Aspen Younger, Keisha Brack, Kylee Hollingshed, Koda Kever  
Third Row: Sierra Pfannenstiel, Mollie Buchholz, Jordyn Eaton, Katie Milbourne, Nathan Cox, and Zakarie Ramos.

## Cheer



**Group Honors**  
Top Sixth Elite Team  
Camp Champ Cheer  
2nd Place Camp Dance  
2nd Place Overall  
Spirit Award- Banana

**Individual Honors**  
All-American Award:  
Baylee Werth, Sarah Henman, Hailey Dinkel, Olivia Reiter, Aspen Younger, and Paige Molstad

Front Row: Hailey Dinkel, Sarah Henman, (Co-Captain), Stephanie Greenway, Ashley Butler  
Second Row: Aspen Younger, Olivia Reiter, Baylee Werth, (Co-Captain), Allie Frickey  
Third Row: Kyrsten Frickey, Abby Burton, Haley Reiter, Paige Molstad, and Blakely Bittel.

Groups

Ashley Butler



## Cross Country



Front Row: Austin Carbajal, Blakely Bittel, Sierra Schmidt, Ashley Butler  
Second Row: LexAnne Wolf, Dawson Sproul, Chase Hudson, Olivia Reiter, Kori Clark Third Row: Brittany Bollig, Derek Pfeifer, Nick Rose, Maddy Gnad, and Rylee Torline. Not Pictured: Coach Jack Wolf

## Best Individual Times

### Senior

Kori Clark - 27:29

### Juniors

Maddy Gnad - 28:26

Rylee Torline - 23:23

LexAnne Wolf - 24:08

### Sophomores

Chase Hudson - 21:42

Derek Pfeifer - 20:46

### Freshman

Austin Carbajal - 20:02

Blakely Bittel - 23:22

Sierra Schmidt - 21:06

Dawson Sproul - 21:57

### District Star Events

Samantha Crawford - Gold

Haley Reiter - Silver

### State Star Events

Haley Reiter - Gold

### National Star Events

Haley Reiter

## FCCLA Officers



Front Row: Autum Hellerud, Vice President of Membership; Stephanie Greenway, President; Ashley Butler, Vice President Second Row: Kassi Brown, Vice President of Star Events; Tori Tebo, Vice President of Finance; Brianna Rohr, Vice President of Public Relations; and Mollie Buchholz, StuCo Representative. Not Pictured: Advisor Breanne Nilhas

## FFA Officers



Front Row: Alexis Mattheyer, Vice President; Dani Hausler, President; Lindsay Augustine, Treasurer Second Row: Jenna Schoenberger, Secretary; Keyston Moeder, Reporter; and Alex Towns, Sentinel.

Not Pictured: Alex Jost, Advisor

### Chapter Honors

Greenhand Dairy Cattle - 1st

Greenhand Food Science - 1st

Greenhand Land - 3rd

Greenhand Dairy Foods - 4th

Senior Dairy Cattle - 2nd

Senior Entomology - 3rd

Senior Food Science - 3rd

Senior Ag Sales - 4th

Senior Area Land - 4th

Senior Meats - 4th

Senior Ritual - 4th

Senior Speech - 5th

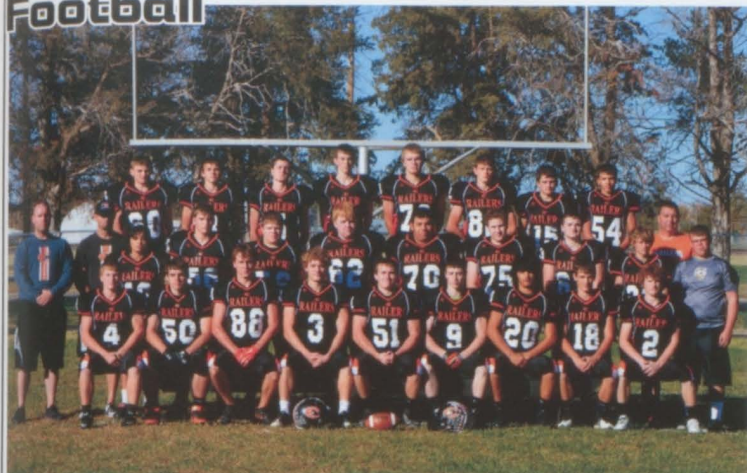
### District Sweepstakes

Greenhand - 1st

Senior - 5th



# Football



Front Row: Dalton Hensley, Dylan Haas, Brendon Brenner, Sean Lee, Brandon Groff, Jared Pfeifer, Alex Towns, Brevin LaBarge, Clay Feik Second Row: Coach Dreiling, Coach Amrein, Francis Towns, Josh Smith, Austin Meis, Brad Wallace, Daniel Carbajal, Bryce Keithley, Sam Rupp, Taton Busby, Theron Schmidt Third Row: Levi Wolf, Bryce Younger, Joseph Eck, Easton Smith, Ryan Herl, Geoffrey Soneson, Trayton Kroeger, Lane Kohl, and Coach Hayes.

Norton 0 - 46  
TMP 26 - 21  
Maur Hill 6 - 14  
Syracuse 48 - 6  
LaCrosse 22 - 42  
Leoti 54 - 0  
Oakley 12 - 20  
Sublette 34 - 14  
Plainville 12 - 34

## State Forensics

Rylee Torline  
Informative Speaking-1st, Prose -4th

Drew Keller  
Humorous Solo-2nd

Drew Keller and Kaylyn Foster  
Duet 3rd

Brianna Rohr and Blakely Bittel  
Duet 4th

## State Festival

Maddy Gnad II  
Shelby Werth I

# Forensics



Front Row: Drew Keller, Alexis Mattheyer, Blakely Bittel, Brittney Johnson, LeeAnn Wilson Second Row: Aiden Johnson, Shelby Werth, Natalie Schoenberger, Brianna Rohr, Dawson Sproul, Rylee Torline Third Row: Sierra Pfannenstiel, Kaylyn Foster, Kinley Kuppertz, Katie Milbourne, Maddy Gnad, and Coach Dawson.

# Golf



Spencer Fuller, Taylor Beisner, Keyston Moeder, and Chase Hudson  
Not Pictured: Coach Matt Carroll

## Best Rounds

Keyston Moeder: 94 (47/47)

Taylor Beisner: 101 (51/50)

Chase Hudson: 88 (44/44)



## Journalism



Front Row: Brianna Rohr (Design Editor), Sarah Henman (Photo Editor), Ashley Butler (Co-Editor), Baylee Werth, Jessica Gamez Second Row: Sarah Mick, Kassi Brown, Skylar Gottschalk, Paige Molstad, Dani Hausler (Co-Editor), and Rylee Torline.

## State Journalism

Ashley Butler  
 Editorial Writing - 3rd, Headline Writing - 3rd  
 Dani Hausler  
 Yearbook Copy Writing - 3rd Place  
 Sarah Henman  
 Student Life Photography-Honorable Mention  
 Sarah Mick  
 Yearbook Copy Writing-Honorable Mention  
 Baylee Werth and Brianna Rohr  
 Yearbook Theme and Design-Honorable Mention  
 Rylee Torline  
 Academic Photography - 3rd Place  
 Kassi Brown  
 Academic Photography-Honorable Mention

### "The Curious Savage"

#### Cast

Florence...Ashley Butler  
 Hannibal...Dani Hausler  
 Fairy May...Kaylyn Foster  
 Jeffrey...Dawson Sproul  
 Mrs. Paddy...Maddy Gnad  
 Titus...Drew Keller  
 Samuel...Aspen Younger  
 Lilly Belle...Paige Molstad  
 Ethel...Rylee Torline  
 Miss Wilhelmina...Alexis Mattheyer  
 Dr. Emmett...Keyston Moeder  
 Receptionist...Skylar Gottschalk  
 Elderly Woman...Blakely Bittel  
 Elderly Man...Haley Reiter

#### Crew

Lights and Sound...Lane Kohl  
 Hair and Makeup...  
 Jordyn Eaton, Aiden Johnson, and  
 Kinley Kuppetz  
 Stage Crew...Melanie Befort, Kori  
 Clark, Brittney Johnson,  
 Brianna LaBarge, Sierra Schmidt,  
 Natalie Schoenberger,  
 Shelby Werth, and  
 LeeAnn Wilson

## Fall Play



Front Row: Aiden Johnson, Lane Kohl, Haley Reiter, Alexis Mattheyer, Aspen Younger, Dawson Sproul, Kaylyn Foster, Blakely Bittel, Melanie Befort Second Row: Brittney Johnson, Drew Keller, Keyston Moeder, Dani Hausler, Ashley Butler, Sierra Schmidt, Natalie Schoenberger, Shelby Werth, Brianna LaBarge Third Row: Paige Molstad, Kinley Kuppetz, Skylar Gottschalk, Maddy Gnad, Rylee Torline, LeeAnn Wilson, Kori Clark, Jordyn Eaton, and Alyssa Dawson.

## Spring Play



Front Row: Kori Clark, Brianna LaBarge, Sierra Schmidt, Brittney Johnson, Katie Milbourne, Drew Keller, Blakely Bittel Second Row: Mrs. Dawson (Director), Lane Kohl, Alexis Mattheyer, Dani Hausler (Student Director), Maddy Gnad, Keyston Moeder, and Rylee Torline

### "The Odd Couple" (Female Version)

Student Director  
 Dani Hausler

#### Cast

Olive...Rylee Torline  
 Florence...Maddy Gnad  
 Sylvie...Katie Milbourne  
 Vera...Alexis Mattheyer  
 Mickey...Brittney Johnson  
 Renee...Blakely Bittel  
 Manolo...Drew Keller  
 Jesus...Keyston Moeder

#### Crew

Lights/Sound...Lane Kohl and Katie Milbourne  
 Stage Crew...Kori Clark, Brianna LaBarge, and Sierra Schmidt



## Scholar's Bowl



Front Row: Aiden Johnson, Erianna Basgall, Ashley Butler, Lexie Rome, Samantha Crawford  
Second Row: Lyla Meserve, Sintia Jimenez, Natalie Schoenberger, Rylee Torline  
Third Row: Brittany Bollig, Haley Reiter, Blakely Bittel, Joey Raub, Dawson Sproul, and Coach Anderson.

### Ness City Meet:

Varsity 3rd  
JV 2nd

### Trego Meet:

Varsity 2nd  
JV 3rd

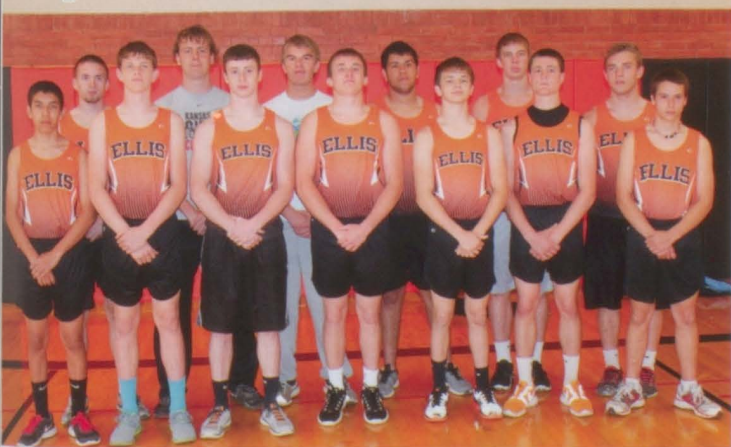
Plainville (17 - 0) (17 - 3)  
Ellsworth (9 - 15) (16 - 20)  
Ellinwood (1 - 4) (2 - 11)  
TMP (4 - 11) (4 - 8)  
Lincoln (17 - 2) (18 - 7)  
Sylvan Lucas (6 - 3) (9 - 2)  
Plainville (13 - 3) (7 - 6)  
Goodland (0 - 9) (2 - 12)  
Ellinwood (6 - 13) (1 - 8)  
Bennington (15 - 0)  
Sacred Heart (1 - 16)

## Softball



Front Row: Taylor Honas, Aspen Younger, Autum Hellerud, Sarah Mick, Lexie Rome, Samantha Crawford  
Back Row: Lindsay Augustine, Brittany Bollig, Haley Reiter, Skylar Gottschalk, Natalie Schoenberger, Ali Weber, and Jenna Schoenberger

## Boys Track



Front Row: Austin Carbajal, Geoffrey Soneson, Jared Pfeifer, Brandon Groff, Bryce Younger, Joseph Eck, Cole Swenson  
Second Row: Nick Rose, Brendon Brenner, Jared Herl, Daniel DeLaRosa, Eli Lohrmeyer, and Sean Lee

### Team Results

LaCrosse 4th  
Ellis 1st  
Ellsworth 10th  
Plainville 5th  
Osborne - Cancelled  
Quinter 1st  
Victoria 2nd  
Hill City - Cancelled  
MCL 7th  
Regionals 8th

### State Placers

Brandon Groff  
Javelin 7th  
  
Sean Lee  
Javelin 2nd  
  
Eli Lohrmeyer  
Discus 2nd  
  
Jared Pfeifer  
Long Jump 6th

### School Record

Sean Lee  
Javelin 182'10"



## Girls Track



Front Row: Jessica Gamez, Ashley Butler, Stephanie Greenway, Jasmyn Hernandez, Sierra Schmidt Second Row: Kelsey Brack, Jaylenn Pfeifer, Abby Burton, Melanie Befort, Paige Molstad Third Row: Kaylyn Foster, Ashley Mattheyer, Kinley Kuppertz, Jordyn Eaton, and Sierra Pfannenstiel.

### Team Results

LaCrosse 1st  
Ellis 1st  
Ellsworth 8th  
Plainville 3rd  
Osborne Cancelled  
Quinter 4th  
Victoria 2nd  
Hill City Cancelled  
MCL 5th  
Regionals 6th

### State

Abby Burton  
Triple Jump 5th  
  
Kaylyn Foster  
Discus 2nd

Ashley Mattheyer  
Long Jump 7th

Abby Burton, Kelsey Brack,  
Stephanie Greenway,  
Ashley Mattheyer  
4x400 Relay 7th

### School Record

Abby Burton, Kelsey Brack,  
Stephanie Greenway,  
Ashley Mattheyer  
4x400 Relay 4.22.07

## Volleyball

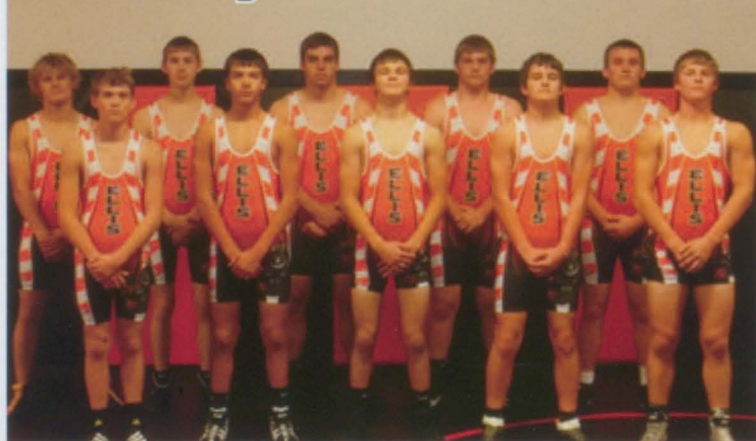


Front Row: Kyrsten Frickey, Melanie Befort, Shelby Werth, Abby Burton, Kelsey Brack, Samantha Crawford, Julia Cox Second Row: Ashton Johnson, Aspen Younger, Jenna Schoenberger, Autumn Hellerud, Sarah Mick, Baylee Werth, Stephanie Greenway, Hailey Dinkel, Natalie Schoenberger, Jessica Gamez, Keisha Brack Third Row: Coach Wilken, Coach Jensen, Sierra Pfannenstiel, Jordyn Eaton, Jasmyn Hernandez, Brittney Johnson, Ali Weber, Taylor Honas, Allie Frickey, Lexie Rome, Aiden Johnson, Coach Greenway Fourth Row: Haley Reiter, Lindsay Augustine, Brianna Rohr, Skylar Gottschalk, Alexcia Deutscher, Kinley Kuppertz, Ashley Mattheyer, and Kaylyn Foster.

Hill City (25 - 15) (25 - 19)  
Trego (25 - 21) (26 - 28) (25 - 21)  
Otis-Bison (25 - 14) (17 - 25)  
TriPlains (19 - 25) (25 - 11) (25 - 11)  
Plainville (25 - 22) (25 - 20)  
Kinsley (21 - 25) (25 - 18) (25 - 8)  
LaCrosse (24 - 26) (22 - 25)  
Victoria (25 - 9) (25 - 22)  
Smith Center (16 - 25) (23 - 25)  
Trego (25 - 15) (25 - 16)  
Hutch-Trinity (25 - 18) (25 - 13)  
Bucklin (26 - 24) (25 - 20)  
Skyline (22 - 25) (25 - 23) (20 - 25)  
Victoria (25 - 19) (25 - 11)  
Northern Valley (25 - 22) (23 - 25) (25 - 22)

Stockton (25 - 19) (23 - 25) (25 - 22)  
Western Plains (25 - 15) (25 - 17)  
Stockton (25 - 20) (23 - 25) (29 - 27)  
TMP (25 - 16) (22 - 25) (25 - 17)  
Palco (25 - 10) (25 - 19)  
Heartland Christian (25 - 8) (25 - 10)  
Norton (25 - 22) (27 - 25)  
TMP (13 - 25) (25 - 20) (24 - 26)  
Trego (26 - 28) (25 - 16) (20 - 25)  
Plainville (14 - 25) (21 - 25) (25 - 23)  
Central Plains (18 - 25) (16 - 25)  
Trego (25 - 11) (25 - 19)  
Ness City (18 - 25) (23 - 25)

## Wrestling



Front Row: Taton Busby, Lane Kohl, Bryce Younger, Trayton Kroeger, Dalton Hensley Second Row: Kobe Armbruster, Kadon Augustine, Dylan Haas, Josh Smith, and Brandon Groff.

Wrestler	Weight	Record
Brandon Groff	182	28 - 12
Kadon Augustine	132	2 - 9
Kobe Armbruster	145	17 - 11
Trayton Kroeger	126	7 - 10
Dalton Hensley	138	42 - 12
Josh Smith	182	6 - 7
Lane Kohl	120	16 - 14
Taton Busby	106	6 - 3
Bryce Younger	113	40 - 7



## Big Brothers, Big Sisters



Front Row: Ashton Johnson, Allie Frickey, Lexie Rome, Sarah Henman, Ashley Butler, Sarah Mick, LeeAnn Wilson Second Row: Kori Clark, Brianna LaBarge, Tori Tebo, Baylee Werth, Ashley Mattheyer, Rylee Torline Third Row: Kass Brown, Brianna Rohr, Alexcia Deutscher, and Skylar Gottschalk.

## 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.

## District Office



Superintendent Robert Young and Seceretary Connie Waldschmidt

## Drama Club Officers



Front Row: Sierra Schmidt, Public Relations; Dawson Sproul, Public Relations Second Row: Rylee Torline, President; Paige Molstad, Vice President; Dani Hausler, Secretary; and Maddy Gnad, Treasurer.

## KAY Officers



Front Row: Blakely Bittel, Board Member; Sarah Mick, Secretary; Baylee Werth, President; Ashley Butler, Board Member Second Row: Kori Clark, Points Chairman; Aspen Younger, Vice President; Jasmyrn Hernandez, Board Member; Jessica Gamez, Board Member Third Row: Brianna Rohr, Treasurer; Dawson Sproul, Board Member; Skylar Gottschalk, Board Member; Paige Molstad, Board Member; and Stephanie Greenway, Board Member

## EHS Teachers



Front Row: Jeff Kohl, Alex Jost, Alyssa Dawson, Jill Wood, Breanne Nilhas, Elizabeth Anderson, Stacey Williams, Corey Burton Second Row: David Wildeman, Matt Carroll, Brandon Armbruster, Troy Dale, Brian White, Kerry Bittel, Butch Hayes, Perry Mick, Sandy Shupe, and Jake Dreiling



## Link Crew



Front Row: Ashley Butler, Sarah Mick, Autum Hellerud, Aspen Younger, Sintia Jimenez Second Row: Kori Clark, Brianna Rohr, Stephanie Greenway, LeeAnn Wilson, Rylee Torline Third Row: Tori Tebo, Skylar Gottschalk, Alexcia Deutscher, Sean Lee, Jared Pfeifer, and Paige Molstad

## NHS



Front Row: Paige Molstad, Jenna Schoenberger, Sintia Jimenez, Skylar Gottschalk, Rylee Torline, Brianna Rohr Second Row: Aspen Younger, Sarah Henman, Sarah Mick, Olivia Reiter, Stephanie Greenway, Kori Clark, and Ashley Butler.

## School Board



Front Row: Trish Groff, Toni Younger, and Tracy Kinderknecht Back Row: Jerry Pfeifer, John Walz, Mark Polifka, Marty Hollern

## StuCo Officers



Ashley Butler, Vice President; Stephanie Greenway; Secretary; Olivia Reiter, President; and Sarah Mick, Treasurer

## Multimedia - Web



Front Row: Kori Clark, Sintia Jimenez, Josh Kruetzer Second Row: Rylee Torline, Brianna Rohr, Skylar Gottschalk, Alexcia Deutscher Third Row: Joey Raub, Sean Lee, Ethan Honas, and Carson Rupp.



## Freshmen



Front Row: Lane Kohl, Jaylinn Pfeifer, Dawson Sproul, Haley Reiter, Blakely Bittel, Drew Keller. Second Row: Aiden Johnson, Kyrsten Frickey, Shelby Werth, Samantha Crawford, Sierra Schmidt, Taylor Honas, Jaqueline Reyes, Nick Geschwentner. Third Row: Ali Weber, Abby Burton, Melanie Befort, Natalie Schoenberger, Kelsey Brack, Cole Swenson, Francis Towns, Austin Carbajal. Back Row: Sierra Pfannenstiel, Taton Busby, Junior Hernandez, Levi Wolf, Joseph Eck, Ryan Herl, Kinley Kuppertz, Geoffrey Soneson, Kaylyn Foster, Brendon Zweifel.

## Sophomores



Front Row: Rae McClung, Dacia LaBarge, Allie Frickey, Ashley Mattheyer, Brevin LaBarge, Austin Meis. Second Row: Nathan Cox, Lyla Meserve, Katie Milbourne, Chase Hudson, Jasmyn Hernandez, Lexie Rome, Jessica Gamez, Ashton Johnson, Spencer Fuller. Back Row: Dusty Lepper, Brayden Bittel, Brad Wallace, Taylor Beisner, Daniel Carbajal, Clay Feik, Derek Pfeifer, Josh Smith, Bryce Keithley.

## Juniors



Front Row: Theron Schmidt, Skylar Gottschalk, Jenna Schoenberger, Sintia Jimenez, Kadon Augustine. Middle Row: Keisha Brack, Paige Molstad, Brianna Rohr, Alexcia Deustcher, Maddy Gnad, Dakota Sproul, Rylee Torline. Back Row: Keyston Moeder, Brendon Brenner, Sierra Cunningham, Daniel DeLaRosa, Dylan Haas, Alex Towns, Gage Goble, Erianna Basgall.

## Seniors



Front Row: Ashley Butler, Dani Hausler, Alexis Mattheyer, Stephanie Greenway, Josh Kreutzer. Second Row: Ciara Garnett, Hailey Dinkel, Autum Hellerud, Sarah Henman. Third Row: Kylee Keller, Sarah Mick, Baylee Werth, Kori Clark, Brianna LaBarge. Back Row: Brandon Groff, Jared Pfeifer, Eli Lohrmeyer, Nick Rose.



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"This yearbook is so special because I got the experience and privilege to be co-editor with my best friend."

-Dani Hausler<sup>15</sup>, Editor

"It was really exciting to be able to create the beginning ideas for this year's yearbook alongside my super talented co-editor."

-Ashley Butler<sup>15</sup>, Editor



"I like being on staff with all of my friends and creating a book filled with memories that everyone will have forever."

-Brianna Rohr<sup>16</sup>, Design Editor



"My role was to follow directions given to me, even though most things [in yearbook] are completely independent so you have to motivate yourself."

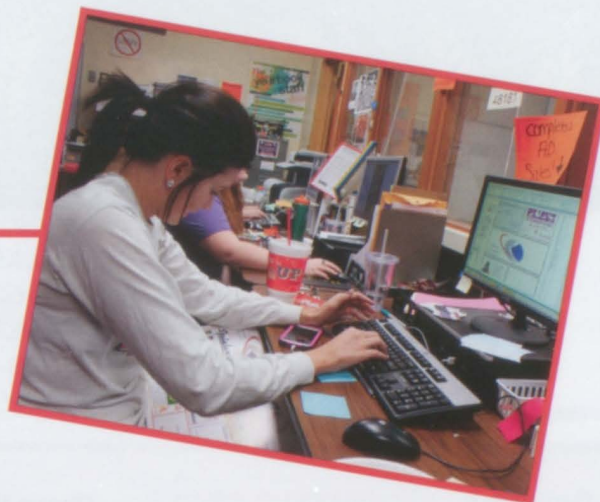
-Sarah Henman<sup>15</sup>, Photo Editor





"I like the "Oh Snap" pages because we got to show all the pictures you don't usually expect to see in a yearbook."

-Baylee Werth<sup>15</sup>, Business Manager



"I realized how hard it is to put a yearbook together. It's not just putting pictures on a page. A lot of creativity and hard work goes into it."

-Skylar Gottschalk<sup>16</sup>, Staff Member



"My favorite part about being on staff were the memories I made. Then I got to take those memories and archive them into a piece of art so others could go back and be reminded."

-Paige Molstad<sup>16</sup>, Staff Member



"I think there was a unique spin to this year's book. I liked that it was bright and colorful instead of following the basic school colors."

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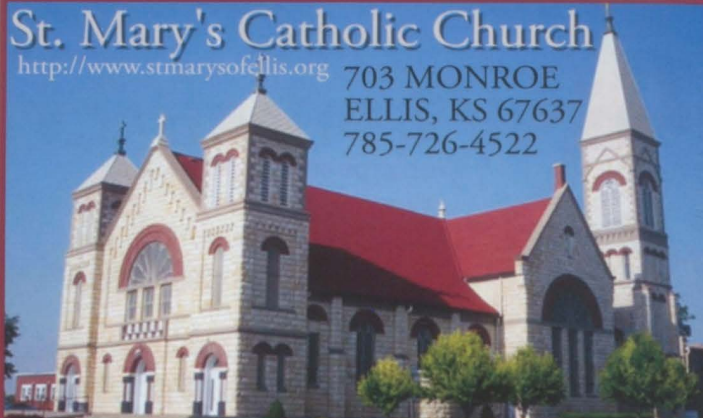
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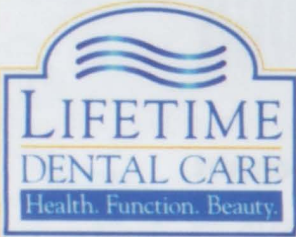
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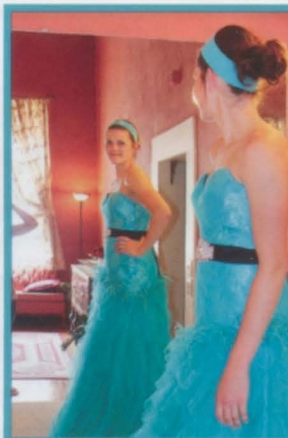
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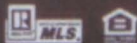
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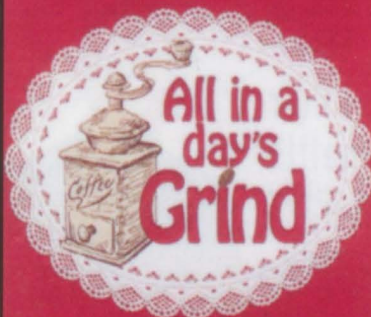
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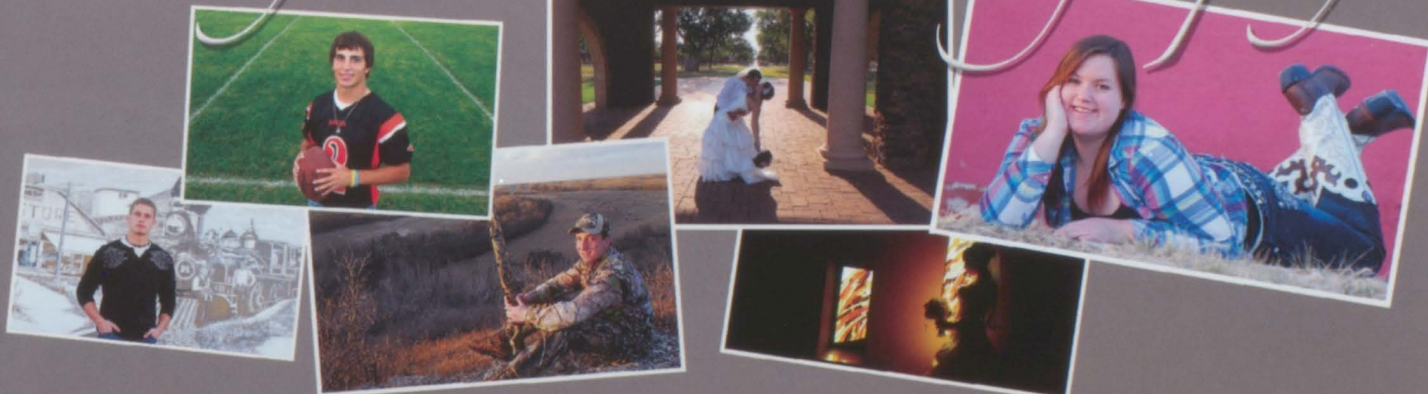
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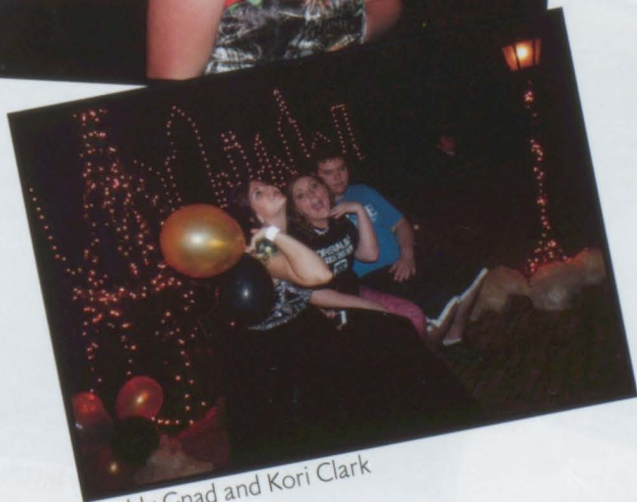
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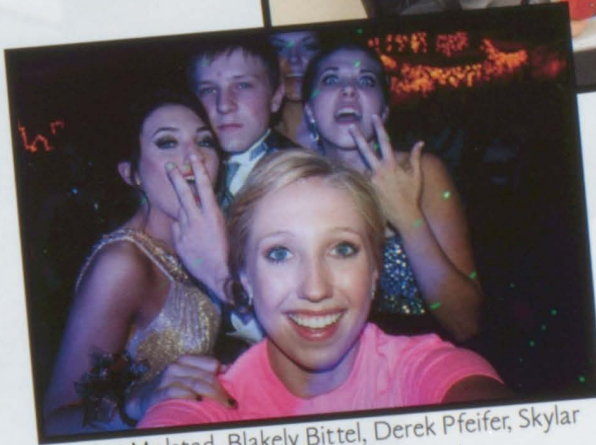
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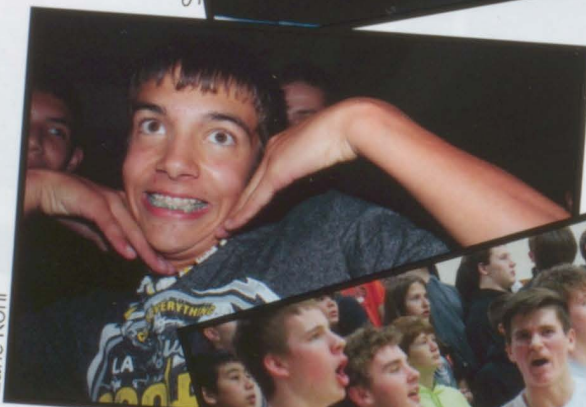
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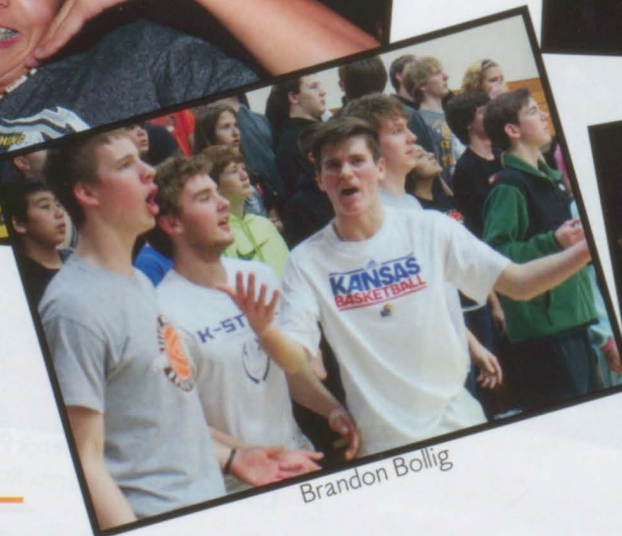
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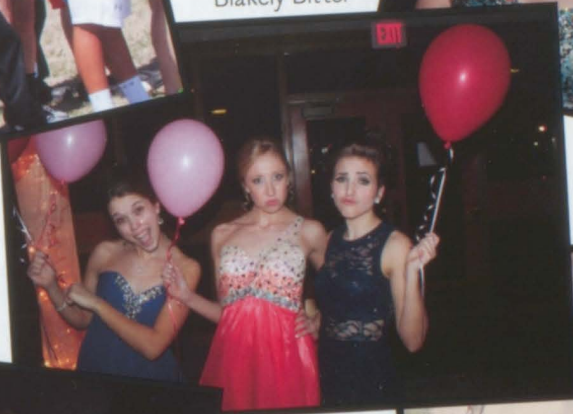
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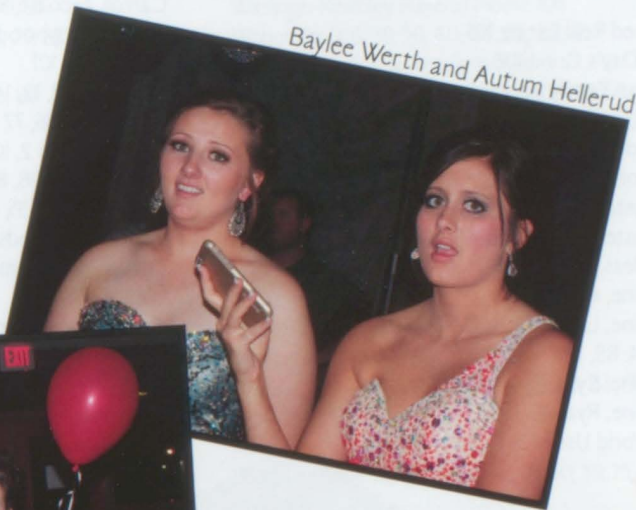
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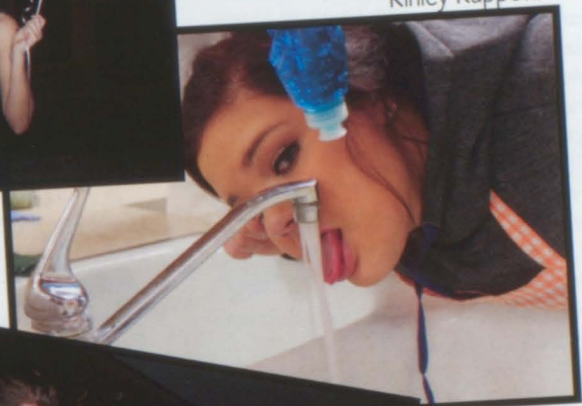
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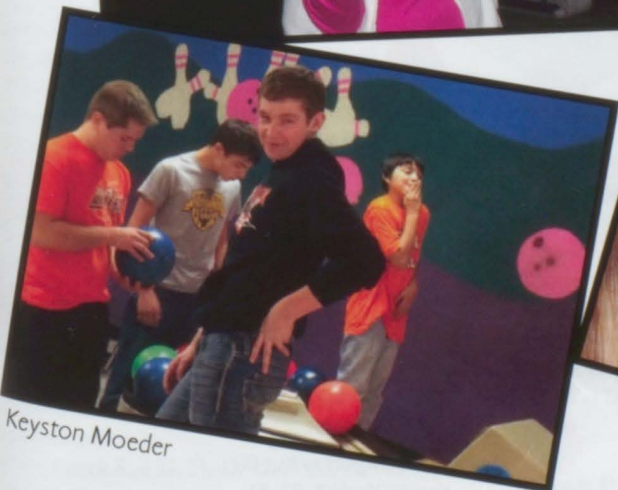
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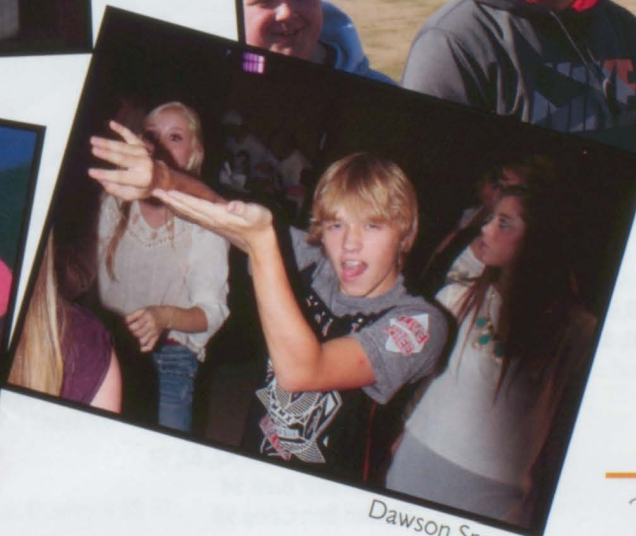
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## Colophon

The 2015 edition of the Ellis High School Railroader was published by the EHS staff and printed by Jostens. Sales Representative was Derius Mammen and plant representative was Lori Wishert. Press run was 120 with 116 pages. The Railroader was printed with trim size of eight. Body copy in the yearbook is AYT Ebony, AYT Cursive Hand, and AYT Josie Square. The Railroader is a computer generated book, and all work was done by the students using Adobe Indesign CS4 and Photoshop CS3 on IBM computers and a color laser printer. Portraits and group photos were taken by the EHS journalism staff and Jill Wood. The Railroader was financed by \$35 book sales, \$30 business ads, \$35 1/8 page ads, \$70 1/4 page ads, \$140 1/2 page ads, and \$280 full page ads.

The yearbook staff would like to thank Mrs. Jill Wood for being the Journalism adviser and pushing us to reach our potential; Derius Mammen for helping us with technical problems and bringing us donuts and nail polish; and the faculty for letting us out of class to work on the yearbook and interrupting their classes to take pictures or ask questions. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Steve Herrman for helping us with all of the computer problems we faced this year, to Maria Mick for all her help in the office, and to the students for being so cooperative with all the emails we sent out and all the pictures we took of you. Students, this book is for you--now and for all time.



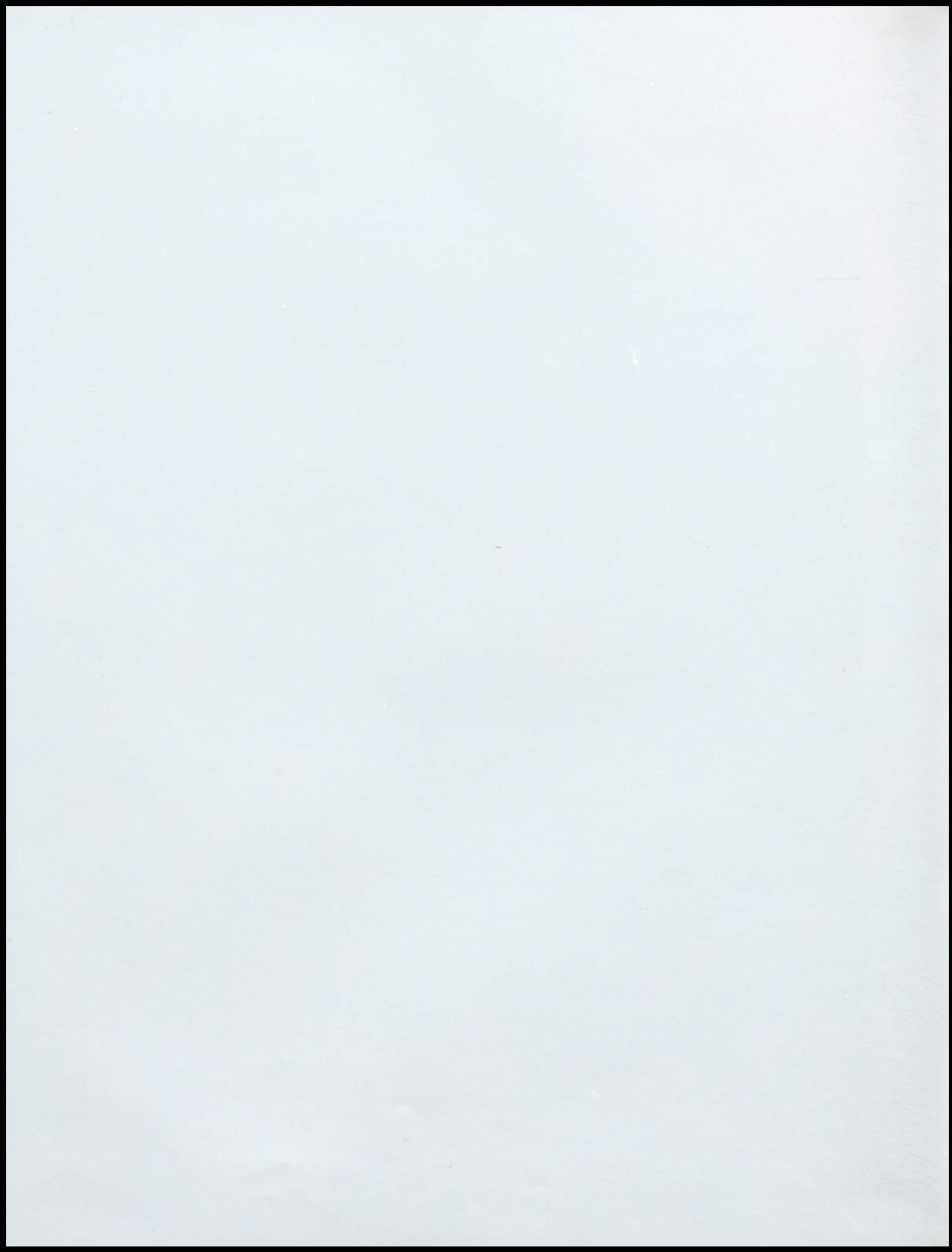
**T**his year, many moments highlighted the **CONNECT**ions we all share as a school. We made a trip to state with the boys basketball team as cheerleaders, musicians, and classmates. The journalism staff and forensics team, who had to share members for their state competitions, came home with top placings. Not only were significant events happening within our school, but our nation also witnessed **CONNECT**ions with our past that we didn't think would resurface. The racial riots in Ferguson, Missouri brought up similarities to what we read in the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Mrs. Wood's class and in studies of the Civil Rights movement in Mr. Kohl's class. These **CONNECT**ions to prior events in our history brought a realization of how our current world can **CONNECT** with our past, yet also shows us how far we have come as a nation. These large-scale **CONNECT**ions show us that it's not just within our tight-knit school and community...our whole world is

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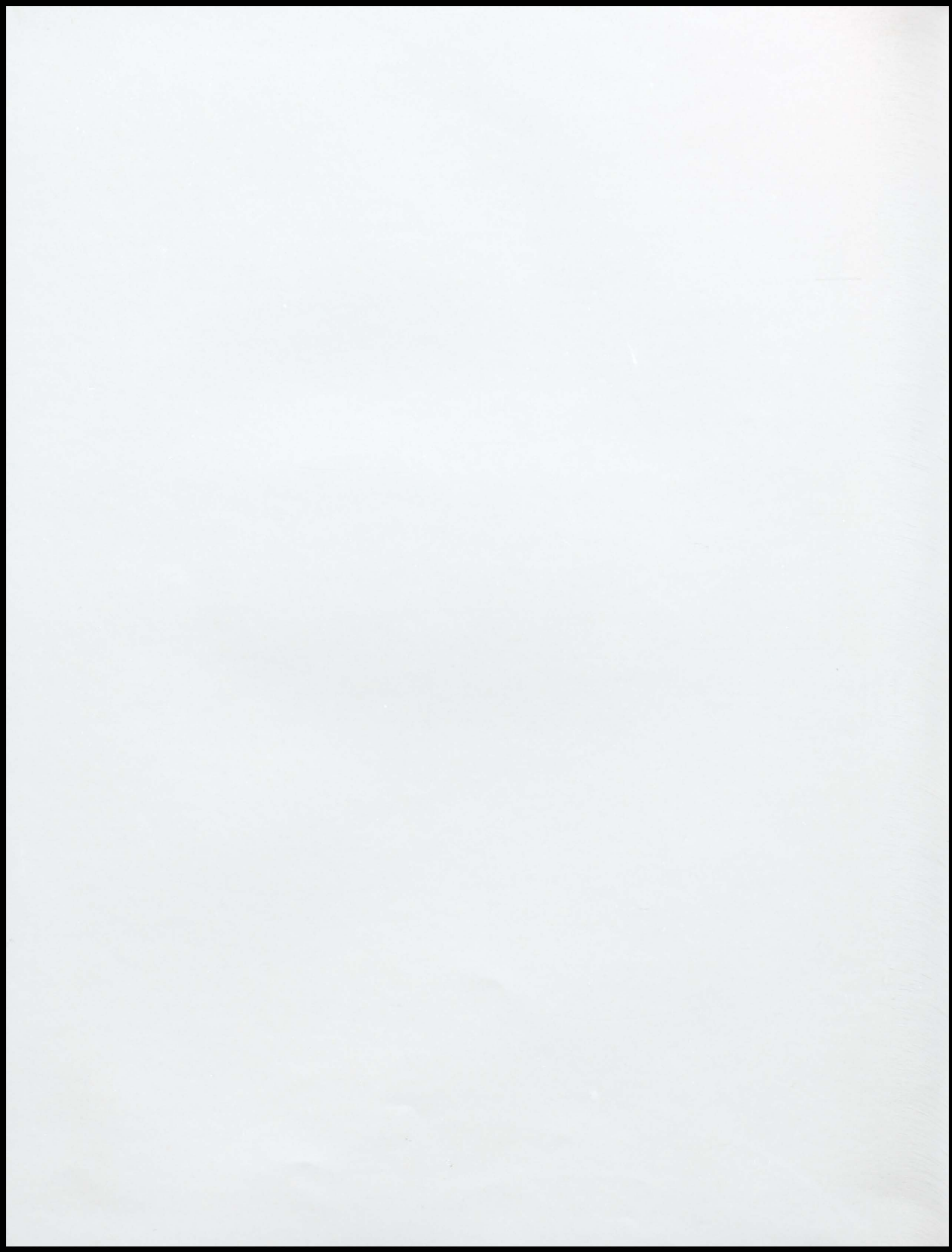




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- 2. ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER** Thirteen years after terrorists destroyed the original World Trade Center, a new 104-story tower opens in lower Manhattan.
- 3. MALALA YOUSAFZAI** At age 17, the Pakistani activist receives the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.
- 4. SECRET SERVICE LAPSES** The head of the Secret Service resigns after a series of security breaches, including an intruder who managed to enter the White House.
- 5. SPACE PROBE** The European Space Agency lands a small space probe on the moving comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.
- 6. CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT** The United States and China reach a historic deal to curb their greenhouse gas emissions.
- 7. EBOLA IN THE USA** Hospitals contend with several cases of the deadly virus brought by travelers from West Africa and returning aid workers.
- 8. VIRGIN GALACTIC CRASH** The spaceplane VSS Enterprise breaks apart during a test flight and crashed into the ground in the Mojave Desert.
- 9. KURDS FLEE ISIS** Syrian Kurdish refugees flee to Turkey to escape human rights abuses, war crimes and ethnic cleansing conducted by the Islamic rebel group ISIS.

## FORBES MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE

1. VLADIMIR PUTIN *RUSSIA*
2. BARACK OBAMA *UNITED STATES*
3. XI JINPING *CHINA*
4. POPE FRANCIS  
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# PERSON OF THE YEAR

# TIME

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a white protective suit, a white face mask, and large blue goggles, likely a healthcare worker dealing with Ebola.

**THE EBOLA FIGHTERS**

Dr. Jerry Brown  
The Liberian surgeon, 46, turned his hospital's chapel into the country's first Ebola treatment center

7 EBOLA IN THE USA

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1 ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

# POP CULTURE



**1. ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE** The social media campaign goes viral, raising \$115 million to treat and cure amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

**2. TOMS AT TARGET** The fashion-forward charity shoe brand teams up with the fashion-friendly retailer on a line of accessories for the holiday season.

**3. NBA 2K14** The new release of the popular basketball video game features a contemporary soundtrack chosen by LeBron James.

**4. #SHAREACOCKE** The soft drink brand personalizes its cans with the 250 most popular first names among American teens and millennials.

**5. GO PRO** Users of these wearable HD video cameras record and share breathtaking adventures, athletic feats and everyday dramas.

**6. GRUMPY CAT** By bringing in almost \$100 million in two years, the Internet's most famous cat earns more than many human celebrities, according to ABC News.

**7. FITBIT** The health and fitness trackers surge in popularity among users of all ages, as consumers clamor for personal data via wearable tech.

**8. PROTEIN-POWERED** The high-protein/low-carb diet trend results in slumping cereal sales; manufacturers respond by adding more protein to their breakfast products.

**9. TOP EMOJIS** Researchers track the rising popularity of emojis among Twitter users; the top five are Hearts, Joy, Unamused, Heart Eyes and Relaxed.

**10. DR. MARTENS BOOTS** The edgy, rugged footwear is back in fashion among teens, celebrities and fashionable bloggers.

## TOP 2014 GOOGLE TRENDS

The popular search engine releases the year's most searched topics.

1. ROBIN WILLIAMS
2. WORLD CUP
3. EBOLA
4. MALAYSIA AIRLINES
5. ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE
6. FLAPPY BIRD
7. CONCHITA WURST
8. ISIS
9. FROZEN
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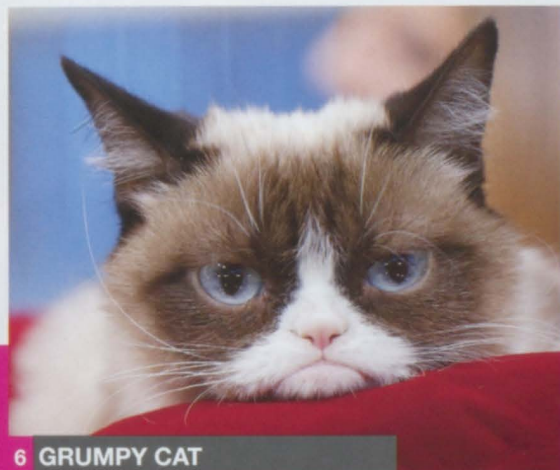
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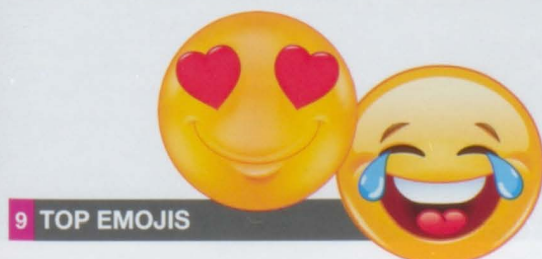
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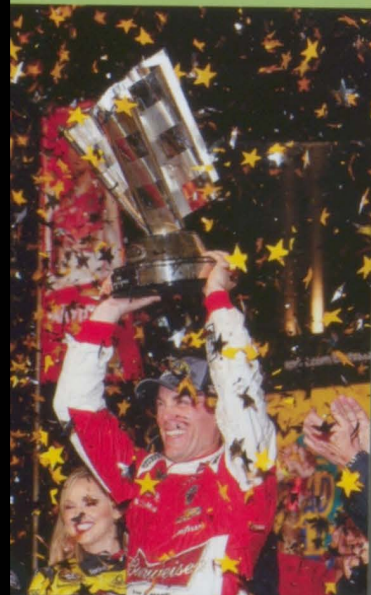


1. **WORLD CUP** Germany wins the FIFA World Cup by defeating Argentina 1-0 at the soccer championship tournament in Brazil.
2. **KEVIN HARVICK** He captures his first NASCAR Sprint Cup championship in the Ford EcoBoost 400 race behind the wheel of his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet.
3. **PEYTON MANNING** By throwing his 509th career touchdown pass, the Denver Broncos quarterback breaks Brett Favre's record.
4. **RORY MCILROY** At age 25, the professional golfer from Northern Ireland is the World Number One male player according to the Official World Golf Ranking.
5. **WORLD SERIES** In Game Seven, the San Francisco Giants defeat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 and claim their third championship title in five years.
6. **CFP CHAMPS** The fourth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes defeat the Oregon Ducks 42-20 to capture the first-ever College Football Playoff championship.
7. **SUPER BOWL XLIX** In an exciting and hard-fought game, the New England Patriots defeat the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 28-24 in the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.
8. **DEREK JETER** After 20 seasons with the New York Yankees, the shortstop plays the last game of his MLB career in Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox.
9. **SERENA WILLIAMS** At age 33, she is the oldest player to be ranked the No. 1 singles player by the Women's Tennis Association.

## 2014 HIGHEST PAID ATHLETES

1. FLOYD MAYWEATHER: \$105 MILLION
2. CRISTIANO RONALDO: \$80 MILLION
3. LEBRON JAMES: \$72.3 MILLION
4. LIONEL MESSI: \$64.7 MILLION
5. KOBE BRYANT: \$61.5 MILLION
6. TIGER WOODS: \$61.2 MILLION
7. ROGER FEDERER: \$56.2 MILLION
8. PHIL MICKELSON: \$53.2 MILLION
9. RAFAEL NADAL: \$44.5 MILLION
10. MATT RYAN: \$43.8 MILLION

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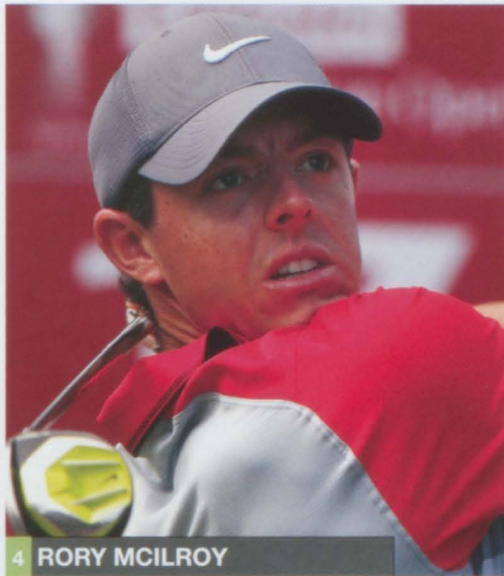


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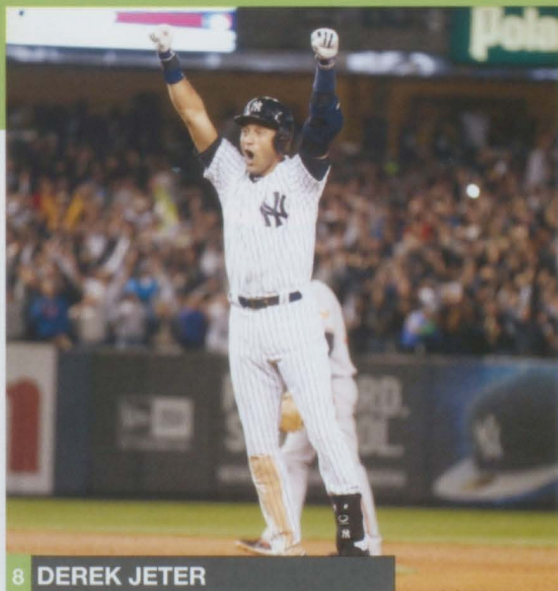
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# MUSIC



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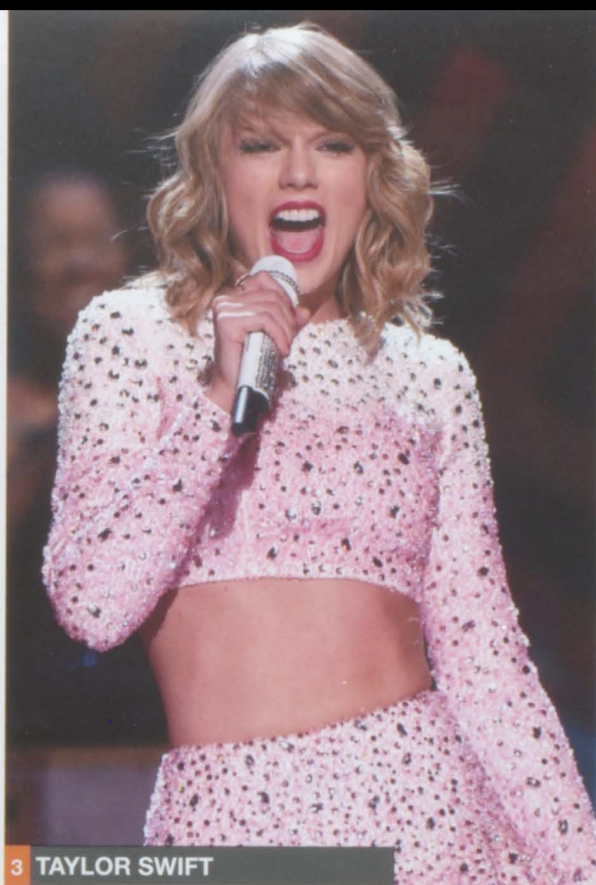
1. **MAROON 5** The band crashes a Los Angeles wedding to surprise the lucky couple and capture footage for their "Sugar" video.
2. **ARIANA GRANDE** With a secret single on the new *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1* soundtrack, and rumors of diva behavior, this pop star is more notorious than "Victorious."
3. **TAYLOR SWIFT** Her new album, *1989*, breaks sales records with 1.2 million copies sold in the first week alone.
4. **JOHN LEGEND** The soulful singer-songwriter teams up with Common on "Glory," for the soundtrack of *Selma*, the Martin Luther King biopic.
5. **BEYONCÉ** The "Flawless" singer performs a 16-minute medley of every song on her *Beyoncé* album at the MTV Music Video Awards.
6. **IGGY AZALEA** After the rapper's "Fancy" becomes the song of the summer, fans follow her on the road and she's afraid to drive fast enough to evade them.
7. **ED SHEERAN** The singer-songwriter from Liverpool is the year's most-streamed artist on Spotify and receives two Grammy nominations for his album *X*.
8. **LUKE BRYAN** The CMA Entertainer of the Year receives seven nominations for the American Country Countdown Awards.
9. **SAM SMITH** The 22-year-old Brit tops the charts with his debut album, *In the Lonely Hour*, with sales of more than one million in both the US and the UK.

## TOP iTunes DOWNLOADS

These are the year's most popular content downloads, according to Apple.

- ALBUM: *FROZEN* SOUNDTRACK
- MOVIE: *FROZEN*
- FAMILY MOVIE: *THE LEGO MOVIE*
- IPAD® APP: *MINECRAFT*
- IPHONE® APP: *FACEBOOK MESSENGER*
- YOUNG ADULT BOOK:  
*THE FAULT IN OUR STARS*
- AUDIO BOOK: *DIVERGENT*
- TV SHOW: *GAME OF THRONES*
- BEST APP OF THE YEAR: *ELEVATE*
- PODCAST: *SERIAL*





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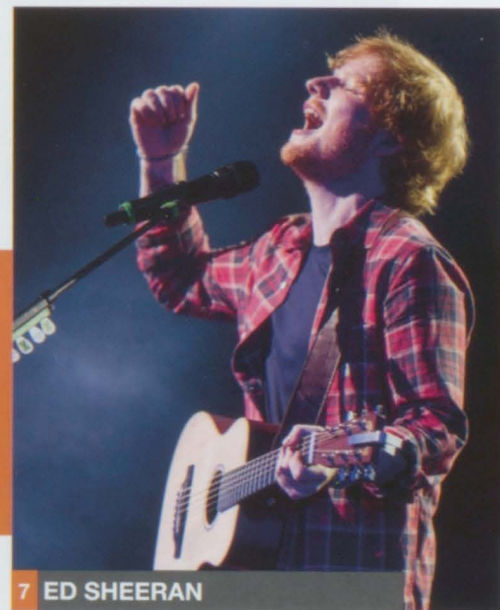
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6 IGGY AZALEA



7 ED SHEERAN



8 LUKE BRYAN



9 SAM SMITH





# MOVIES



**1. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** A team of Marvel Comics superheroes sets out to save the universe in this intergalactic adventure, starring Chris Pratt as Peter Quill.

**2. NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB** Historic wax figures come to life in this hotly anticipated sequel, starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams.

**3. INTO THE WOODS** A wise witch, played by Meryl Streep, schools an all-star cast of wayward fairy tale characters in this enchanting movie musical.

**4. MOCKINGJAY PART 1** Jennifer Lawrence returns as Katniss Everdeen in the first of two movies based on the final book in The Hunger Games trilogy.

**5. THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES** The adventures of Bilbo Baggins, Galadriel, Gandalf and Aragorn conclude in the third and final installment.

**6. THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING** The real-life story of physicist Stephen Hawking comes to the big screen, with Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones.

**7. THE MAZE RUNNER** A community of teenage boys find themselves in a place surrounded by a huge maze with no memory of how they got there.

**8. PITCH PERFECT 2** The cast of the successful musical — including Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Skylar Astin, and Brittany Snow — reunites for the sequel.

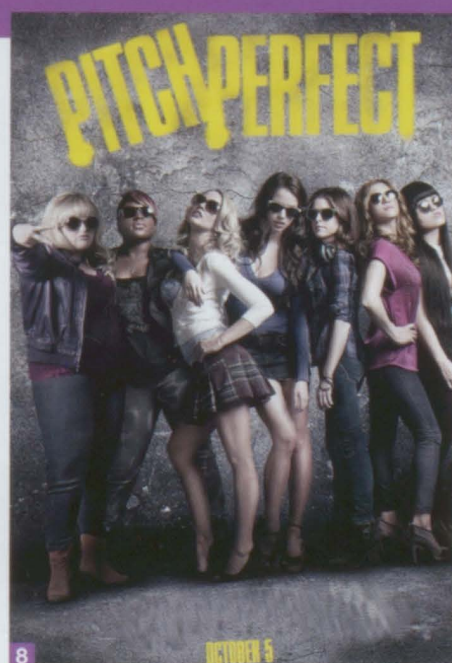
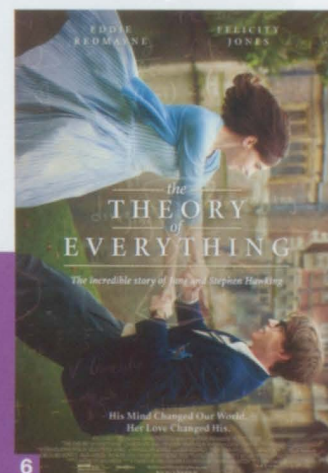
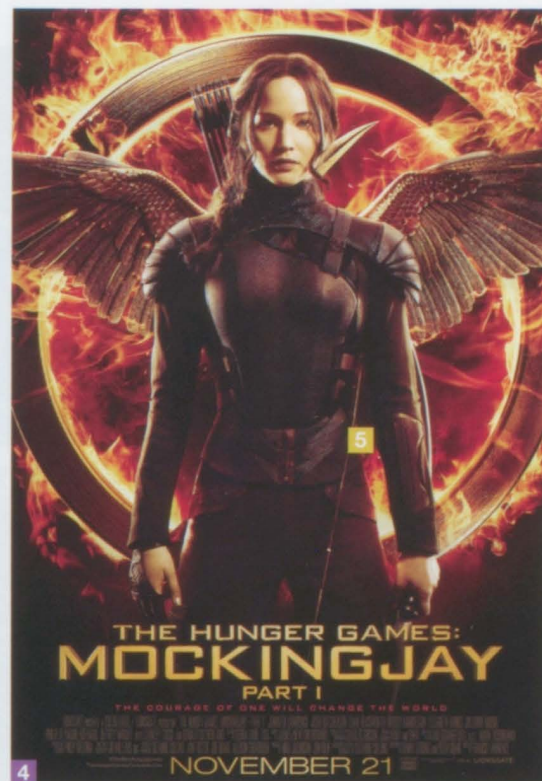
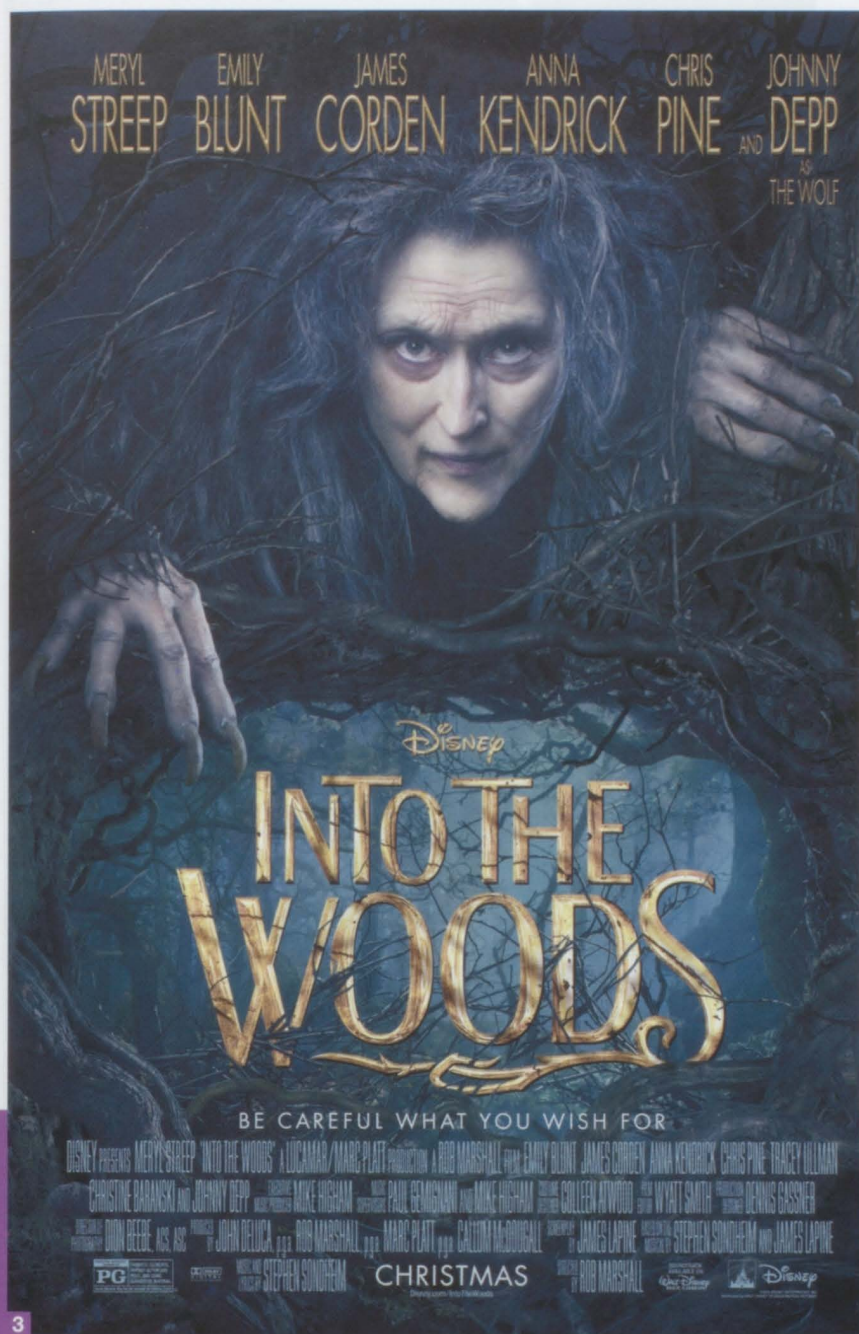
**9. THE INTERVIEW** North Korean hackers breach Sony's network to suppress this movie comedy starring Seth Rogen and James Franco as bumbling, would-be assassins of Kim Jong-un.

## 2014 HIGHEST-GROSSING MOVIES

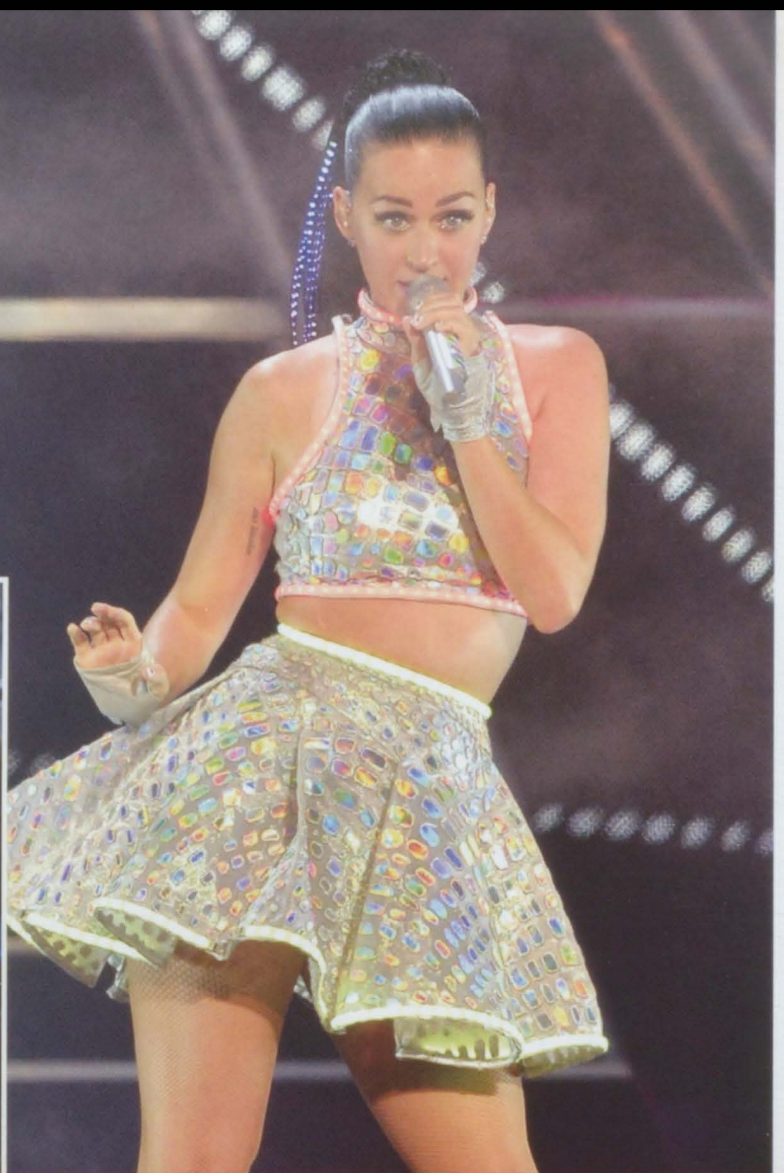
1. **TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION:** OVER \$1 BILLION
2. **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY:** \$772.7 MILLION
3. **MALEFICENT:** \$757.8 MILLION
4. **X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST:** \$748.1 MILLION
5. **THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES:** \$743.2 MILLION
6. **CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER:** \$714.1 MILLION
7. **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2:** \$709 MILLION
8. **DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES:** \$708.8 MILLION
9. **THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 1:** \$697 MILLION
10. **INTERSTELLAR:** \$660.6 MILLION

<http://www.businessinsider.com/highest-grossing-movies-2014-2014-12#1-transformers-age-of-extinction-over-1-billion-16>









# SOCIAL MEDIA



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1. **TWITTER** Katy Perry reigns as the most followed person on Twitter, with more than 60 million followers.
2. **YOUTUBE** With nearly five billion views, Rihanna has the most-viewed YouTube channel of any pop star.
3. **VINE** Despite making numerous controversial statements in his videos, Nash Grier, age 17, is the most popular user on the sharing service.
4. **FACEBOOK** With 103,008,884 likes, Portuguese soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo is almost as popular as Shakira, who leads with 105,962,307.
5. **INSTAGRAM** After the social networking service deleted fake accounts from their site, Kim Kardashian emerged as Instagram's most-followed person.
6. **SPOTIFY** According to the streaming music service, Pharrell Williams' "Happy" was the most-streamed song in the world.
7. **SELFIE** At public appearances and red carpet events, fans clamor to appear in smartphone photos with their favorite celebrities.
8. **NETFLIX** By offering full seasons of popular TV shows, as well as exclusive original programming, the on-demand streaming service surges in popularity.

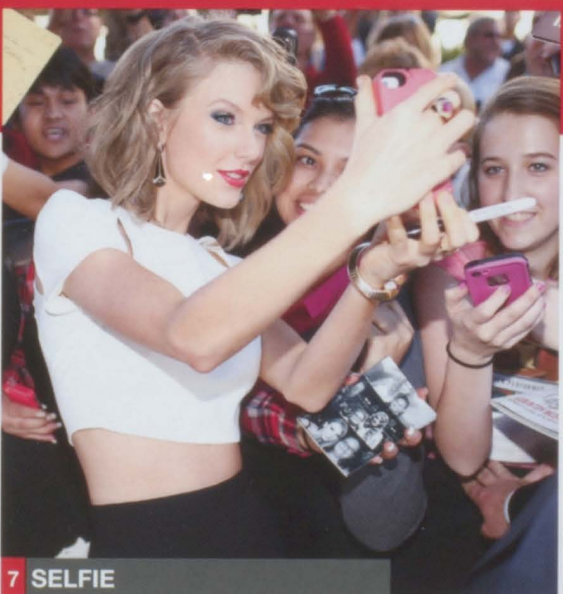
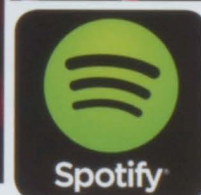
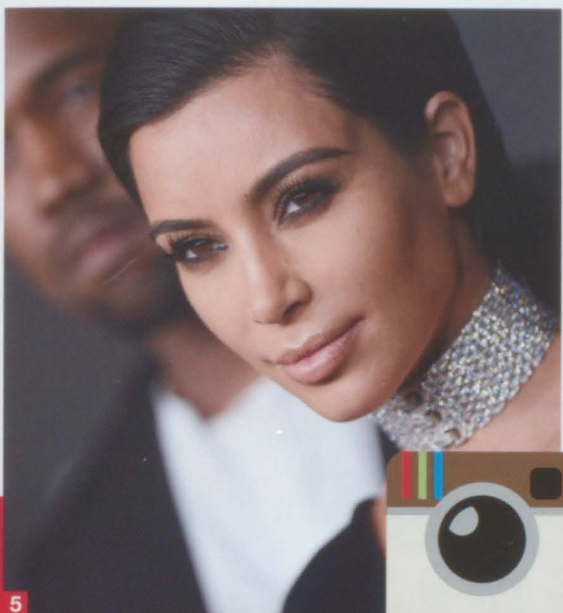
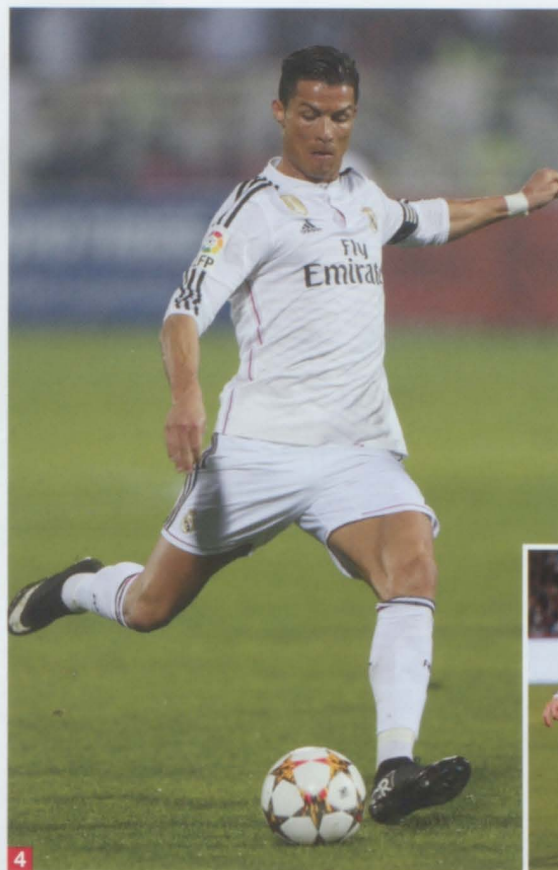
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## TOP 10 YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Here are the most popular videos as compiled by CNN.com.

1. "MUTANT GIANT SPIDER DOG"
2. NIKE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) AD
3. "FIRST KISS"
4. NUN CONTESTANT ON *THE VOICE OF ITALY*
5. "IPHONE 6 PLUS BEND TEST"
6. HIP-HOP KIDS ON *BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT*
7. BUDWEISER "PUPPY LOVE" AD
8. "DEVIL BABY ATTACK"
9. "GOKU VS. SUPERMAN"
10. "10 HOURS WALKING IN NYC AS A WOMAN"





7 SELFIE







1 ESPN

# TELEVISION



AMERICAN HORROR STORY 2

1. **ESPN** According to CNN Money, the sports network is more popular than ever, with 19 of the top 20 most-viewed programs in cable TV history.
2. **AMERICAN HORROR STORY: FREAK SHOW** The producers of the dark drama on FX set the fourth season in 1950s Florida.
3. **THE WALKING DEAD** The zombie horror series on AMC is more popular than ever in its fifth season.
4. **MELISSA & JOEY** ABC Family renews their popular series about a busy politician (Melissa Joan Hart) who hires a broke commodities trader (Joey Lawrence) to look after her niece.
5. **CHASING LIFE** Italia Ricci stars as April Carver, a 24-year-old journalist with leukemia in the drama series on the ABC Family network.
6. **THE VOICE** Adam Levine, Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani and Pharrell Williams coach aspiring pop stars in Season 7.
7. **THE FOSTERS** The drama series on the ABC Family network, attracts a sizeable audience and numerous awards.
8. **STAR WARS REBELS** Aboard a freighter starship, insurgents stage a rebellion against the Galactic Empire in the animated series.
9. **PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** The ABC Family network renews the mystery drama series for a sixth and seventh season.

## 2014 INFLUENTIAL TEENS

Time Magazine announces its Most Influential Teens of 2014

- MO'NE DAVIS, 13
- SASHA OBAMA, 13, AND MALIA OBAMA, 16
- KIERNAN SHIPKA, 14
- JAZZ JENNINGS, 14
- FLYNN MCGARRY, 15
- ERIK FINMAN, 15
- NASH GRIER, 16
- RICO RODRIGUEZ, 16
- CIARA JUDGE, 16
- ÉMER HICKEY, 17
- SOPHIE HEALY-THOW, 17





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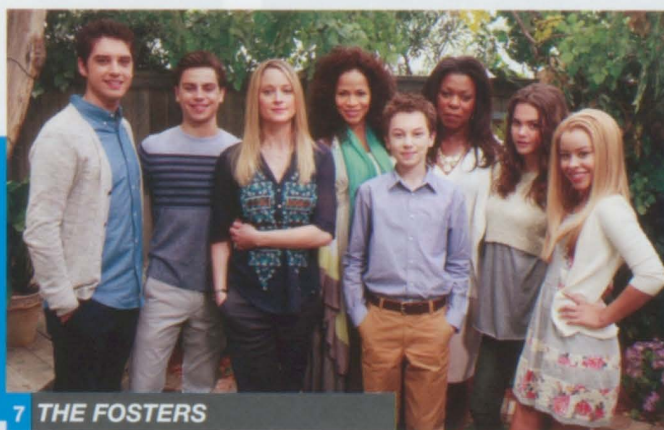
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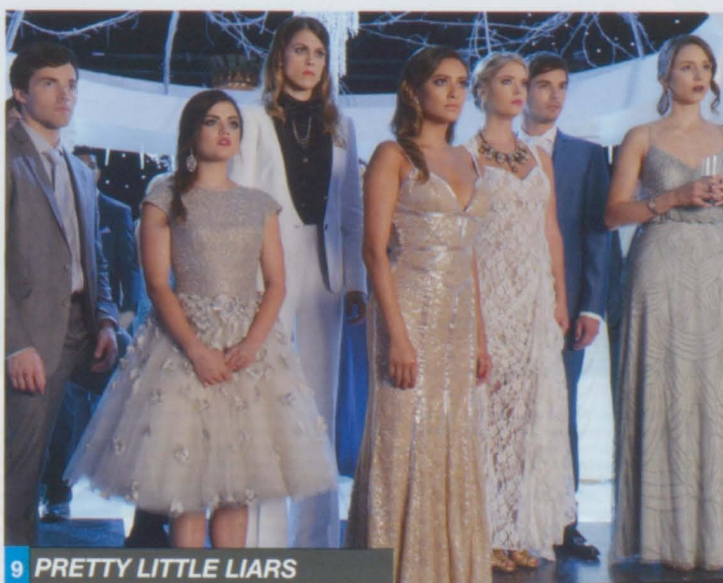
6 THE VOICE



7 THE FOSTERS



8 STAR WARS REBELS



9 PRETTY LITTLE LIARS



# 1 VANS



# 2 BEATS



# 3 NIKE



# 4 PACSUN



# 5 APPLE



# BRANDS



- 1. VANS** Endorsements by star skateboarders reinforce the laid-back, California-casual vibe of this sneaker brand.
- 2. BEATS** High price tags are no deterrents for fans of the colorful, bass-heavy, on-ear headphones.
- 3. NIKE** The sports outfitter is the most popular clothing brand among teens and millennials.
- 4. PACSUN** Kendall & Kylie, the Kardashian/Jenner family's teen clothing line, helps this fashion retailer to attract teen shoppers.
- 5. APPLE** The maker of the iPhone® and the iPad® is the favorite tech brand in the teen market.
- 6. UNDER ARMOUR** Serious athletes (and those who want to look like them) are willing to pay premium prices for this high-performance athletic apparel brand.

## FORBES MOST VALUABLE BRANDS

1. APPLE: \$124.2 BILLION
2. MICROSOFT: \$63 BILLION
3. GOOGLE: \$56.6 BILLION
4. COCA-COLA: \$56.1 BILLION
5. IBM: \$47.9 BILLION
6. MCDONALD'S: \$39.9 BILLION
7. GENERAL ELECTRIC: \$37.1 BILLION
8. SAMSUNG: \$35 BILLION
9. TOYOTA: \$31.3 BILLION
10. LOUIS VUITTON: \$29.9 BILLION

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