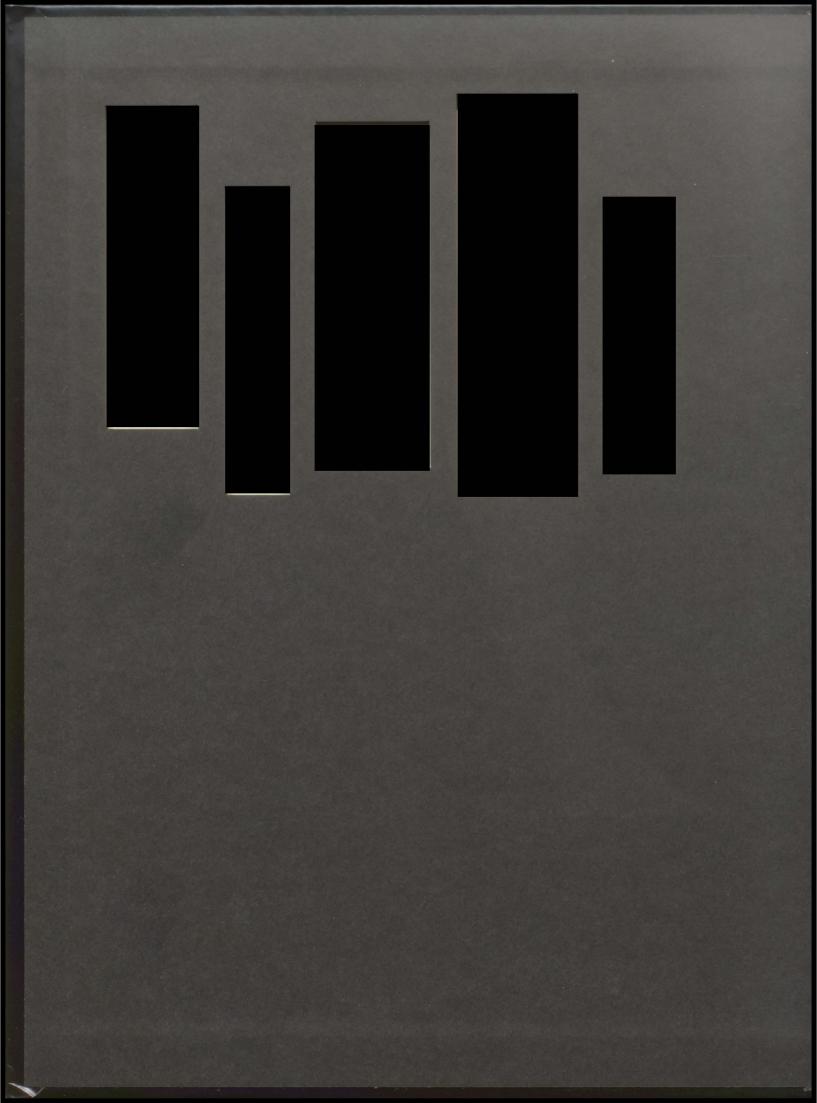
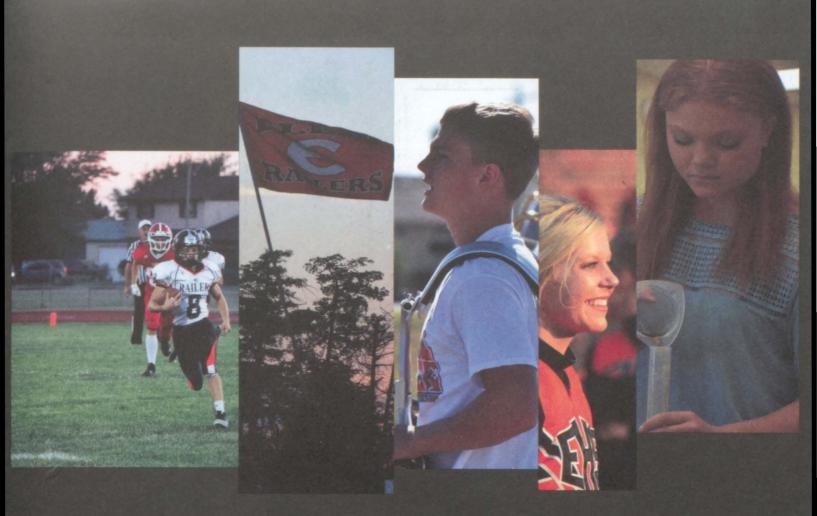


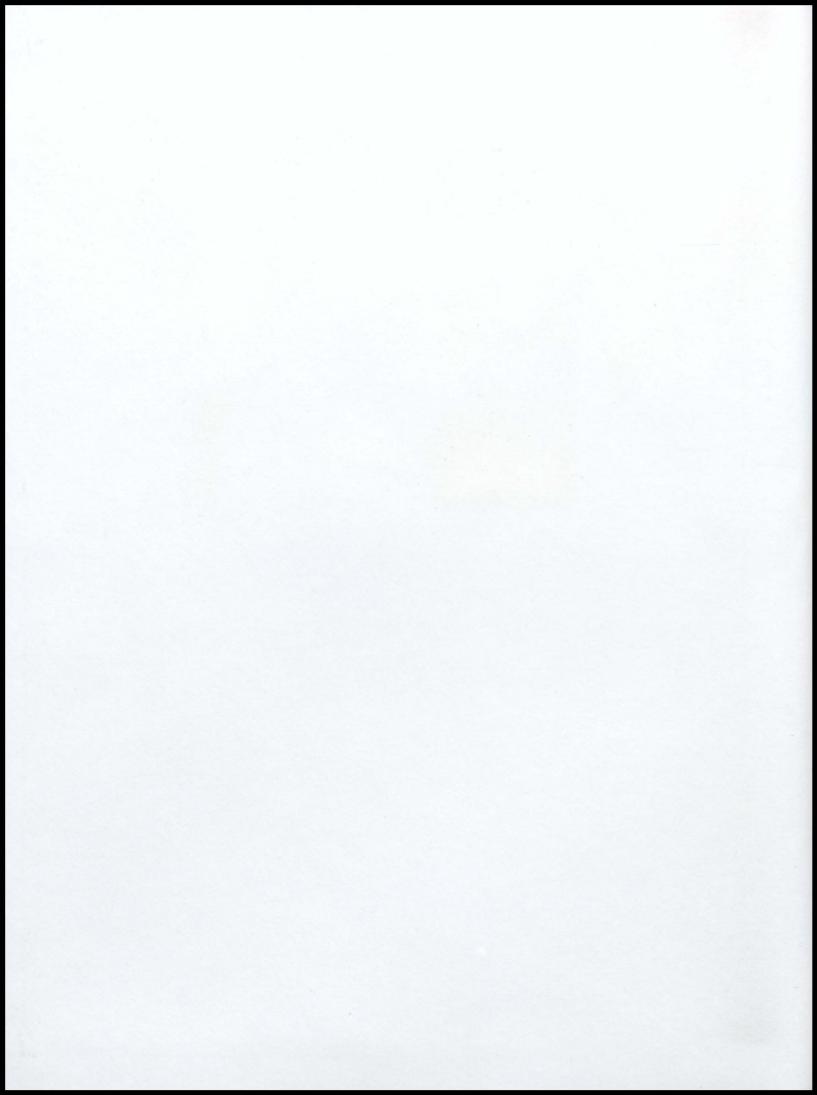
# IT COMES IN MOWES 2018





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## IT COMES IN WAVES

Every August, the new school year rolls around and students begin their classes. Freshmen are introduced to a new atmosphere. while upperclassmen move on to harder curriculums. With the new school year comes new emotions. beliefs, and goals. However, all of these COME IN WAVES. Fall sports begin and the excruciating hours put into practice, school, and other extra curricular activities begin to take a toll on the students. But still. the stress doesn't all come at once. Everything COMES IN WAVES. It's a good thing that nothing happens all at once in high school. That stressful test won't last forever, and that project you've been working on all week will be over soon enough. However, it's important to focus on the moments that will define high school. Prom is only a few hours long, and class bonding only happens once in a blue moon. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the years because it all COMES IN WAVES









## OINGTHE DISTANCE The team looks for ways to extend their personal records

After running over 200 miles in practices and competing at eight meets, the team still found time to run off the course. Whether it was going on a group run together or venturing off on their own, each continued their own legacy.

"I did run outside of practice because I knew it would help improve not only my speed, but my overall running performance," Kaitlyn Lindberg19 said.

Out of the team of eleven, six were new: four freshmen, one junior, and one senior. Running together brought the team into unexpected friendships.

"Cross Country brought seven people together that would have never been friends, and made us all best friends. From holding hands and screaming in haunted mazes on Halloween, to running after regionals was over just so we can all stay in shape and keep in touch with each other," Peyton Brown 18 said.

Although an injury occurred at the beginning of the season for one runner, that did not stop the mindset of the others. It meant for other runners to step up and run a little harder.

"When Maggie [James21] got injured about halfway through the season, I was a little worried we would not even have a chance at state anymore. At practices, we all worked a little harder and we all PR'd at our next meet," Sierra Schmidt18 said.

Although the girls season ended shy of three points from going to state, the girls and boys overall formed an unbreakable bond throughout







## Girl Power

## Eyes on the Prize

While competing at the Ness City meet, Marissa Lindberg<sup>19</sup> passes the second mile, finishing the race in 37th place. "[My goals] for this season were pushing myself harder this year than what I usually have in past seasons. I overcame these difficulties by training harder, running over the weekend and working on ways to get faster," Lindberg said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## Beating the Course

Running in below freezing weather, Maggie James<sup>21</sup>, Kaitlyn Lindberg<sup>19</sup>, and Peyton Brown<sup>18</sup> compete at the regional meet in Tribune. The girls team was shy of going to state by three points. "Even though the weather was horrible and we had to get up super early, it was worth it. Being three points away from state wasn't too bad.' Brown said. Photo by Lauryn Becker













## Going All Out

Heading into the last 100 meters of the race, Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> finishes with a time of 27:31 at the Ness City meet. "The last part of the race can be really important. When you pace yourself throughout the beginning of the race, you can pass a lot of people if you sprint the last part to the finish line," Schmidt said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## Grab & Go

Running past the first mile-marker at the Hill City course, Logan North<sup>20</sup> takes water from McKenzy Dowis<sup>18</sup> as she cheers him on. "This team has helped support me since the beginning of the season from giving me water when I really need it at meets, to cheering me on at practices everyday," North said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt

## Hand in Hand

Before running at the Ness City meet, Austyn Jones<sup>21</sup>, Peyton Brown<sup>18</sup>, Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup>, McKenzy Dowis<sup>18</sup>, and Maggie James<sup>21</sup> hold hands at the starting line."I was blessed to be on this team of amazing girls. We pushed each other to do our best and worked well as a team. The seniors made my first year of running unforgettable. I hope they won't forget about me when I'll be running two-a-days without them next year," James said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## Spotlight



I think the high of running cross country was being able to run with such great people. The low was not doing as well as I wish I would have at the meets. If you are not first, you're last. Shake n' Bake.

> -Reece Kroeger19 Photo by Dawson Sproul



## I. Final Strides

Sprinting through the finish line, Matthew Bieker 21 takes 35th place

at the Wheatland meet. "At the beginning of cross country, I was not very good and I could not run the race without walking. Towards the end of the season, I didn't need to stop or even slow down. It was cool to look back and see how I have improved from the beginning to the end," Bieker said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## 2. Teamwork

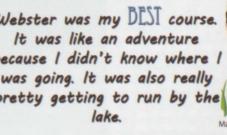
Passing through the one mile, Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> and McKenzy Dowis<sup>18</sup> run side-by-side at the Wheatland meet. Schmidt placed 27th and Dowis placed 23td. "It helps running with someone else because they help me set my own pace. If they speed up, I try to keep up with them and in the end it helps me improve my time. If I am running ahead of them, I know that I am running too fast and I need to slow down or I will get too tired towards the end," Dowis said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## What Was Your DEST / WORST Meet?

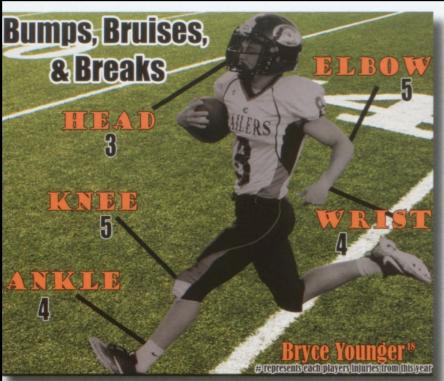
My WORST race was Hill City. It was really hot and the hills really killed me. I walked a lot but still tried my best!

Webster was my DEST course. It was like an adventure because I didn't know where was going. It was also really pretty getting to run by the











## 1. Escaping Through

Pushing past the defense, Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> makes a run for it to score

a touchdown against the Cardinals. In the end, the Railers fell short of a win with the Cardinals leading 47-14. Photo by Breonna North

### 2. One in the Same

On the sideline after a play, Coach Jake Dreiling applauds Cade Lewis<sup>19</sup> for his good ded The Railers won the game against the Sublette Larks with a final score of 41-0. "I feel it's important to know your players personally for many reasons. First of all, it can help the field. Knowing the players demeanor and approach makes it easier to know what can asked of them on game night. I enjoy forming a relationship with the players, but I also that allows us to develop trust with each other," said Coach Dreiling. Photo by Ali Weber

## Ready, Set, Scrimmage

Preparing for the game in LaCrosse, the boys loosen up by scrimmaging against each other during practice time. Scrimmaging allows the team to warm up before the game, often running through plays that they will use during the game. "It's fun gaining experience working with all the upperclassman," Toby Woodworth<sup>21</sup> said. Photo by Ali Weber

## Touchdown

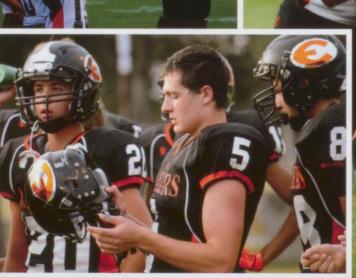
After scoring a touchdown, Zach Schiel<sup>21</sup> and Coach Jake Dreiling celebrate on the sideline. "It's exciting to watch upperclassmen play and be with them, but it's also scary to be right there as a freshman," Schiel said. Although freshman don't typically start, viewing the games from the sideline allows for a learning experience. Photo by Ali Weber

## Time Out

As Head Coach Craig Amrein talks to the team during a time out, Joseph Eck18 holds his helmet to catch some air as he listens intently. As the game continues, the Railers push hard for a win against the Syracuse Bulldogs. "I get pumped standing on the sidelines because I'm ready to go back in," Eck said. Being on the sidelines gives the boys a different view of the game and lets them stand back and cheer their teammates on even if they might be losing. Photo by Dawson Sproul









## Sweat Makes Green Grass Grow

Take Down

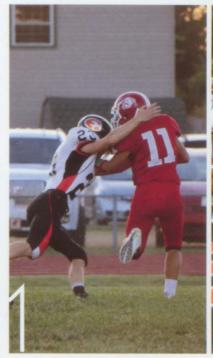
As the clock winds down to end the first quarter against Sublette, Thomas Shepard<sup>19</sup> tackles a Larks offensive competitor as he is running for the end zone. "Tackling someone gets me excited because I don't want to be the one getting tackled," Shepard said. The team held their defense strong throughout the game, and by the end of the night, the Railers took the win with a final score of 41-0. Photo by Ali Weber

One Team, One Mission

As the 2017 season begins, football continues their tradition of running through the banner before the game begins. As a team, they step onto the field, ready to play as one. The Railers kicked off their season with excitement by working together and at the end of the night, it all paid off with a win against Syracuse with a score of 18-12.

Photo by Keighlee Wilken

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## RIDE AND PASSION

Seasons end, but the memories last forever

To the Railers, football is more than just a regular sport. For seniors, Bryce Younger, Lane Kohl, Geoffrey Soneson, and Ryan Herl, football creates a special bond, not only amongst themselves, but with the whole team.

"As an upperclassmen, you start to become more in tune with everything happening on the field. You can be ahead of everybody on assignments because you know what to do and that really helps as a player on the field, but most importantly you become a leader," Herl said.

Though the football season was not the outcome the team was looking for, they still had one highlight that stuck out the most for them. For these seniors, winning their last football game against Oakley was the best part to ending the season. The final score was 34-27.

"A tough loss for me was losing against TMP because not only are they our rivals, but I also got injured and ended my season early," Kohl said.

From freshman year to their senior year, the boys kept up with their football traditions before every game. Herl and Soneson take a nap before their games, while Younger eats a peanut butter and jelly sandwich right before his warm ups begin. Although their years of high school football have come to an end, memories from throughout the years will remain.

"Sophomore year was the best because that was my first year starting and we made it to the playoffs, which was an awesome feeling to have," Younger said.

Even though the Railers didn't have the ideal season, the memories, feelings, and traditions made this season one to remember.

Spotlight



I have so much excitement during the game. I always try to run faster than everyone else on the field to help the team.

-Auntonio Jones<sup>19</sup>
Photo by Ali Weber

Guard the Yard

Working together, Talon Torline and John Groff push their way through the opposing team line. "Iim just trying to tackle and make coach happy so he doesnit yell at me" Torline said.



## Lightening the Mood

The cheerleaders host the

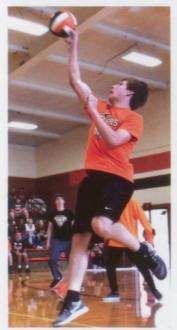
## annual homecoming borfine

Every year the cheer squad hosts the homecoming bonfire on the Thursday of homecoming week. This year, the squad performed a new band dance. The new dance was made up to the song "Land of a Thousand Dances." The squad learned it at the cheer camp they attended during the summer.

"'Land of a Thousand
Dances' is a dance that
really gets the crowd
involved and it's fun to
perform when everyone is
included." Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup>
said. Within the cheer
squad. there are eight
seniors. This would be their
last bonfire of high school.
"I was sad that the bonfire
was a little weaker this year,
but I'm glad I got to spend
my last one with my class."
Bittel said.

Photo by Ali Weber





## Hit the Ball

Attempting to return a serve, Logan Shaw<sup>19</sup> tries to spike the ball during the juniors vs. faculty match. "Our class doesn't have good team chemistry, so it's hard for us to play against the teachers," Shaw said. The faculty came out on top, getting the win, and also won two more games. Photo by Sierra Schmidt



## All for One

Celebrating a touchdown during the powderpuff football game, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> and Ali Weber<sup>18</sup> side bump. "I played center for majority of the game, but towards the end, I got moved to wide receiver and ended up scoring two times, one of which was the winning touchdown during the championship game. Shout out to Natalie for the good pass," Weber said.



## Spray Away

Following the bonfire on Thursday night, the students went to Memorial Park to further the celebration and get pumped for the game to follow on Friday evening. Geoffrey Soneson<sup>18</sup> and Junior Hernandez<sup>18</sup> haul Auntonio Jones<sup>19</sup> toward the hose to get sprayed. Photo by Ali Weber



## **Racking Up Points**

During class games, Mason Swenson<sup>20</sup> attempts to rack up some points for his class by shooting a free throw then once made, passes the ball on. On the morning before the homecoming football game, all of the classes get together to participate in the class games planned out by the Student Council. "We got 3rd place this year, so hopefully next year we can get more points and win it all," Swenson said. Photo by Breonna North

Natalie Schoenberger

## 1RST NAME GR8EST

Senior girls go back to back to back in powderput

Three years ago, a group of 14-15 year olds, the class of 2018 girls, prepared to play their first game of powderpuff football. The girls were on the field, getting advice from the freshmen football boys, attempting to win the game in a battle against the upperclassmen. Through blood, sweat, and tears, the freshmen girls came out on top, beating all the upperclassmen. This is where it all began.

Fast forward to the present: it is time for powderpuff football again, and the same class is now seniors. They prepared for their final appearance on the field. They have a lot to uphold after winning the past three times, but they were not worried; they were ready.

"Going into the powderpuff game, I felt very confident that we were going to dominate all the teams we were going to play. I just knew we were going to win," Taylor Honas 18 said.

They would first take on the juniors, who teamed up with some freshmen. The seniors came out and scored a touchdown right off of the bat. The juniors, though, came back to score against the seniors, but it was not enough to beat the seniors, who ended up winning 14-7.

"Once we won our first game, I knew we were unstoppable. There was no way we weren't going to win it all this year," Jaylinn Pfeifer<sup>18</sup> said.

The next game for the seniors was against the freshmen, plus a couple of added juniors and sophomores. The seniors went into the game pumped and prepared to come out as the top team. This was their last chance to leave their legacy at EHS, and they did just that. They came out and beat the other team 14-0, becoming four-time champions in powderpuff football. The girls hooped and hollered, shoulder bumped and belly bumped, and were all around excited.

"To experience being back-to-back-to-back-to-back champions is an honor because not very many classes get to experience it," Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> said.

The senior girls of 2018 will go down in history forever, and will never forget their powderpuff experience.









## 1. Pump it Up

Trying to get the crowd involved at the bonfire, Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> claps along to the fight song. "Bonfire is my favorite event during homecoming week, and it was bittersweet knowing that it was my last one as a cheerleader. I loved showing off all of our dances and involving the crowd," Frickey said. This year's bonfire was hard to light because of all the rain received earlier in the week. Photo by Dawson Sproul

### 2. For the Kids

During homecoming week, all of the senior fall athletes traveled to St. Mary's Elementary School to eat lunch with the students at the school. Following the meal, the seniors sat down to autograph papers for all of the kids. "I think going to St. Mary's to eat with the kids was important because it showed them that high school sports are fun, they learned a lot from the seniors, and enjoyed being around the older kids," Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup> said.

Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## 3. Sign Here

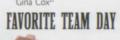
While at the annual Jersey Auction, the players for every fall sport sit down to autograph a picture for children attending the event. "I think the Auction is an important event because it provides money to the Booster Club and gives recognition to the fall athletes," Sierra Pfannenstiel<sup>18</sup> said. Clara Crawford<sup>2</sup>

Photo by Breonna North

## 4. Volleyball

During the match of the sophomore boys against the faculty, a group of sophomore girls cheer their classmates on. The boys did not end up winning the game. This tradition usually ends with the faculty beating every class, but the seniors came out with the a victory over the faculty this year. Photo by Breonna North







Jaryn Wildeman

COUNTRY VS. COUNTRY CLUB





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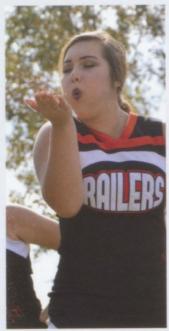
## **Holding You Tight**

Swinging to the music, Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> and Camryn Frickey<sup>21</sup> dance to "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond during the homecoming pep rally. 'Sweet Caroline is always a super-fun dance to do because you can see the crowd get into it and sing just as much as we do," Schmidt said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



## **Drummer Boy**

Keeping the beat, Michael Pritchett<sup>21</sup> puts the practice hours spent marching to use during the homecoming parade. Pritchett has been in junior high band and has joined the high school's drum line this year. "I like playing the music and watching fans sing along. The hardest part is having everybody stay in step and maintaining a solid beat for the band to follow," Pritchett said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



## Fist Full of Glitter

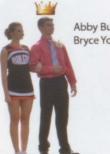
Surprising the audience, Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> blows a hidden stash of glitter during the "Dominate" band dance at the pep rally. "Personally, I like glitter because it adds pizzazz. It was a tradition we started my junior year. Every little detail makes homecoming that much more fun," Reiter said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



## Head of the Show

Saddling up, Jaylinn Pfeifer<sup>18</sup> leads the homecoming parade on her horse, Sis. This was Pfeifer's first time bearing the flag at the front of the parade. "I was really happy because I got to carry the American flag. It meant a lot to me getting to represent the colors and flag for the country that I am so proud to live in. It was truly an honor to say the least," Pfeifer said. Photo by Ali Weber

2017 Homecoming Court



Abby Burton Bryce Younger

> Haley Reiter Drew Keller



Kyrsten Frickey Joseph Eck











## I. Group Effort

In the heat of the moment, Rylee Werth<sup>20</sup> joins fellow classmates and friends to make the most out of the homecoming dance. The girls let loose and showcased their moves during the song "Shut Up and Dance" by Walk the Moon. "I absolutely love getting everybody on their feet and involved with dances. My favorite part is being able to show my personality at these events," Werth said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## 2. Hand in Hand

Zoning out distractions on the dance floor, Clara Crawford<sup>20</sup> and Sierra Pfannenstiel<sup>18</sup> two-step together. "The best songs at dances are those where I can grab a partner and let loose. Clara was the perfect person to dance with at homecoming." Pfannenstiel said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

### 3. Mother-Son Bonding

Like "Lady and the Tramp," Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup> nibbles one side of a fruit roll-up without knowing who was waiting at the other side. It is tradition that the cheerleaders surprise the senior football players at the pep rally with an activity that involves their mother. In the end, it's the mother-son pairs competing against each other. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## 4. Force Fed

Sucking vanilla pudding through a pair of panty hose, Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> receives help from Kinley Kuppetz18 so the pair can quickly finish the activity. At each pep rally, the cheerleaders host games that set up people of each class to compete against each other. "It was difficult to shove the pudding through the holes in the panty hose so that he could eat it. Eventually we got the hang of it and won though, so it turned out great," Kuppetz said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken





## On Top of the World

Homecoming court greets the public during the parade

Waving to the crowd and throwing candy to satisfy the young children, Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> and Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> serve their duties as nominees. The two were just one of the four pairs of royalty elected by the student body. "Seeing the community all gather to celebrate homecoming and the children's faces when they saw us in the parade was heartwarming. The downside was having to miss out on becoming the 'back-to-back-to-back' powderpuff champions with my class because of a hair appointment," Burton said. Candidates get special privileges like riding in the parade, getting recognized at the pep rally, and

facing the crowd during crowning at the football game. "The experience itself was the greatest thing about it all. Becoming a candidate after watching since my childhood was a blessing," Younger said. Photo by Ali Weber

## AIN ON MY PARADE

Inclement weather requires a slight change of events

A week of memorable activities and high spirits took an unexpected turn as storms rolled in Friday afternoon. A majority of the homecoming events went as planned, including spirit days, class games, powderpuff sports, the pep rally, and the parade. However, for the first time,

the homecoming game was cancelled in the 1st quarter due to lightning. This is the second time weather has lead to events being cancelled during homecoming. In 2014, the bonfire was called off due to rain showers.

"It was incredibly rough. All we wanted to do was play even if we might have lost. It was a chance for us to show people our love and passion for the game even when extreme conditions came into play. Ultimately, waiting in the locker room for over an hour began to wear us down. We knew we would be taking high risks by going out onto the field injury wise so the decision to call off the game was very smart to say the least," senior football captain, Ryan Herl said.

During a typical homecoming week, it is tradition that crowning takes place prior to the game, but because of the lightning, royalty was crowned during a 30-minute delay during the game in the gym. With four candidates this year because of a tie, the race was more difficult to win. The queen candidates were Abby Burton, Blakely Bittel, Kyrsten Frickey, and Haley Reiter. The king candidates were Bryce Younger, Drew Keller, Joseph Eck, and Geoffrey Soneson. In the end, Reiter and Younger claimed their titles as King and Queen.

"Moving the crowning ceremony was a little bit of an inconvenience because I was required to be dressed up in the stands while playing pep band. Overall, though, it was a great time and I'm beyond grateful that I was nominated for Homecoming candidacy. I can't thank the USD 388 staff enough for holding this event once again," Keller said.

Weather didn't stop the students from having a homecoming for the books. The activity-filled week ended with the dance on Friday night. It started earlier this year due to the cancellation of the game. Like last year, the dance followed the football game rather than taking place the day after.

## LAYING AS

Senions lead the team to new heights

Entering a new season of volleyball, the nine seniors stepped onto the court, ready to face new challenges. They were determined to prove themselves as a stronger team to their hometown, as well as themselves. The team was ready to make this season better than the last.

"I think the season had ups and downs. We improved overall as volleyball players, knowing more about the sport and ourselves," Head Coach Jennifer Hansen said.

On a team with several seniors, most of the freshmen were nervous to step on to the court for their first season of high school volleyball. The seniors made them feel welcomed on the team and eventually, they became a family.

"It was great working with the seniors because they pushed me to make myself better," freshman, Kaelyn Rohr said.

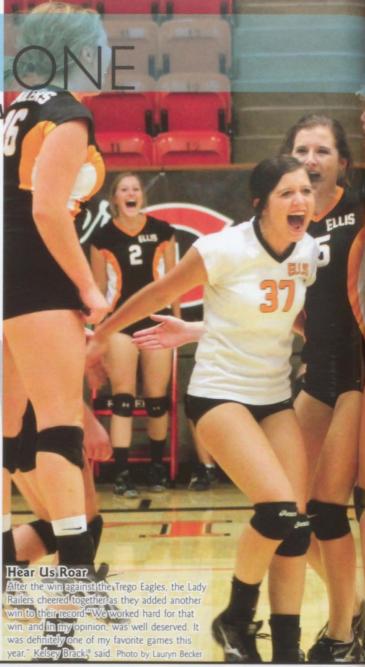
The team struggled, but they had many highlights, such as winning against rivals Trego, cheering one another on, and laughing with each other when one made a mistake. But the most memorable highlight from the season, was reaching the top half of the home invitational bracket, where they took fourth place.

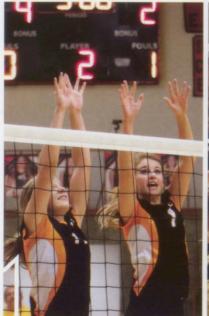
"We were really pumped to play in front of our crowd. We went into our tournament pumped and ready to go," senior, Abby Burton said.

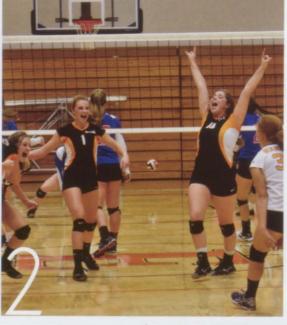
Unfortunately, the team lost one of their senior leaders, Kaylyn Foster, to an ankle injury, in the middle of the season.

"It was painful to watch the team play while being injured. I wanted nothing more than to be competing with the girls," Foster said.

The main goal this season was to never quit. The seniors set an example that in the roughest of times to never quit. From the leadership of the upperclassmen, to the drive from the underclassmen, they realized as a team they could be stopped, but playing as one made them unstoppable.







## Practice Makes Perfect

Dynamic Duo

Working together, Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup> and Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> form a barrier against the Palco Roosters. For the team, learning to block was a skill practiced often. One of the team's goals this season was to achieve good blocks. In doing so, the team worked on their verticals, as well as using the words "Ready, Ready, Up!" when two players went up for a double block. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## Hustle, Hit, Never Quit

Celebrating an unreturned serve, the varsity stomps to their ace cheer during the Lady Railer Invitational. The team went far in the tournament, taking fourth place. Throughout the season, good serves were another skill to be achieved. The team practiced their serves with drills such as pressure serving. Photo by Lauryn Becker

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## In This Together

After the varsity win against Trego, the team celebrated by giving high-fives to the high school boys. The girls went on that night to win one game out of two. "I was really excited when I saw a lot of the guys there to cheer us on at home. It boosted our confidence and excitement up a lot," Taylor Honas<sup>18</sup> said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## Ready to Go

As the varsity prepares for a new match, front row players Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup>, Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup>, and Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> form a wall blocking Trego from seeing beyond the net. "We form a wall in front of the net to try and block the view of the other teams back row, hopefully resulting in an ace." Waldschmidt said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



In the match for fourth place against the Plainville Cardinals during the Railer tournament, Samantha Crawford is rises above two Plainville blockers, attempting to tip the ball. "We'd played Plainville earlier in the season, losing to them each time. For me, I wanted to end that streak. The team and I had played three games to get out of pool play. Our determination to prove our town's opinion of us wrong drove us to those wins that day," Crawford said. Photo by Lauryn Becker

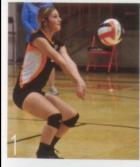
## Spotlight



My position was playing the back row as a setter. This year was special because of the people I played with on the team. I felt that as a team, we bonded more and became more of a family. I couldn't of asked for better teammates. "

Aiden Johnson<sup>18</sup>
 Photo by Lauryn Becker





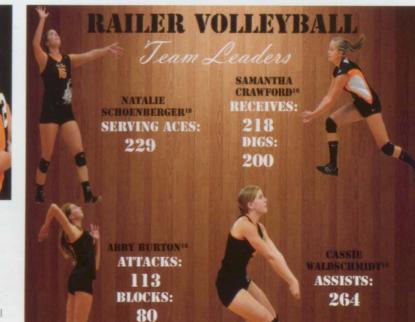
## I. Determined

Focusing on the ball, Rylee Werth<sup>20</sup> works to bump the

volleyball up to the setter. Werth was one of the only sophomores to play on varsity. "It was a little intimidating playing with the seniors, but they were so encouraging, it was most of the time more fun than stressful," Werth said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## 2. Strong Support System

Uniting before the game against Larned, the junior varsity starters pump each other up in a group huddle. The JV went on to beat the Indians, and continued to work hard together as a team throughout the day. Overall, the team won two games at the Hoisington tournament. "I had really good games that day. The team was working well together and we had a really good outcome," Abigail North<sup>21</sup> said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



## Waiting for Love

## three-port love atory

Opening the play, Drew Keller<sup>18</sup> and Trinity Bollig<sup>20</sup> start on a bench watching the Northern Lights. As Bollig tries to move closer to him, Keller pushes her away by talking about how they are as far apart as they could be. He used a snowball as an example of the world saying the only way for them to be close, would be to walk around the world. Before intermission, the lights rise to Keller sitting on the bench alone, waiting for Bollig to come back out. After so long, Keller falls asleep. To close the play, Bollig comes back out on the other side of the stage, to symbolize that she "walked around the world" for him. The lights drop while the two sit cuddled on the bench. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey





## Hair-Do

Before the show, Maggie James<sup>21</sup> helps Trinity Bollig<sup>20</sup> with her hair. James and Peyton Brown<sup>18</sup> helped with hair both nights of the play and Kinley Kuppetz<sup>18</sup> did makeup. "I got to be around the cast and my friends while using my skills to help out with the play," James said. Photo by Shelby Werth



## A Sculpted Look

Getting ready together before the play, Caitlin Fischer<sup>21</sup> helps Michaela Keller<sup>21</sup> with the contour part of her makeup. "There was a bunch of people everywhere running around trying to get ready for the play, and I thought it was fun because I wasn't the only one in a hurry for once. I got ready with Caitlin most of the time and we sang songs from musicals," Keller said. Photo by Shelby Werth



## Spit Take

When Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> finds out that his ex-girlfriend, Tara Woodworth<sup>19</sup>, is getting married, he spits in shock. "We never practiced the spit take prior to show time. Before the school performance, Peyton [Brown<sup>16</sup>] and Sierra [Schmidt<sup>16</sup>] suggested it, and so we tried it," Sproul said. Photo by Ali Weber



## Revenge

As Sierra Pfannenstiel<sup>18</sup>, who played Shelly, plots her revenge on a man who told her friend she smelled bad on their first date, Addie Shepard<sup>20</sup>, who played Deena, yanks her back into her seat before she leaves. "I would say that Sierra's character was a very good friend in the play because there's not many people who would go trash a guys truck for their friends," Shepard said.



Imost, Maine

A series of love stories all taking place on the same night

Each story of the fall play takes place in a different stage of a relationship, all happening on the same night. It goes from a new, kindling relationship to a love that is losing its spark. The play took place in Almost, Maine, a small town that had an interesting story to go with it.

"The importance of the play, if you watched the first scene, was that my character couldn't find the town she was in on her map. To be a town, you have to get organized, and they never did, so it was just Almost," Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> said.

In the past, the set on the play has been more intricate and filled up most of the stage, with lots of props and set decorations. This year, the crew took a more simple approach with the set. The lights took on a bigger role this year, setting the mood for each story. The lights crew created blue and green Northern Lights, bright laundromat lighting, and deep, purple restaurant lighting.

"The lights set the mood in scenes because the colors really matched the moods. You could tell which ones were sad, happy, and angry. Mrs. Dawson kept saying 'without the light, there would be no show', so I guess it was a big part," Raeven Milbourne<sup>20</sup> said.

Since the play took place in the middle of winter, some characters were seen in big, heavy coats, and lots of layers under them. In one scene, the tables turned when two actors, who started as friends, stripped down to just their bottom layers.

"I think the crowd really enjoyed the part where Aiden [Johnson<sup>18</sup>] and I undressed down to just our underclothes. It was hard to keep a straight face with all of the laughter coming towards you. I think they got a kick out of it because it was a very unexpected part of the play. I really had a great time up there during that part," Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup> said.

Overall, the play was a successful production. The cast and crew received many compliments because of how funny it was. Due to many surprising scenes, the audience was constantly on the edge of their seats.



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## I. Another Round?

Trying to keep a conversation going with Tara Woodworth<sup>19</sup>, Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> prevents her from going back to her friends while Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> interrupts to ask if they need any drinks. "My favorite part of the scene I was in was probably acting with two people I haven't before because all of us together made the scene perfect," Woodworth said. Photo by Ali Weber

### 2. Hit Me

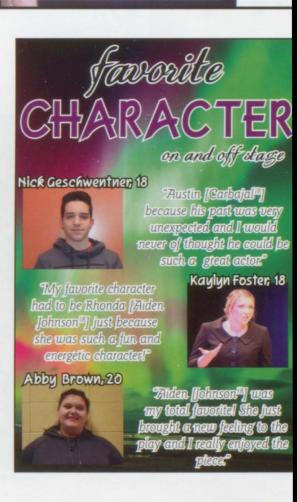
While Sam Pyle<sup>21</sup> talks about how everyone leaves him, Lyndsy Hinman<sup>21</sup> takes his notebook and slaps him on the back of the head with it. "It was very difficult to hit Sam and we struggled with it for a long time. But on the final night it was pretty easy for me because I just thought of all the hard work we'd put in and I wanted it to be as real as possible," Hinman said. Photo by Ali Weber

## 3. Make a Wish

After ice skating together on their anniversary date, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> makes a wish on a shooting star as Thomas Shepard<sup>19</sup> looks for a normal star to make a wish on. "The wish part of our scene was supposed to resolve the fight we were having, but in the end it just made things worse between us than when they started," Schoenberger said.

## 4. A Little Hint

While Aiden Johnson<sup>18</sup> struggles to figure out what Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup> painted her, Fischer decided to give her a hint by landing a kiss on her cheek. "For me, the part with the first kiss was real because before the play I had never kissed anyone, so connecting with the character was easier because of it, giving it a much more real feeling in the actual play," Johnson said. Photo by Ali Weber







## Educate and Inspire







## I. Shake It

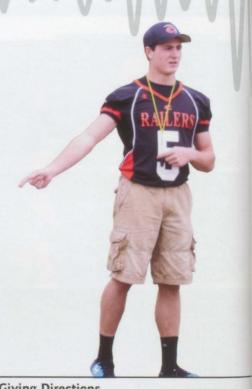
Getting ready to start the day, FCCLA members Clara Crawford<sup>20</sup>, and Chaselynn Jimmenez<sup>21</sup> start their day of FLC by dancing to "I love me" by Meghan Trainor. Crowd participation gets everybody awake and excited for the rest of their day. Photo by Sierra Schmidt

## 2. Follow the Leader

Mimicking the dance moves, Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup> and Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> move and sing to the music. "My favorite part of FLC was getting to see old friends from National Cluster." Waldschmidt said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt

## 3. Listen Up

Instructing fellow members at the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference, Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> tells about the warning signs of domestic violence. "It's important to spread awareness because it happens everyday to people we are close to," Bittel said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt



## **Giving Directions**

As a referee for powderpuff football, Joseph Eck18, Stuco president, is in charge of calling the plays and keeping the gam moving forward. "It was pretty hectic out on the field with all the girls playing and how little time each class got." Eck said. Photo by Breonna North

## ffa



Ready, Set, Aim!

After selecting his target, Coby Fischer<sup>20</sup>, gets ready to fire the ball. This is the first year that FFA has hosted district dodgeball. Many chapters from around the area competed in the dodgeball game. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



President Lane Kohl<sup>18</sup>



Vice President Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup>



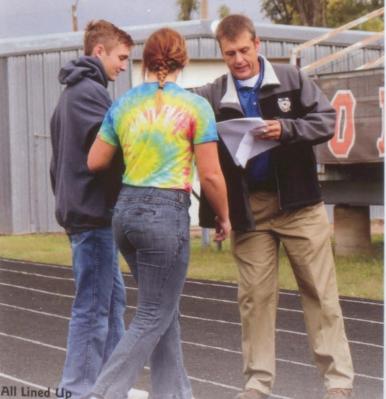
Grillin' Like a Pro

Preparing the hamburgers for homecoming lunch, Mrs. Bowen and her FFA students fire up the grills and get to cooking. Every year on the Friday of homecoming the high school has a cook out. Photo by Keighlee Wilken



## Getting a Grip

As the whistle blows to start the game, FFA member, Keaton Keller<sup>20</sup>, scrambles to the line of dodgeballs, ready to start the game. The dodgeball tournament was held on September 16th in the Ellis High School gym. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



## Directing where to walk for homecoming royalty crowning. Stuco sponsor, Mr. Kohl, guides candidates Drew Keller<sup>18</sup> and Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> to the right spot on the track for the following night. Stuco is in charge of all homecoming activities and keeping track of all homecoming events. "My favorite thing about being a part of the homecoming court was being in the parade because all of the little girls look at you like you are a real life princess," queen candidate Reiter said. Photo by Ali Weber

## **BONDING TIME**

High achool atudents take time out of their day to set an example for grade school Pals

## Talon Torline 19



"It was fun to spend the afternoon with my Pal because we got to try and make a lot of different kinds of crafts."

Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

"It's always fun to go on Thursday mornings and play games and see my Pal. Pals helps the younger students get involved with the older kids and have the chance to be part of something fun."



Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## Breonna North<sup>20</sup>



"I love the experience of getting to bond with my Pal, and being a good role model so that I can influence her to be great role model as well."

Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



## ournalism



## **Dual Effort**

During a lunch break from the conference in Topeka, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> and Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup> share a milkshake at Steak 'n Shake. With so few people on staff, the journalism students were able to form friendships and bonds with each other. "We are a family. Most don't realize how much time we spend together making the book," Werth said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



"Getting new cameras was super-exciting because we really needed new ones." -Ali Weber<sup>18</sup> Photo by Sheri Dowis



"It was fun picking out colors and designing the yearbook cover." -Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> Photo by Lauryn Becker



## Eclipse of the Heart

Observing the first full solar eclipse since 1979, Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup>, Ali Weber<sup>18</sup>, and Keighlee Wilken<sup>19</sup> take a break from the August workshop. "It's not like an eclipse happens everyday, so we grabbed our glasses and went outside to take a peek. It was a really cool experience with the staff," Wilken said. Photo by Sheri Dowis



## **Equal Representation**

Visiting the famous Equality
House, the journalism staff
ventures around Topeka to
sightsee during the KSPA
Fall Conference. Usually, Fall
Conference is at FHSU, but to
celebrate the 25th anniversary of
the Kansas Student Publications
Act. KSPA hosted one large
conference for all schools to
attend in Topeka.
Photo by Sheri Dowis

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Students reflect on the significance of service and what it means to give back

Kaden Anmbruster 19 & Lauryn Becker 20



"I participate in service to do my part as a productive citizen of society. Since most my age wouldn't go out and do good in the community, this day is a great idea." -Kaden Armbruster

Photo by Shelby Werth

"My favorite part about Community Service Day is helping people throughout our community. It shows me that it's always important to help out and that hard work pays off."





Photo by Shelby Werth

Chaselyn Jimenez<sup>21</sup>

Photo by Sierra Schmid

"Community Service Day is such a great idea and fun to participate in. Even though my pants got ruined from paint stains, it's nice to help out and take pride in how our community looks."

## At a Constant Velocity

With a little help from Mr. Mick, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> takes a ride on the Physics class' very own hovercraft. Photo by Ali Weber



Art Illustrations



## I. Colorful Canvas

Creating a feminine portrait,
Morgan Bittel<sup>21</sup> assures that her
paint reaches the canvas with
ease. "While studying Favism, we
decided to paint portraits that show
the art form," Bittel said.
Photo by Dawson Sproul

## 2. White Space

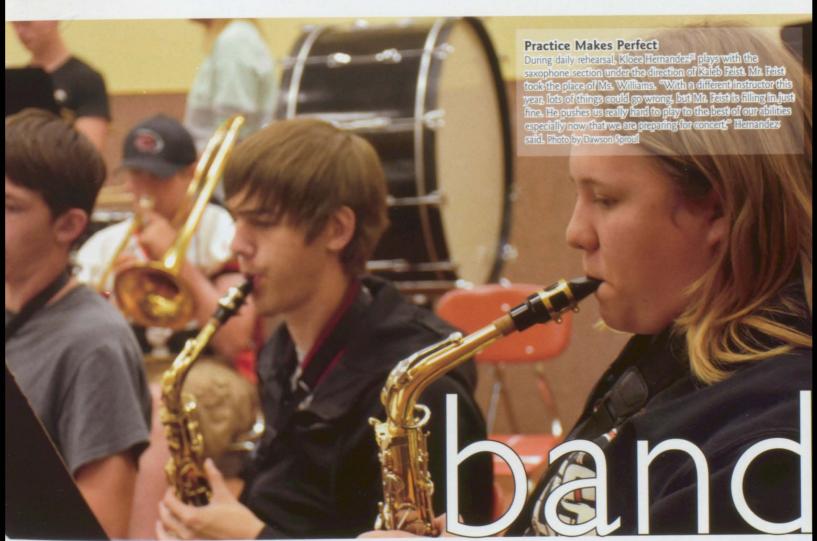
Perfecting her strokes, Peyton Brown<sup>18</sup> works on a Fall Play project during her independent study. "I'm making a parody of 'Starry Night' and turning it into day. It's fun because I am able to do my own project on my own schedule," Brown said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

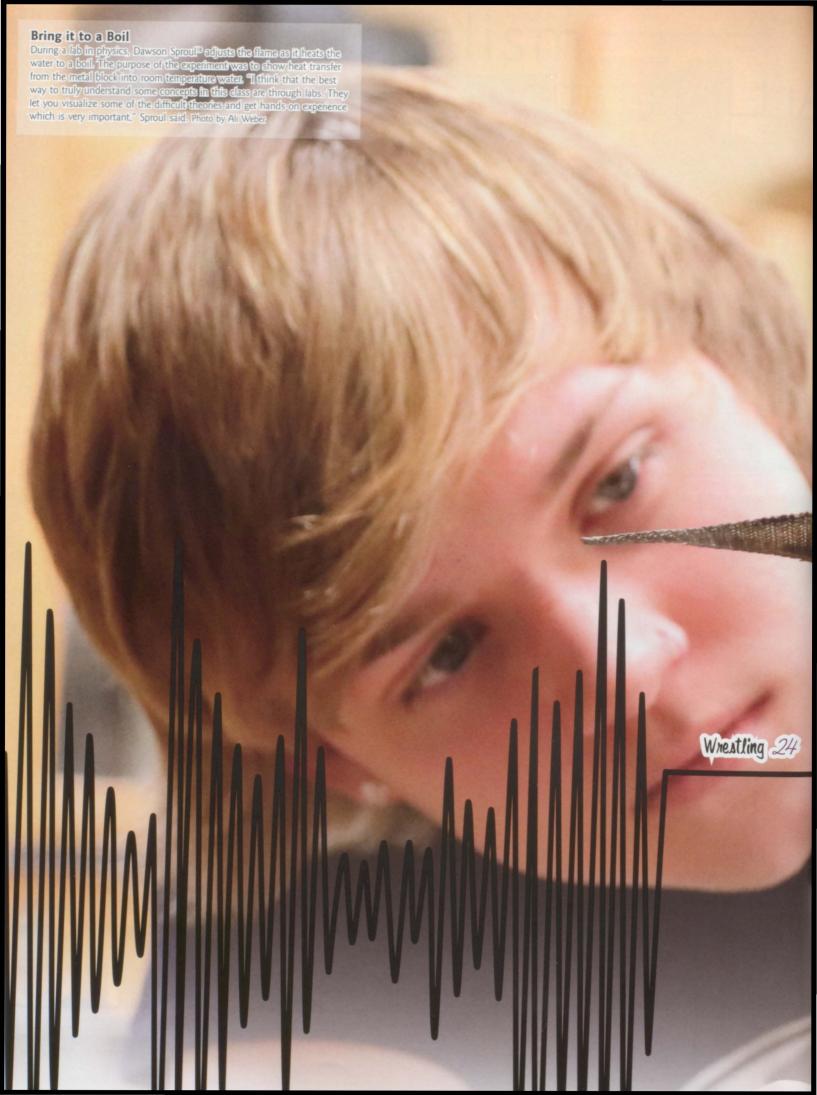
## 3. Figurine Fun

Soaking up some sun, Kinley Kuppetz<sup>18</sup> spends the day outside as she works on her project. "My Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy figures were fun to make, but they took a long time to finish. It paid off in the end though," Kuppetz said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken



Bulking up, Taton Busbyl<sup>18</sup> works on sculpting his deltoid muscles with dumbbell bench presses. Busby has been taking General Physical Development (GPD) as an elective every year. "GPD is one of my favorites throughout the day. I enjoy it so much that I keep taking it each year because it keeps me active and in shape. Everyone should be a part of this amazing class with Bruce (Brandon Armbruster)," Busby said. Photo by Dawson Sproul





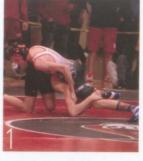


## PIN TO WIN RAILER TOP RECORDS

KONNOR PFEIFER 30 WINS-15 LOSSES



**BRYCE YOUNGER** 35 WINS - 6 LOSSES



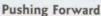
## 1. Fighting Back

After earning his first trip to state, Sam Pyle21 works to secure

his spot in Saturday morning's finals. Pyle lost his first match Friday morning but fought Friday afternoon for a win in his second match. His win gave him the chance to compete in semi-finals. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## 2. Bear Hug

At the tournament in Plainville, Michael Pritchett<sup>21</sup> wrestles against a home Plainville competitor. Pritchett<sup>21</sup> wrestled in the 120 lb. weight class and went 13-24 for the season. "Throughout the season I learned that the pain of losing was worse than the gratification of winning, and that always pushed me to try my hardest in every match, Pritchett said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



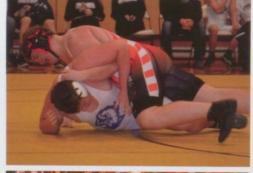
After battling an injured shoulder for part of the season, John Groff<sup>19</sup> finally got the chance to wrestle in his 285 lb. weight class at the meet in Trego. "The coaches really helped me work through my shoulder injury and helped me find ways to wrestle without injuring my shoulder even worse," Groff said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

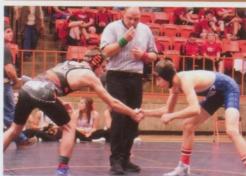
## Hand in Hand

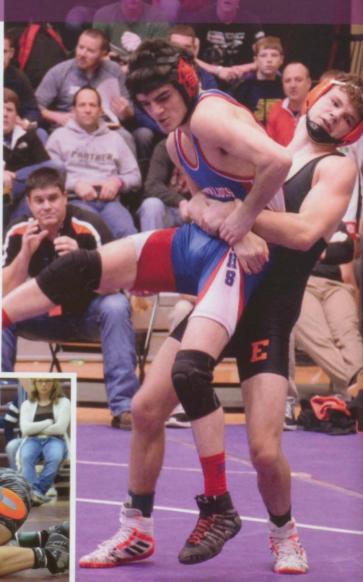
At the first tournament of the season, Reece Kroeger<sup>15</sup> starts off his first match with a win in Ellis with Coach Brandon Pfeifer's direction. Kroeger only wrestled in two tournaments this season due to sickness. He plans to continue his high school wrestling career next year as a senior. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## Take Down

At the annual Bob Kuhn Classic held in Hays, Konnor Pfeifer<sup>21</sup> holds down his opponent from Larned High School. Pfeifer wrestled as a freshman this year in the 138lb. weight class. Next year, Pfeifer plans to wrestle again for Ellis High School. He has experience from wrestling since he was five years old. "I'm really looking forward to wrestling another year with my dad standing in the corner' Pfeifer said.







## Fighting Back

First of Many

Starting off the season, Toby Woodworth<sup>21</sup> defeats his first opponent with a pin at the Railer Round Robin. Woodworth finished 1-2, placing 4th. This was Woodworth's first high school level tournament. "Practicing with people in a heavier weight class was difficult, but it made wrestling the people in my class seem a lot smaller" Woodworth said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

**Determination Runs Strong** 

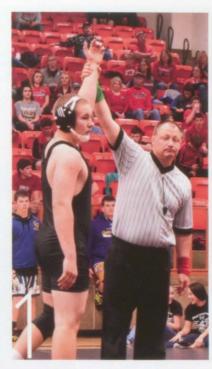
Wrestling in weight class 106, Donovan Colby<sup>21</sup> grapples with an opponent from Council Grove at the annual Ellis High School wrestling tournament. "Practices were the biggest struggle this year because we went really hard, got really hot, but they made me a better wrestler," Colby said.

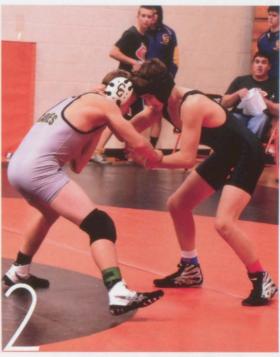
Photo by Keighlee Wilken

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LL ON THE MAT

Looking back at the season, and looking forward to next year

With five freshmen joining the team, they were looking for some guidance and help from upperclassmen throughout their first year of wrestling at the high school level. The team spent hours training together. For Michael Pritchett<sup>21</sup>, one of the best parts of the season was just getting to be around the other team members.

"The best part of wrestling this year was getting to know everyone on the team on a personal level and getting to work with the coaches and know them as well, whether it was their good or bad side," Pritchett said.

The EHS wrestling team proved that the hours of practicing were worth it, with three competitors qualifying for state after placing in the top three during regionals at Goodland. Konnor Pfeifer<sup>21</sup>, Sam Pyle<sup>21</sup>, and Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> all qualified and were ready for their shot at a state title.

"I was very happy to be able to qualify for state all four years. I want to give a shout out to the cheerleaders for having a bomb pep rally. It really got everyone pumped up," Younger said.

Although state ended sooner than they expected, the boys ended their seasons with winning records. Looking forward to next year's season, junior wrestlers John Groff<sup>19</sup>, Reece Kroeger<sup>19</sup>, and Ben Wallace<sup>19</sup> start to think about their last season as an EHS wrestler.

"Its kind of sad knowing that next year is my last year, but I'm excited to see what happens," Groff said.

As the season comes to a close, the team looks towards next year with hopes of a state champion.

Spotlight



Several years ago, I lost every single match, but after working with my coaches and staying determined, I got the chance to wrestle at state this year.

-Sam Pyle21

Photo by Dawson Sproul

## Take State

At the state wrestling tournament held at Ft. Hays, Bryce Younger works toward a state title. Younger went It-2, falling short in semi-finals in an overtime match. "Things didn't turn out how I wanted, but Iim forever grateful for the experience," Younger said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken



## efend Until The End Lady Railers say goodbye to coach of 18 years In the past eighteen years, classes have come and

gone, a new millennium came, and almost two decades have passed. Only one thing has remained the same, and that is the girl's basketball Head Coach Perry Mick.

"I want to say a big "thank you" to all the former and current members of the Lady Railers! We had some great years, and we also had some struggles. But, win or lose, you were part of a team that took on those challenges together. It is my hope that you formed a bond with teammates that will be there for years to come. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your high school experience. Thank you, too, for allowing me to contribute in some small way to the people you have become," Coach Mick said.

With Mick being the head coach for so long, he has seen everything from tough season-ending injuries to earning runner-up at state in 2009.

'My time playing for Coach Mick was fun as we had a lot of success in my four years. We were fortunate enough to make it to state twice, and finish state runner-up my senior year. Losing in the championship game was disappointing, but I'm proud of all we accomplished that season," Haley Wolf, a 2009 senior said.

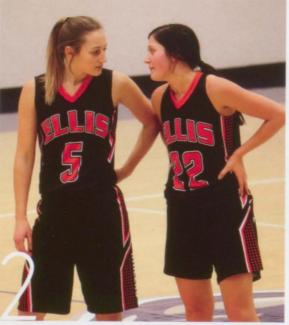
Coach Mick reached his 200th win during the 2017 season against Victoria. Following this win, the team, as well as school and community, celebrated and honored him for this achievement.

After we beat Victoria, the whole varsity team gathered on the court and told the whole community. It was cool to see everyone at the game stand and congratulate Mr. Mick," Shelby Werth 8 said.

This season, the girls had eight seniors leading the team with the help of Coach Perry Mick and Coach Kaleigh Soneson. This year they proved they had what it takes to play hard, be successful, and even add on one more win than last season, with an ending record of 8-13.







## Court is in Session

## Working the Court

Making her way down the floor, Grace Eck21 moves the ball to her teammates away from Plainville defenders. "Plainville played really good defense and rebounded well, which hurt us because they would then score off of those rebounds," Eck said. Photo by Lauryn Becker

## Sisterly Advice

Getting ready for the next play, Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup> shares advice with her younger sister Rylee Werth<sup>20</sup> before the game against TMP continues. "Shelby always gives me pointers on my defense and her being my big sister. she makes me want to improve," Werth said. Photo by Breonna North







## Up and Over

Rising above TMP Monarch defenders, Grace Beisner<sup>20</sup> goes up for a two-point shot during the JV game. "TMP had very good defense and was a lot larger than us in height. They also were very quick, making it difficult to shut them down, but we played in sync and worked well as a team," Beisner said.

Photo by Breonna North

## Eyes on the Prize

Preparing to jump up for the ball against an opponent,
Abigail Mattheyer<sup>20</sup> watches the ball carefully. "I felt somewhat scared, but I knew I will win. I don't get scared anymore. Most of the time the person I am jumping against is smaller than me, but I love jumping against others to win the ball," Mattheyer said. Photo by Breonna North



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Basketball season was really fun this year. We all bonded and got along with each other. My absolute favorite memory was when we beat Wheatland after losing to them in the Quinter Classic.

-Kinley Kuppetz<sup>18</sup>
Photo by Dawson Sproul



## One Team, One Dream

Standing together as a team, the Lady Railers join hands during the National Anthem held before the game against Wheatland-Grinnell. "Holding hands during the National Anthem provides a sense of unity between all of us and just sends the message to all of the teammates that we are in this together, win or lose," Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> said. This has become a tradition before every game to come together and take a moment of silence to honor the flag, Photo by Keighlee Wilken



## Pushing Forward Dribbling down the court,

Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup> pushes past Hill

City defenders towards the hoop for a layup. Foster led the team in points that night, racking up ten total. "As a team, we played the much better than we did the previous year, but I personally didn't play as well as I usually do," Foster said.

Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## 2. Going All Out

Reaching above a Smith Center Redmen defender, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> goes up for a three-point shot. "Going into the game against Smith Center we knew they were going to be a tough opponent. I thought the team played well, we were just unable to get the win," Schoenberger said. Photo by Lauryn Becker

## In One Word Describe...



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Abigail Mattheyer Sophomore

Your Team



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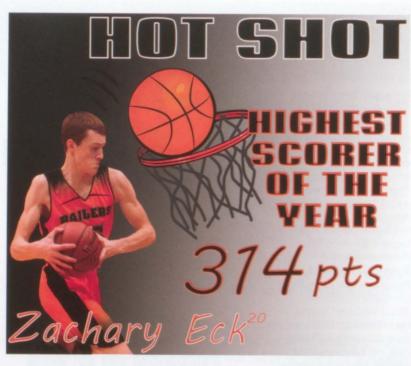
Taylor Honas Senior Playing as a Senior HOREFUL. Everyone always had high hopes for the team and for each other indivinally.

STRENGTH. No matter what we went through, we always came together in the end.

VERSATILE. We became versatile when we lost a major aspect of our team and adjusted well.

INCREDIBLE, Knowing it's over makes me sad because I know I'll never be able to play with everyone again.







## I. Push Past

Trying to gain more points on the score board, Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup> moves

quickly around the opposing team, Quinter. As the game went on into the second half, the boys stayed ahead of the Bulldogs, ending the game with a leading score of 60-52. "We let the court strong as a team that night and it felt good to win another game," Frickey said. Photo by Ali Weber

## 2. Stride Out

With little time left to score, Auntonio Jones<sup>19</sup> runs toward the hoop for a layup against Dighton defenders. This was their second game in the Quinter Classic Tournament. "I actually prefer jump shots more than layups because I usually make them more. During the game I can easily get nervous, but as the game goes on, I start to gain more confidence, allowing myself to have better shots in general and improve throughout the game," Jones said. Photo by Breonna North

## Determination

As the Railers take the lead against the Stockton Tigers, Coach Brandon Maska coaches from the sideline. "I know the coaching staff and players would have liked to have won a few more games, but I think it was a good learning experience for everyone," Maska said. The boys ended up pulling out a win with a score of 58-31. Photo By Ali Weber

## One Dribble

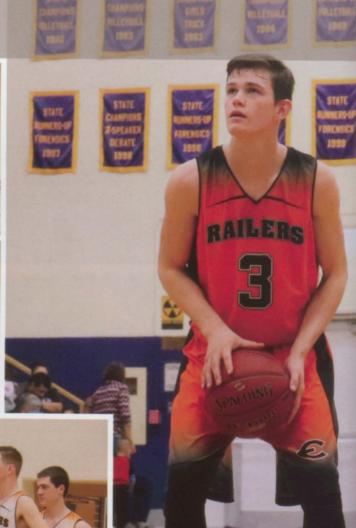
Looking for an opening around a Hill City defender, Landis Fischer<sup>20</sup> drives in for a shot to tie up the score. "The first time we played Hill City I wasn't hitting very many outside shots, so I started driving in the lane for a better chance to gain points. We didn't end up winning, but I finished up with 13 points," Fischer said. Photo By Ali Weber

## Together on Three

Getting ready for the first round sub-state game against Hill City, the Railers huddle around each other and prepare to battle to move on to the second round of sub-state. By the end of the night, the Ringnecks came out on top with an overtime win of 54-50. "I feel like in the beginning of the season, the team split apart. We didn't all play as a team making it hard to win games. In the end, we came together as a team again to accomplish more together," Carter Bollig<sup>20</sup> said









## Go Hard on Go Home

## Going for the Shot

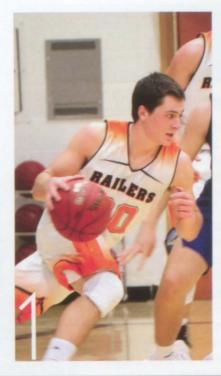
During a home game against the Phillipsburg Panthers, Joseph Eck<sup>18</sup> dribbles around his defender towards the goal. The Railers could not pull out a win and ended the game with a score of 51-68. "I was excited because it was the first game of the season and was looking forward to seeing how our season was going to turn out," Eck said. Photo by Breonna North



Getting close to the goal, Logan Shaw<sup>19</sup> goes up for a shot against the defending team, Trego Eagles.
"I always try to play as hard in practice as I do in a game. However, practice drags along sometimes, so I don't always try my hardest. I get really competitive in a game compared to practices, making them both pretty different from each other.

Plus, I want my team to win," Shaw said.
Photo by Shelby Werth







## Il the Feels & Emotions

One last game, one last season

Throughout the season, each player prepared for a game differently. The Railers had a year full of emotions, wins, and some losses.

"It's sad that I'm going to be leaving all of my friends and teammates behind. I've enjoyed playing basketball all four years and experiencing each season differently. I've improved a lot since my freshman year, making it memorable," Junior Hernandez<sup>18</sup> said.

One of the biggest rivals this year was Hill City. They played a total of three times, with their last time being the first round sub-state game. The game went back and forth, proving that both teams wanted to advance to the second round. Ellis ended up losing in overtime, 54-50.

"I feel like we started to play as a team later in the year compared to the start of the year. Everyone started to do their role," Kade Gottschalk<sup>20</sup> said.

After three years of coaching the boys basketball team, Coach Maska decided this was his last year. He had a total of 41 wins coaching the Railers, with his first year going 15-8, second year 15-9, and third year 11-10.

"I think we had a solid season. A highlight for us was at Castle Rock. I wish the seniors good luck and thanks for a good three years," Maska said.

In the end, the Railers ended their year with II wins and IO losses. Now they prepare for a new coach next season.

## Spotlight



It feels good to suit up for varsity, and I have worked hard and it paid off in the end. I feel like I have completed my goal for this year.

-Jake Eck<sup>20</sup>

Photo by Lauryn Beck

## Focus On Point

Looking for a one-point free throw, Geoffrey Soneson In lines up at the top of the key. The Railers defeated the Plainsmen with a final score of 66-57. If feel that II played fairly well against the Plainsmen. Our defense was what won the game, Soneson said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



HANGING HISTORY

EHS cheen aquad makes achool history at state

Every year the cheer squad is presented with new opportunities and difficulties that go with it. From waking up early to go to practice, to having team meals together, the

"This year was different from any other with the opportunity for us to compete in the first state championship. That meant a lot more practice for our team, but in the process we became closer and worked together well and the outcome was worth it," Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> said.

cheer squad always found a way to keep a close bond.

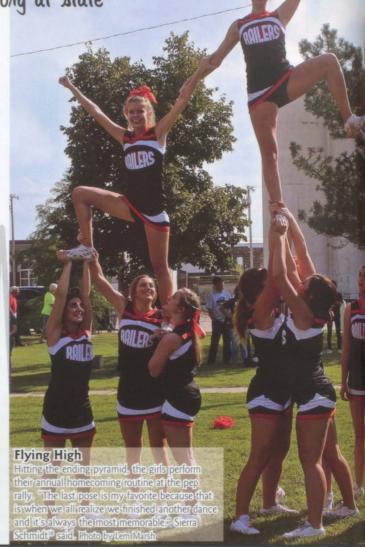
This year, the cheer squad was invited to compete in the Game Day Spirit Showcase in Topeka. As the competition neared, the team practiced every day until heading to compete for a state title. They performed a band dance, fight song, and cheer. The Railers won the 2A Game Day State championship for the first time ever.

"Being able to bring home a trophy and prove to our peers that cheerleading truly takes just as much dedication as any other athletic event meant the world to us," Samantha Crawford<sup>18</sup> said.

To end their season, the team was invited to perform before the finals at state wrestling and at IA state basketball. These performances had to be learned in three weeks.

"Learning the dance in a short amount of time was very stressful, but it ended up coming together in the end," Camryn Frickey<sup>2</sup> said.

As the year came to a close, the old squad turned in their uniforms as the new squad was chosen and put together. The new squad hopes to win the state title again.







## Cheening to the Top

Sass and Frass

At a home basketball game, Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> performs with the little cheerleaders during half-time of the boys game. The theme for this event was Pom Poms & Pillows. "This is my favorite activity we do because I love hanging out with all of the little girls and it's fun watching them try to do what we do," Frickey said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

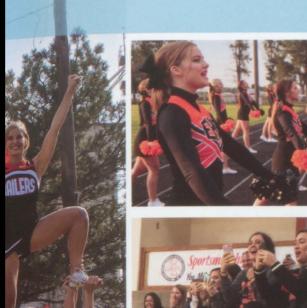
## Here We Go Again

At the last home game of the year, the squad gets the crowd on their feet during a time out at the sub-state game. With it being their last game, they showcased all of their stunts they have worked during the season. "Because I

realized it could be my last game, we did as many cheers as possible," Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> said. Photo by Breonna North





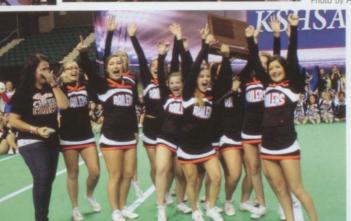


## 5, 6, 7, 8

At a home football game, Samantha Crawford<sup>18</sup> cheers along with the rest of the squad during the game against Syracuse. This was the first game of the season and the first time cheering for many cheerleaders. The girls learn a total of 54 cheers and dances for the football season. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## Looking in the Mirror

As the EHS cheer squad prepares to head to state, a pep rally is organized by the student body to wish them luck in their first competition. "I loved seeing everyone dance and perform for us because as cheerleaders, no one really "cheers" for us, so it was cool to have the support!" Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> said. Photo by Ali Weber



## Champions at Last

Raising their trophy high, the cheerleaders celebrate with the crowd on their 2A Gameday State Championship. The girls practiced every day for their performance. They had to perform a band dance, cheer, and fight song, "Winning State was an honor. In Ellis, the support has been focused on other sports like football. It was nice to show that we can compete and win championships just like everyone else," Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup> said.

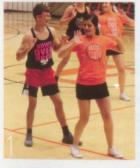
## Spotlight



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My favorite part of cheer was bonding with all of the girls and having people to fall back on. Cheer has helped a lot with my leadership skills and the ability to meet new people.

-Evalyn Miller<sup>21</sup>
Photo by Lauryn Becker



## I. Shake It

During the winter pep rally, Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup> dances with fellow senior

Bryce Younger as a yearly tradition at EHS. The pep rally is centered around the boys in winter sports and they participate in a dance as well as a Mr. EHS talent show. Werth and Younger have been dance partners for two years during high school. Photo by Ali Weber

## 2. Smile for the Camera

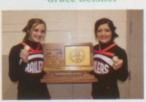
Making a move, Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup>, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup>, and Grace Beisner<sup>20</sup> perform before the state wrestling finals. Only three teams are chosen to dance at this event each year. "It was fun to dance at state because of the energy from the crowd and knowing that all the hard work we put into the dance would come together," Waldschmidt said. The last time the squad performed here was in 2014. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## Like a Sister



"Abby18 inspired me to try harder. Her positivity really helped me keep going. It meant a lot to have the opportunity to cheer with her."

-Grace Beisner



"Kyrsten Frickey18 was my role model this year because she pushed me to be the best that I can be and always helped me out when I needed it."

-Camryn Frickey



"Shelby10 really helped me in my first year of cheer by helping me correct my actions so I was tighter. Being able to cheer with my sister was a great experience and brought us closer!" -Rylee Werth 20





## **Party Animals**

Toward the end of the dance, Kaylee Hernandez<sup>19</sup> and Kennedy Burgess<sup>19</sup> dance and sing together on the dance floor. "My favorite part of the dance was the music. I danced my butt off the whole night. Every song that came on I tried to be dancing to, either with my friends or with my date," Hernandez said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt



## Dancing Duo

and Geoffrey Soneson<sup>®</sup> move to the middle of the circle to show off their own dancing abilities. "I think it's cool whenever everybody circles up and some people dance in the middle. It's fun to see someone in the spotlight with their weird dance moves. We do it every dance, so it's kind of like starting to bee tradition now, Soneson said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



Line Dance While looking arms, Zecheny Co



## Hands on Your Knees

Laughing while following the move to the beat of the music, Cole Swenson<sup>18</sup> and Nick Geschwentner<sup>18</sup> dance to the "Cha Cha Slide" by Mr. C the Slide Man. "My favorite line dance is the "Cha Cha Slide" because it's energetic and easy to follow: Even if you don't know the moves or have never heard the song before, fit's really easy to learn them because the guy who sings it tells you what to do as he is singing fit." Geschwentner said. Photo by Ali Weber



I like striped ties better because they match clothes better and stripes let you express

yourself more.









## I. Snoball Queen

After announcing senior Snoball royalty, Sierra Schmidt and Shelby Werth congratulate Aiden Johnson on winning the crown. "I was really surprised I won. I had no idea who was going to. I was up with some pretty amazing ladies and I was just happy to be there among them. I was dumbfounded when I won; I just felt really loved as humbled," Johnson said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## 2. Just Dance

While Jake Dreiling starts the music, Ali Weber<sup>18</sup> dances with a group of friends under the laser lights 'This dance was super fun and the DJ's were the reason for that. I'm glad I have such good friends who make dancing all that much more fun when w are all together. I'm gonna miss being at dances with them so much," Weber said. Photo by Keighlee Wilke

## 3. Father-Daughter Duo

As parents filed into the commons area to watch crowning, Clara Crawford20 grabs her step-dad for a dance before crowning for royaltyO started. "It was really fun to be able to share that moment with [my step-dad] at a high school dance because that's normally not something that we get the chance to do," Crawford said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## 4. All Smiles

During the crowning ceremony, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> crown's the sophomore princess, Lauryn Becker<sup>20</sup> while she smiles for pictures. "I was not expecting to win! I was so surprised and humbled to be voted in by my peers. Although they could only choose four winners. I felt like every single girl at the dance looked like a princess! It was such an honor and I'm glad I got to take part in such an opportunity," Becker said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



LANE FISCHER, 19 I chose to wear a plain tie because it's classic...iconic. I think a simpler, plainer tie looks nice, because it's clean and sophisticated.





## USTIC ROMANCE

## Snow fell the night of the dance, making it a true SNOWball

A winter storm was predicted to bring inches of snow on the night of Snoball, which brought up the possibility of postponing the dance. Decorating was put on hold, as the final decision did not come until the day of the winter formal.

"We usually decorate on Friday night and because we were not sure if Snoball was going to happen, we had to wait until Saturday to decorate. We had a total of four people who came and decorated. Thankfully, we knew exactly what to do and everything went up easily. I think we took maybe two hours and I was pleased with how it turned out," Kristi Bittel, KAY sponsor, said.

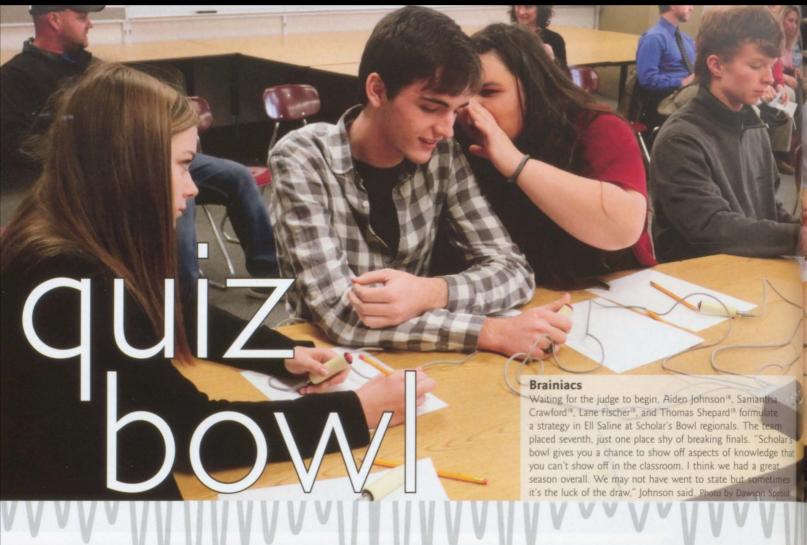
As the snow fell, the dance started. After pictures, Jake Dreiling, the DJ, started the music. Dreiling played a variety of music: country, pop, rap, and line dances, ending with the song "Jumper" by Third Eye Blind. This song is the traditional senior song played at every dance. The seniors all gathered in a circle, while they swayed and sang to the music as underclassmen circled up around them and did the same.

"I'm not sure how long this has been a tradition, but I'm a huge fan of the senior song, The tradition should definitely keep going on because future high schoolers will love it," Ryan Herl<sup>18</sup> said.

After the last song was played, students attending the dance walked outside to find inches of snow on the ground. While some braved the cold and walked through the snow to their cars in their open-toed shoes, others were carried by their dates.

"Leaving Snoball was awful. We all stepped out into a parking lot full of snow and ice in our open-toed heels, and our toes were buried in the snow. Luckily, one girl in my group had a great date who carried us one at a time to our car, which was also frozen over," Peyton Brown<sup>18</sup> said.

After scarce help with decorating and a night spent on the dance floor, students left in a winter wonderland. Although Mother Nature threatened to postpone the night, in the end, it made the dance a true "snow" ball.



Quality time for PALs







#### I. Bite to Eat

At the quarterly lunch, Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup> spends time eating with his PAL. "My favorite thing to do with my PAL is play Sorry! and eat. PALs is a good opportunity to spend time with the youth in our community," Frickey said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

#### 2. Casual Bonding

During a normal Thursday morning, Landis Fischer<sup>20</sup> hears about how Adam Slaughter's day is going. "It feels good to know that I am a role model to young kids like my PAL," Fischer said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

#### 3. Fun and Games

Checking the directions on the box, Lauryn Becker<sup>20</sup> prepares to play Yeti in my Spaghetti with her PAL, Aubrey. "Doing games during PALs is great bonding time. She loves it, and every Thursday we try and get as much time as possible to do this," Becker said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



**Helping Hand** Stepping up, Taylor Honas<sup>18</sup> hangs a paper backdrop in the high school lobby for the annual Snoball dance Bad weather on Friday night delayed KAYs from decorating until Saturday morning. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



#### **Potluck Procedures**

Setting aside time to spend with her fellow FCCLA members, Clara Crawford<sup>20</sup> participates in the annual potluck held during FCCLA week. "It's fun to converse with other people than your usual lunch table group. Potlucks allow us to come together as an organization to spend time and discuss future projects," Crawford said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

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#### White Elephant

Spending quality time with the FCCLA members, Abigail Mattheyer<sup>20</sup> claims her gift during the gift exchange at the Christmas party. Each year the organization has a White Elephant Gift Exchange at their Christmas party. "I got Sour Patch Kids and a portable charger out of the gift that I chose. I was happy with my gift," Mattheyer said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



#### Reserve Your Dish

At a meeting to discuss FCCLA week festivities, Savannah Miller<sup>20</sup> decides she is bringing apple pie to the silent auction held at a Friday night basketball game. "Baking food to raise money is one thing our chapter is good at," Miller said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



Presenting her freshmen students with their honorary pins and membership cards, Chelsea Bowen officially inducts her Greenhands during the annual induction ceremony. This is the largest group of Greenhands that Ellis has seen since Bowen accepted the Agriculture Education position in 2015. There are 15 total first-year students in the class of 2021. "I have a lot of students in this particular Greenhand class that are from ag-based families. I see them being very active in FFA and in our local agriculture over the next three years," Bowen said. Photo by Ali Weber

## FOCUS ON SERVICE KAY members use teamwork tactics to get the job done effectively

Janyn Wildeman<sup>21</sup> and Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup>



"I like being involved in KAYs in general because it helps me grow as a leader. Unit conferences are a good opportunity to learn things like Trooper Tod's drug awareness presentation." -Jaryn Wildeman

#### Sienna Schmidt 18 and Shelby Wenth 18

"Cleaning up under the bleachers was helpful for KAYs because now we know what we can use for upcoming dances. It went super because so many people were there to help." -Sierra Schmidt



Dawson Sproul 18 and Taylor Honas 18



"I love how the community, school, and members come together to help donate back to KAYs during the Food Box Auction. The food is a plus as well." -Taylor Honas

Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



#### Champions

At the second forensics meet of the year, Raeven Milbourne<sup>20</sup> and Kaelyn Rohr<sup>21</sup> received first place in their duet. The pair's piece is about two girls fighting over a guy in the library. The girls perform certain challenges to see who can win him over best. "We honestly thought we were going to get last, so getting first was simply...awesome," Milbourne said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## forensics



"Sexual assault is an issue, and my speech emphasizes that." -Clara Crawford<sup>20</sup> Photo by Dawson Sproul



"You know what they say, practice makes perfect." -Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup> Photo by Dawson Sproul



#### Rooting On the Team

Following the win of their teammates, the forensics team cheers in celebration of the victory. The team went on to win the whole meet at Norton. "The anticipation of not knowing, then hearing your name and code announced is the exciting part about the awards ceremony," August Sinclair<sup>19</sup> said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



#### For the Win

After awaiting the announcement of the second place duo, Aiden Johnson<sup>18</sup> and Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> hug in celebration of their first place victory. This was the pair's first time ever competing in the event they won, IDA. "IDA is making up a story and running with it. I like it because you never know what you're going to come up with," Johnson said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

## AGRICULTURE & WELDING

Students prepare for their futures by taking a class that will help them along the way





"The reason I take ag welding class is because it is what I look forward to doing in my future career."

Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

Zachany Eck20 and Jake Eck20

"My favorite thing about ag welding is the projects we are able to do because they are unlike any project we do in other classes."

-Jake Eck



Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

#### Logan North<sup>20</sup>



"Welding is not new to me because I have been doing it my whole life on my family farm, and that is why I like it."

Behind the Scenes

Managing the camera as her classmate records an introduction for the USD 388 news, Kinley Kuppetz<sup>18</sup> captures the scene during news class. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



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#### I. Straight Focus

Intently concentrating on the line she is sewing together, Austyn Jones<sup>21</sup> combines a piece of the quilt she is making. The entire second semester of FACs class is directed to the students completing their quilts. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

#### 2. Keep it in Line

In order to keep his sewing line straight, Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup> holds up the end of the piece. "The theme of my quilt is KU (University of Kansas) colors because they are my favorite team," Frickey said.

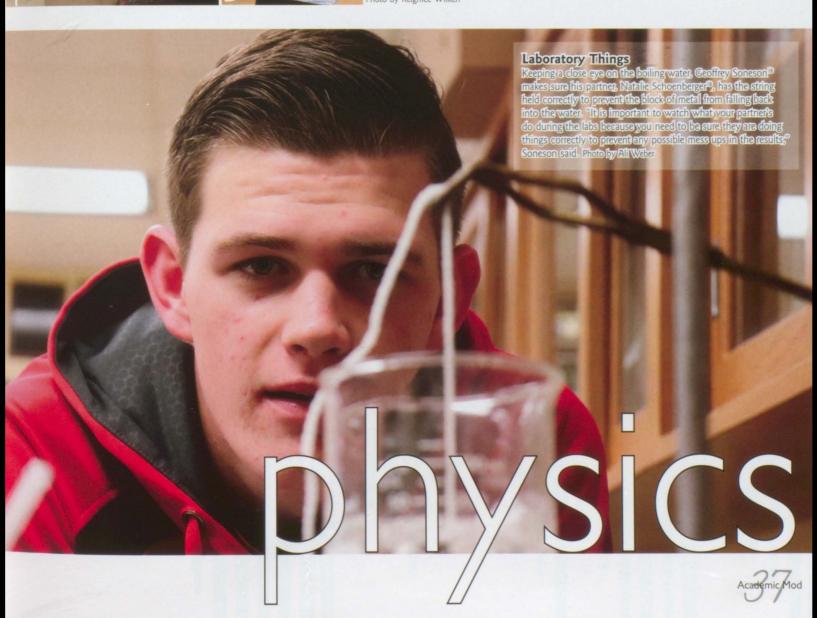
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#### 3. The Flatter the Better

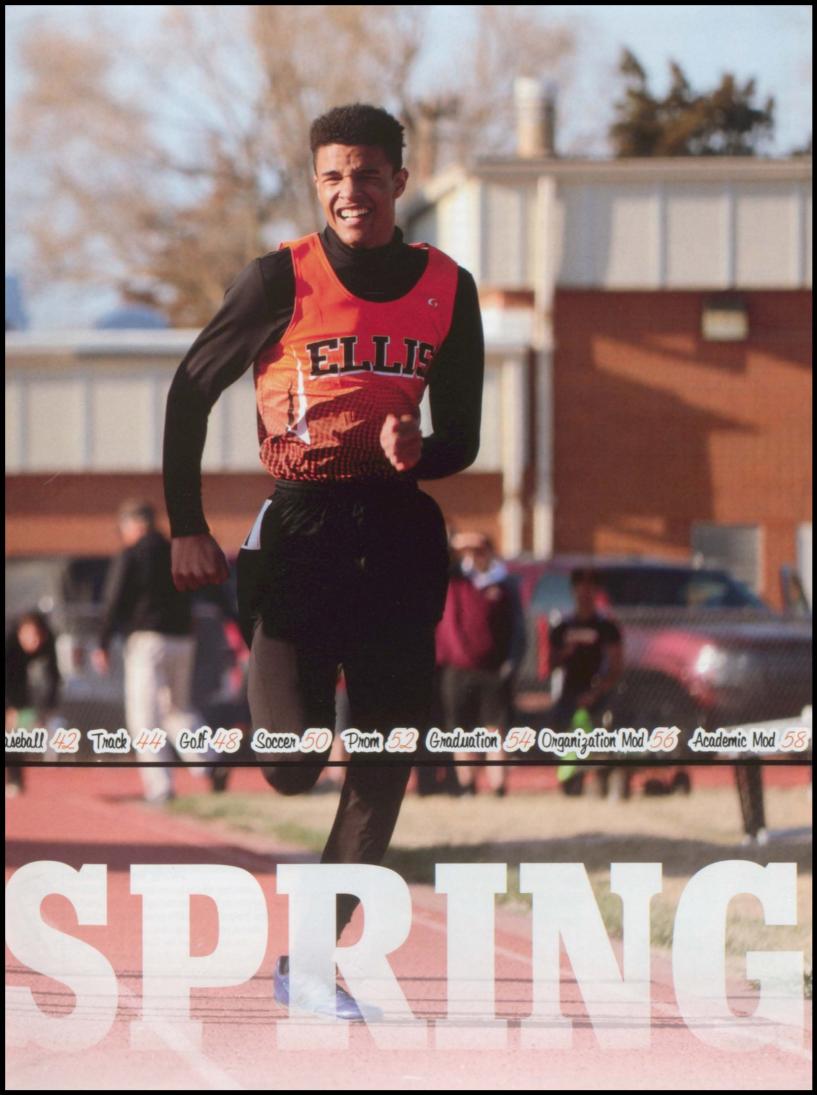
Flattening her quilt's seams, Kloee Hernandez<sup>21</sup> ensures that she will be able to sew over them when matching them up for the final product. "The reason we iron over the seams is so they don't get sewn into the other lines we will sew later," Hernandez said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken



Working on her art project, Abby Burton acuts out the pieces that are necessary for the final model. Burton has participated in an art class all four years of her high school career and has constructed over 100 art pieces over that span of time. "Art is important to me because it is a good way to relieve my stress and to express myself in other ways than words," Burton said. Photo by Shelby Werth







## ASSING ON THE TORCH Preparing the team for another season, senions take the lead

With a team full of underclassmen, the pressure was on for the seniors to help educate the newcomers about the ins and outs of the game. They also had to teach them leadership skills in order for the younger girls to take over after the seniors graduate. For senior Samantha Crawford, this was one of her main goals for the season.

"My main goal as a senior was to prep my outfield for performing well once I'm gone," Crawford said.

The team faced three open positions this year and were relying on the freshmen to step up into the roles, ready to learn. Freshman, Tessa Cuccia came ready for the challenge.

"I've grown a lot this year in softball with the help of the seniors and my coaches. They've all been very helpful with my throwing and they're always positive, even in our worst games," Cuccia said.

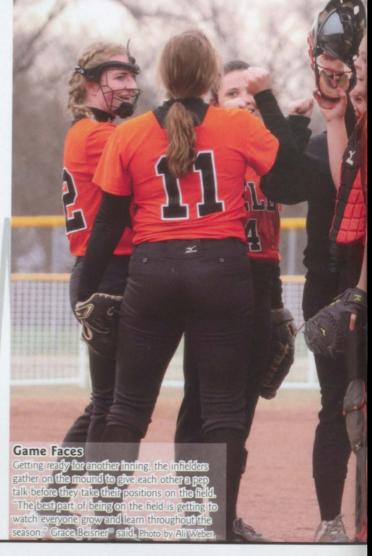
The Lady Railers went 7-10 for the regular season and were seated two and three seed for regionals. The girls worked on their defense, trying to solidify it before their regional games that determine whether or not they continue on to state. The girls couldn't make it past regionals, falling short of state.

"The regional game was not the best game to end on, but everyone gave it their all and you can't ask for anything more," Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> said.

Looking ahead to next year's season, the girls have many open positions to fill, but now have the skills to be leaders and continue improving.

"The seniors have helped me prepare for next year by showing me, and the rest of the underclassman, how to be good leaders and help the incoming players," Evalyn Miller<sup>21</sup> said.

With three seniors graduating, the team looks for another pitcher and two new outfielders for next years season, but gained leadership and teamwork skills.







## What We'ne Made Of

#### **Running Through**

After getting subbed into the game to bat, Cheyenne Born<sup>20</sup> sprints from base to base, avoiding Lincoln defenders. Born went 6 for 18 batting in the regular season, often batting in a pinch situation for someone else. "Being subbed in gives me more game experience and gives me the chance to score a point for the team during the game," Born said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt

#### Swing Batter, Swing

Leading off the game, Samantha Crawford 18 winds up to hit the ball against the Cardinals. The Railers lost the first game but came back in the second winning 14-6. Later in the season, the Railers faced the Cardinals in Plainville. The girls fell short in the first game again, but continued to prove they could hold their own in the second winning 14-12. Photo by Lauryn Becker







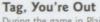
#### Slipping Through

During the game against the Ellinwood Eagles, August Sinclair<sup>19</sup> slides under the tag. Sinclair batted third in the lineup and stepped up for the team in their search for new positions. "The hardest part of softball this year was filling in all the open positions and trying to get a solid defense," Sinclair said.

Photo by Lauryn Becker



At the last home game of the regular season, Clara Crawford<sup>20</sup> says goodbye to her sister Samantha Crawford<sup>18</sup> as she prepares to play her last game. "I love that I've gotten to spend two years of softball with my sister. We really have a true family out there in the outfield and I'm going to miss it so much," Clara said. Photo by Shelby Werth



During the game in Plainville, Cora Milbourne<sup>19</sup> receives the throw down from catcher Morgan Bittel<sup>21</sup> for a tag out on second base. "When I'm going for a tag out, I always have to remind myself to think 'ball first' because sometimes I go too fast and completely forget about the ball," Milbourne said. This was the third out in the fourth inning, bringing the Railers in to bat at the top of the fifth. The Railers split the wins and losses with Plainville, winning the second game 14-12. Photo by Lauryn Becker

## Spotlight



The best part about being in softball this year was really getting to bond with everyone.

I really learned how to adapt to certain situations, and I think that will help me later on

-Morgan Bittel<sup>21</sup>
Photo by Lauryn Becker

in life.





#### I. Keeping Spirits High During the first home game of

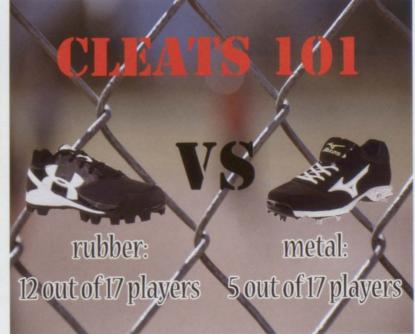
During the first home game of the season against the Plainville

Cardinals, Kloee Hernandez<sup>21</sup> gets ready to bat after receiving some encouragement from Coach Bollig. Bollig was on the team last year, so this year was her first year of coaching. "Coach Bollig really helped me become a better player this year through her experience as a player," Hernandez said. Photo by Sierra Schmidt

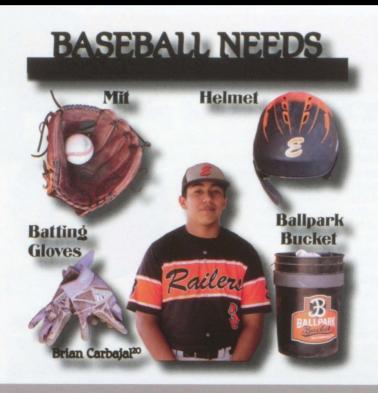
#### 2. Strike Three

Coming in as the starting catcher, Morgan Bittel<sup>21</sup> had a lot of pressure being a freshman with no catcher experience. Every day at practice, Bittel worked to make the adaptations she needed with each pitcher so that she could benefit the team. "Learning how to adapt to each of my pitchers was difficult because I had to learn what was the best way to catch each of their pitches so that I can do my best for the team," Bittel said. Photo by Ali Weber











#### I. The Right Time

Winding up to bat, Junior Hernandez<sup>18</sup> waits for the pitcher



to throw the ball so he can attempt to run his teammates in to home plate. "The mos challenging part about going up to bat is hitting a good pitch because Coach never wants us to hit any off speed pitches when we have no strikes on us. He just wants to hit a fastball early," Hernandez said. Photo by Ali Weber

#### 2. Full Strength

After catching a line drive to second base, Zach Schiel<sup>21</sup> throws the ball to first to get out the runner for the third out of the inning. "It's difficult trying to get someone out as they are running. You have to be quick and know what's going on, so I try to stay focused on everything that's going on. The hardest part is probably knowing where the ball is going on every play and being in the right spot for that play," Schiel said. Photo by Ali Weber

#### Batter Up

Preparing to bat, Austin McGuire<sup>21</sup> waits for the Russell pitcher to throw the ball. "A good batter always hopes to improve and the more I practice, the better the outcome. I haven't always been good at batting, but the more I do it, the better I get at it. We have great coaches,"

McGuire said.
Photo by Ali Weber

#### Field Work

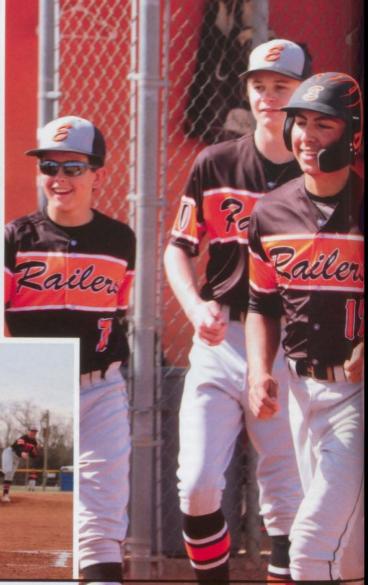
Competing against TMP, Talon
Torline<sup>19</sup> waits for the ball at
first to tag his opponent for
the third out. "I really don't
feel a lot of pressure at first
base. I just try to focus on
one play at a time and do the
best I can to contribute to
the team. Sometimes it can
be difficult, but I try to stay
calm," Torline said.
Photo by Ali Weber

#### Pitch Perfect

Down and ready, Konnor Pfeifer<sup>21</sup> prepares to catch the pitch thrown by Tegan Cain21. "Every pitcher is different and has different styles, so you have to understand and know where they like to throw. Adjusting yourself to the pitcher is always challenging, but if you're quick enough, you can catch the ball no matter how it's thrown by the pitchers," Pfeifer said. Being a freshman, this was Pfeifer's first year as the Railers starting catcher. Photo by Ali Weber







## Infield & Outfield

Stretching Back

At the TMP game, Thomas Shepard<sup>19</sup> pitches to the batter as the outfield gets ready to receive the ball. "I like pitching a lot. I like being able to be inside the mind of the hitter and command pitches. My favorite pitch to throw is a curve ball. The most challenging part of pitching is trying to hit a certain spot like inside or outside of home plate," Shepard said. Photo by Ali Weber

Eye on the Ball

Rounding the bases, Tegan Cain<sup>21</sup> waits for the pitch so he can steal third base. When stealing bases, Cain has many steps to remember before getting the base. "Once I get on base, I keep my eyes on Coach, get the sign, put both feet on base, watch out for competitors, step with my right foot, and then shuffle until I get to the next plate." Cain said. Photo by Ali Weber







P TO THE PLATE

With a new team, underclassmen step up to become leaders

After eight seniors graduated from the previous season, the Railers looked for underclassmen to step in and take leadership in new positions. They welcomed six freshmen onto the team and worked to get everyone prepared for the season.

As so many positions opened up, the freshmen class came onto the team ready to learn the ropes of their positions. All of the new members got spots in the field with one sitting as the designated hitter.

"I do enjoy being a designated hitter. My favorite thing about designated hitting is being able to focus on just the aspect of the game and just trying to get a perfect hit in general. There is really nothing hard about it unless you can't hit the ball," Trace Patee<sup>21</sup> said.

With only one senior, the team looked up to Junior Hernandez<sup>18</sup> as the leader of the team. Hernandez had been on the team all four years, and has played almost every position.

"All the younger players do look up to me whenever we practice or when we are at a game. I usually tell them what to do so they can help the team. Everyone listens to what I have to say because I've been in baseball for four years and I have more experience then some of the others," Hernandez said.

With so many new members this year, the team will have more members with experience next year who will act as leaders.

## Spotlight



I never thought I would end up being a catcher. I tried it once for the team and know it's become not only my favorite position, but my starting position. I hope to improve over the years

-Konnor Pfeifer<sup>19</sup> Photo by Ali Weber

#### Home Run

After hitting a home run, the team assembles around Junior Hernandez 18 to celebrate. "Hitting a homer feels great. You get all excited and pumped because as you're rounding the bases you'ream is waiting for you at home plate," Hernandez said. Photo by Ali Weber



## EST FOOT FORWARD

A team finding their footing to win a trip to state

The girls track team took many wins at meets. Long practices and sweaty workouts have all paid off for the Railer girls. The track team took first place at almost all of their meets with a few taking second place.

"The feeling of knowing when your team has won a track meet is great because you just know we did it together as a team and we worked hard," Abigail Mattheyer<sup>20</sup> said.

The girls track took first at three of their meets and took second at two of their meets. With a small team of only sixteen girls, the Railers had to put more time in their practices to be able to place.

"The season has gone by pretty fast, and it was fun to get to work with the girls on the 4x100 meter team and to experience that. We all worked hard as a team and I'm glad to be a part of it," Maci Kohl<sup>21</sup> said.

All the events that competitors participate in can earn their team points. With having a low number of girls, it is important for them to get a good placing in their event in order for the team to place overall.

"I feel like most of the points came from running events. We are really talented in them. I feel like the season came together in the end because mostly everyone is involved in an event," Brooklyn Julian<sup>21</sup> said.

As the season wrapped up, state was the main focus with nine girls qualifying. The team ended with four state placers at the end of the competition and placed as a team 6th out of 42 teams.

"When the girls are all together, we perform really well. I'm going to miss all my seniors. I'm glad that they all went out all four years. They've worked hard and accomplished a lot. I wish them the best of luck in the future," Coach Jack Wolf said.

In the end, the girls track team finished their season with many medals and accomplishments. They now prepare to tackle next year's season with the same hopes in going to state.







## All in, All Season

#### Looking for Gold

Approaching the finish line, Abigail North<sup>21</sup> finishes the 400 meter dash in second place. North had a time of 66 seconds at the LaCrosse track meet. By the end of the season, North's personal record was 63 seconds. "When I start to see the finish line, I try to motivate myself even more to keep going at a constant speed," North said. Photo by Breonna North

#### In It to Win It

Jumping a length of 30'II at the LaCrosse track meet, Lexi Amrein<sup>21</sup> finishes in fifth place overall out of thirteen competitors in triple jump. As the season ended, Amrein jumped a personal best of 31'2. "I like to jump because it's something I'm good at. I've been doing it since I was little. It's also really exciting to see everyones talent at the meets," Amrein said. Photo by Breonna North







## Race to Finish

Leading the 100 meter dash Cassie Waldschmidt19 takes first at Quinter. Waldschmidt had a time of 12.86 seconds, allowing her to PR in her race. "I enjoy running because it calms my nerves and makes me feel better. It's always nice to win because you know in the end your hard work paid off," Waldschmidt said. Photo by Breonna North



**Ending Strong** 

Racing to the end of the finish line in the 200 meter dash, Raven Milbourne<sup>20</sup> takes seventh place. Milbourne's race time was 30.29 seconds. "My favorite thing about racing would have to be how competitive it is. I prepare for my races by listening to upbeat music and stretching," Milbourne said.

I think my freshman season has been a really great experience. I've accomplished a lot, I am happy with my times and placings at meets. It's exciting to think that I still have three years left to improve my times.

Photo by Breonna North Smiling for the Win

Ending her triple jump with a smile on her face, Abby Burton<sup>18</sup> takes home a first place medal. Burton jumped 36'2 at the LaCrosse track meet. "My favorite thing about triple jump is that it is very technical and complicated. It is not an event that everyone can do, so it's exciting to me knowing that I am capable of jumping in the triple jump. I'll miss competing with my high school team, but I am really excited to start my track career on a college team," Burton said. Photo by Breonna North







#### I. Power Ball

Putting full force behind her shotput at the Plainville track

meet, Kinley Kuppetz18 throws a length of 29'9,

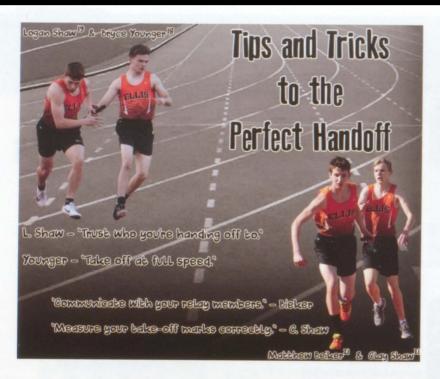
finishing in fifth place overall. "When I get ready to throw, a lot of things go through my mind, but mostly I focus on throwing far and keeping my head up." Kuppetz said. Photo by Breonna North



Running the distance, Maggie James<sup>21</sup> attempts to pass a Smith Center competitor in the mile race. James ran a time of 6:45.95 taking ninth place out of twenty-three girls at the Quinter meet. "Before the mile starts and we are all getting lined up and ready to go, I get really nervous. There is so much adrenaline in me that I shake my hands a lot. also wear my bright pink socks which give me a really bad tan line," James said. Photo by Breonna North









#### I. Hold my Blocks

Preparing to run in the 4x100m relay, Joseph Eck18, the first leg,

gets help from Bryce Younger<sup>18</sup> with his blocks so he can have leverage during his initial start. Blocks are optional in the 100m, 200m, 400m, hurdles, and relays. Each competitor has their own reasons for using or not using them. "Blocks are my go-to because they help me get a faster time in the end," Eck said. Photo by Breonna North

#### 2. Leaps and Bounds

After a successful jump, Trey Hudson 19 approaches the pit at full velocity. Hudson has participated in long jump for three years and qualified for the state tournament in the event last year. His preparation for state starts early. "I make sure not to push my bod to the limit. I like to give it time to reach its potential before regionals, considering the is where state tickets are punched. Staying positive is also a big factor because you have to believe you can succeed," Hudson said. Photo by Breonna North

#### Launched at an Angle

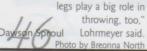
Hoping his mark is competitive. John Groff<sup>19</sup> focuses on his foot placement and technique. Groff participates in shot put and javelin each track meet and is one of the team's many throwers. "Technique is important in shot put. You have to shuffle to the right and only use your fingertips when throwing," Groff said. Photo by Breonna North

#### Over the Top

Propelling his body, Jake Eck20 clears the bar. Eck has been pole vaulting since 7th grade and, this year, has focused on improving his mark throughout the season. "At first, I was not very good. I have put in lots of practice this year and think I have a good chance at making it to state if I keep improving," Eck said Photo by Breonna North

#### **Getting in Position**

Initiating his throw, Noah Lohrmeyer<sup>20</sup> prepares to launch his discus after a spin approach. Lohrmeyer got three attempts to throw so having the correct approach was important in order to place. All throwing events allow three attempts and take the best mark. "To be successful in discus, you have to be strong in both your arms and legs. Many people think that you only need to have arm strength but legs play a big role in throwing, too,"











## Pushing Forward

Quick Finish

Edging out a competitor from Ness City, Austin Mattheyer<sup>20</sup> proves his running abilities by finishing the 100m dash. This race requires quick reactions and power because of its short distance. "Track allows me to meet new people from other towns like my competitors. I don't necessarily enjoy the 100m, it is just the easiest to do," Mattheyer said. Photo by Breonna North

Approaching the Line

Starting his approach, Ryan Herl<sup>18</sup> tries to reach full speed, which is crucial in the javelin throw. Herl has been in track for all four years and is hoping to qualify for state this season in one of his throwing events. "Throwing events are hard to qualify in. There are some really strong people from a lot of schools. It will be difficult, but I hope I can do it," Herl said. Photo by Breonna North





PEED MACHINES

Boys track hopes to make a name for themselves at state

After many podium finishes at last year's state track meet, the boys track team had a standard to

"Our boys have improved throughout the season by bringing their times down, jumping higher, jumping farther, and throwing farther. They have been working hard to get better. I expected success at regionals despite how competitive ours was," Coach Jack Wolf

At the first meet of the year, the 4x100m relay began the road to defending their medal. Trey Hudson 19 in long jump was preparing to make it on the podium this year after coming up short in 12th place last year. Other events that fell short of qualifying marks last year have also began their journey to hopefully becoming state bound.

"Our regionals are loaded. Even the events that qualified last year will have to work extremely hard. I hope all stay focused so that they may give themselves a chance to do well and qualify," Wolf said.

As state rolled around, seven boys advanced on to compete in Wichita. The 4x100m placed third, breaking the school record set in 2007 and set a new record of 43.69 along with the 4x400m placing fifth.

"As the season comes to a close, I realize how much hard work they put in this year. Especially the seniors; they will be missed. I know that underclassmen will step up in their absence next year," Wolf said.

With state finishing up the year, the team reminisces on their accomplishments but looks to better themselves and have more placing at the state level next year.

Spotlight



The highlight of this season was beating Tevin Petrie of Norton. At Plainville, I ran a 23.15 in the 200m dash. These are reasons why I love track: competition and competing against other people.

> -Autonio Jones19 Photo by Dawson Sproul

Hudson<sup>19</sup>, and Geoffrey Soneson<sup>18</sup> fight to the finish in the 100m dash. "When I run against Trey and Geoffrey, I want to beat them. It's not like I'll be mad if I lose though since we are all friends," Shaw said. Photo by Breonna North





# Golfers awing past challenges with kelp of the consists of six members this year, three of which are freshmen, and the other three are juniors. With three

experienced golfers, the upper classmen all had someone to learn

"The upperclassman have helped teach us a lot, helping us when we do something wrong or don't know how to do it, like Cade [Lewis<sup>19</sup>] taught me how to flop," Cody Eberle<sup>21</sup> said.

With a fresh new team, the upperclassmen became mentors to the younger members, giving tips and advice during practices and after meets.

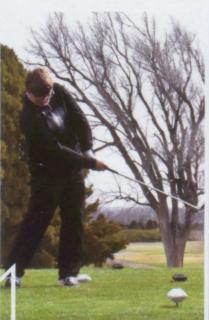
"Giving tips to the new members helps a lot because we have been golfing at high school meets longer than they have. It really does help them in the long run if they continue with golf," Zachary Cox<sup>19</sup> said.

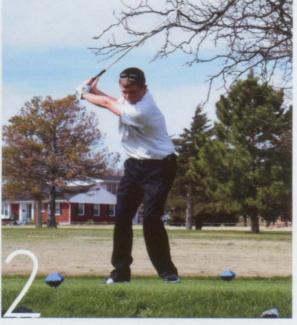
Although he's just a freshman, Brady Frickey stepped up and took a big role on the team, placing at almost every meet, and his best meet at Phillipsburg.

"The experienced golfers on the golf team have given me a lot of help throughout the season. They have improved my form so that I can become better. Having your form down is one of the most important things to learn about in golf. Cade Lewis has not only helped me with my form, but he has also helped me improve with my flexibility and loose strokes. I have learned a lot from everyone, making it a really exciting year for it being my first year in golf. I hope to learn more next year and become even better," Darren McLaughlin<sup>21</sup> said.

As the season wrapped up for the Railer golfers, the team hopes for an even better outcome next year and for more improvement as individuals. They now start to prepare for their new season next year and add new golfers to their team to have a better chance at state.







## Tee Time

#### In Full Swing

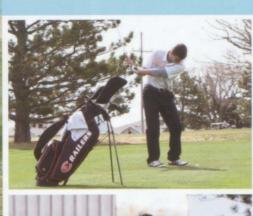
Teeing off, Zach Cox<sup>19</sup> swings to try to get his bal as close to the hole as possible to keep his score low, taking into account the wind and obstacles in the way. "I really only like teeing off when I can hit it straight, but that can never be guaranteed because this is Kansas and it is always windy. I prefer putting more than teeing off," Cox said. Photo by Shelby Werth

#### Teeing Off

At the I-70 Classic, Cody Eberle<sup>21</sup> tees off on the last hole, hoping to have good strokes. "My favorite of golf is golfing in general. I like teeing off a lot because it's like a new chance because you are starting at a different hole. It feels so good when you get a good hit because that's just a better chance for a lower score," Eberle said. Photo by Shelby Werth



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#### **Back Swing**

Winding up to swing, Holden Lyman<sup>19</sup> prepares to hit the ball for the second time at the Ellis golf course where the golfers travel to Ellis and then to Wakeeney. "Back swings are very important in golf. It all is depending on how fast the swing is, and it can make a difference whether or not the ball goes straight," Lyman said. Photo by Shelby Werth



Crouching down for a better view, Zachary Cox<sup>19</sup> gets a better angle on the green to line up for his next shot at the Ellis golf course, during the I-70 Classic. "My favorite part of golf is putting. It is the best part of golf. If you are good at putting it can help keep a low score because you can get it in faster." Cox said. Photo by Shelby Werth



On the first hole of the meet, Holden Lyman<sup>19</sup> swings at the ball on the fairway to make it onto the green in a good spot. Lyman has been apart of the golf team for three years and knows the Ellis course from practicing and competing since his freshman year." I liked playing at the Ellis meet because we have been practicing on this course. It was super nice out this year so it wasn't bad competing in the morning at tournaments," Lyman said. Photo by Shelby Werth

## Spotlight



It is exciting to see how I can compete with everybody out there even though I am only a freshman. I learned to keep calm after a bad shot and this is only my second year that I have been golfing.

-Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup>
Photo by Shelby Werth





#### I. Eye On The Hole

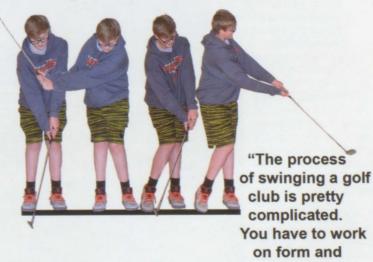
Mentally preparing for his next shot, Brady Frickey<sup>21</sup> focuses on

how to line up his ball to get it in the hole, where he placed sixth overall. "I enjoy putting because it is easy if you practice it a lot. There is a line on the ball to where you can line it up to give you a line to the hole, making it easier to hit it straight," Frickey said. Photo by Shelby Werth

#### 2. Chips Ahoy

Chipping onto the green, Cade Lewis<sup>19</sup> works his way to getting his ball in the hole to keep a low score so the team can place higher. At the I-70 Classic, the team placed eighth overall with 819 points. "It is kind of easy to chip in golf. but the most difficult thing in golf is knowing the distances on your clubs and knowing how hard to hit the ball to get it far enough to the green, but not overshoot it," Lewis said. Photo by Shelby Werth

## TAKE A SHOT



Darren McLaughlin<sup>21</sup>

flexibility."





#### 1. Nimble Motions

Dribbling the ball down the field, Kaylee Hernandez<sup>19</sup> keeps it out



#### 2. Final Sprint

Gaining distance on a St. John's Military Academy defender, Bobby Cox<sup>19</sup> tries to increase their overall lead to two points. The team defeated their opponents for the second time this season. Earlier they beat St. John 8-0 and at home they came out: "Home games have more influence on us. Since our games are so far away, we usu do not have fans, but when we have home games, there is always a full crowd. The cheers of our fans push us constantly," Cox said. Photo by Dawson Sproul

#### Quick Feet

After entering the game as a starter, Gina Cox<sup>21</sup> pushes to defend the ball during a home game against Liberal. This is Cox's first year of high school soccer but has years of experience beforehand. "Starting as a freshman was my goal this year, along with scoring a goal. I still need to do that one," Cox said. Photo by Ali Weber

#### Post-Game Ritual

Following a 3-0 win against St. John's Military Academy, the soccer team keeps one of their long-time traditions by high-fiving all of their fans that came out to watch. "It is simply an act of kindness to thank the fans for coming out and supporting us. It pushes us through to win future games," John Gamez<sup>20</sup> said.

Photo by Dawson Sproul

#### Throwing Elbows

Fending off a Garden City opponent, Kaylee Hernandez 19 protects the ball and sends it down the field so her teammates can score a goal. "The physical aspect of soccer is one of my favorite parts about it. You can't be extremely aggressive because you'll get a yellow or red flag, [but] you can still intimidate the opponent by being a little physical with them," Hernandez said. The girls ended up winning the game at home against the Dawson Sproul Buffaloes 2-0.







## Doing Your Part

No Goals Today

Dropping down to ball level, Julia Cox<sup>18</sup> makes sure she can stop the ball from entering her goal during a tight match against Liberal. This year, Cox's position was in the goal. "Stepping up as the primary goalkeeper was definitely nerve-racking at first. I was a little overwhelmed, but all my teammates assured me that I was fine," Cox said. Photo by Ali Weber

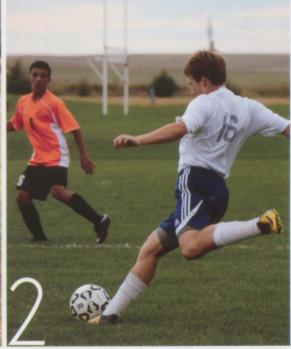
#### Power Up

Trying to get ahead in the game, Logan Shaw<sup>19</sup>
gets in position to get a perfect shot on his
opponents. Shaw's main job on the field is to
shoot the ball and hopefully score many goals.

"I've always played outside middle and have adjusted to it well over the years. Playing here gives me opportunities to score with the setup that our coach has," Shaw said. Photo by Dawson Sproul







## MALL BUT MIGHTY

Ellis students in TMP soccer contribute numbers and ability

Three years ago, Ellis High School began offering soccer through a joint program with Thomas More-Prep Marian High School. Since then, many students

have taken advantage of this opportunity. This year, nine boys and three girls took on the field with TMP players.

"I've played soccer three out of my four years of high school. Joining forces with TMP has allowed me to bond with people from other schools," Julia Cox<sup>18</sup> said.

The boys' season started out slow, going 1-3 within the first two weeks of the sport. They improved their record to 7-10 by the end of the season and barely missed a breakthrough to the post-season.

"I think we gained lots of team chemistry over the year and can work even harder to make a bigger impact next season," Zach Cox<sup>18</sup> said.

After finishing as the state runner-up last year, the girls soccer team had a trophy to make up for. They saw success in the season and even beat Topeka Hayden 3-1, the school who knocked them out of the post-season play three years ago.

"With little numbers, it was definitely difficult to work around and find people to sub in and take on positions when necessary. We figured out how to work around this and even beat some tough competitors in the end," Girls Coach Darryl Wellbrock said.

This program will continue next year and hopefully years to come. While numbers vary year to year, the students' opportunity still remains.

## Spotlight



Do not miss practices because you will end up having to be the ball boy who gets all of the out-of-bound balls during the game.

Thankfully, my punishment only lasted for one game.

-Dylan Brown 19

Photo by Dawson Sproul

#### Head to Head

Trying to get the upper hand on the Great Bend Ranthers, Trey Hudson<sup>19</sup> sprints to the ball at full speed. "In order to beat your opponents, you have to think like them and plan out their moves so that you can out work them," Hudson said.



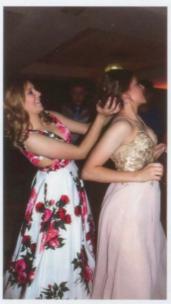
#### Dancing Along to the Beat Listening to the directions of the song, students jump along to the Cha Cha Slide by JJ Casper. The DJ's like to play songs that get many involved and on their feet. This dance helps to get a lot of those who attended to get up and dance along, The prom had many to entertain with seniors and juniors attending along with their dates and the sophomore servers. This year, prom had a better turn out then dances in the past years. The juniors soaked in their first year experience and seniors made the most out of their last high school dance. The juniors made it a night in the Garden of Glamour for everyone to remember forever. Photo by Breonna North





#### **Putting it Together**

Preparing for prom the following day, Cameryn Kinderknecht<sup>19</sup> adds the dangling flowers to the photo arch. The arch consisted of leafy vines and multicolored flowers.
"Decorating with my class was really fun and a great time with everyone," Kinderknecht said.
Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



#### Help a Sister Out

In the middle of the dance floor, Breonna North<sup>20</sup> lends a hand to her sister, Abby North<sup>21</sup>. Abby's hair was falling out of its updo, needing the bobby pin to be placed back into its original position so her sister was there to help fix her up. "Experiencing my first prom with my sister was awesome. It was nice to create that memory with her and to get ready together," Abby said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey



#### Focus On the Details

Attempting to find the right place to put the flowers during prom setup, Elijah Raub<sup>19</sup> tests out the different spots where the flower could be placed. Every year, the juniors set up the prom for the seniors. This was the first prom that Raub had attended in high school. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



#### Get Low

Dropping it low on the dance floor, Keighlee Wilken<sup>19</sup> grooves to the music during the "Cupid Shuffle" dance. The song is played at every dance attempting to get all attendees to join in and participate. "The traditional 'Cupid Shuffle' dance is super fun to do and I always take part. We added a special 'EHS' version to it, making it more unique to us as students," Wilken said. Photo by Ali Weber.



## ARDEN OF GLAMOUR

### Juniors held the annual prom for one last go around for seniors

As April rolls around in the school year, so does the junior class prom. This year the class went with a theme of Garden of Glamour. The junior class decorated and prepared for the event the Friday before the dance, making the commons area into the "garden" they had pictured.

"We picked this theme because it was elegant, but with a twist, which is what we wanted," Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup> said. Following choosing the theme, the juniors went to work on ordering the supplies they needed for the decor. They planned out the activities for after-prom and took into consideration what foods and drinks they would provide for the guests at the dance. There were several things the class had to plan in order to carry out the prom they had been imagining.

"It took a lot of seminars and work nights to make sure that everything we needed was ordered and put together. On set up day, everyone worked together and we ended up with a great prom in the end," Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup> said.

After the class made all the design desicions, it was time to start putting everything together. The junior class had several work nights to make sure all of their kits were completed and ready to set up the day before prom. On that Friday, the class gathered to set everything up in the commons area of the high school. It was no longer the commons, but the Garden of Glamour.

On Saturday, all the seniors, juniors, their dates, and special guests gathered to the high school to take on the annual prom. Attendees started their evening out with pictures with their dates and classmates. They then ate a choice of chicken alfredo or chicken pesto pasta. After that, they all went through promenade to show off their dresses and tuxes, and then it was time for the dance. DJing again this year was Jake Dreiling and Neil Metzler.

"The juniors did good this year on the prom theme. It was so beautiful with all of the lights and the leaves. It was overall a great night," Jaylinn Pfeifer<sup>18</sup> said.

After the dance was over, it was time for after-prom. During this event, attendees could participate in volleyball, laser tag, ping pong, a bouncy house, or play video games until the event ended at 1:00 AM. Many students stayed and participated, remaining until the end for prizes. There were several attendees, and the junior class feels it was a successful prom.









#### I. One Last Time

During the final moments of their last prom, all the seniors in attendance gather together to sing "Jumper" by Third Eye Blind. This event occurs at all of the seniors' last dances of the year, creating a sentimental scene. "Being together with my class during the last song and dance of prom was a bittersweet moment because I'm ready to graduate, but I will miss them all so much next year," Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> said.

Photo by Breonna North

#### 2. Getting Groovy

Making the most of her last time on the dance floor, Kaylyn Foster<sup>18</sup> gets down to the music. "My favorite song to dance to is the "Wobble" by V.I.C because the whole school gets up and dances to it together. It also is my favorite because I love the dance moves that the dance includes," Foster said.

Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

#### 3. Hand in Hand

Swinging around and around, McKenzy Dowis<sup>18</sup> and Kelsey Brack<sup>18</sup> intertwine during "The Flying Dutchman Polka," which is played at every dance throughout the year. "The Flying Dutchman' is fun to dance to because it feels like I'm on a roller coaster and it's just so fast, fun, and a good leg workout," Dowis said. Photo by Breonna North

#### 4. Slowing it Down

During one of the few slow dances of the night, Aiden Johnson<sup>18</sup> and her date, Jedd Rowden, converse throughout the song. "The night with my date was amazing. It was the best dance I've ever been to. We had so much fun dancing together and we got to hang out with all of my friends and everyone there. It was one of the best proms ever and was definitely a night to remember." Johnson said.



"My volleyball team won the entire volleyball tournament, and after prom is fun because you're having a good time with your friends following the dance."

-Cade Lewis, 19

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"Laser tag was pretty fun, wrecking everyone all night. On a more serious note, though, after-prom is just a great opportunity to linger a little longer and have a good time with friends."

-Drew Keller, 18







#### Arm in Arm

the way out, Cole Swenson s All Weber, "Meet you on the er side," before parting ways in middle of the gym. "I was so on to be walking with the state." by to be walking with Cole as partner. He's so funny and I'll altely miss him, along with the the class," Weber said.



#### Top of the Class

Receiving her valeditorian plaque from Mr. Burton, Shelby Werth smiles at her mom for a picture Werth was one of ten valedictorians in the 2018 class. To become a valedictorian, you must maintain a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school. "It was something live strived for since starting high school, so finally being able to say 'I did it', was a relief and an honor," Werth said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken



#### Smiles All Around

Coming in for a big/hug, Skylar Gottschalk congratulates/Jordyn Eaton on graduating. "After graduation, II knew this would be the last time I would see some of my class, It was bittersweet, but I know each and every one of them will things," Eaton said.



#### **Finally Done**

the people I grew up with every day enymore. It's exciting, but also a little sed." Johnson seid. Rhoto by Keighlee Wilken

Graduates, in life each of us has a higher call: not just to make a dollar, but to make a difference. Not just to find happiness, but to find a purpose.











#### 1. Runs in the Family

After receiving his diploma from his dad, Drew Kelle goes in for a hug. Drew's dad, Mike, is the School Board president and was able to present Drew with his diploma. "It was honestly one of the memories that will stick out most in my mind 'cause my dad was there, not in the stands, but shaking my right hand, handing me my diploma and I couldn't think of a better end to this chapter of my life," Keller said Photo by Keighlee Wilken

#### 2. Moving On Up

After receiving her high school diploma, Kyrsten Frickey shakes Board of Education member Rob Soneson's hand in congratulations. "After all this time waiting for this moment, it was amazing to finally have my diploma in hand getting congratulated by everyone I knew. It made me realize I finally made it," Frickey said. Photo by Keighlee Willer

#### 3. From Right to Left

As realization sets in, Sierra Schmidt moves her tasse from right to left, signifying she's a high school graduate. "Moving my tassel felt like I was moving from one stage of my life to another. It felt like the greatest relief and a brand new challenge for me to conquer," Schmidt said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

#### 4. Many Thanks

Greeting each other with a big hug, Haley Reiter introduces Senator Jerry Moran to the crowd before he begins his speech to the graduates. Reiter wrote a letter inviting Moran to speak at graduation and to her surprise, he accepted. "I was very excited that the senator accepted my invite. I think his presence at our ceremony reflected our class and community positively," Reiter said. Photo by Hays Daily News



ITH FLYING COLORS

The class is on a road to success and new beginnings

Taking their last walk as high school students, the graduates of 2018 look back on all they have accomplished these past four years. Through academics, athletics, and creating new traditions, the class of 2018 spent their four years making their mark.

"Our freshmen year we showed we weren't a typical class by taking the seniors' windows during homecoming, then all throughout high school many of us were a part of big moments in athletic events," Kaylyn Foster said.

This year, the class had a total of ten valedictorians, more than any class in the past. To be a valedictorian you have to maintain a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school. This years valedictorians are: Abby Burton, Emily Cranwell, Samantha Crawford, Joseph Eck, Kaylyn Foster, Jaylinn Pfeifer, McKenzy Jones, Natalie Schoenberger, Dawson Sproul, and Shelby Werth.

"I am very proud of my class for having so many valedictorians. It really shows the hard work and drive that we all have," Burton said.

Many know these students are not only competitive in sports, but are also competitive academically. The class was offered a total of \$1.1 million in scholarships, being the only class in EHS history to be offered this much money.

"Local scholarships meant more to me because everyone in our class was eligible to recieve them too. With our astounding reputation in the classroom, you never know who will shine the brightest to scholarship committees," Sproul said.

During the ceremony, the class wanted two speakers instead of one, changing tradition for their special day. The speakers were Stacey Williams, a past band/choir teacher, and Senator Jerry Moran. Both of these speakers had an impact on the students that they just couldn't pick between the two of them.

"It was great to have two speakers from two very influencial people, both giving great advice," Samantha Crawford said. With their many academic and athletic achievements, the class of 2018 will forever go down in history.



Coming To A Close







#### 1. Passing the Torch

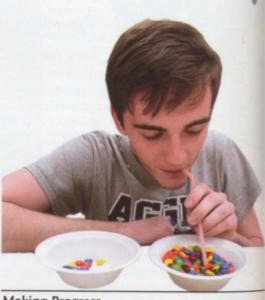
Lighting a candle, Haley Reiter<sup>18</sup> gives away her former vice president of FCCLA position. "The banquet was special because I got to reminisce on all the fun memories of the past four years," Reiter said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

#### 2. Whipping it Up

Preparing an ice cream sundae, Lexi Amrein<sup>21</sup> serves guests after the spring music concert in exchange for donations. Money raised from the ice cream fundraiser was used for FCCLA's upcoming summer activities. Photo by Lauryn Becker

#### 3. Looking Back

Commemorating the past year in the club. Taylor Honas<sup>18</sup>, Cassie Waldschmidt<sup>19</sup>, and Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> listen to all the events that have occurred over the last year. "The banquet was special to me because it was my last banquet, and every senior was there." Honas said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



#### **Making Progress**

Digging into a bowl of M&Ms, Lane Fischer<sup>19</sup> moves the candy to an empty bowl in hopes of transferring the most. This was one of many events at the annual FFA lock-in. "We tried to challenge our members' skills and make a competitive environment," Fischer said. Photo by Chelsea Bowen



## stuco



Up to the Challenge

Finishing up her presidential speech, Caitlin Fisher<sup>21</sup> points out her best qualities to ensure her class of why they should vote for her. "The best part of running for president was writing a speech and getting in front of everyone and making them laugh," Fisher said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



President Joseph Eck



Vice President Dawson Sproul



President in the Making

Delivering his speech on how he would best fit the Stuco president position, Bobby Cox<sup>19</sup> persuades the EHS students why he should be picked."The most exciting parts of running was making my own song and everybody cheering me on," Cox said. Photo by Lauryn Becker



#### **Good Sportsmanship**

After campaigning against one another for two weeks, Addie Shepard<sup>20</sup> and Noah Lohrmeyer<sup>20</sup> share a good luck high-five before presenting their speeches for the student body. In the end, Shepard won the election to become junior class president for next year. Photo by Lauryn Becker



Enjoying quality time, Grace Eck<sup>24</sup> and her PAL, Maggie Fitzgerald engage in a conversation during the quarterly PAL lunch. This was the last time the two would be eating together. "My favorite part about PALs is getting to be a good role model for them and getting to know them. The PALs lunch brought us closer together, because eating lunch with Maggie let me see what her school day was like," Eck said. Photo by Kyrsten Frickey

## LEADING THE CLUB

Students in KAYs fill old officers shoes in the annual induction ceremony

Maggie James<sup>21</sup>



"I am very excited for the new KAY year, and can't wait to work with the new officer team. As Advertising Director, I will make sure everyone knows about upcoming events!"

Photo by Ali Webe

Brady Frickey21 and Natalie Schoenberger18

"We will have a great group, even though we may be young, we can still make changes and good decisions for our KAY club and community." -Brady Frickey



Photo by Ali Weber

Breonna North 20



"As the new KAY president I am excited this new year. We have such a great community and students in Ellis I can't wait to get others involved to help make a difference."

Photo by Ali Weber



## shop class



#### In the Shop

During his wood shop class, Toby Woodworth<sup>21</sup> uses the clamping tool to combine the face pieces of his clock together in order to move on to the next step. This is just one of the steps in making his clock. "The easiest part in the clock-making process was definitely staining the clock after finishing the building process of it," Woodworth said. Photo by Dawson Spioul



"You have to be exact so everything fits together." -Daniel Eck<sup>18</sup> Photo by Dawson Sproul



"Shop taught me how to make things out of wood." -Darren McLaughlin<sup>21</sup> Photo by Dawson Sproul



#### A View From Above

While in the shop, Matthew Bieker<sup>21</sup> and Trace Patee<sup>21</sup> do work on their clocks. Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> took a different approach while capturing this photo from above. He was able to get a view of the shop class' projects from a bird's eye view and see things from a different angle. Photo by Dawson Sproul



#### Clock Work

While building his clock in shop class, Tegan Cain<sup>21</sup> uses the chisel tool to make up for the mistake made while shaping his clock.
"The chisel is only used when mistakes are made, that is its purpose in the shop," Cain said. This project took him three weeks to complete and the theme of his clock was the Miami Marlins, his favorite baseball team.

SPhoto by Dawson Sproul

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Students at work preparing for the final news projects of the year

#### Geoffrey Soneson 18



"Filming for the senior video was a lot of fun, but it was a lot of hard work. I definitely could not have done it without Ali Weber<sup>18</sup>."

Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

"Bloopers is a fun segment to create because a lot of people watch it. It's fun for me, also, because I am capturing memories that will be there forever."

#### Melanie Befont 18



Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

#### Nick Geachwentnen 18



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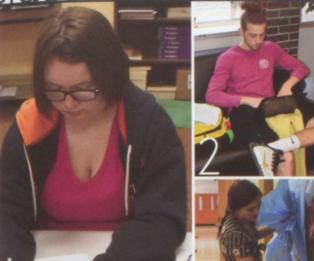
"What I did this year in the news was design several of the graphics used in the news episodes. Examples include the scoreboards and name graphics."

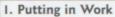
Finishing Up

Studying in the library, Brendon Zweifel<sup>18</sup> focuses on his computer to help with his math homework. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



lassroom Activities





During her Algebra I class, Emma Boss<sup>21</sup> works on the assignment she was given by teacher Dan Walker. The students were putting in work on percentages.

Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

#### 2. Study Time

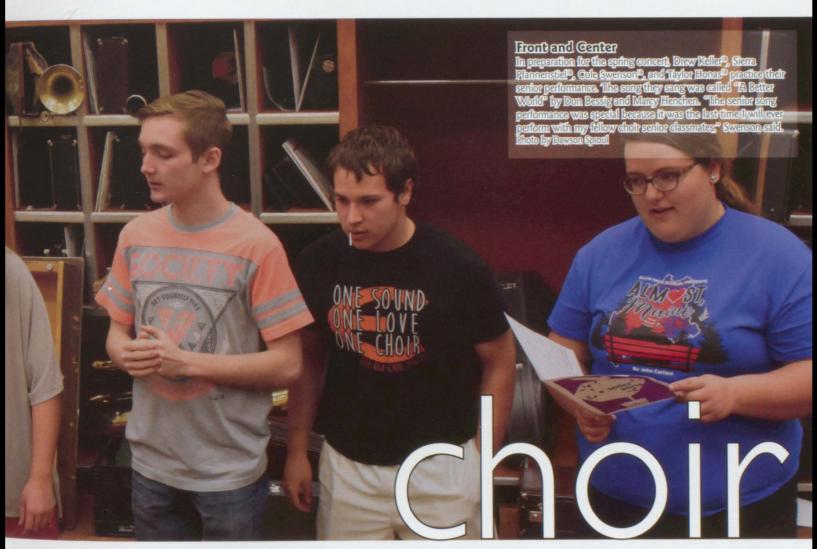
During his independent study, Tabasco McClung<sup>19</sup> works on his computer to complete any homework needing finished. "I like independent study because then I can get all my homework done during school," McClung said. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

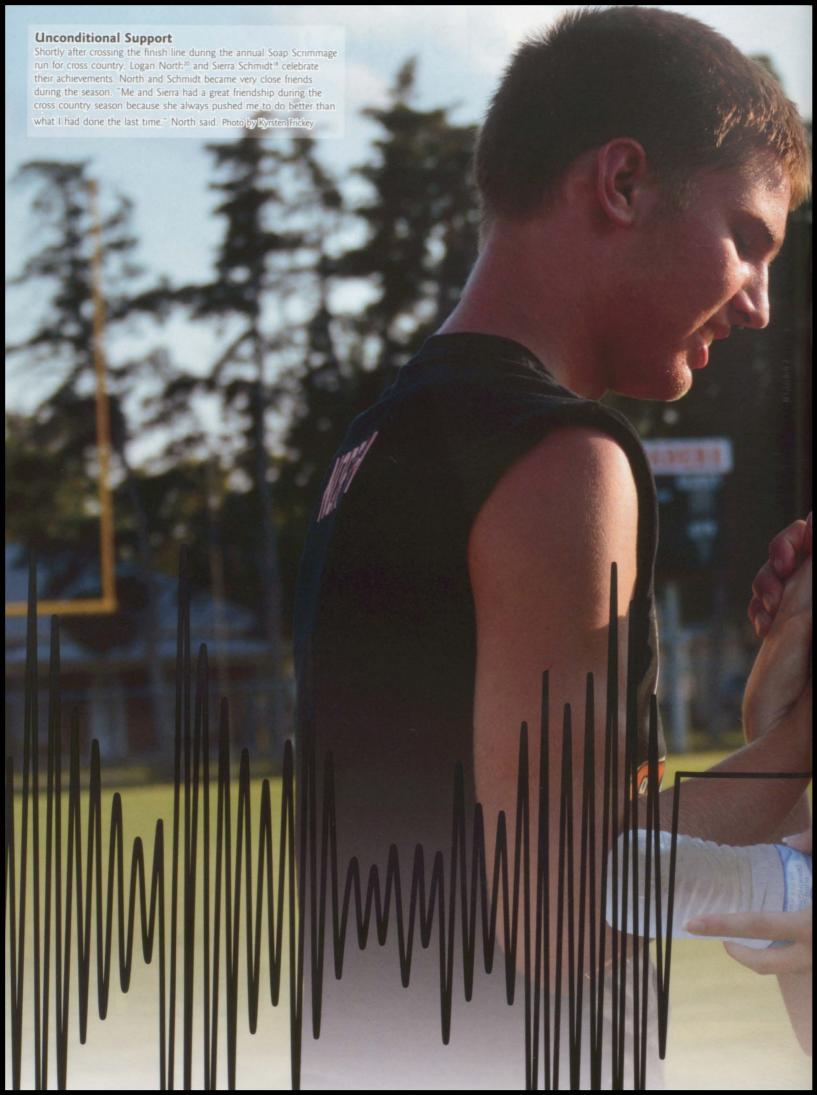
#### 3. Assisting in the Office

During her office aide period, Blakely Bittel<sup>18</sup> updates the birthday bulletin board from April to May. Every year there are a few senior students chosen to assist in the office during the day. "I loved being an office aide and helping Maria out as much as I possibly could," Bittel said. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger



Posing with the Kansas Jayhawk, the journalism staff takes time to get a picture to remember their trip before starting the competition. All nine members of the staff qualified for state KSPA events held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Photo by Sheri Dowis







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Amrein



Bieker



Veronica Bieker



Morgan Bittel



Isabella Bollig



Emma Boss



Ashlynn Burgess



Tegan Cain



Donovan Colby



Gina Cox



Tessa Cuccia



Star Dinkel



Cody Eberle



Daniel Eck



Grace Eck



Jacy Fischer



Caitlin Fischer



Brady Frickey



Camryn Frickey



Kloee Hernandez



Lyndsy Hinman



Magdalene James



Chaselyn Jimenez



Elena Johnson

#### two TRUTHS & a LIE



Star Dinkel

- 1. "I'm usually eating pizza "
- 2. "I'm usually wearing crocs"
- 3. "I can speak two languages"









Emma Boss

- . "My best friend is my cat"
- "I live with my grandma"
- 3. "I have a younger sister"

Answers left to right: 3,2,2



fast as possible with the help of Kolten Keller. At homecoming class games, classes race to get the most points to win. Photo by Breonna North



Austyn Jones



Brooklyn Julian



Kolten Keller



Michaela Keller



Haylee Kelsey



Kohl



Colten Lewis



Austin McGuire



Darren McLaughlin



lace Milbourne



Evalyn Miller



Abigail North



Clay North



Trace Patee



Konnor Pfeifer



Michael Pritchett



Samuel Pyle



Kaelyn Rohr



Zach Schiel



Clay Shaw



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Jaryn Wildeman



Sarah Wilson



Toby Woodworth

**Jumping For Joy** 

At the annual winter pep rally, Brady Frickey toe touches with the

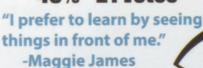
help of his cousin, Camryn Frickey. Every year, the cheerleaders choose

boys to dance with and perform it in front of the school. "The

hardest part was having to learn

the dance so fast with a limited

## What Type Of Learner Are You? 48% - 21 votes





## HANDS-ON



43% - 19 votes

"I learn better when someone shows me how to do something and then I do it with them."

#### -Morgan Bittel

## LISTENING

something over and over again."

#### 9% - 4 votes

"I learn better by hearing

-Lyndsy Hinman







time."Frickey said. Photo By Ali Weber.

Brooklyn Julian helps Elena Johnson make a paper body figure."The point of the activity was to work with each other as a team and figure out what you wanted to do in life after high school. We also learned about our fellow classmates," Johnson said. Photo By Sheri Dowis.





Logan Armbrister



Owen Bates



Becker



Grace Beisner



Carter Bollig



Bollig



Cheyenne Born



Abigail Brown



Brian Carbajal



Clara Crawford



Jacob Eck



Zachary Eck



Coby Fischer



Landis Fischer



John Gamez



Kade Gottschalk



I. Lending a Helping Hand

money for her class by working concessions. "My favorite part is knowing I make meals right," Born said. Photo by Lauryn Becker

2. Just Floating By Sitting on top of the annual float, Kade Gottschalk and Peyton Reese get the crowd excited for the homecoming game. Photo by Ali Weber

3. Crunch Time

Focusing on homework, Abigail Mattheyer works on Geometry in the library. "The hardest part of geometry is all the equations," Mattheyer said. Photo by Lauryn Becker

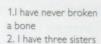
## Passing off a pretzel, Cheyenne Born earns

#### two TRUTHS & a LIE-



Savannah Miller

1. I have 8 siblings 2. I can speak 2 languages 3. I've watched Gossip Girl 3 times



3. I own two dogs

#### Austin Mattheyer



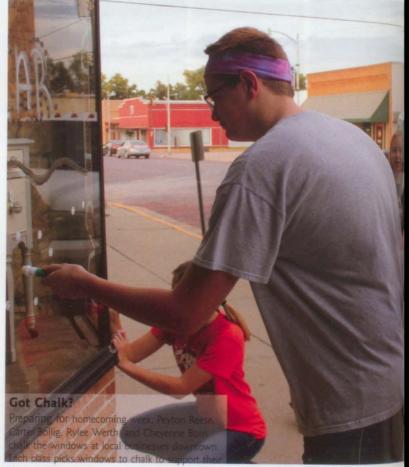


Lawrence Kreutzer

1. I got my first cell phone when I was 12 2. I have been to Missouri

3. My favorite sport to watch is football

Answers left to right: 3, 1, 2



class and have bonding time. Photo by Breonna North





Keaton Keller



Natalie Kelsey



Lawrence Kreutzer



lohn Linch



Noah Lohrmeyer



Weston Love



Abigail Mattheyer



Austin Mattheyer



Raeven Milbourne



Savannah Miller



Breonna North



Logan North



Peyton Reese



Shepard



Mason Swenson



Seth Warren



Werth

## e're like salt mixed with a little bit of sugar.

Addie Shepard



Railer Pride

During the homecoming pep rally, Grace Beisner gets the crowd involved with a cheer. This was her first year on the high school cheer squad. "Performing in the pep rally was nerve-racking, but when the music started, my nerves were gone," Beisner said. Photo by Dawson Sproul



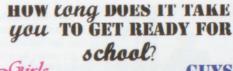
It's a Ring Thing

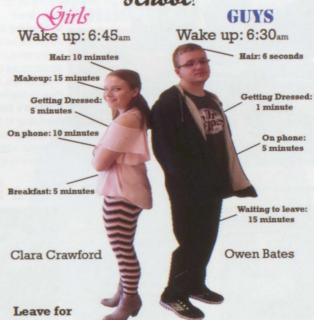
Showing off their new bling, Mason Swenson and Logan North both wear their own unique ring designs."My stone is special to me, because it's my birthstone, which is sapphire." North said. 21 out of 33 students in their class bought rings this year. Photo by Lauryn Becker



Pushed to the Limit

Working to improve his bench press max, Brian Carbajal prepares for another rep in GPD. "My favorite part is how I'm making myself better each day, which is why I took it," Carbajal said. This is his second year in GPD and he will continue to take it. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger





7:30am school:

**Total Time:** 45 minutes

7:20am **Total Time:** 

21 minutes 6 seconds





Kaden Armbruster



Aschenbrenner



Dylan Brown



Kennedy Burgess



Robert Cox



Zachary Cox



Megan Cranwell



Lane Fischer



John Groff



Kaylee Hernandez



Trey Hudson



Auntonio Jones



Cameryn Kinderknect



Reece Kroeger

ready to scare train riders all night long. This is the first time that the drama club has put on the annual Haunted Train and they hope to continue the

tradition. Photo by Lauryn Becker



Bailey Lepper



Cade Lewis



#### I. Let's Get Poppin'

As part of the homecoming festivities, Zach Cox, Ben Wallace and Logan Shaw participate in the parade by riding on the junior's class float. Photo by Dawson Sproul

#### 2. Working Hard

As part of his Ag class, Talon Torline takes a break from his project to cut out pieces of metal for Mrs. Bowen's wall.

#### 3. What's Mine is Yours

during the annual class games, Hayden Aschenbrenner and

Photo by Keighlee Wilken

#### Attempting to beat the seniors

Riley Malleck race the clock. The goal was to transfer the shirt without using their hands. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

#### two TRUTHS & a LIE



Zachary Cox

- 1. "I've been to half of America."
- 2. "I have a relative that lives in another country.
- 3. "I was born on Thanksgiving.







Kaitlyn Lindberg

- 1. "I love to sing opera and rap."
- 2. "My favorite sport to play is basketball" 3. "My favorite actor
- is Cillan Murphy."

Answers left to right: 3, 1, 2





Kaitlyn Lindberg



Marissa Lindberg



Holden Lyman



Riley Malleck



Tabasco McClung



Kiandra Merriman



Milbourne



Ty Patee



Elijah Raub



Logan Shaw



Thomas Shepard



August Sinclair



Talon Torline



Cassandra Waldschmidt



Benjamin Wallace



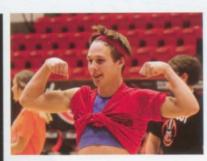
Keighlee Wilken



Tara Woodworth

# 'As Mr. Kohl would say, 'if you can believe, you can

achieve." - Dylan Brown



The Tradition Holds

As a tradition at EHS, the boys learn a dance, get dressed up, and join the cheerleaders on the floor during the annual winter pep rally. For the second year in a row, Logan Shaw participated in this event. "The hardest part of being in the pep rally was learning the dance and how to pick up chicks," Shaw said. Photo by Ali Weber



The Show Will Go On!

After weeks of hard work, Lane Fischer finally got to perform his scene for an audience. The cast rehearsed their performance for weeks, often going late into the night. "One of my favorite parts of being in the play, is the friendships you make on and off the stage." Fischer said.

Photo by Ali Weber



**Pumping Iron** 

During Mr. Armbruster's third hour, GPD, Cade Lewis works on improving himself. Four days out of the week the class goes over to the weight room to lift weights and improve their personal reps. Everyday there is a workout set up for them as a goal of what they need to accomplish that day. Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

#### Would You Rather Junior Edition

Be the bench warmer on a winning team

38%

verything

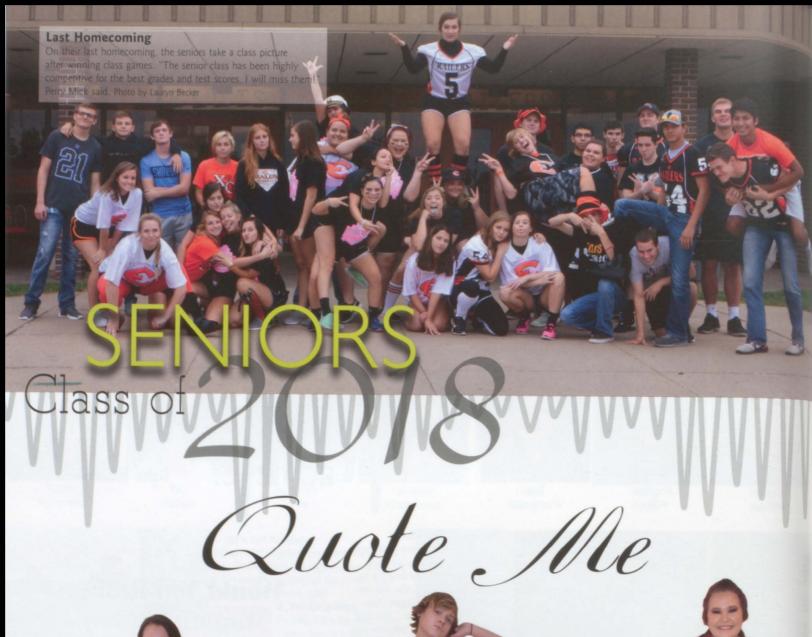
Be the star on a losing team

61%

Be amazing at everything you try

57%

\*28 people polled





I can't believe we graduated just to go to school again.

Jaylinn Pfeifer



Of course I dress cute. I didn't spend all that time in the closet for nothing.

Dawson Sproul



"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them" - Walt Disney Jordyn Eaton MELANIE\_BEFORT



Congratulations, Melanie!



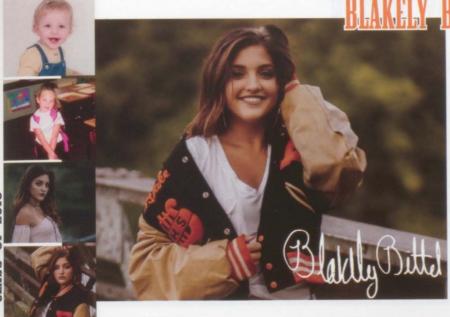
We are so proud of you, shoot for the stars and don't look back!

Love,

Your entire family (the whole clan)

All-American Cheerleader 10, 12 Band 9, 10, 11 Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 Cross Country 9 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA Officer 12 FCCLA Peer-Ed 11, 12 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 Forensics State Champion 12 Forensics State Qualifier 9, 10, 11, 12 Homecoming Candidate 12 Journalism 10 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12

KAY Board Member 9 KAY Officer 10, 11, 12 National Honor Society 11, 12 PALs 11, 12 Play 9, 10, 11, 12 Prom Server 10 Scholar's Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12 Site-Council Community Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12 Snoball Queen II State Forensics 4th, 9; 3rd 10 Stuco 9, 12 Volleyball 10

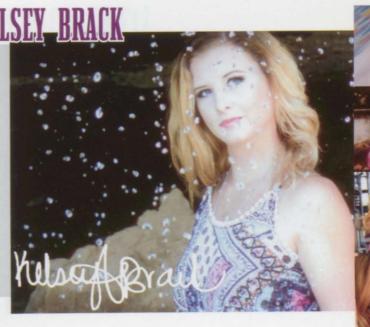


Kelsey Lu, we are so proud of the young woman you've become Today you face the world as a graduate. Never give up on yourself.

We love you

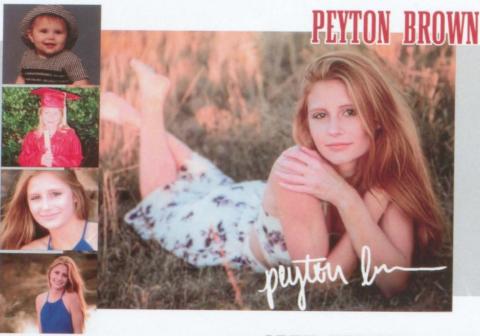
Mom & Dad

Basketball 9, 10, 11 Choir 9, 10 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 National Honor Society 11 State Track 11 Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 Site-Based Council Community Service Award 11









You are braver than you think, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you know.

Always,

Dad, Mom & Patrick

Cross Country 12 FCA 9, 10 Four The Third 9, 10 Photography 9, 10 Shreveport United Soccer Club 9, 10 Soccer 9, 10, 11 State Soccer Runner-Up 11 Track 12

We are so proud of all you've accomplished We can't wait to see what the future holds for you Pursue your dreams with passion! Love,

Dad, Mom & Easton

All-American Cheerleader 10, 12 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA Officer 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Board Member 11, 12 National Honor Society 11, 12

PALs 10, 11, 12 Scholar's Bowl 9, 10, 11 Site-Based Council Community Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12 State Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12





Congratulations, Taton!



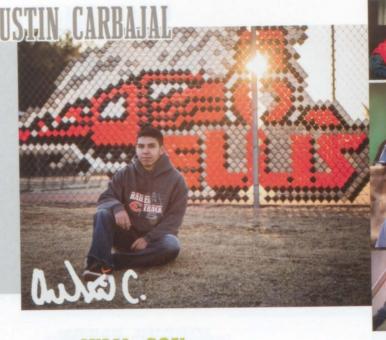
We are all so proud of you!

Love,

Mom. Dad, Daniel, Brian, & Chris

Basketball 10 Cross Country 9, 10, 11 FFA 9 Forensics 12 KAYs 9, 10 Play 12

Prom Server 10 Track 9, 10, 11







Jules, you have already overcome more than most people do in a lifetime. Keep living courageously for Christ. We are so thankful God chose us. Romans 21:1

Love Mom & Dad

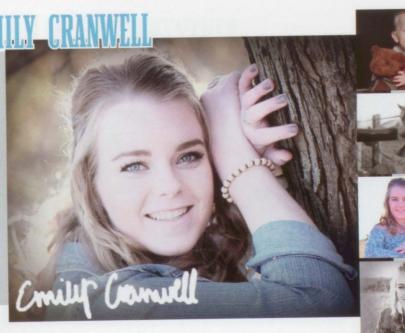
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We are SO proud of you. Emily! We can't wait to see what God has in stone for you next.

Love,

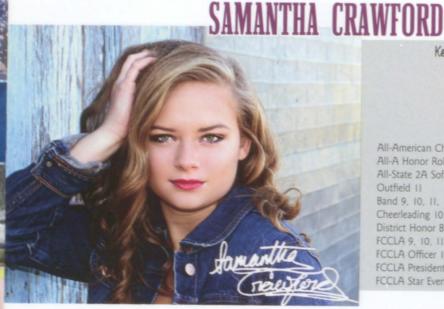
Dad & Mom

Girls Athletic Association 9, 10, 11
Girl State11
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYs 12
Lea's Club 9, 10, 11
National Honor Society 11, 12
Secretary 4-H Club 9, 10, 11
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 12
Wresting Manager 12



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Keep following your dreams! We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

Love,

Mom & Bret, Dad & Aly, & Families

All-American Cheerleader 12
All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
All-State 2A Softball 1st Team-Outfield 11
Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12
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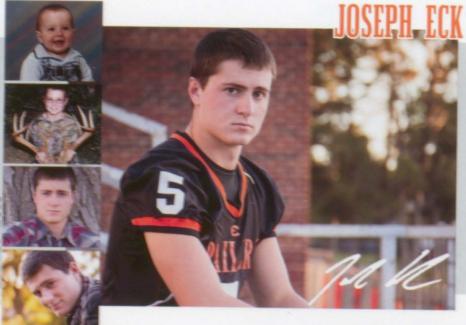
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Dreams are whispers from your soul Listen to them! You are amazing, don't settle for anything less than that

We love you. Your family

Choir 9, 11 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9 Track 9, 10 Volleyball 9, 10





Joseph, you have grown into a strong man. We know that you will be successful in whatever the future holds for you

We love you.

All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
All-Area Football 10, 11, 12
All-District Football 10
All-League 1st Team Football 10, 11, 12
All-State Football 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Stuco 11, 12
Stuco President 12
State Track 4x100 relay-runner-up 11
Top 100 Kansas Football 12
Track 9, 11, 12



There are no words that explain how beyond proud D.J. and I are of your accomplishments, your respect, and kindness to others Can't wait to see what the future brings

Love you,

Mom & D.J.

All-State Basketball- Honorable Mention II Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 Forensics State Placer- Duet 6th, 9: Duet 3rd, 10 Forensics State Qualifier 9, 10, 11, 12

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<u>KYRSTEN ERICKEY</u>

Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you Within you all you need We are so proud of youl

Love,

Dad, Mom, Camrun & Janen

All-American Cheerleader 10 Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 Cheerleading Co-Captian 12 Class Secretary 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 Homecoming Candidate 12 Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 Journalism 10, 11, 12 Journalism State Qualifier 10, 11 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Officer 12

National Honor Society 11, 12 Pals 10, 11, 12 Site-Based Council Community Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12 State Cheer 12 State Journalism 10, 3rd; 11, 2nd Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12 Student Journalist of the Year 11 Yearbook Co-Editor 11, 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11 Web Team II

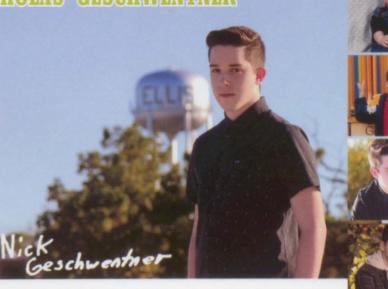


NICHOLAS\_GESCHWENTNER

We are so proud of you graduating high school, and even more proud of the amazing young man you have become Congnatulations, Nicholas! Love,

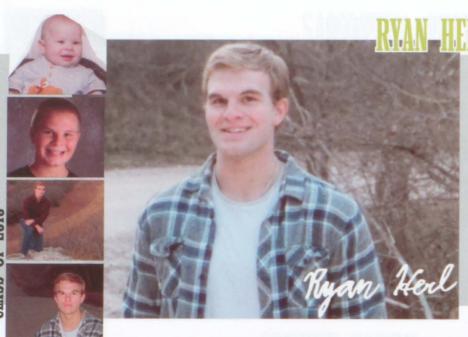
Mom. Dad, Brandon, Mara, and Bentley

Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9, 10 News Team 12 Track 9, 10 Web Team II









We are so proud of you! We wish you all the best. Dream big!

Mom, Dad, Jared, & Katelyn

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
FFA 9
Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Football First-Team MCL Tight End 12
Football Defensive MVP 12
Football Second-Team MCL Linebacker 12
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9
2-1A All-State Football Team 12

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and everything you have accomplished so far. Can't wait to see what the

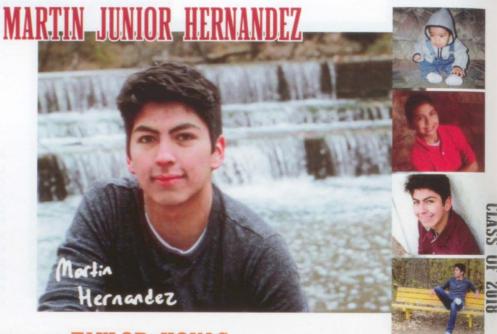
future has in stone for you

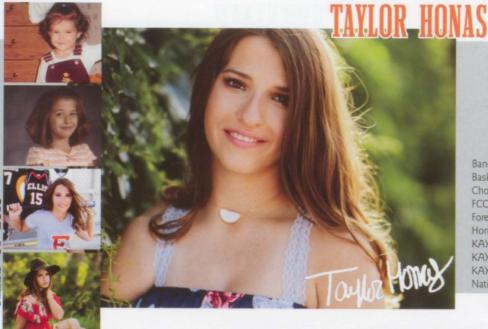
We love you,

Mom, Dad, Jasmyn, & JJ

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 FFA 9 Honor Roll 11 KAYs 9, 10, 11 News Team 12 Pals 12

Prom Server 10 Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12





Congnatulations, Taylon! We are so proud of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom Sam, & Toby

Band 9, 12 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Choir II, 12 FCCLA 10, II, 12 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 Honor Roll 10, 11 KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Board Member 10, 12 KAY Officer II National Honor Society 12 Pals 10, 11, 12
Play 9, 10, 11, 12
Site-Council Community Service
Award 11, 12
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12
State Band 1 Rating, 11
State Choir 1 Rating, 11
State Fair Band 1 Rating, 11
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 12



Congratulations! Your mother would be so proud of you! You have grown into such a beautiful, smart, young woman I know you will go far and achieve all your dreams.

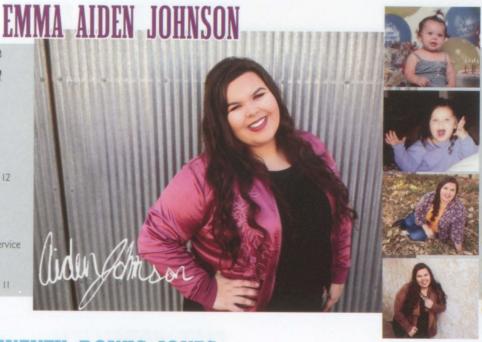
Love,

#### Dad and Lacey

Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir President 12
Class President 11, 12
Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA Officer 12
Forensics 12
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
KANSAS Ambassador of Music 12
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
KAY Board Member 9, 10, 11

KAY Officer 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
Pals 10, 11, 12
Play 9, 10, 11, 12
Scholar's Bowl 9, 10, 12
Snoball Queen 12
Site-Council Community Service
Award 11, 12
Soccer 9, 10, 11
Soprano Section Leader 10, 11
Stuco 11, 12

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12



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The world would be a happier place if we all viewed it through your views. Don't ever lose that vision.

Love you most,

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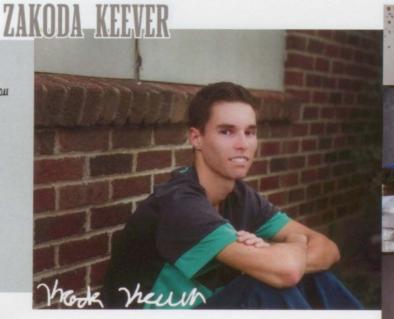
Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9
Cheerleading 9, 11
Choir 9
Class Vice President 9
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 10
Forensics 9
Journalism 11

Kansas Honor Scholar 12 KAYs 10 Scholar's Bowl 9 State Band 1 Rating, 11 State Cross Country Qualifier 11 State Journalism 11 Stuco 9, 10 Track 9, 10

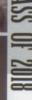
All your hardwork paid off and you made it! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what life has in stone for you.

Your family

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Choir 9, 10, 12 FFA 9 Track 9, 10, 11, 12



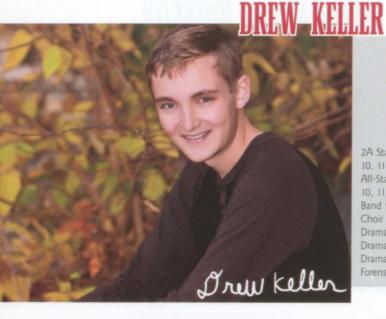








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Drew, 'do or do not, there is no try' -Master Yoda
You can do anything you put your mind to.

Much love,

Dad, Mom & Michaela

2A State Forensics Champions
10, 11
All-State Masonic Marching Band
10, 11, 12
Band 9, 10, 11, 12
Choir 12
Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12
Drama Club President 11
Drama Club VP 10
Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12

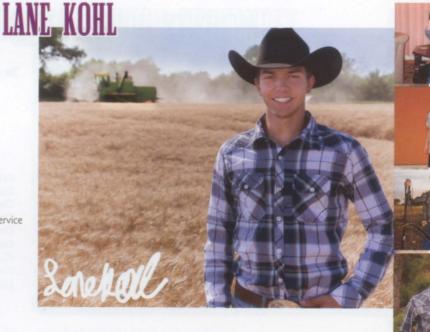
Homecoming Candidate 12
Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
News Team 11
Play 9, 10, 11, 12
Scholar's Bowl 11, 12
State Forensics 2nd 6 3rd, 9, 60
10; 3rd, 11
Student Director of Play 12

We are super proud of you and all your hard work and determination over the years. We wish you great success in what your future holds!

Love you

Dad, Mom & Maci

Band 9 FFA 9, 10, 11, 12 FFA President 12 FFA Sentinel 11 Football 9, 11, 12 Honor Roll 9 KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12 Pals 10, 11, 12 Play 9, 10 Site-Council Community Service Award 9, 10, 11 Track 10 Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

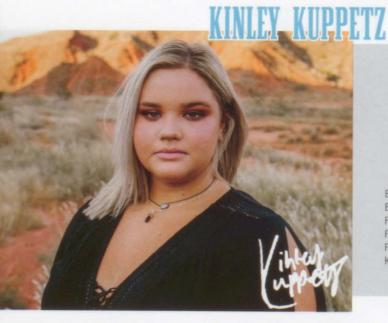












Stay far from timid, only make moves when your hearts in
it and live the phrase, skys the limit.
(Biggie Smalls)
So proud of youl
Your family

Band 9, 10, 11 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10 Football Manager 12 Forensics 9, 10 KAYS 9, 10, 11 MCL Art 10, 11, 12 News Team 11, 12 Play 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Volleyball 9 Volleyball Manager 10, 11



Sienna, we are so proud of the beautiful, young lady you have become and all your accomplishments. Don't be afraid to follow your dreams and embrace the adventure. Good Luck in the future,

Love.

#### Mom & Family

Band 9, 10, 11, 12 Basketball Manager 9, 10, 11, 12 Choir 9, 11, 12 District Honor Band 1st Chair 9; 5th Chair 10 FCCLA 10, 12 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 Honor Roll KAYS 9, 10

Play 9, 10, 11, 12 State Band One Rating 9, 10, 11, State Choir Two Rating 9, 10; One Rating II State Forensics Qualifier 9, 10, 11, 12

Track 9, 10, 11, 12

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12







We have enjoyed all you've accomplished so far and can't wait to see what your future holds

Mom, Dad, Jordan, Branden, Gunner, & Jared

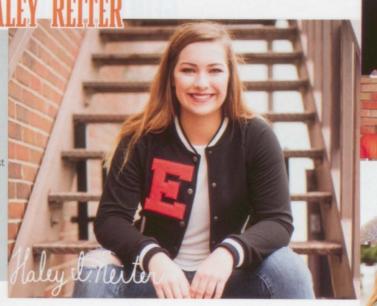
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What a treasure of memories you have given us with your sparkle and will Congnatulations - We love you Haley Bug. Love.

Mom. Dad, & Olivia

Band 9, 10, 11 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA Officer 11, 12 FCCLA State VP of Peer Education 12 Forensics 9 Homecoming Queen 12 Journalism 11 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYs Board Member 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Officer 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY President 12

National Honor Society 11, 12 National STAR Event Gold Medalist News Team 11, 12 Pals 12 Play 9, 10, 11 Prom Server 10 Scholar's Bowl 9, 10 Site-Council Community Service Award 9, 10, 11, 12 Softball 9 Track 10, 11, 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11









Every day you make us laugh — you make us proud. No doubt you will reach every goal you have. As a family, we will support you and cheer you on every day.

Love you Ra Ra.

Mom. Dad, Theron, & Sienna

Band 9, 10, 11
Baseball Manager 10, 11, 12
Cheerleading 11, 12
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
FCCLA Officer 12
Journalism 10, 11, 12
KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12

Pals 10, 11, 12 Play 12 Prom Server 10 Site-Council Community Servi Award 11, 12 State Cheer 12 State Cross Country Qualifier Track 9

NATALIE\_SCHOENBERGER

We are so proud of the person you have become, and will continue to be! You amaze us with your achievements and determination. Continue to believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

Love you,

Mom, Dad, & Jenna

I A-2A Feature Writing State Champion II All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 Band 9, 10, 11 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 Cheerleading II, 12 FCCLA 9, 11, 12 Forensics 9 Journalism II, 12 Journalism State Qualifier II, 12 Kansas Honor Scholar 12 KAVs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Board Member 9
KAY Officer 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
News Team 11
Pals 12
Play 9, 10, 11, 12
Scholar's Bowl 9, 10
Site-Council Community Service
Award 9, 11, 12
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Web Team 12





GEOFFREY SONESON

The

Band 9

Baskett
FCCLA
Footba
Footba
Homor
KAYs 9

The one thing we love about you is your focus and dedication With that, we know you'll go far.

Love always,

Mom. Dad, & Kaleigh

Band 9, 10, 11 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12 Football 9, 10, 11, 12 Football Special Teams MVP 12 Homecoming Candidate 12 Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12 National Honor Society II, I2 News Team II, I2 Pals I2 Prom Server IO Site-Council Community Service Award 9, I0, II, I2 Snoball Candidate IO, II, I2 Track 9, IO, II, I2



Since the 1 st day of kindergarten, you have amazed us. We are so poud of you and all you have accomplished. Stay humble, work hard, be kind, and you will do great things. We will always be here for you With all our love,

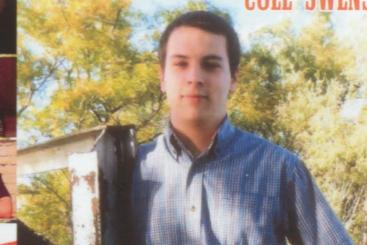
#### Dad, Mom. Dakota, Snooks, & Tika

All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 Basketball Manager 9, 10, 11, 12 Cross Country 9 Cross Country Manager 12 Drama Club Officer 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 10, 11 FFA 9 Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12 Forensics State Champion 11

KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Board Member 9 KAY Officer 10, 11, 12 KAY President II Kansas Honor Scholar 12 National Honor Society 11, 12 Play 9, 10, 11, 12 Scholar's Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12 Site-Council Award 9, 10, 11, 12 State Journalism HM & 3rd, 11: 3rd & HM, 12 Snoball King 9, 10, 11 State Large Group Band 10 Stuco 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 11







Words cannot express how proud we are of the outstanding, young man you've become

Love,

Mom, Dad, Mason, Nona, Papa, & Grandpa

Basketball 9, 10 Choir 10, 11, 12 FFA 9, 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 Track 9, 10, 11, 12 Wrestling II

Congratulations, Skyler!







When you were born, you acreamed and our home was never the same, but we have loved every minute of it!

Love always,

Mom, Dad, Ryan, & Kyle

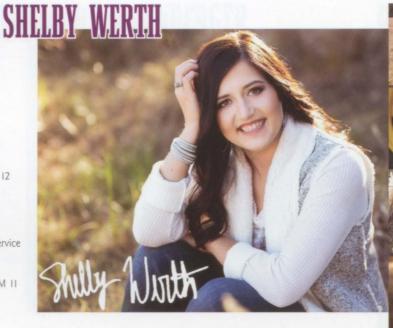
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 FCCLA 9, 10, 11 Football Manager 12 Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12 Journalism 10, 11, 12 Journalism Editor 11, 12 Journalism MVP 11 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12 KAY Board Member 11 National Honor Society 11, 12 Pals 10, 11, 12 Prom Server 10 Site-Council Community Service Award 11, 12 Softball 9, 10, 11 State Journalism HM 10; 2nd 11; 3rd 12 Stuco 11, 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11 Web Team 12

We have loved watching you grow into a beautiful, strong, young woman. We can't wait to see what amazing things you accomplish.

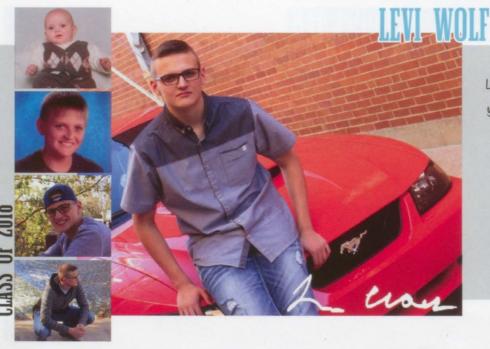
We love youl

All-A Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
All-American Cheerleader 12
Band 9, 10
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Business Editor 11, 12
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12
FCCLA 9, 10, 11, 12
Forensics 9
Journalism 10, 11, 12
KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12
KAY Board Member 11, 12
KAY Officer 11, 12

Kansas Honor Scholar 12 National Honor Society 11, 12 Pals 10, 11, 12 Play 9, 10, 11 Prom Server 10 Scholar's Bowl 10, 12 Site-Council Community Service Award 11, 12 State Cheer 12 State Journalism HM 10; HM 11 Stuco 12 Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12







Levi, the bad news is time flies, the good news is you're the pilot. Be yourself, show the real, imperfect, quinky, handsome, magical man that you are!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Tammy, Curit, & Lexi

5th Ranked Kansas Cashier 12 IGA Cashier 10, 11, 12 KAYs 9, 10, 11, 12

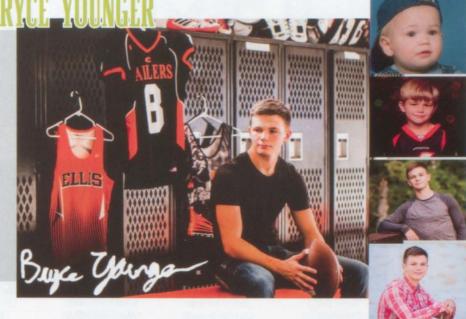


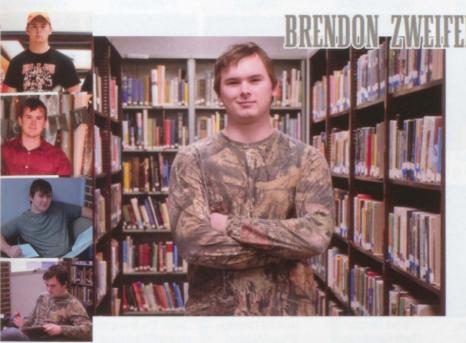
Accept no one a definition of your life, define yourself! Robert Froat
We are no PROUD of the young man you have become.

We love youl

Dad, Mom Landon, & Aspen

Band 9 Baseball 10 FCCLA 9 Football 9, 10, 11, 12 Homecoming King 12 KAYS 9, 10, 11, 12 News Team 11, 12 Prom Server 10 School Play 9 State Wrestling 2nd, 9; 10 State Wrestling 5th, 11 Stuco 10 Track 9, 11, 12 Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12





Congratulations, Brendonl



Craig Amrein (Multimedia/Football)



Brandon Armbruster (Physical Education)



Brandy Becker (Spanish/Office)



John Befort (Athletic Director)



Kristi Bittel (Cheer/KAYs)



Jodi Boeckner (Art/Volleyball)



Chelsea Bowen (Agriculture/FFA)



Corey Burton (Principal)



Brent Cain (Baseball)



Matt Carroll (Woodshop/Golf



Nicole Carroll (Counselor/Quiz Bowl)



Jennifer Cimmiyotti (Kitchen)



Alyssa Dawson (English/Foresics)



Sheri Dowis (English/Journalism)



Jake Dreiling (Football/Track)



Kaleb Feist (Band/Choir)



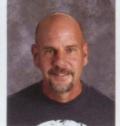
Paula Greenway (Para-Educator)



Jennifer Hansen (Volleyball)



Michelle Hensley (Librarian)



Randy Herman (Custodian)



Steve Herrman (Tech Coordinator)



Shandra Housley (Para-Educator)



Jacob Kinderknecht (Football/Basketball)



Norleen Knoll (Librarian)

#### two TRUTHS & a LIE



Nicole Carroll

- 1. "I pole vaulted in college."
- 2. "I was on MTV." 3. "I got married in

Vegas."

1. "I shot an elk." 2. "I won a cheer competition over the summer." 3. "I coached high school tennis." Jeff Kohl

Chelsea Bowen 1. "I tutored NBA star Nerlens Noel." 2. "I tried out for American Idol in Nashville." 3. "I worked in Wyoming

with cattle and rode horses everyday."



Amrein, and Mr. Mick\_judge the boy Answers left to right: 3, 1, 2 pageant walks, question, and answer. Every year, three new male teachers are selected to judge and rate them on a scale of I-IO. Photo by Ali Weber



Jeff Kohl (History/Stuco)



Leonard LaBarge (Custodian)



Brad Little (Wrestling)



Heather Lyman (Kitchen)



Brandon Maska (Boys Basketball)



Maria Mick (Secretary)



Perry Mick (Math/Girls Basketball)



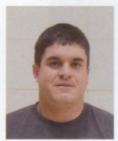
Bob Mickelson (Softball)



Breanne Nilhas (FACs/FCCLA)



Mary Parke (Nurse)



Brandon Pfeifer (Wrestling)



Sam Polifka (Play)



Ashley Rohleder (Forensics)



David Schuster (Class Sponsor)



Karla Schuster (Class Sponsor)



Sandy Shupe (Para-Educator)



Kaleigh Soneson (Volleyball/Basketball)



Dan Walker (Math)



Kathy Wickham (Kitchen)



David Wildeman (Science/Baseball)



Jack Wolf (Cross Country/Track)



Bob Young (Superintendent)

"EHS has a talented and dedicated staff who always wants the best for their students." - Perny Mick



One-On-One

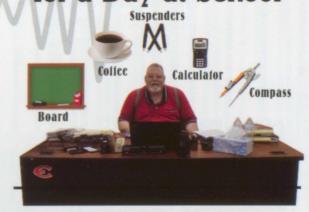
At Parent Teacher Conferences, Mr. Wildeman informs two parents on how their child is performing in his class. "Parent Teacher Conferences provide the alone time needed with our students' parents so that they know how they are doing in class," Wildeman said. Photo by Rylee Werth



Picking Up Pines

On Community Service Day, Mrs. Dawson and her seminar students help assist a resident of the Ellis community's home to rake up pine leaves. "Community Service Day is important because it helps build the bond between the school and the community," Dawson said. Photo by Shelby Werth

# Teacher MUST HAVES for a Day at School







Back row:—Taylor-Honas, Shelby-Werth, Haley Reiter, Kinley Kuppetz, Kaylyn Foster, Abby Burton, Natalie Schoenberger, and Ali Weber. Front row: Sierra Pfannenstiel, Isabella Bollig, Perry Mick, Grace Beisner, Abby North, Rylee Werth, Cassie Waldschmidt, Grace Eck, Maggie James, Abigail Mattheyer, Veronica Beiker, Tessa Cuccia, Elena Johnson, Kaleigh Soneson, Kaylee Hernandez.

#### TEAM STATS

Phillipsburg 48-43 Wheatland 54-52 Quinter 48-20 Dighton 46-35 Wheatland 56-35 Ellinwood 52-23 Ness City 71-25 TMP 51-15 Hill City 36-61 Phillipsburg 46-44 TMP 41-62

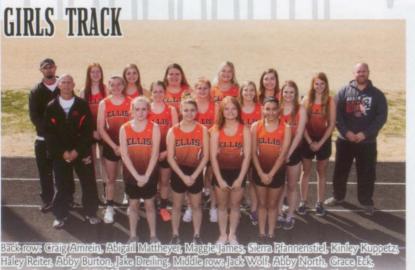
Norton 36-31

Trego
Victoria 48-31
Plainville 43-56
Quinter 44-46
Stockton 30-62
Smith Center 39-55
Trego 41-60
Norton 36-42
Oakley 36-48
\*Norton
\*Trego

#### **BEST ROUNDS**

Cody Eberle- Hill City: 55
Brady Frickey- Phillipsburg: 39
Darren McLaughlin- Norton: 76
Zach Cox- Ellis: 49
Cade Lewis- Phillipsburg: 34
Holden Lyman- Hill City: 49





# Back rows Graig (Amrein, Abigall Mattheyer, Maggie James, Sierra Hannenstiel, Kinley Kuppetz, Haley Reiter, Abby Burton, Jake Dreiling, Middle rows Jack Wolf, Abby North, Grace Eck, Peyton Brown, Cassie Waldschmidt, Lexi Amrein. Front row: Brooklyn Julian, Chaselyn Jimenez, Raeven Milbourne, Maci Kohl.

## Natale Schoenberger

#### STATE

#### Cassie Waldschmidt

100m Dash 6th 200m Dash 3rd 400m Dash 2nd

#### **Abby Burton**

Long Jump 4th Pole Vault 7th Triple Jump 4th

#### 4x1m Relay 3rd

Cassie Waldschmidt, Abby Burton, Maci Kohl, and Chaselyn Jimenez \*6th place as a team overall

RECORDS

Cassie Waldschmidt - 100m Dash 58.62

#### TEAM STATS

**Auntonio Jones** 

200m 7th

4x1m Relay 3rd

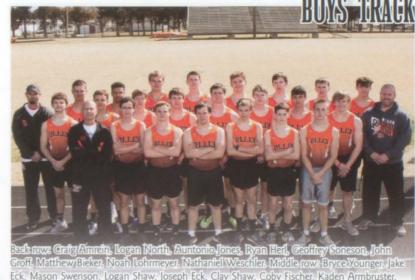
Trey Hudson, Joseph Eck, Logan Shaw, Antonio Jones 4x4m Relay 5th

Joseph Eck, Bryce Younger, Logan Shaw, Antonio Jones

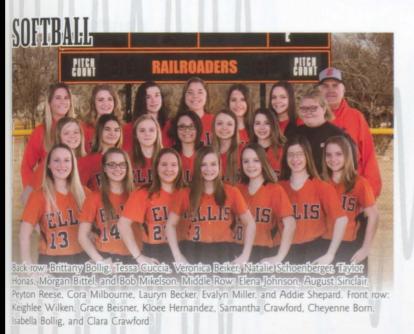
#### RECORDS

4X1m Relay 43.69

Trey Hudson, Joseph Eck, Logan Shaw, Antonio Jones



Eck, Mason Swenson, Logan Shaw, Joseph Eck, Clay Shaw, Coby Fischer, Kaden Armbruster, Jake Dreiling. Front row: Jack Wolf, Jacy Fischer, Trey Hudson, Cole Swenson, Sam Pyle, Donovan Colby, Michael Pritchett.



#### TEAM STATS

Ellsworth (3-13)L (6-13)L Plainville (13-2)W (14-6)W Lincoln (20-12)W Little River (9-12)L Ellinwood (20-10)W (9-6)W TMP (2-18)L (0-21)L Lincoln (11-14)L (23-13)W Russell (13-11)W (6-16)L Plainville (11-1)W (12-14)L Ellinwood (5-11)L (1-22)L Sylvan Lucas (4-7)L

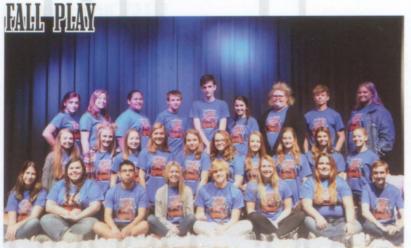
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Ellsworth (24-6)W (12-0)W Little River (1-16)L Lincoln (15-9)W Ellinwood (12-0)W (18-0)W TMP (2-13)L (0-15)L Lincoln (13-1)W (18-7)W Russell/Victoria (4-14)L (2-13)L Wichita County (19-4)W (11-3)W Ellinwood (20-0)W (5-4)W Ell-Saline (3-16)L



Back row: Dave Wildeman, Junior Hernandez, Jaryn Wildeman, Carter Bollig, Ty Patee, Talon Torline, Austin McQuire, and Brent Cain. Front row: Zach Schiel, Konnor Pfeifer, Tegan Cain, Thomas Shepard, and Brian Carbajal.





Back row: Blakely Bittel, Natalie Schoenberger; Tiana Sigars, Sam Pyle, Lane Fischer, Lyndsy Hinman, Addie Shepard, Thomas Shepard, Kinley Kuppetz. Second row: Lauryn Becker, Tessa Cuccia, Michaela Keller, Breonna North, Clara Crawford, Caitlin Fisher, Cheyenne Born, Tara Woodworth, August Sinclair, Cassie Waldschmidt. Front row: Taylor Honas, Aiden Johnson, Austin Carbajal, Sierra Schmidt, Dawson Sproul, Kaylyn Foster, Sierra Pfannenstiel, and Drew Keller. Not pictured: Trinity Bollig.

#### "ALMOST, MAINE"

Cast Drew Keller...Pete Trinity Bollig...Ginette Blakely Bittel...Glory Dawson Sproul...East & Jimmy Sam Pyle...Steve Lyndsy Hinman...Marvalyn Tara Woodworth...Sandrine Sierra Schmidt...Villian Austin Carbajal...Lendall Cassie Waldschmidt...Gayle Natalie Schoenberger...Marci Thomas Shepard...Phil Kaylyn Foster...Hope Lane Fischer...Daniel & Dave Sierra Pfannenstiel...Deena Addie Shepard...Shelly Aiden Johnson...Rhonda Cheyenne Born, Tessa Cuccia, Caitlin Fisher,

Taylor Honas, Michaela Keller, Breonna

North...Bachelorette Party

Crew Sam Polifka...Director Drew Keller...Asst. Director Alyssa Dawson...Artistic Director, Program Mgr., Costumes Peyton Brown...Stage Mgr., Set Design, Ha and Makeup Clara Crawford...Stage Mgr. Tiana Sigars...Stage Mgr. Raeven Milbourne...Lights and Sound August Sinclair...Lights and Sound Kinley Kuppetz...Hair and Makeup, Set Design Melanie Befort...Set Design Maggie James...Hair and Makeun Alyssa Crawford...Costumes Vanessa Keller...Costumes Kyrsten Frickey...Poster, Program, and T.Shin Design

#### BEST PERSONAL TIMES

Peyton Brown - Ness City 26:39
Sierra Schmidt - Regionals at Tribune 26:06
McKenzy Jones - Regionals at Tribune 25:15
Kaitlyn Lindberg - Regionals at Tribune 25:43
Marissa Lindberg - Wheatland 31:30
Reece Kroeger - Ness City 25:05
Logan North - Ness City 19:55
Matthew Bieker - Ness City 21:14
Maggie James - Regionals at Tribune 25:54
Sam Pyle - Norton 20:11
Austyn Jones - Ness City 31:39





Back row: Brandon Maska, Jaryn Wildeman, John Gamez, Jacy Fischer, Tegan Gain, Koda Keever, Austin McGuire, Daniel Eck, Matthew Bieker, Nathaniel Wechsler, Mason Swenson, Jace Milbourne, Austin Mattheyer, Colten Lewis, Jacob Kinderknecht. Front row: Darren McLaughlin, Auntonio Jones. Zachary Eck, Brady Frickey, Logan Shaw, Geoffrey Soneson, Joseph Eck, Cade Lewis, Junior Hernandez, Carter Bollig, Landis Fischer, Jake Eck, and Zach Schiel.

#### TEAM STATS

Phillipsburg 51-68 Dighton 62-41 Atwood 56-54 Hoxie 59-62 Wheatland 47-39 Ellinwood 57-42 Ness City 44-72 TMP 38-74 Hill City 56-40 Oakley 64-46 Victoria 56-41 Plainville 70-39 Quinter 60-52 Stockton 58-31 Smith Center 60-52 Trego 45-35 Norton 50-51 \*Oakley 66-57

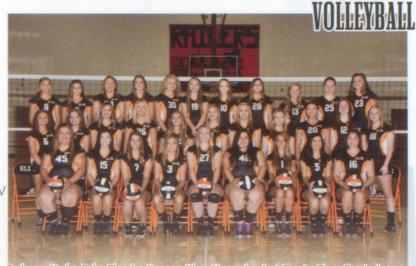
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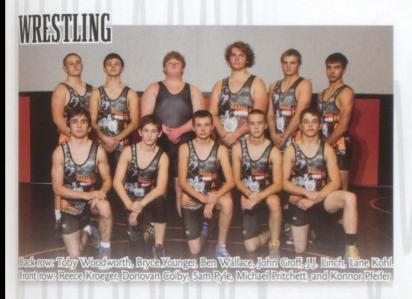
#### TEAM STATS

Hill City 15-25, 21-25 L
Norton 21-25, 25-18, 18-25 L
Oakley 25-17, 16-25, 25-14 W
Stockton 11-25, 13-25 L
Plainville 21-25, 10-25 L
LaCrosse 19-25, 24-26 L
Victoria 23-25, 17-25 L
TMP 14-25, 5-25 L
Phillipsburg 22-25, 7-25 L
Smith Center 12-25, 15-25 L
Plainville 16-25, 9-25 L
Trego 13-25, 25-18, 25-18 W
Kiowa County 16-25, 3-25 L

Ness City 25-21, 27-29, 21-25 L
Macksville 15-25, 20-25 L
Russell 14-25, 25-23, 27-25 W
Palco 19-25, 25-15, 25-13 W
Sacred Heart 13-25, 15-25 L
Plainville 20-25, 10-25 L
Palco 16-25, 10-25 L
Heartland Christian 25-11, 25-19W
Plainville 23-25, 9-25 L
Smith Center 9-25, 10-25 L
Hill City 19-25, 24-26 L
Oakley 25-22, 25-18 W
Plainville 19-25, 12-25 L



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JJ Linch	170	NA
Toby Woodworth Sam Pyle Konnor Pfeifer Michael Pritchett Donovan Colby	195 106 138 120 106	9-23 21-16 30-15 13-24 5-22

#### TEAM STATS

Syracuse 18-12 W TMP 49-13 L Sublette 47-0 W Valley Heights 20-56 L Phillipsburg 13-69 L Smith Center 7-33 L LaCrosse 6-19 L Plainville 14-47 L Oakley 34-27 W



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Regional Large Group - 2

#### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

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#### GROUP HONORS

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#### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Aiden Johnson - Solo 2 Drew Keller - Solo 2 Kaitlyn Lindberg - Solo 2

Natalie Schoenberger



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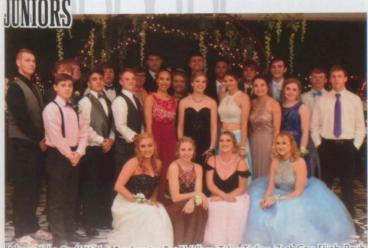
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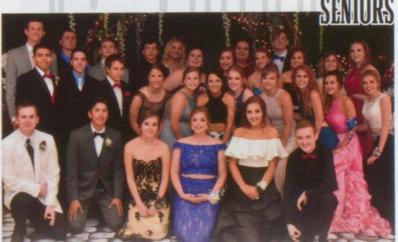
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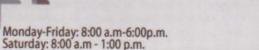
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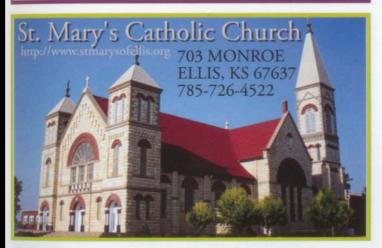
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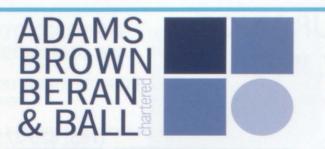
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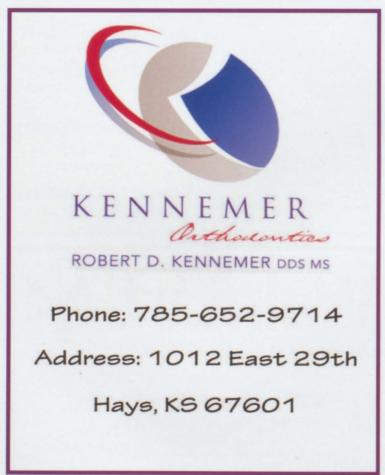
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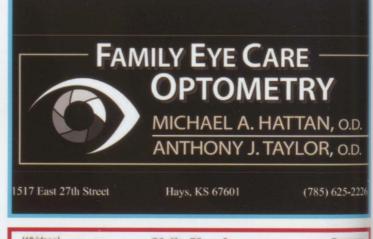




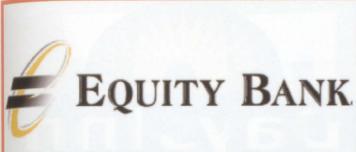
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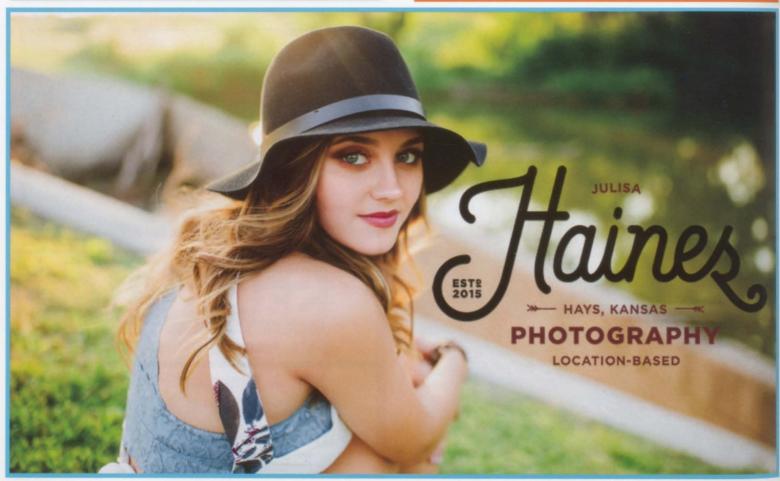


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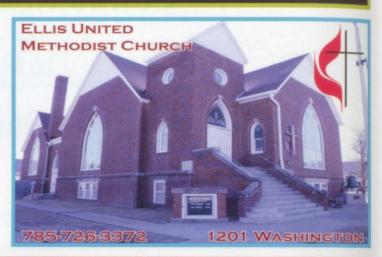
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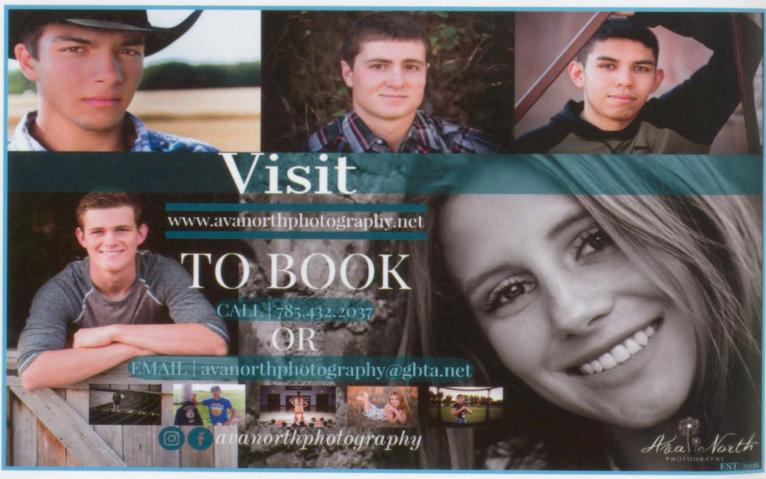
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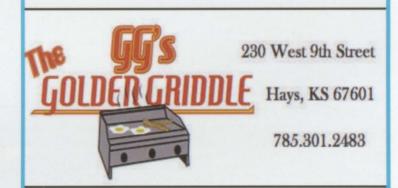
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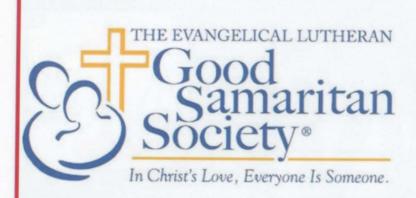
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# Colophon

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The yearbook staff would like to thank Ms. Sheri Dowis for being the journalism adviser and pushing us to our potential; Maria Mick for dedicating extra time to answer clerical questions and performing other duties not in her job description; Derius Mammen for all the food, monthly visits, and many technical questions we had; Mr. Steve Herrman for helping us with all of the computer problems we faced this year; faculty for letting us out of class to work on the yearbook and interrupting their classes to take pictures or ask questions we sent out and all of the pictures we took of you. Students, this book is for younow and for all time.



# THE J-SQUAD

# The team behind the scenes

Behind every camera, there are nine people on the yearbook staff who track every story and every event going on in the high school. With these pictures and stories, we can make memories that last a lifetime in one small book that people can treasure forever.

Starting the year, the staff had six returning members with only three "newbies". We also got all new cameras and equipment to get all of the right moments at perfect timing.

We had two Co-Editors in Chief, Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> and Ali Weber<sup>18</sup>, and a Business Manager, Shelby Werth<sup>18</sup>. Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> was the Copyeditor and Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> was the Photo Editor. Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup> was our Social Media manager and Breonna North<sup>20</sup>, Lauryn Becker<sup>20</sup>, and Keighlee Wilken<sup>19</sup> were all first-year staff members.

This year, the staff had all nine staff members quality for state KSP events in Lawrence at KU. Six of the nine placed in their events whether that be on-site or digital submissions.

As the year comes to a close, the staff wants to thank everyone for letting us capture some of the best memories of your lives.



Looking at other school yearbooks helps to get fresh ideas that you may have never thought of before, whether it be design wise or cover wise.

-Sierra Schmidt<sup>18</sup>

Photo by Lauryn Becker

### 1. Meeting Deadlines

Focused on finding mistakes, Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup>, Co-Editor, looks over one of the many proofs they received back from their plant. Once you receive a proof, it has to be fixed and approved within five days. "Getting proofs back is always so exciting but stressful because I know they have to be finished fast," Frickey said. Photo by Keighlee Wilken

## 2. Decisions, Decisions

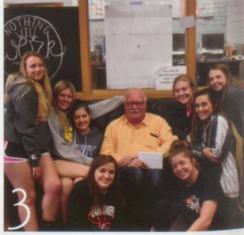
Crowding around a menu, Breonna North<sup>20</sup>, Lauryn Becker<sup>20</sup>, and Keighlee Wilken<sup>19</sup> look for something to eat. Traditionally after every KSPA conference, the group eats lunch at Applebee's. This was the girls' first time going to the event being first-year members. Photo by Sheri Dowis

### 3. Final Goodbyes

Posing for a group picture, the journalism staff takes time to have one last moment with their Josten's rep, Derius Mammen. Derius was the staff's go-to person when their was any problems and he always brought food with him anytime he visited. "Derius is such a great person and an inspiration. I appreciate him always being there for our staff and supporting us. He never fails to make us smile and I'm always learning something new from him," Breonna North<sup>20</sup> said. Photo by Sheri Dowis















# Surprise!

After hiding in the closet, the staff jumps out and surprises Ms. Jarmer with a cake for her interview day. The staff all had high hopes of Jarmer getting the English/Journalism job for next year and wanted to wish her good luck. "Getting that surprise and knowing that I had the support of students meant the world to me," Jarmer said. Photo by Ali Weber

### Jammin'

While touring the Tiger Media Network at Fort Hays State University, Natalie Schoenberger<sup>18</sup> and Dawson Sproul<sup>18</sup> test out the headphones in the radio station with Boomer. "Touring Tiger Media Network was very fun and informative. I had no idea about all the cool things that they do," Schoenberger said Photo by Sheri Dowis

### This or That

Looking through the many different ways to design a cover, the staff picks through many colors and fabrics until they find the perfect fit. On the cover, you can pick the color, texture, pictures, and design. "Creating the cover is a lot of work and also pretty stressful. You want to make it modern so that everyone likes it but also you have to make it fit in the budget," Kyrsten Frickey<sup>18</sup> said. This year they chose a black cover with picture cut outs and a liney texture feeling. Photo by Sheri Dowis

# ALL IN THE SHOT

Journalism students all have their different ways of taking pictures



"I like taking academic pictures because I can play with the focus more. Also, the subject isn't moving too much so it's easier to get a clear shot."

Photo by Dawson Sproul

Taking pictures is one of my favorite parts of being in fournalism. Looking back on the school year I can say I captured all of these moments for everyone."



Photo by Natalie Schoenberger

# WOULD YOU RATHER TAKE PICTURES OF

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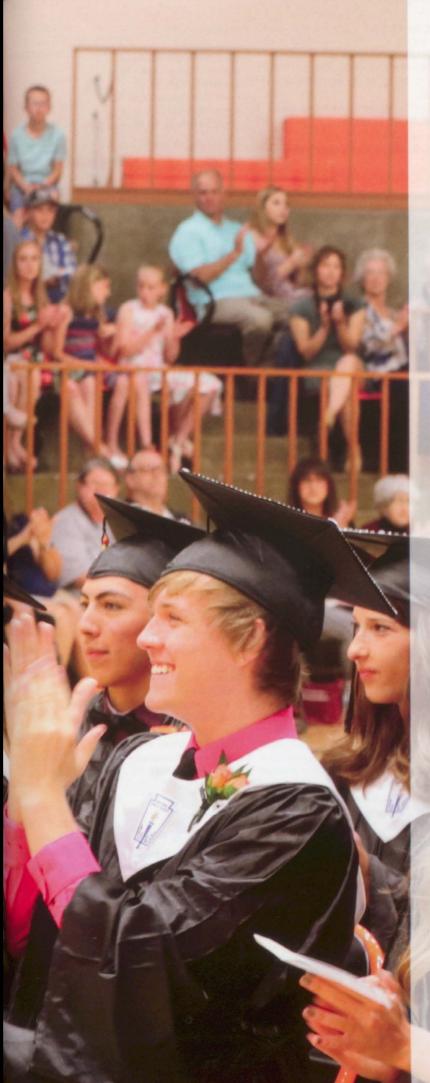


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# IT COMES IN WAVES

The school year began to wind down and students were rushing to finish their assignments and projects during the last couple of weeks. Soon, all 38 graduates would be walking through the stage to receive their diplomas in front of their proud family members and friends. The last month of school is full of emotions that COME IN WAVES. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were excited to take their next step and move up in high school. The graduating class was ready to take an even bigger step by continuing their education at college or by putting their skills to work right away at a job. Either way, the stress of it all CAME IN WAVES. The school year was full of firsts and many lasts. We introduced new students and teachers and lost a few. However, Ellis High School and it's staff have remained constant with their ability to move students forward and prepare them for the future.



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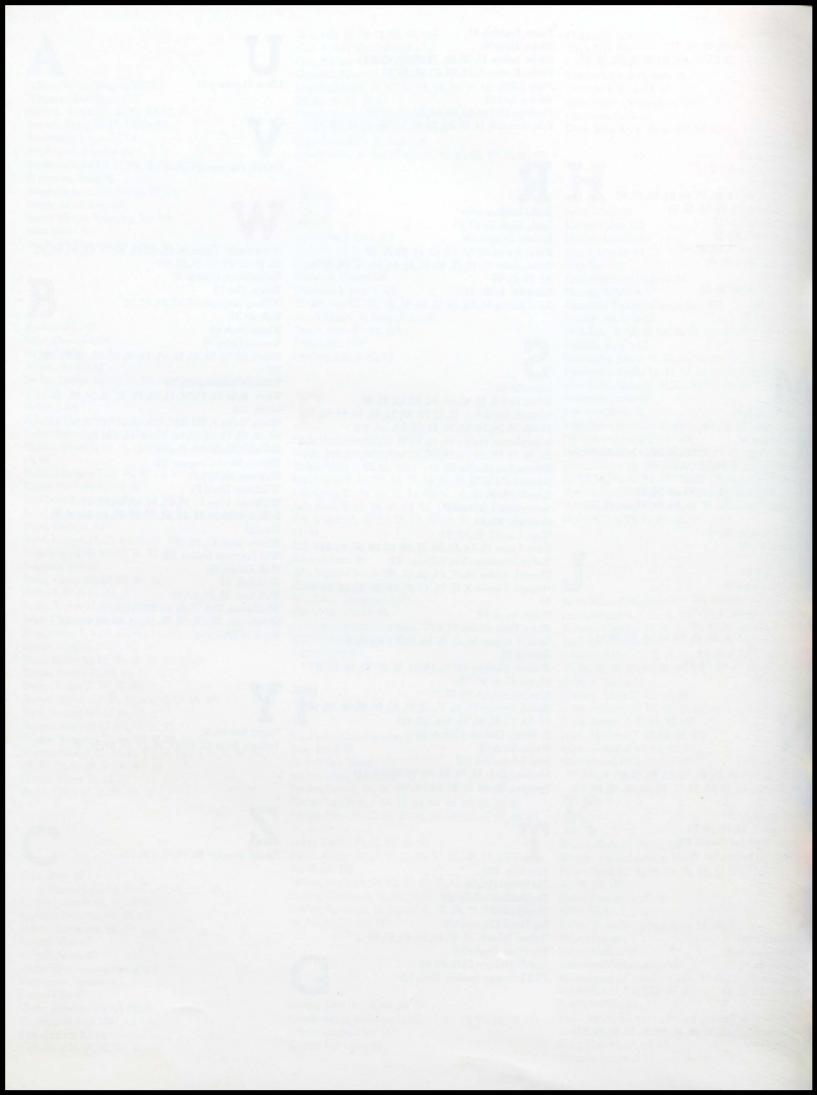
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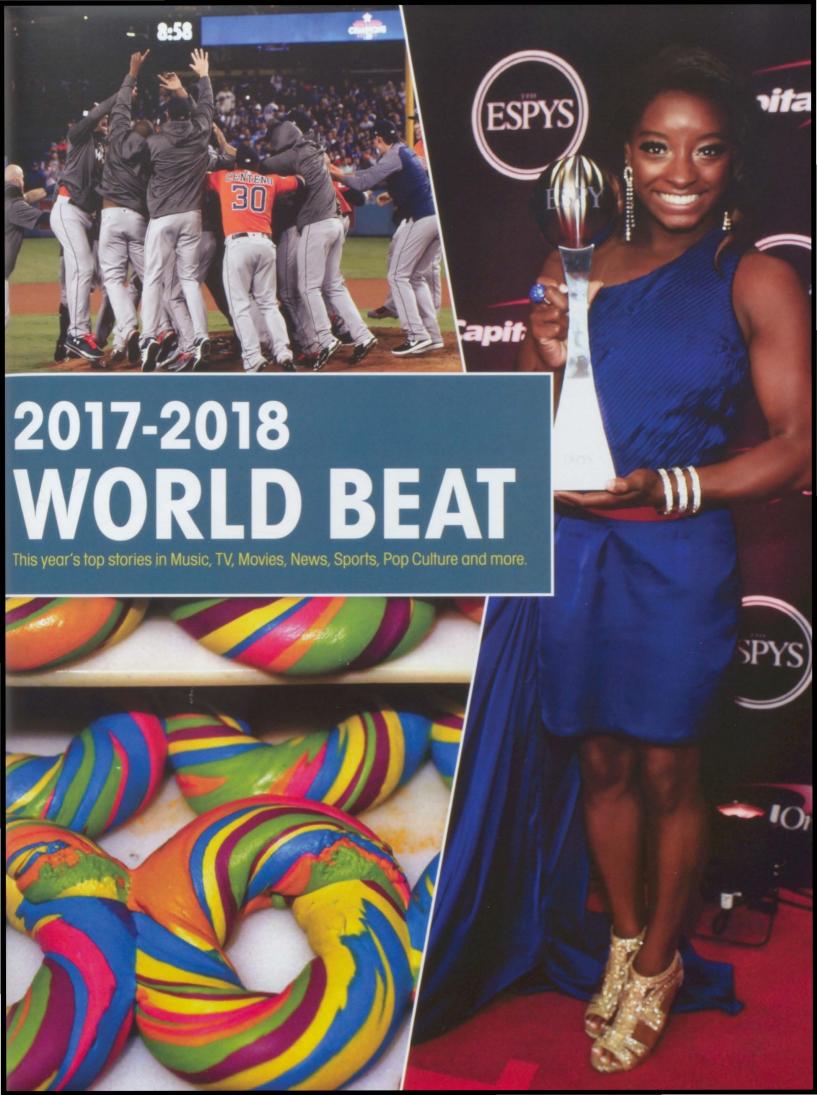
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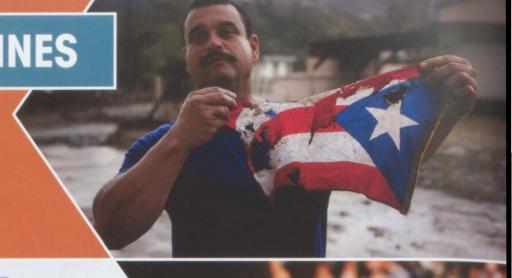




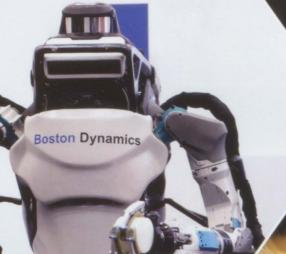
# **NEWS/ HEADLINES**

# **HURRICANE HAVOC**

The southeastern coast of the United States and its territories are battered by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. This is the first time that three



humanoid Atlas robot gains internet fame with a video showing the robot jumping, handling rough terrain, and landing in impressive



Millions of people watch in awe as a total solar eclipse passes over North America, with the path of totality passing across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. This eclipse was the first total solar eclipse visible in the mainland



Apple unveils the iPhone X



# A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

Prince Harry and girlfriend Meghan Markle are engaged to be married in Spring 2018. Markle is an American actress and humanitarian who is proudly of mixed-race heritage, making history in the Royal family.



# DAY OF GIVING

Charitable donations on Giving Tuesday top 2.4 million online gifts worth a combined total of \$274 million. Donations pour in from over 150 countries worldwide

# #GIWING TUESDAY

# **EXTRATERRESTRIAL TRAVELER**

Scientists have confirmed our first interstellar visitor: Oumuamua, an asteroid from another solar system.

# UP IN SMOKE Deadly fires sweep across the western United States and Canada, including the deadliest fires in California history. HELOVE IN THE AIR THE SMOKE SCOUTS HONOR Boy Scouts of America decide to welcome girls for the first time in the organization's history.

# WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS THAT HAPPENED THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

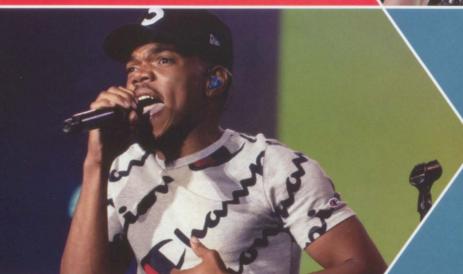
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# **MUSIC**

## LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Taylor Swiff's highly anticipated new album, *Reputation*, debuts at number 1 on the Billboard 200 Albums chart.





# TAKE A CHANCE

Chance the Rapper is best known for touring and performing on TV without being signed with a music label. In 2017 he wins his first Grammy for Best Rap Performance with his song "No Problem." Also known for his social activism, Chance donates \$1 million to Chicago Public Schools to help schools that have suffered budget cuts, lack textbooks and music programs, and have seen a decrease in graduation rates.

# **REDHEAD REIGNS**

Year award at the 2017 VMA's.





### COUNTRY CROONERS

Miranda Lambert wins Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2017 CMA awards for the seventh time, while Chris Stapleton takes home the award for Male Vocalist of the Year for the third year in a row.



# **OUT OF TRAGEDY COMES TRIUMPH**

In the wake of tragedies surrounding concerts, music festivals, and natural disasters the world over, artists from all different backgrounds come together to host benefit concerts for those affected by this year's tragic events. Some of the biggest in 2017 include One Love Manchester, Hand in Hand, Texas Strong, Vegas Strong, and Band Together.

# **MAGIC MARS**

Bruno Mars wins big at the 2017
American Music Awards, taking
home seven awards including Artist
of the Year, Favorite Male Artist-Pop/
Rock, and Favorite Album-Pop/Rock
for his 2016 album 24K Magic. Bruno
Mars also takes home Album of the
Year, Record of the Year, Song of
the Year, Best R&B Performance, Best
R&B Song, and Best R&B Album at
the 2018 Grammy Awards.





# **RISING STAR**

Alessia Cara, best known for her songs "Stay" from the motion Picture Everything, Everything and "How Far I'll Go" from the motion picture Moana, takes home the 2018 Grammy award for Best New Artist.

# WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SONGS & ARTISTS THIS YEAR?

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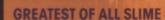
# **SPORTS**

# **ROLL TIDE**

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeat the Georgia Bulldogs 26-23 to win the College Football National Championship. Their win gives coach Nick Saban his sixth national title, tying him for the most national titles of all time



# LEGENDARY LYNX The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Los Angeles Spärks en route to their fourth WNBA championship in the past seven years.



Michael Phelps is drenched in golden slime as he accepts the Legend Award at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards.

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# **FLY EAGLES FLY**

The Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII to earn their firstever Super Bowl win.



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# RACING LEGEND RETIRES

Dale Earnhardt Jr., two-time Busch Series Champion, retires after 20 years of professional racing,

# **HOUSTON STRONG**

The Houston Astros win their first World Series in franchise history by beating the L.A. Dodgers in seven games. The Dodgers and Astros combine to hit 25 home runs, a world series record.



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# **POP CULTURE**

# **BEY-BIES**

Beyoncé broke Selena Gomez' record for the most-liked Instagram post by announcing her pregnancy, garnering 8 million likes in the first 24 hours. In July, Bey broke her own record with a photo of the twins, Rumi and Sir, with 10.2 million likes.





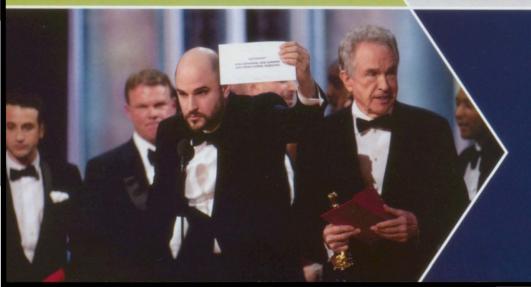
### LIVING VIRTUALLY

Whether PokemonGo or The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim VR, virtual and augmented reality are taking the world by storm by making digital landscapes come to life right before our eyes.

# **SWITCH SURGE**

The Nintendo Switch provides gamers with the ability to take their gaming system anywhere or play at home with multiple users. The first system of its kind, it gains instant popularity.





# **ENVELOPE-GATE**

A faulty envelope handoff causes one of the most shocking moments in Oscars history—La La Land is announced as the best picture winner, when the film Moonlight is the true winner. A La La Land producer corrects this mistake onstage, shocking audiences around the globe. As a result, the Oscars will implement new rules for handing over envelopes to celebrity presenters to prevent future blunders.



### **FIDGETING FUN**

The spinning gadgets take over malls, schools and offices everywhere this year. The fidget spinner is not patented, allowing anyone to replicate the design.

# **THE FORCE TURNS 40**

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The original *Star Wars* movie, released 40 years ago in 1977, launched one of the most successful and beloved franchises ever. The eighth movie in the series, *The Last Jedi*, is released in December.



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# **WONDER WOMAN**

Director Patty Jenkins' Wonder Woman crosses the \$600M threshold worldwide, making the film the highest-grossing live-action movie by a female director in history.

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# hulu

the 2017-2018 season on ABC.

# THE FUTURE OF FUN

Streaming TV is taking over traditional cable as the way we consume entertainment. Amazon Studios, Netflix, and Hulu have all started their own original series to drive engagement and revenue.

### TV TECH

Just as the ways we watch TV are evolving, so are the screens we watch it on. New screen technology innovations this year include 10-bit color depth, 4K, HDR, and OLED.





# WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Shows like Gilmore Girls and Full House (now Fuller House) make a comeback to the small screen and their popularity shows. Fuller House wins the award for Favorite TV Show-Family at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.





# **SQUAD GOALS**

The CW's *Riverdale*, a series based on the characters in the *Archie* comics, became a viral favorite among teens after the pilot gired earlier this year.

### WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE TV MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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# **TRENDS**

MIND YOUR MINDFULNESS Mindfulness and focusing on well-being are top trends this year. Calm, an app that helps you meditate and find clarity, is the 2017 Apple app of the year.





# **HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE**

Wearable technology may soon save your life. Apple launches the Apple Heart Study app, users who may be experiencing irregular heart rhythms or atrial fibrillation. New innovations in include measurement of UV

# **BITCOIN BUZZ**

Bitcoin, the first digital currency that does not rely on central banks or administrators, becomes a global sensation and a source of debate over the future of money.





# **SNAPS THE APP**

Snapchat reigns supreme as the most popular app of 2017, followed by Instagram and Sandbox.



# **FASHION FLASHBACK**

What's old is new again.
Denim, chokers, patches,
and embroidery make nods
to the past while staying
on-trend in the present.

# **PRIME SLIME**

Making slime (a mixture of glue, water, and other additives) becomes a sensation for both kids and young adults.



# **FANTASTIC FOOD**

Unicorn noodles, rainbow cheese, and edible cookie dough are some of the biggest trends in food this year.

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# **TOP OF 2017**

## **TOP HOW-TO GOOGLE SEARCHES**

- · How to make slime
- How to make solar eclipse glasses
- · How to buy Bitcoin
- How to make a fidget spinner
- · How to watch the solar eclipse





### TOP INSTAGRAM HASHTAGS

- #Ar
- #Love
- #Photography
- #Photooftheday
- #Fashior

### TOP EMOJIS

Emojis are changing the way we communicate. The most popular emojis of the year are:



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