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Pictured clockwise: Raising his arms up high, senior Elliot Basler sits upon senior Brad Rittinghouse’s shoulders. Basler was one of the captains of Orange Crush. Fired with enthusiasm, senior Kyle Kobe shouts from the crowd for the basketball team. Kobe always showed spirit by dressing up in school colors. Freshman band members Kasie Cook and Brandi Ventura grab a slice of pizza. The pizza party was part of the kick-off for band camp. Hydrating his body, senior soccer team member David Baxter takes a giant gulp of water. Baxter was the soccer team’s leading varsity defense player.
A signature is an impression like a fingerprint, a legacy of one’s self. It’s an original and personal trademark that represents you and what you stand for, all of your morals, values and beliefs. It is enduring through the course of time and unable to be replicated despite all efforts. The theme for the 2005 Totem Pole was “A Signature Year,” simply chosen to signify that this year was full of its own authentic signature moments, events and memories. Alone with all its trials, tribulations and triumphs, the course of this unforgettable year left a lasting impression on our hearts, a signature that only this year could leave.

— Alyssa Alexander & Kari McIntosh

For homecoming float construction, senior Ashley A. Williams helps paint the sign for the senior float. The seniors won both the float and banner competition.

Sucking on a sucker, freshman James Avant works with molding clay. Students made Peruvian bulls as part of their Latin America unit in World Geography class.

Making their voices heard, sophomores Sara Stephens, Becky Stude and Jessica Sams sing for the A Cappella Choir. The holiday concert was held on Sunday, Dec. 12.
During the school year many events define the life of students at Bonner Springs High School. Whether it was getting fired up with Orange Crush at a home game, performing on stage or dressing up to go the dances, students made their own signature moments. After the long journey, the day finally came to graduate. Doing so involved the stressful and tedious job of completing the senior project on time. After graduation, the graduates came together as a group at Project Grad where they had some fun, talked of the past and what would be missed the most. To the Class of 2005.

—Kari Meints

*Seymour*, played by sophomore Devin Harvey, holds Audrey II, the man-eating plant. The fall musical chosen was "Little Shop of Horrors."

*Dancing at Courtwarming* are senior Emily Dougherty and junior foreign exchange student Taavi Talving. Talving is from Estonia, which lies along the Baltic Sea.

*In matching outfits* senior Orange Crush members DeDe Cline and Kellie Lemon cheer. Cline was named a Superfan by the Pow Wow.
Pictured clockwise: Holding up an offense sign, junior Jeremy Davis and sophomore Ian Seaton root for the home team. Both represented school spirit by joining Orange Crush. At the Mock DUI, a Bonner Springs officer calls in the death of a motorcycle driver who was depicted by senior Brad Rittinghouse. The presentation was part of Morgan Grabmiller's senior project. Outside the front of the building, senior Sean Schultz reads a book. Many students stood or sat outside the school to socialize even through the harsh winters. At a home game, freshman yell leader Jared Anderson yells through his megaphone to fire up the crowd.
Spirit Week

Monday • Pajama Day

To kick off the first day of Spirit Week, junior Michelle Knight wore a pair of cozy leopard print slippers and matching pajama bottoms.

Tuesday • Class Color Day

Sophomores show off their green shirts for Class Color Day. Freshmen wore yellow, sophomores wore green, juniors wore blue, and seniors wore red.

Wednesday • Hat Day

Freshman Jessica Willeford wore this fluffy, white hat on Hat Day.

Thursday • College Apparel

Junior Matt Rivera shows his spirit in a KU hoodie.

Friday • War Party Day

“Pajama Day was great because you were able to just relax.”
— Sara Stephens, 12

“Hat Day was fun because my hat was so great!”
— Kris Russell, 12

For float construction, senior Leslie Holtzen paints while working outside the bus barn. “Float construction was a lot of fun. We always start out with a bunch of random materials and end up with a float,” said Holtzen.

Giving his trumpet a splash of school pride, Devin Belknap prepares to play in the annual Homecoming parade with the BSHS marching band.

Braving the cold, senior Ashley Venerable and junior Sarah Reyes await the 2004 Homecoming parade outside of Kelly Murphy Park. Venerable and Reyes rode on the volleyball squad float.
Spirit Week, parade, pep rally, game, dance

From crazy hats to face paint on War Party Day, Spirit Week activities kicked off the 2004 Homecoming celebration. After school, each class worked on their class float and banner at the bus barn. In the long run, the seniors were victorious in the banner and the float contest.

The parade on Oct. 15 started at Kelly Murphy Park at 5 p.m. Along with the floats, the BSHS marching band, and the fall sports teams, including the dance squad and cheerleaders, many other community groups participated in the parade.

Despite the unusually chilly weather, the parade ended with a pep rally in the high school parking lot where there was fun for all: face painting, car bashing, a food booth, and a dance-off between senior LuCretia Hinson and sophomore Jared Kennedy.

After a week of spirit, it was on to the big event, the crowning of the King and Queens. Yes, queens. Seniors Kori McGinnis and Kellie Gardner tied for Queen, with Ed Samek as their King.

"I was thrilled because I got to have the two most beautiful ladies in Bonner Springs High School on both sides of me," Samek said.

The next night everyone prepared to walk the red carpet as part of the "Hollywood" theme. According to Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law, the night had a record attendance of more than 400 students.

"With all of us working together and stepping up to the plate I believe why Homecoming 2004 was such a success," Stuco President Amy Parks said.

Hard at work, freshman dance team member Alyssa Kelly paints junior Eric Neilsen's face to make money for the team. "The parade was great," said Neilsen.

Preparing for the big game, senior captains A.J. Holmes, Brad Rittinghouse, Jordan Lamb, and Christian McDonald speak at the pep rally.

"I think Pajama Day was fun. I loved wearing my Tigger slippers."
Enjoying the moment, Queens Kellie Gardner and Kori McGinnis with their King Ed Samek are all smiles after the coronation. This was the second time in three years that there was a tie for Homecoming Queen.


Dancing the night away are junior Andrew Holder and sophomore Cassity Mitchell. "The group I went to Homecoming with was so awesome. Last year I didn't have a lot of fun at the dances, but this year my friends and I decided to do the stupidest dances ever," Mitchell said.

"The dance was really groovy."  
—Devin Gardner, 12

"This year was unique because we dyed our hair purple and orange."  
—Miguel De Leon, 12
Dancin' the Night Away

With music provided by Dan's Jams, a record crowd of more than 400 attended the Homecoming dance.

Clockwise from top left: Katy Killingsworth and Alex Alexander; Katie Laurion and date; Jenny Fowler and Elliott Basler; Janae Bailey and Joey Schmidt; a group of BSHS students having fun!

"I had a lot of fun at my last Homecoming in high school."

Reidman Lee, '12

"I've Dj'ed before but never at a dance, so it was all new to me."

Alex Coulie, '12
Theme: "Dress Like Your Date"

The second dance of the year was sponsored by Student Council on Nov. 13. Once again, the women paid all, and dates dressed alike.

Although the number of people who attended dropped drastically from the successful Homecoming dance, Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said it was still a good night.

"The teachers had a lot of fun; we always do. I think the students who did attend had fun as well," Law said.

The theme’s coordinated colors were blue and yellow. Stuco members spent hours the prior afternoon decorating.

"The decorations looked great, and everyone worked really hard on them," freshman Holly Luke said.

All hopes are for a better turnout in the years ahead.


Lining up for a group shot are junior Andrew Holder, sophomore Cassity Mitchell, senior Matt Kerl, juniors Jessi Langley and Katy Killingsworth, and graduate Alex Alexander. Their "OB LA DI OB LA DA" theme came from an old Beatles' song.

Decorating before the dance, freshman Katie Kobialka and senior Kim Stephens hang a streamer ceiling in the commons. "That afternoon was a lot of fun," Stephens said. "The decorations took lots of work, but turned out great. It was something nobody had ever done before."

"I could never have been a better pastry."
Alexa Alexander, 10

"Having four dates to a dance was something I could never pull off in high school."
Jessica Stoggs, staff
The first ever Mr. Bonner Springs competition was added by senior class president Josh Mortensen and Student Council. The six competitors went through a talent contest, a question segment, and of course the evening gown competition. The evening gowns were shown off at the winter pep assembly, Dec. 3. The contestants were judged by class presidents: freshman Katie Kobialka, sophomore Cassity Mitchell and junior Jacey Totta. Also judging were Stuco president senior Amy Parks, and five teachers: Lisa Lugar, Jim Mitchell, Brian O'Neil, Jennifer Schlicht, Lisa Terrell.

**The Nominees**

Toine Barber  Elliott Basler  Kyle Kobe  Jordan Lamb  Christian McDonald  Brad Rittinghouse

During the interviewing process, senior Josh Mortensen asks nominee senior Toine Barber questions. The questions were: "What is your idea of world peace?" "If you won, how would you make the world a better place?" And, "If the moon were made of cheese, would you eat it?"

The panel of judges sit at their table awaiting the next competitor. They gave their scores by holding up a number from 6 to 10, or a "not so good."

As his talent, senior Kyle Kobe does the robot. Other talents included a belly flop by Brad Rittinghouse, karate by Jordan Lamb, putt-putt golfing by Toine Barber, playing the slide whistle by Christian McDonald, and musical aerobics by Elliott Basler.

Senior winner Elliott Basler wears his "Mr. Bonner Springs" sash the night after winning. "I was very honored to win. My talent (musical aerobics) was truly an art. That kind of talent can't be taught," Basler said.

"My favorite part of the competition was when the guys all dressed up at the assembly."

Robeca Eva, 9

"It was heartbreaking having to tell the other five they lost. They were all special to me."

Josh Mortensen, 12
Sophomore Heather Rose kicks off Spirit Week in her festive flower print skirt and traditional lei on Hawaiian Day.

Price Chopper employees sport their uniforms for Twin Day. Clockwise: juniors Travis Hubbel, Adam Carver, Robert Holter, Jon Jones and sophomore Nick Kruger.

Freshman Tiffany Ellis and friends show off their incredible ability to mismatch.

Sophomore Branden McMahon does a little reading as he wears his classy necktie with style.

"Our freshmen year, Kristina Luke and I made it a tradition to dress up as twins on Twin Day."
— Michelle Knight, 12

"The 70's are back!"
— Brad Rottinghouse, 12

In all their glory, Queen Ashley Venerable and King Toine Barber pose for pictures during halftime of the Courtwarming game.

Cuttin' a rug, freshmen Timmy Vaughan breaks out his best moves on the dance floor.

Falling in step, sophomore Heather Rose and friend Phil Meikel move to the beat. "Complete Music" provided the music for the night.

Leading the train, junior Alexis Foster throws her head back in enjoyment. "The train was the best part of the dance because everyone participated and had a good time," Foster said.
“All That Jazz” tops winter festivities

Spirit Week started off with a bang as students showed their pride and participated by matching their wardrobe with each themed day. Hawaiian Day, Twin Day, Mismatch Day, Tie Day and of course War Party Day filled the week with a wide array of attire.

“My favorite day of Spirit Week was War Party Day because it showed school spirit and pumped everyone for the game,” senior Kim Stephens said.

Thursday held the Courtwarming Royalty assembly which introduced each candidate and highlighted their school involvement as well as future plans.

Traditionally following War Party Day, the Courtwarming basketball game was held against Tonganoxie. During halftime, the queen and king candidates took the floor before Ashley Venerable and Toine Barber were announced as the 2005 Courtwarming King and Queen.

After halftime, the game picked back up and the boys varsity squad was victorious, 63-43.

“There was a good turnout of Orange Crushers, and the game went well,” senior Zach Wilcox said.

The following night, the dance took place in the BSHS commons from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. where students filed in to dance the night away and socialize with friends.

“I think Ms. Law and Mrs. Schiff had the most fun out of everyone,” senior Ashley Davis said.

The dance was hosted by Stuco who chose the theme, “All that Jazz” and took time out to decorate for the special night.

“Stuco spent about two hours blowing up balloons, rolling out the red carpet and making posters along with other decorations. I really think the theme was a hit, and I think we had a pretty good turnout,” sponsor Adrianne Law said.

—Alyssa Alexander


“It was a fun night even though I was only there for a few minutes.”

Michael Bell, 9

“We are very professional looking and in result we will be billionaires!”

Brandon Gork, 12
Before the announcement of the Prom King and Queen, candidates Josh Mortensen and Leslie Holtzen glide through the crowd. "It was my last send-off, so I just wanted to have as much fun as possible and enter with some style," Mortensen said.

While assisting sponsor Adrienne Law, junior Micah Gallagher fills out Prom invitations. "He helped me with the invitations because he was my aide," Law said.

"We rode in Joe Wiggins' Mustang and met up with a large group for dinner."

Ashley McWilliams, 12

"It was an awesome dance."

Shawn Galloy, 12
Juniors and seniors dance the night away

Prom represents many different things to many different people. For some it is one of the last times to be with lifelong friends, for others it is just another rite of passage that high school students participate in. Whatever the mindset, the theme "Take My Breath Away" was perfect for the occasion.

After weeks of planning, the junior Prom committee put together the final product throughout the day on April 29, spraying the room with a cascade of tulle in the chosen colors of aqua, silver and pearl.

"Seeing the final product was the best part of decorating," junior Alexis Foster said. "Walking into the room, you felt a sense of pride knowing all the work that went into it."

For most, the day's festivities on April 30 started much earlier than 8 p.m. when the dance officially began, and many students found themselves running chaotically to finish last-minute details.

As they entered the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse, couples first signed in and then voted on 2005 royalty. The nominees for queen were Alyssa Alexander, Jamie Jo Frentrop, Morgan Grabmiller, Leslie Holtzen, and Shantenie Tyner. The nominees for king were Kyle Kobe, Jordan Lamb, Christian McDonald, Josh Mortensen, and Brad Rittinghouse. After each couple made their way to the dance floor, Kyle Kobe and Jamie Jo Frentrop were announced as Prom King and Queen.

According to co-sponsor Adrienne Law, prom attendance was 100 percent. 125 couples signed up to attend and all showed up.

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Junior Kris Russell gets a few dance tips from senior Kristen Lee. "It was a blast dancing with the person who taught me, Krissy Lee," Russell said.

Tending the bar stocked with soda, chaperones Mike Fitzgibbons, Brian O'Neill, and Justin Stigge, decked out in a retro tux, are all smiles.

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere of Prom. Everybody was there just having a good time." - Christian McDonald, 12

"Prom was a blast!" - Theresa Wolf, 12
Prom Queen Jamie Frentrop and King Kyle Kobe dance together after the coronation. "I was a little surprised that I won, but I was glad that my peers voted me to be king," Kobe said.

Decked out in style, seniors Kristen Twombly, Tony Isabell, Kellie Lemon, and Wesley Shields pose for a quick shot. "I enjoyed Prom because it was a our last hurrah as seniors, our last chance to dress up and have fun together," Isabell said.

Senior Toine Barber and junior Katie Caryle dance the night away. "I had a lot of fun," Caryle said. "My date, Toine, is what made it memorable and fun. We ate at Cinzetti’s before the dance and went to a party after prom."

Enjoying the dance, sophomore Tiffany Starks and junior Matt Redlin keep the beat to the music. "The music was good because you could actually dance and just have fun," Redlin said.

"Eating at his grandma’s bed and breakfast for dinner was the best part of Prom."

"It was a great dance. We had lots of fun."

Buddy Stark, ’00

Chris Redlin, ’00
Clockwise from the center: A group of BSHS students dine at the Cheesecake Factory; junior Steven Hovey reaches into his pocket to pay his bill at Cinzetti's; junior Jessi Langley pins a boutonniere on her date, senior Matt Kerl; seniors A.J. Holmes and Andrea Haussler enjoy a photo opportunity at the Plaza; senior Prom royalty nominees Brad Rittinghouse and Shantemie Tyner make their entrance; senior Jamie Thornton casts her vote for Prom King and Queen; seniors Zack Wilcox and Mandie Lewis.

Center: junior Britney Abramovitz and senior Jacob Hachinski pause for a photo outside the Lake Forest Clubhouse.

"I had a great time at Prom. I got to eat out and enjoy the night with my friends."

Esther Stock, 11

"The night was just incredible—from eating out to getting all dressed up to the limo ride. It was unforgettable."

Alex Plogom, 12
Audrey and Seymour, (junior Britney Abramovitz and sophomore Devin Harvey), sing "Down on Skid Row" along with the chorus. "Being my first production, it was an experience I'll never forget," Harvey said.

Narrating through song, sophomores Cole Kill, Becky Stude and Cassity Mitchell play the part of the doo-wop girls. "The musical was a lot of work, but it turned out well in the end. I feel that we performed better than all the other schools that put on the same production," Stude said.

While performing choreography, the chorus sings along with the doo-wop girls. The chorus played the part of the hobos on Skid Row.

Proud of Seymour, (junior Devin Harvey) and his accomplishments, Mr. Mushnik (junior Jeremy Davis) asks Seymour to be his son and co-own the store. During that scene, the duo sang "Mushnik and Son."

"I had fun and enjoyed working with everyone in the cast. I would definitely do it again."

David Edwards, 11

"Being a puppeteer and working with Audrey II was fun, but I think I'd like to do a little acting next year."

Jared Simmons, 12
A flower shop on the edge of downfall, a puny love-struck hero, a man-eating plant and a bruised-up damsel in distress are the intriguing factors of a twisted little song-intwined tale that was this year’s fall musical.

“Little Shop of Horrors” is a show based on a 1960’s film about a young man named Seymour, who works in a local flower shop with his secret love, Audrey. Saddened by the shop’s poor business, Seymour seeks out new and unusual plants to attract business.

While working, he discovers an interesting plant that he affectionately names “Audrey II” and soon realizes that this plant survives off of blood, which sets off a bizarre chain of events that add to the distorted plot.

“I chose ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ because it not only appeals to all ages, but I felt that the students and I would enjoy working on it every day,” said Brian J. White, vocal music instructor.

Students auditioned for their parts in the this quirky production two months before the actual performance and rehearsed every day after school for about eight weeks.

“Practices tended to be laid back, and we joked around a lot, but things still got done. We had lots of fun,” said senior Jami Poje.

The performances took place Nov. 18-20 in the BSHS auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

“I could tell an immense amount of effort was put into the show,” senior Malina Meyer said.

“The musical was really fun, and I’d like to do it again.”

Dalton Walker, 10

“The musical was an experience that allowed me to meet new people that I would not have normally met.”

Josh Brown, 10
Discussing how many chairs will be needed for the first rehearsal, junior Steven Beck (Sarge) explains why he's so willing to help senior Alyssa Alexander (Margo). "I've worked with Steven for the past three years now, and I never get tired of the energy that he brings to the stage as well as to our scenes," Alexander said.

"Hamlet, meet the edge of my vengeful sword!" says junior Helen Sangster (Opal) to sophomore Devin Harvey (Hal) while sophomore Brandon Hoch (Duncan) looks on in astonishment.

Congregating in the soundbox, seniors Christy Mellott (left) and Mattie Pino (right) discuss light cues with freshman Allen Mellott.

While reading through the script, freshman Lacee Gumm (Theodora) shares a "good feeling" with the other actors.

"I only had fun with the play when I wasn't bored, but overall it was a really good time.

"Nothing could be better than taking a bite out of Brandon's arm every day at rehearsal."

Joleen Brown, '22
Caroly Mitchell, '22
‘Barbecuing Hamlet’ lights up the stage

A wacky, hick town group of dramatists who call themselves "The Peaceful Glen Memorial Players" decide to bring in the big guns for their next production and hire a New York director. Margo Daley (Alyssa Alexander) comes to their rescue to direct Hamlet, their next show, and as the plot twists and the characters are on edge about the show, Hamlet takes center stage, probably at the worst time possible.

As the show goes on, the characters do nothing other than barbecue Hamlet and disappoint Margo, but the show ends on a heart-warming note where the cast and Margo realize that they did their best and had a good time doing it.

"I chose this play by reading through titles of productions written by Pat Cook. I tend to like the way he writes, so for the past couple years I've gone with his works. The title 'Barbecuing Hamlet' jumped out at me, and it turned out to be a great pick," director Dan Striet said.

Two months before this comedic performance took the stage, students auditioned for parts and attended practices until the show was performed in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 21 and April 23.

"The play went really well on Saturday, but the music was messy, and I almost killed my star for sending the kids in her senior project to dump popcorn on the actors from the catwalk. Good thing he was there to help clean up after the show," Striet said.

—Alyssa Alexander


With snacks in hand, sophomores Brandon Hoch (Duncan), Cassity Mitchell (Hope) and Candice Grady (Mary Beth) join the party and add to the chaos on stage.

"I couldn't believe Mr. Striet wanted me to be the pizza guy!"

—Cameron Peel, 9

"The people were cool to hang out with during and after the show."

—Jessica Hoglund, 9
Juniors and sophomores capture 6-0 victory

During one of the most heated annual rivals of the year, the ladies dropped their pom-poms to play with the pigskin while the guys pulled on skirts and cheered from the sidelines. Like always, Kayettes sponsored the Powder Puff game, with the seniors and freshmen versus the juniors and sophomores.

After previous questionable outcomes, there was no question of who won this year. And for the first time in a long time, it wasn't the mighty seniors, who lost 0-6.

"Powder Puff has been a tradition for over 35 years," Kayette sponsor Deena Buns said.

Kayette members ran the scoreboard as well as played in the game while teachers Dan Burns, Jim Mitchell, and Justin Stigge assumed the roles as the game's officials. On the senior/freshmen team, the coaches were seniors Elliott Basler and Christian McDonald, while on the junior/sophomore side, coaches were juniors Travis Hubbel, Blake Kasselman, Emmanuel McComb, and Robert Smith. Chain gang consisted of juniors Chris Mattox, Howard Rollins and Joe Umbenhower.

"I enjoyed the time I was on the field for my last year, and [to me] the seniors still won," senior Kristen Lee said.

Of course who could forget the funniest part of the game: the cheerleaders. The male spirit squad consisted of seniors David Baxter, Andrew Finley, A.J. Holmes, Jordan Mackey, Matt McKay, Brad Rittinghouse, Ed Samek, and Jack Wright.

--- Alyssa Alexander & Jocelyn Tella

Everyone involved in the Powder Puff game gets together after the game for one final picture. Although the seniors weren't happy with losing, they were still good sports and still able to pose with the underclassmen.

Senior coach Elliott Basler shouts to his team from the sideline. "It was a bit of a disappointment because I thought we were going to win. It still turned out to be a stupendous night," Basler said.

"We worked really hard and tried to keep the ball, but still lost miserably!"

—Heidi Burns, 22

"The juniors and sophomores made a good team and we kicked the seniors' butts!"

—Kelli Bush; 22
Laying down the law, senior A.J. Holmes, right, gets into his role as a Powder Puff cheerleader while fellow cheerleader, senior Brad Rittinghouse, looks on. "It was great to finally have an excuse to let loose and show my feminine side... just kidding," Holmes said.

Cradling the ball, senior Judith Plumb picks up yardage for the senior-freshman team. Plumb participated in Powder Puff all four years of high school.

Front row: seniors Jordan Mackey and Andrew Finley. Back row: Jack Wright, David Baxter, Brad Rittinghouse, A.J. Holmes and Ed Samek. Not pictured: Matt McKay. "I had lots of fun even though I was very uncomfortable," Finley said.

Junior quarterback Hilary Johnson awaits the snap while senior-freshman defensive players look on in eager anticipation. The junior-sophomore team used a special trick play to get the only touchdown, which Johnson scored in the first half.

"The game was really great until the seniors lost. That just ruined the rest of my senior year."

Matt Karl, '12

"Teaching girls football is like running a marathon with your shoes tied together."

Christian McDonald, '12
Students rewarded for hard work

As a reward for their strong showing on the state assessments, juniors and sophomores were treated to a Field Day on Thursday, May 12.

The event featured a magic show by local magician Roger Miller and other fun outdoor activities.

Some students were chosen to participate in an activity based on the popular television show "The Amazing Race." As they searched for the clues, 12 teams unlocked lockers, hula-hooped, and washed windows at the bus barn.

Other events included tug-of-war, toilet tag, and class relays.

According to guidance counselor Kristin Byers, the idea for field day came from a rewards committee, which consisted of teachers and students.

In a race to the finish line, sophomores Joey Schmidt, Josh Bailey, Joe Bartels, and Brett Johnson run with "three" legs during the class relays. "We were disqualified because Josh Bailey put me on his back and ran across the football field," Schmidt said.

Clockwise: Soaking wet, junior Jonny Baxter delivers his cup of water to his partners. "Field Day was awesome. It was great to get out of the classroom for the afternoon. During the "Amazing Race" competition, junior Aparicia MacLaren hula-hoops her way to the next challenge. Looking for just the right combination, junior Kristen Hardman tries to open a locker, so her "Amazing Race" team can move to the next level.

Pulling their hardest, juniors Jeff Hills, Josh Ova and Blake Kasselman battle against a sophomore team during tug-of-war. "It was an unfair fight, but we gave it our best shot," Kasselman said.

"We need to get them in a corner and attack like vicious dogs."

Ken Russell, 22

"We made about 200 bags of cotton candy and 350 bags of popcorn."

Kristin Byers, counselor
During seventh hour, senior Paul Hernandez receives his cap and gown from guidance counselor Kristin Byers before heading out the door. National Honor Society ropes were also passed out to seniors.

At Project Grad, senior Jacob Hachinski enjoys the Finnigan's arcade. In addition to games and other activities, each senior won some type of raffle prize, including everything from food certificates to MP3 players. The grand prize, a Dell laptop computer, was won by Kristen Lee.

On the last day of school, senior Jessica Vogel cleans out her locker. Trash cans were lined up in the hallway for seniors to throw away unnecessary items.

With assistance, senior Justin Wisely gets dressed in a Sumo wrestling outfit at Project Grad. Other activities included bowling, go-carts, miniature golf and caricatures.

From the picnic to Project Grad

May 11, 2005. This was a day that all seniors had etched in their mind all year long. That day would be the final day of school for the Class of 2005.

Towards the end of the year, seniors had many “last-minute” things to do such as meeting their e-mentor, receiving their caps and gowns and saying goodbye to classmates and friends.

As part of their final days, seniors returned to school on May 13 for a required practice and then headed to Shawnee Mission Park for a picnic that was slowed by rainy weather.

After commencement exercises, graduates met at 10:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria to eat pizza before they boarded three Kincaid buses which took them to Project Graduation at Finnigan’s in north Kansas City. Students returned to BSHS at 5 a.m.
USD 204 Superintendent Dr. Robert Van Maren gets a diploma ready for senior Jimmy Derricott while board member Connie Hadley shakes Derricott's hand. Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott also shook hands with seniors after they received their diplomas.

Making it official, counselor Rick Moulin hands senior A.J. Cox his diploma. Seniors were able to pick up their actual diplomas after the ceremony in student services.

After the ceremony, seniors Justin Starks and Paul Hernandez are covered with silly string. The silly string was provided to the seniors by the school.

With bobby pins, Latin teacher Connie Henry pins senior Kaitlyn Roudybusch's cap down. Guidance counselor Lisa Terrell supplied the pins to whoever needed them while seniors waited in the commons.

"The best part came after senior boards when I realized that I was about to embark on a greater journey."

Lamekki Gilworth, 12
Graduation

Passing the tassel from right to left

Graduation is a time that all seniors look forward to, a time where they can step from being a teenager to a young adult. After what some call a “12-year depression,” the day finally came to graduate.

Festivities took place on May 14, and began Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the auditorium with Baccalaureate, a church service for graduates. Lay speaker Christian Durchell delivered the sermon while the A Cappella choir sang “Hear My Prayer” along with “You Are With Me.”

Then at 7:30 p.m. graduation officially arrived. Seniors lined up in the commons area and were led to the YMCA gymnasium by juniors Kristina Luke and Lisa Zarate. The high school band performed “Prairie Dances” by David Holsinger to begin the ceremony.

Those who addressed the crowd were the salutatorians and valedictorians, who presented a multi-part speech, Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott, Class President Joshua Mortensen and Student Council President Amy Parks.

Next came the presentation of the diplomas. Assistant Principals Steve Cook and Jim Hanson read the names of the seniors while an occasional beach ball flew through the air. USD 204 Superintendent Dr. Robert Van Maren and board member Connie Hadley presented the diplomas to graduates.

Afterwards, seniors were allowed to step outside and celebrate with silly string and family.
Speaking to the crowd, which consisted of high school and middle school students, are senior Morgan Grabmiller and assistant junior Jen Fowler. Grabmiller’s senior project was presenting a Mock DUI with help from the community and fellow students.

Two panel members, Resource Officer Tim Pierce and substitute teacher Carrie Wixon learn to crochet during senior Kari Meints’ presentation. Meints taught her panel a chain stitch, the beginning stitch when crocheting.

With her dog, senior Malina Meyer speaks about volunteering at a veterinary clinic. Fellow classmate Theresa Wild assisted Meyer by keeping watch over Meyer’s dog.

Presenting her quilt, senior Judith Plumb delivers her speech. Plumb’s project consisted of making a quilt containing all aspects of her high school career.

“It was a rewarding experience to get a chance to show my pictures to others.”

Andrew Finley, 12

“Too fast to cut grass.”

Jeremy Morris, 12
Determination leads to successful completion

Picking a project, filling out the forms and taking part in practice and the final presentations. Such were some of the tasks or assignments the senior class had to fulfill for their senior project.

Many project options were open for seniors. Looking at what past seniors had done helped the Class of 2005 get a better idea of what was possible.

"After seeing Kaylyn Wisehart’s monologue during the intermission of last year’s spring play, I realized that I could use that time slot for my senior project. I wasn’t sure I was going to be able to participate in the play with all that I had to do with the senior project, but this way I had my extracurricular activity and senior project at the same time," senior Alyssa Alexander said.

Senior project coordinator Trisha Dobson also helped the seniors pick a project that would best fit them.

"The faculty and I encouraged community-based projects that get in touch and use the community," Dobson said.

This was Dobson’s last year to serve as project coordinator as she resigned from the position to move back to Iowa where her family lives.

In the end, 26 seniors received gold honors, while another 50 received silver honors—the highest number ever. Five seniors were added to the “Hall of Fame” plaque: Jon Fesenmeyer, Morgan Grabmiller, Kari Meints, Kimberly Stephens, and Ashley A. Williams.

In the holding room, seniors Brandon Miller and Matt Kerl play chess. Seniors were required to stay in their holding room until all of the seniors in their group completed their presentations.

Holding her son Hayden, senior Emily Fagan watches in admiration. Fagan’s senior project consisted of making a scrapbook and keeping a journal on her pregnancy and her son’s life.

“It’s fun throwing cabbages 400 feet.”
Jon Fesenmeyer, ’12

“I never thought I would be making music out of trash cans.”
Matthew Smith, ’12
In the News

■ World News
Prince Charles marries long-time girlfriend, Camilla Parker Bowles

■ National News
Student shooter kills 9 at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota

■ National News
Terry Chiavo’s feeding tube removed
After continuous debate involving family as well as State, Chiavo passes away without the support of her feeding tube

■ World News
Trader Tips Scandal
Five-month jail sentence for Martha Stewart

■ World News
Gas prices flare across U.S., setting record prices

■ World News
Tsunami strikes India
The world mourns the death of 300,000 lives

■ World News
After a 26-year reign, Pope John Paul II dies at age of 84 due to heart failure

■ National News
NBA player Ron Artest attacks heckling crowd member, setting off a brawl

■ National News
Jared Moore, Basehor volunteer firefighter, dies in fatal car wreck on the way to a call

■ National News
Michael Jackson goes to trial
New England Patriots win third Super Bowl, become the NFL’s newest dynasty

■ Local News
KU beats K-State in football
Borner voters approve $3.5 million swimming pool plan
McDonald’s reopens in August

Student Life
World News

Red Sox break curse, capture first World Series title since 1918

Local News

Construction swells at Village West with the announcement of 44 new tenants

Local/National News

Mother, stepfather charged in Precious Doe murder case

Local News

2nd Lt. Michael Goins killed in action as war in Iraq continues

1990 grad honored at first football game

Commons Casuals

While raising money for cancer research, Lance Armstrong’s Livestrong bracelets have managed to wrap themselves around several wrists.

When Kansas winter was raging, these fashionable and comfortable boots were seen in the hallways.

Made of soft rubber, these comfortable Crocs added cushion through the feet and were popular among all age groups.

The talk on the tip of every tongue in town was all about Napoleon Dynamite, an independent film by Jared Hess that blew up the big screen.

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Walking down the hall you see people of all kinds. Whether they are dressed in the fads of the world or the alternative styles of their own, all are united under the roof of Bonner Springs High School. Friendships and memories are made while others are either broken or forgotten. The one thing that should always be etched in your mind are those who have made an impact on your life, whether it was giving a listening ear or even helping someone make a wise decision when that decision could impact their life in the long run. Never let memories become thoughts of the past. Remember the people.

—Rori Meints

All smiles, freshmen Michaela Mortensen, Erin Kruger and Kelsey Stanbrough await the start of a home Friday night football game.

To help make the winning banner and float, seniors Christy Mellott, Mattie Pino, and Amy Bergman attend the Homecoming float construction.

Enjoying the “Little Shop of Horrors” cast party are freshman Amber Vochatzer, sophomore Philip Shirley, junior Helen Sangster and senior Erin Jacobs.
Pictured clockwise: Painting a Totem Pole outside the office, junior Andrew Padilla shows school pride. Art teacher Linda Horvath guided Padilla, Judith Plumb, and Karron Henderson in the project. In the Media Center, seniors Alicia Salazar, Malory Stark, Nick Robertson and Tasha Romero work on their senior project. At the Homecoming game, queen candidates Kellie Gardner, Megan Mackey and Kori McGinnis are all hugs after the announcement of the winners was made. On a field trip, juniors Blake Kasselman and Kurtis Russell play in the CG's Pizza arcade while Jeff Hern looks on. Juniors enrolled in American Literature traveled to the Midland Theater in early October to watch a series of plays depicting famous short stories.
“I remember in eighth grade gym class when Eric Brantley went up for a layup and his pants didn’t.”
—Will Davis

“I will never forget when Kori, Kellie, Hollie, Miranda, Megan and I slept outside in a tent at Kori’s house. We had a space heater because it was thirty degrees outside. As the night went on, everyone else got smart and went inside; Megan and I were the only ones left in the tent by morning.”
—Theresa Wild

“Sophomore year a bunch of my friends and I had a snowball fight in front of the school. Right when Mr. Cook opened his window to yell at us to stop, a snowball was thrown and hit him in his face!”
—Jessica Vogel

“While we were attending cheerleading camp at KU the summer of sophomore year, I got hungry for a midnight snack and instead of grabbing a can of cheese for my crackers, I grabbed a can of deodorant. Fortunately, someone turned on the light before I ate it.”
—Mandie Lewis

“Going really far in the State playoffs my sophomore year and also going to State for wrestling and placing.”
—Bradley Kittinghouse

“Having a chalk fight in Mr. Stewart’s class in the seventh grade with Kari Meints.”
—Judith Plumb

“For our freshman homecoming, we met up at Cambry Hergesheimer’s house. When we got there, we found a stretch Lincoln Navigator limo in her driveway. We drove around town for awhile and then the Plaza for about two hours and enjoyed every minute of it. We thought we had it made.”
—Morgan Grabmiller
"Back in the day, in our pre-driver’s license days, Toine Barber, Danny Grosko, Jeff Hills and I would roll Toine’s old school “LAC” to the mall almost every day. We would all scrounge up as much money as we could find, usually a dollar or two, and pitch in for gas. Of course we never bought anything, but we felt important because we drove ourselves."

—Elliott Basler

"When Shelby Kuns lit Mrs. Albert’s trash can on fire in Chemistry, resulting in the evacuation of the entire school."

—Camby Bergesheimer

“In fifth grade I had to do a project with Katy Kirk and I stuck her crayons in my nose then put them back in her box."

—Christy Mellott

“In 8th grade, a teacher farted and blamed it on Nick Robertson."

—Shelby Kuns

“Keeping the same friends throughout school and knowing all the teachers in upcoming grades.”

—Ashley Lea

“Seeing all your friends change for the better and some for the worst.”

—Wesley Shields

“Seeing your peers grow from childhood to adulthood.”

—Kari Meints

“The 13 years that I have been here have given me the time to ‘hone’ my smart-aleck remark capabilities.”

—John Pino
Senior Best

Class Clown: John Pino & Shelby Kuns

Most Athletic: Christian McDonald & Chase Crouch

Most Spirited: Josh Mortensen & DeDe Cline
Leadin' the tribe
Senior Class of 2005
Senior Best

Cutest Couple:
Billy Ballard & Ashley A. Williams

Most Changed:
Ed Samek & Kellie Lemon

Biggest Flirt:
Brad Rittinghouse & Jamie Frentrop
A Day in the

BEFORE SCHOOL-Arrive just as cafeteria worker Mayzell Hickmon is giving the last call for breakfast in the cafeteria. Chug your milk and jet to class. Milk, does a senior body good.

7:15

3RD HOUR-Boost your senioritis by slaving over your senior research paper. Seniors are expected to balance a hectic schedule of meeting form deadlines and completing project hours.

9:52

2ND HOUR-Take a break from class to enjoy the luxury of the benches. Seniors receive special privileges of a separate parking lot, larger lockers and the senior benches.

8:40

4TH HOUR-Enjoy a heaping helping of a Grade A meal in the café. Administration promised students a newly decorated café-themed lunchroom, complete with new tables, TV's and greenery.

10:59
Life of a Senior

12:10

5TH HOUR-Attend the Senior Internship meeting before heading out the door to your current job. For participating seniors, the internship class is a work program that allows them to leave early and experience life in the work force.

Keith Frazier

2:00

7TH HOUR-Catch a quick nap in the hallway during the last hour of the school day. With all that a senior has to handle, mid-day naps are almost required. (Like seniors ever have time to catch some winks!)

Miguel DeLeon

2:58

6TH HOUR-Concentrate deeply on completing your 2D art project for the new student teacher Sarah Hyde. In order to graduate, each senior must complete one year of fine arts courses.

Tara Smith

1:04

AFTER SCHOOL-Once the last bell has sounded, make a quick change of clothes and get to your extracurricular activity.

Justin Starks

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Seniors  45
Not Pictured In Senior Bests:

**Most Likely to Forget Their Name:**
Jimmy Derricott & Emily Dougherty

**Drama King/Queen:**
Jordan Lamb & Shantenie Tyner

**Most Likely to Stay a Kid Forever:**
Justin Starks & Mandie Lewis

**Most Likely to be on Sesame Street:**
Brad Rider & Jamie Poje

**Most Original:**
Scotty Ledgerwood & Leslie Holtzen

**Friendliest:**
Seth Jenkins & Alyssa Alexander

**Biggest Case of Senioritis:**
Aaron Clark & Candice Craven

**Most Likely to be Late to Their Own Graduation:**
Will Davis & Heather Shondel

**Most Gullible:**
Alex Potter & Theresa Wild

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Class of 2006
Captions clockwise: A group of juniors listen at a National Honor Society meeting. For the Blood Drive, Nick Liston contributes by giving his blood. To give blood you had to be at least 17 years of age, with a parent’s permission, or older. In English, junior Ben Honeycutt delivers a speech. At a yearbook worknight, Matt Redlin stuffs his face while Robert Holter looks on.
Amy Abramovitz
Kristie Allen
Jamie Arnett
Rachel Avery
Derrick Babcock
Josh Bailey

Rebecca Baker
Tyler Ballard
Jennifer Barlow
Joseph Bartels
Cody Barton
Micole Beck

Solomon Bennett
Lindsay Blasche
Cory Bowline
Holly Braswell
Joel Brehm
Tony Brewer

Anthony Brown
Josh Brown
Cameron Buck
Jobie Buehler
Richard Burkin
RikkiAnn Burks

Kyle Cahill
Victoria Caldwell
Chris Callahan
Charles Camp
Jake Campbell
Samantha Cannon

Matthew Caquelin
James Chastain
Carmen Claiborn
Annette Cline
Stephanie Conn
Cristina Contreras

Sam Courtney
Brittney Crane
Drew Crockett
Joshua Culter
Courtney D'Anieri
Nick DeLeon

54 · Sophomores
Zach Jensen
Tyler Jock
Lindsey Johnson
Wade Johnson
Alyssa Kelly
Sadie Kelly

Lena Klausner
Taylor Kobe
Katie Kobialka
Luke Kreider
Erin Kruger
James Lanham

Megan Laver
Anthony Lee
Matthew Lee
Felisha Leipard
David Link
Janelle Lira

Aaron Lugo
Holly Luke
Sandra Luna
Nathan Lynch
Samuel Mace
Luis Macias

Tyler Martin
Diana Martinez
Amanda McClain
Krystal McCorkendale
Clayton McCully
Chase McGhee

Cord McGill
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Allen Mellott
Kayla Mendez
Kyle Mendez
Shayla Meseke

Stephen Mey
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Joe O'Hare
Jessica O'Neal
Amanda Ontis
Becky Ova
Sara Pacheco

Justin Padelli
Sean Peak
Cameron Peel
Neesha Perez
Alex Perica
Rosa Pichardo

Amy Pino
James Prather
Brad Pratt
Dakota Preble
Jayme Pruitt
Joshua Reaves

Josh Renfro
Hannah Reynolds
Tanair Rios
Nick Roath
Jon Robertson
Lorena Rodriguez

Lisa Rogers
Melissa Ruszala
Vernon Samek
Steven Sanders
William Sanford
Eric Sawyer

Amber Schaber
Britney Shipman
Lindsay Sickman
Chelsea Simmons
Cody Sipes
Adam Smith

Steven Snider
Angel Solano
Chris Spencer
Kelsey Stanbrough
Tanner Stark
Ashley Storz

62 Freshmen
When the sweat starts running down your forehead and into your eyes, the season has started. Practice is so hard your body becomes tired and weak, and you don’t want to go on. Then game day arrives. Will all the preseason workouts, the practices, and the extra time put in amount to anything, or was it all just a waste of time? We will always remember the great moments in the sports seasons, from the touchdowns and the take-downs to the home runs and the hole-in-ones. These memories will stay with us for many years to come. Even though our sports teams didn’t leave the first mark, they did leave a lasting impression.

Remember the teams.

—Matt Redlin
Pictured clockwise: Braves football players smash through a sign as they take the field before one of the home games. The team posted an 1-8 record. As part of a pre-game ritual, the varsity girls basketball team massages each other's shoulders. The team finished with an 8-13 record and placed sixth at both the Bonner Springs and Basehor tournaments. Shooting a layup, junior Jeff Hills pops a shot against Pembroke Hill. Hills scored 221 points for the Braves. Posing for the crowd, varsity cheerleaders (from left) Jessi Langley, Kori McGinnis, and Kim Stephens smile big at the winter sports pep assembly. The squad cheered at football, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, and basketball games along with girls tennis matches.
**Signature moves**

Head Coach Lew Kasselman talks a play over with senior quarterback Jordan Lamb. Lamb was the Braves' quarterback for the past two seasons.

"We didn't play to our potential, but we played with a lot of heart and never gave up."

**Brad Rittinghouse, 12**

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**Scoreboard**

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**Honors**

Brad Rittinghouse MVP
Christian McDonald Off. POY
Brad Rittinghouse Def. POY
A.J. Holmes "Big Hit" Award

*POY - Player of the Year

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**Surprise sensation**, freshman Tyler Jock, runs with the ball in a home game. Jock carried the ball 41 times and returned 18 kick-offs for the varsity team in his first season.

**As a fullback**, junior Nick White sets a block for senior running back Christian McDonald. The two players combined for 906 rushing yards this season.

**Chasing the Piper** quarterback is junior Emmanuel McComb. McComb received all-KVL honorable mention for his play on offense and defense.

(Photo by Kevin Anderson, The Chieftain)

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**Senior Jordan Lamb** gets ready for the hike. Lamb had 983 passing yards, the highest single-season total since 1984 and received honorable mention for the all-KVL squad. "I was really surprised to receive honorable mention," Lamb said.

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**Freshman Squad. Front Row:** Wade Johnson, Andrew Foster, Angel Solano, David Link. **Second Row:** Coach Brian Greig, James Lanham, Christian Newton, Steven Snider, Cody Wallace, Leroy Wagner, Jason Hoskins, Ethan Shalz, Coach Pete Cisneros. **Third Row:** D'Aaron Williams, Chris Wallace, Blake Turtle, Casey Weir, Steven Sanders, Matt Ingentron.
I-8 record leads to roller coaster of emotions

The Braves' football season was full of emotion. There were cheers, jeers, and a whole lot of tears. There were dedicated fans who, despite the team's record, attended every game, here or there.

With a lot of ups and downs, the varsity team posted a 1-8 record. However, their record didn't reflect all the hard work, practice, and dedication that the guys put in each day.

"Some of us lifted weights every day," junior Travis Hubbel said.

The Braves played Basehor, Piper, and Gardner to kick off their first three games of the year. To capture their first win, they would have to wait until the eighth game of the season against the Perry-Lecompton Kaws.

"It felt awesome to get our first win, because all that time and effort we put in finally paid off," senior Jordan Lamb said. "I knew the time would come, and when it did, we were on top of the world."

It was a season for rebuilding which held several bright spots. Certain players stepped up when needed most.

"Being a freshman, Tyler Jock made a big impact on defense and kick-off returns," Coach Lew Kasselman said. "He was a big surprise to all of us."

Even when it seemed that no one had faith in them, the guys played as if it were the first game of the season. The taste of victory was upon them; they could feel it. The guys knew they had to go out on the field each time forgetting about the past, and looking towards what could become.

"This season was hard fought," senior superfan Dede Cline said. "The players seemed to love the game and have a lot of heart."

The football season will be remembered not as a season that did not produce wins, but a season that produced tremendous character.

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A group of Braves run out of the cheerleaders' tunnel before a home game against Gardner. "On and off the field, we were all family," senior A.J. Holmes said.
"We played games and fun activities during practice to unite our team and did our best to be friends on the court."

**Signature moves**

Getting the block, senior Ashley Venerable was a strong force at the net this season. Assisting Venerable was sophomore Christina Delladio. (Picture by Kevin Anderson, The Chiefman)

Senior setter. Chase Crouch plays the ball at the net in a home meet against Basehor. "As an upperclassman, she worked hard to set a good example," coach Jo Morrison said.

Prepping to set the ball, senior Emily Dougherty zones in on the game. Emily played all around and dominated the net.

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Tossing the ball and preparing to serve, junior Lisa Zarate sends the ball in its way. "It was definitely different this year, but I expected change," Zarate said.

A new season full of ups and downs

The varsity volleyball team began its season facing a variety of changes. With new coaches, a new tryout system, and an entire new program, the girls had to keep an open mind.

"There were a lot of new things this year, and it took a while to get used to them," junior Jacey Totta said.

One change new head coach Jo Morrison brought to the team was requiring all the girls to run an eight-minute mile during tryouts.

"It was hard, but after awhile you just kept running," freshman Chelsea Crouch said.

Also adding to the new coaching staff was freshman coach Beth Dillon. The only returning coach for the new season was second-year junior varsity coach Becky Brent.

"I was nervous because I didn’t know anyone, but that's also what I was excited about," Morrison said.

The varsity team had a rough start their first 23 games. They captured their first victory against Basehor at the Tonganoxie Tournament, which gave them a 1-23 record.

"We had to put forward a positive attitude no matter what happened all season," junior Lisa Zarate said.

Another new element brought to the court was height. After lacking height in 2004, the team looked forward to two new girls who were over 5 feet 8 inches tall: senior Ashley Venerable and sophomore Christina Delladio.

Statistically, the squad was led by Jacey Totta, who had the best serving percentage; Christina Delladio, the most blocks; and Lisa Zarate, the best passing percentage.

Despite a losing record, they were still able to keep smiles on their faces. They also learned a lot this season.

- Robert Goller
Senior David Baxter strikes the ball in a game against Tonganoxie. This year Baxter decided to step out of his usual role as goal keeper and try his skills on defense.

"It was overall a great season. It was the best record the team has ever had, and it was great to be a part of it. I was proud to be a captain."

**Signature moves**

In a rain-soaked game, junior Eric Nielsen traps the ball against his Basehor opponent. Nielsen played both defender and midfielder for the varsity team.

Sophomore Justin Moulin controls the ball in a game against Tonganoxie. Moulin was the team’s main defender and has played for the Braves for two years.

Junior Jonny Baxter dribbles the ball with intensity against Mill Valley. At the end of the season, Baxter was rewarded for his hard work with all-league and all-state honors. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, *The Chieflin*)

Junior Micah Gallagher heads the ball during a game against Piper. Gallagher has been on the Braves’ varsity team since his freshman year and played a major role as one of the team’s defender.

Chasing down an opponent from Piper, Alex Perica and Clayton McCully steal the ball. Perica and McCully were two of the four freshmen who played on the varsity team, along with Ryan Bush and Michael Bille.

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**Honors**

All-Kaw Valley League
Honorable Mention/Second Team
David Baxter, Joey Schmidt, and Josh Motensen
First Team
Jonny Baxter
Micah Gallagher
Junior Jonny Baxter breaks season scoring record

A sport that sometimes goes unrecognized, this year's soccer team made people take notice. The team finished with a 10-6 record and took first in the WyCo tournament.

There were many tough games throughout the season, and one of them was against Mill Valley. The Braves have always seen Mill Valley as their hardest competition and were hoping for a win. They practiced every day, keeping their thoughts on that one game.

Finally, that day came, and they played their hearts out. The team managed to score two goals, but fell to the Jaguars 4-2.

"I was disappointed. It was a game we could have won, and it was a game we should have won," team captain senior David Baxter said.

The Braves looked ahead to the next game, which was to be played against Bishop Ward. Coming off the Mill Valley loss, the squad wanted to restore its name and gave all their effort. In the end, they smashed Bishop Ward 7-0. They were back on track and ready to finish the season. The team captured eight more wins and only three more losses.

One of the main highlights of the season came when junior Jonny Baxter broke the single-season scoring record with 26 goals. Baxter did not take the glory all for himself; he gave credit to all of his teammates and his coaches.

"I was happy and very proud of my accomplishments; however, my teammates were there to give me the ball, and I could not ask for more," Baxter said.

The coaches were also very excited to hear the news that five of their varsity players were chosen for first and second team all-Kaw Valley honors.

"Having five guys on the all-league team is a sign that everything is headed in the right direction," head coach Jimmy Vogel said.

In addition, Jonny and David Baxter both earned all-state recognition.

—by Courtney Gunders
Sprinting to the finish, freshman Alex Perica and sophomore Derrick Babcock try to qualify for state. “Although we didn’t qualify this year, I think we have a great chance next year, even though we lost some seniors,” Babcock said.

Running hard to beat his previous time, Solomon Bennett was the lone Brave to qualify for the state meet at Wamego where he placed 49th, finishing in the top half. Bennett’s best time came at Bishop Miege, when he ran a 16:49.

“I thought overall we had a successful season, and it was a lot of fun in my last year.”

Joshua Smith, 12

Sophomore Joey Schmidt runs hard to the finish line to help the boys team finish strong. The varsity squad finished in the top half of all their meets.

Competing at the Paola Invitational, junior Hilary Johnson pushes senior Jessica Adkins. “It was hard to get in shape for cross country. My best meet was at regionals,” Johnson said.

Pacing each other, sophomores Zach Mackey, left, and Josh McConico give it their all at the Bonner Springs Invitational, which was held at Wyandotte County Park. Mackey was 13th while McConico finished at 16th. Overall, the boys’ squad placed third.

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■ Honors

Solomon Bennett placed 49th at the State Cross Country Meet held at Wamego.
Successful season ends at the state meet

As the summer nears the end and the school year is about to begin, the Braves’ cross country runners begin the season with early morning workouts.

After the school year starts, the morning workouts are replaced with the afternoon practices in the intense heat.

"I liked the afternoon practices better just because in the afternoon you can run further, and you get a better workout," sophomore Tiffany Starks said.

Even though there were ups and downs, coach Bill Downing said the season was "great" and built confidence and character.

"The biggest turnaround from last year was Joey Schmidt, who placed in the top 30 at the Shawnee Mission West meet," Downing said. "Solomon Bennett had the biggest impact on the team."

The team would show off some of its skills at the first meet of the season at Topeka-Hayden against some of the other top schools in the state. As a team, the Braves came home with a successful second-place finish. The boys squad also placed third at their own invitational.

A season full of hard work definitely paid off for one of the Braves, sophomore Solomon Bennett, who was the only runner to qualify for state.

"Solomon had a great heart and a hard work ethic to go along with his great talent. It is a great combination," Downing said.

Bennett turned in a successful performance at the state meet in Wamego, placing 49th with a time of 18:00.

With a large squad of young talent, the team’s future looks bright.
Getting off the ground, junior Hillary Johnson challenges her forehand on a high shot. Johnson, also known to her team as “Hills,” was the only underclassmen on varsity.

Showing off her skills, sophomore Stephanie Hern, takes an overhead smash. Hern has played for two years on junior varsity and has two left to try for varsity.

Working her magic, senior Tara Smith gets spin on the ball as she serves it over. Smith played for BSHS all four years she attended high school and competed at the varsity level for three of the four years.

Returning the ball, senior Ashley A. Williams uses a forehand stroke. Playing tennis for the first time, Williams started at the bottom of the bracket and finished her season at number 10 on the tennis ladder.

Approaching the ball, senior Kim Stephens gets her backhand ready. Stephens tried her luck in singles instead of in doubles as she had done her previous three years and earned five singles tournament medals to finish out her last high school season.
Having fun can lead to great team success

"There is no 'I' in team," a famous quote that everyone has or will hear at least once in their life. As for the 2004-05 girls tennis team, they really took that quote to heart.

Although tennis is mainly a one-on-one and sometimes two-on-two sport, that didn't matter to the girls of the 2004 season. The girls played hard, but also worked hard having fun together.

"To us it was less about the competition and more about the experience," senior Tara Smith said. "We just wanted to have fun."

Even with the mindset of just having fun, the team was highly successful. The varsity squad, which consisted of five seniors, won a total of 25 medals. They enjoyed themselves and won matches at the same time.

"The seniors did a good job of keeping up the spirits of everyone and encouraging the younger players," said assistant coach Deb Loker. "I will really miss the seniors. They are an awesome bunch of girls."

The varsity girls showed the rest of the squad some team spirit by taking turns doing special little things for the team. They did things such as putting decorations on the girls' lockers the day of a match, making hair scrunchies out of fabrics in the school's colors, and bringing snacks to the games and matches for the team to share.

The coaches for the season were once again head coach Bill Scott and assistant coach Deb Loker.

"The best part of coaching is just seeing the players have success and have fun," coach Scott said.

At the end of the season, the squad had a banquet at Simple Simon's. The seniors spoke about three different topics: favorite memories, advice to the underclassmen, and their plans for the future.

"Listening to all the seniors' speeches is the best part of the banquet, and my favorite memory was of Ashley A. Williams in the bus. That was just funny," said senior Malina Meyer.

—Judith Marie Plumb


Planting herself, sophomore Michaela Kroh gets ready for an overhead smash. Kroh, along with her doubles partner sophomore Lindsey Blasche, got off to a good start when they became the only squad members to beat Bishop Miege in the season opener.
Enjoying the nice outdoor weather, seniors Kori McGinnis, Kellie Gardner and Mandie Lewis cheer on the boys soccer team at a home match against Piper.

Cheering on her team, senior Kim Stephens performs the fight song at a home football game. "This year was great for the seniors, simply because we took every award at state, and I really enjoyed spending the quality time with the squad," Stephens said.

The year went great! I couldn't have asked for a better senior year. I'm definitely going to miss everybody.

Pepping up the squad, junior Jessi Langley concentrates hard on making her motions sharp and precise.

Squad snatches top award at NCA summer camp

"Hit It" yells Braves' senior LuCretia Hinson, as the crowd goes wild over the cheerleaders' famous "slappy cheer." Although this cheer was typically used to pep up a lifeless crowd, it was also part of the team's summer success.

When the squad attended National Cheerleading Association (NCA) Camp in early June at Emporia State University, the "slappy cheer" helped them earn the "Top Team Award," which is presented to the best squad in attendance.

In addition to this award, the squad earned "Champion Chant," which reflects how well a squad can perform a certain chant, "The Motion Award," and the "Jump Award." Three squad members also earned NCA All-American awards.

"I was thrilled when we won champion chant and top team," cheerleading sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said. "We'd always been in the running for both of those awards, but we hadn't won either of them before. I was hoping for one of the two, but winning each award for the first time in the same year was fantastic; it was a great feeling and I think that it really helped the squad focus."

The squad continued to work hard after camp had ended.

"We achieved so much this year because everyone wanted to be really good, and we were all willing to try anything," junior cheerleader Kristina Luke said.

The varsity squad consisted of seven seniors, who will be missed greatly by fellow squad members and coaches.

"We had an awesome group of seniors who were very talented and dedicated to cheering," assistant sponsor Adrianne Law said.

---Jeanna Erland---


Braving the cold, juniors Steven Beck, Andi Smith, and Kristina Luke cheer on the football team. "I thought we stunted well this year. That was definitely our strength," Beck said.
While performing a dance to the song "Blown' Me Up," junior Alexis Foster pumps up the crowd. It was the last time fans saw the underclassmen perform for the season.

Watching the seconds go by on the clock, team members and coach Lisa Terrell await their half-time season opener to an array of country western songs. The girls jazzed up their uniforms by wearing cowboy hats and bandanas with sequins.

After finishing a football routine titled "American Mix," sophomore Lindsey Meier catches her breath at her ending pose. "That dance was a ton of work," Meier said.

Keeping with tradition, junior Jen Fowler marches in the Tiblow Days parade. "I enjoyed performing at Tiblow Days because it got the year started," Fowler said.

Performing the hit "Everybody Have Fun Tonight" at the Oct. 8 football game, the squad uses their gold pom-poms to liven up the routine. This performance ended their participation during football season.
Orange Dazzlers dazzle the crowd

“5, 6, 7, 8!” When those words filled the air, you knew that the BHS Dance Team, also known as the Orange Dazzlers, were about to strut their stuff on the court. To entertain the crowds, the team did a variety of dances; they took us around the world with Hawaiian and Latin mixes and also tossed in a little bit of hip-hop.

The team started the year strong by winning the NDA Spirit Award at summer camp held at BHS. It was one of the top awards given to a team.

“We had a wonderful year. I couldn’t have asked for a better group of girls,” head coach Lisa Terrell said. “They worked hard and were very dedicated. Everyone gave a 110 percent all year, and their hard work definitely paid off.”

The team was led by senior captain Amy Parks and co-captains senior Leslie Holtzen and junior Michelle Knight.

“Well, I am just lucky enough to have my best friend at my side all four years of dance,” Parks said. “We push each other to perfection.”

With a team having that kind of bond, there were many memories along the way.

“My favorite memory from dance is when we all went to Kelly’s for our end-of-the-year party,” freshman Janelle Lira said.

After a year filled with dancing and making appearances at Tiblow Days, Homecoming, and various parades, the team concluded their season with the annual Senior Dance at the last home basketball game.

They danced to “99 Red Balloons,” which was choreographed by captain Amy Parks for her senior project. The underclassman accompanied them on the sidelines during the game for the last time.

—Michelle Knight


On a cold and blistering day in February, the Dazzlers took the crowd to Hawaii during half-time. Senior captain Amy Parks and freshmen Alyssa Kelly and Janelle Lira patiently wait for the music to start.
"We started playing as a team with unselfish attitudes. We started full-court pressing and speeding up the game to play to our strengths."

Coach Andy Price

"Although this season was a team effort, '05 held it down and made us Kaw Valley League champs."

Christian McDonald, '12

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With persistence, junior Jeff Hill slices to the hoop. Hill led the team in three-point shooting, hitting 34 on the season.

A key factor, junior Nick White goes up strong in the lane. White led the team in rebounds with 204 and blocks with an astonishing 51.

Senior guard Toine Barber soars over a Santa Fe Trail opponent. Barber led the team in scoring with 325 points and steals with 54 through the season.

Scanning the court, sophomore Anthony Brown looks to find an open outlet.

Braves take KVL title for second time in three years

With a second-half surge, the Braves' boys basketball turned their season around in the blink of an eye. With only a handful of returning lettermen, the Braves were uncertain of what to expect.

After the season began with an upsetting opening loss to Gardner and was followed by an additional four more losses, the Braves found themselves desperate to dig themselves out of a deep hole.

"The hardest obstacle to overcome was the frustration that built from starting the season 0-5. We knew we were a better team than that," Coach Andy Price said. Fortunately, there was relief in sight.

"The return of senior Will Davis to our lineup helped us out of our slump. Will brings a charisma and spark to the team," junior Emmanuel McComb said.

With that in mind, the Braves snatched their first victory against Tonganoxie Dec. 17 and refused to look back from that point. With a pep in their step, the Braves—led by seniors Toine Barber, Will Davis, and Christian McDonald—went on a 16-game winning streak.

After the first victory, the team would not let that taste go sour for the duration of the season, ultimately hoisting the Kaw Valley League Championship banner high in the gym.

The season, however, came to a devastating ending with a tough loss to an aggressive Atchison team in the second round of the Kansas sub-state tournament.

Coach Price was most proud of how everyone came together as a team when things were bad and how they turned the season around.

"I am also very proud of our league championship," Price said.

Pushing the ball up the court, senior Will Davis breaks down the Basehor Bobcat defense. Davis was a key factor on the court with his scrappy defense.
Shooting one of her many three-pointers, junior Hilary Johnson hopes to add to the scoreboard. Johnson was elected to the Bonner Springs and Basehor all-tournament teams, all-KVL first team, and was voted team MVP.

Ripping the ball away from an opponent, junior Sarah Reyes and sophomore Christina Dillard play some tenacious defense. Both girls had playing time on the varsity team.

Soaring high for the tipoff, sophomore Taryn Lane starts off the tournament game against Atchison. Lane was the center for the team this year.

The team performed the best we could have.
—Chey Crouch, 12

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Freshman Kelsey Stanbrough dribbles the ball down the court. Stanbrough was elected the Gatorade team Rookie-of-the-Year and received KVL honorable mention.

Disadvantages make Bravettes step up their game

As the season started, the ladies had one goal in mind: "to have a strong team." Even though they finished with a 8-13 record, they still felt they gave it their all. From the pre-season workouts to the final whistle in the final game, the girls worked hard and continued to improve. Without having players who had much height, the girls were at a disadvantage and knew they had to pick up the slack with illustrious play.

"We always tried our hardest, even though our record didn’t show that we did," junior Lisa Zarate said.

The team lost two seniors last season, leaving open spots on the hardwood that needed to be filled. Several young Bravettes were eager and more than ready to step up and play at a whole new level.

"It was fun and exciting to play on the varsity team this year," sophomore Taryn Lane said.

The Bravettes season held within it many great moments. From freshman Kelsey Stanbrough's buzzer-beating three-point shot at Lansing to the seniors' last game, the season was packed with thrills and excitement.

Junior Hilary Johnson was a key role once again in the success of the team, playing every game and scoring 200 points, with 23 assists and 21 steals. Johnson also broke the school's record for three-pointers made in a career with 87, passing Cherie Stauber's record of 73. Johnson now owns all of the major three-point records.

"It is exciting to know that I have all the records and knowing that girls will be trying to break them," junior Hilary Johnson said.

Although the season didn’t end the way the girls wanted it to, they still made it one to remember.

-Walt Rollin
While flipping an opponent, junior Steven Beck tries to set himself up for a victory early in the season. Beck’s season was cut short by injuries.

On his way to a 17-3 season, sophomore state qualifier Ian Seaton puts the finishing moves on his opponent. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, The Chieftain)

State qualifier Timmy Vaughan, freshman, has some fun between his meets at the Basehor Invitational. Vaughan finished with a 15-6 record.

“I had a great year, and I had a lot of fun wrestling.”

Mich. Lewis, 77

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**Honors**

State Wrestling Meet
Ian Seaton, 4th
Brad Rittinghouse, 6th

Junior Travis Hubbel grapples with his opponent at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. “It [wrestling] was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life,” Hubbel said.

Putting his opponent on his back, senior Brad Rittinghouse takes down one of his archrivals from Basehor-Linwood. After the regular season concluded, Rittinghouse was selected to participate in the Metro Classic, where he met some of the top wrestlers in Kansas and Missouri. On the year, Rittinghouse had 33-9 record, bringing his four-year varsity total to 89-53. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, The Chieftain)
Successful season sends three Braves to state

As the sweat starts to drip and the pain is starting to set in, the wrestling season is getting under way. When the season starts, the team has to be in shape. If they’re not in shape, then all the running the team do will get them there quickly.

With only two seniors on the team, a bunch of the underclassmen had to step up this year.

“We were a young team this year. We didn’t do as well as I thought we would, but next year we’ll have more experience and we should do a lot better,” said junior Robert Smith.

Almost every weekend the squad competed at a tournament somewhere in the metro area. They began the season at Piper, where they squared off against the Pirates, their archrival the Basehor Bobcats, and Louisburg. Although they came up short, the Braves did well as they kicked off another new season.

One of the biggest highlights was the state tournament, which was once again held in Wichita. The Braves were represented by senior Brad Rittinghouse, sophomore Ian Seaton, and freshman Timmy Vaughan.

Seaton captured a fourth-place medal while Rittinghouse was sixth.

“I thought that Brad, Timmy, and Ian each had a wonderful season and had a successful state tournament,” said coach Dan Burns. “I thought we did great overall. We got a lot better as the season progressed.”

“Being in the top four at state was an honor because I knew I finished higher than everyone in the state but three people,” Seaton said.

Seaton and Rittinghouse were also regional champions in their respective weight divisions.

With two underclassmen making it to state, the Braves will have a lot to look forward to.

—Keven Cusimay


Trying to escape, junior Robert Smith reverses a hold put on him by his opponent from Shawnee Heights. Smith wrestled both on both the junior varsity and the varsity squad, with a 7-6 JV record and an 8-4 varsity record.
At the Leavenworth meet, junior Matt Haas pulls himself through the water. Haas had a solid year for the boys swim team. "Overall, this season was a great success," he said.

Taking a stroke, junior Jeff Hern prepares to smash the competition. Hern captured a gold medal in the the 200-yard freestyle at the Independent League Championships.

Swimming the 500-yard freestyle, sophomore Jarred Harrington works to improve his previous best time. Harrington was also a team co-captain.

"The highlight of my year was competing at the swim meets."  
—Junior Talving, 22

At first home meet, junior Andrew Holder swims the 100-yard backstroke. Holder was a third-year lettermen with many years of summer league swimming under his belt.

Swimming the breaststroke on the second leg of the medley relay, junior Robert Holter comes up for a breath. Holter was number four in points on the season.

Instructing her swimmers, coach Wanda Simchuk helps junior Jordan Chronister and freshman Cameron Peel prepare for the season opener at Raytown. Peel was the only freshman on the squad.
Underclassmen making a big splash

With no returning seniors, the boys swim team was anchored by three juniors and a sophomore. Having lost four seniors from last year’s squad, the team needed several young swimmers to make an impact.

“The upperclassmen really stepped up this season,” coach Wanda Simchuk said. “Jarred Harrington had to step up the most, but he had the work ethic and motivation to do so."

Throughout the year, junior Jeff Hern hit the state consideration mark in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.65 and in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.45 seconds.

“Having the opportunity of almost going to state this year was a major accomplishment for me,” Hern said.

Another swimmer to hit state consideration was junior Andrew Holder. He hit the mark in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.95, pulling him within three-tenths of the necessary time.

There were four team records broken. Hern broke his own record in the 200-yard freestyle while Holder established new times in the backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley. Perhaps the biggest record that was rewritten came when sophomore Jarred Harrington established a new time in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:51.01.

“Breaking Jon McIntrye’s old record was a goal for me all year,” Harrington said. “It felt awesome after I broke it.”

The team practiced hard and had a blast at meets and practice. Overall, the team had a breakout year.

“For my first year of swimming ever, I think it went really well,” sophomore Andy Smith said. “It was extremely hard, but I have a lot of memories to take with me.”

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At the Independent League Championships, the elite swimmers from Bonner Springs High School show off their medals. By the end of the day, the squad had earned 17 medals.
Focused and ready to go, junior Mindy Morasch is ready to push off the block. Morasch finished fifth in points with 300 on the season.

Gliding across the water, sophomore Cassity Mitchell competes in the 200-yard individual medley. "We really stepped it up and had a much better season," Mitchell said.

With catlike reflexes, junior Katie Carlyle enters the water at the start of the race. Carlyle was a first-year swimmer, but improved dramatically and finished the year as a letterwinner.

Taking off the block strong, junior Jessi Morasch arches her back ready to enter the water. "Jessi was definitely the rookie of the year," Coach Wanda Simchuk said.

Pulling through the water, senior Emily Dougherty pushes herself to stay ahead of the pack while swimming the backstroke. "Emily was a joy to have on the team and was with ease the hardest worker ever," Coach Wanda Simchuk said. (Photo by Todd Simchuk)
Gliding through the water and beating the clock

With an influx of new swimmers, the girls’ swim team enjoyed another successful season.

“Eleven of the eighteen girls that came out were new to the team,” Coach Wanda Simchuk said. “They all did a fantastic job.”

Throughout the season, the girls showed great determination to succeed and the desire to compete with the other teams.

At the second meet of the season, the Bravettes pulled out a second-place victory at the Raytown Invitational. They also placed second at Washington and at the final home meet of the season against Ward-Piper and Maur Hill.

“Our team did awesome,” sophomore Janee Ingenthon said. “We were so close several times, and we’ll definitely do some damage next year.”

Not only did the team have a better season than last year, but they also established four new records.

Senior Leslie Holtzen established a new mark in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:42.37. Rising star sophomore Ally Venerable established a new 50 freestyle record, clocking in at 28.37.

“I think I have an awesome coach who pushes me to be the best,” Venerable said. “I hope I have competition next year, so I can break the record once again.”

Holtzen also put her name in the record book for the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:04.73. Last but not least, the 200 freestyle relay consisting of Venerable, Holtzen, junior Jessi Morasch, and Ingenthon set a new mark with a time of 2:00.98.

There were three seniors on the squad, including first-year swimmer senior Mandie Lewis, Emily Dougherty, and Holtzen, who was the top point producer with 377.

—Robert Goller

Cutting like a knife through the water, senior Leslie Holtzen swims the breaststroke during the 200-meter individual medley at an April 21 home meet. Holtzen is the current school record holder in the breaststroke.
Junior Josh Ova throws a strike on his way to the third no-hitter in Braves' history. Ova struck out eight and walked one in the Braves' 15-0 victory over Wyandotte.

Beating the throw back, senior catcher Billy Ballard dives safely into first base in a game against the Basehor Bobcats. Ballard was one of four seniors on the squad and finished the season with a .367 average.

"Coach Foster is a great coach. If you mess up he lets you know, and when you do good, he gives credit where credit is due."

Patrick Redlin, 11

Scoreboard

Opponent          Score
Wyandotte         15-0, 16-1
Tonganoxie        5-3, 11-1
Santa Fe Trail    4-14, 0-4
Atchison          14-0, 12-1
Perry             7-4, 7-8
Lansing           0-11, 13-16
Bishop Ward       0-10, 5-15
Piper             14-16, 8-9
Mill Valley       0-18, 1-16
Basehor           10-9, 4-23
Summer            6-7
Season Record     8-13

Honors

All-Kaw Valley League
Second Team
Keith Frazier, Mike Pier

Ready for the pitch, senior Mike Pier gets ready to launch one at a home game. A versatile player who pitched and played outfield, Pier ended his career with 52 RBIs, the third best in school history.

Getting dirty, senior outfielder Jordan Lamb slides around the Basehor Bobcats' catcher Kyle Spicenger. Lamb batted .343 with 12 hits in his final year as a Brave.

Successful season leads to more victories

It was an improved year for the Braves baseball team as they won more games than last year, finishing the season at 8-12. Much of the credit for that improvement goes to head coach Rick Moulin and new assistant coach Butch Foster, a 1991 graduate and former Braves’ player.

“Coach Foster had a tremendous impact on our program this year,” Moulin said. “He brought a great deal of enthusiasm and passion to our team.”

As a result, the Braves took the field with a competitive fire and the belief that they could win every game.

In the season-opener against Wyandotte, the Braves were hoping for a sweep and a strong start, and they got just that by beating the Bulldogs 15-0 in the first game behind a stellar pitching performance from junior Josh Ova.

Ova recorded just the third no-hitter in Braves’ history.

Two days later the Braves squared off against a KVL opponent, the Tonganoxie Chieftains. The Braves took care of business and swept the Chieftains, thus surpassing last year’s win total and moving to 4-0.

Unfortunately, the Braves then faced the most difficult part of their schedule with games against Santa Fe Trail and Bishop Ward.

“My senior season went really well,” said senior Keith Frazier, who hit 11 home runs to break the single season record. “We all got along and had a lot of fun. Our record didn’t show how much success we had this season or how well we played. I’m frustrated that we didn’t make it further than we did, but this year’s team always gave it their all.”

The Braves had a strong performance at regionals but came up short against Sumner, 7-6, in extra innings.

“We made a lot of positive strides this year,” Coach Moulin concluded.

—Kevin Courtney


Throwing hard, senior Keith Frazier fires a fastball by a hitter. Frazier finished the season with a 2-3 record and 31 strikeouts. Frazier also led the team in batting with a .452 average.
Playing as the shortstop, sophomore Tiffany Starks throws the ball towards first base. Starks received the team's Gatorade Will-to-Win Award.

Reaching for the ball, senior Chase Crouch stretches out while fellow senior Jessica Adkins runs over to back her up. Crouch was named the team's Gatorade Player-of-the-Year by her teammates.

Making contact with the ball, freshman Chelsea Crouch collects a hit for the team. Crouch was the team's starting third baseman and leading base stealer with 19 stolen bases.

"We played close to my expectations and very well towards the end of the season."

P.D. Cline, 12

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Honors

All-KVL Second Team
Chase Crouch, Tiffany Starks

Kicking her leg high, freshman pitcher Sadie Kelly throws the ball hoping for a strike. Kelly started 13 games and walked only seven of the 388 batters she faced.
Youth brings hope for future seasons

When the Bravettes took the field for their first practice, they knew that they lacked players who had recorded significant varsity playing time in past years. It looked to be an uphill battle for the entire season.

“At the start of the season it looked pretty tough,” senior Candice Craven said. “I knew we had the talent there to play really good softball. We just had to work hard and work together as a team.”

The team had four seniors to lead the way: Jessica Adkins, Chase Crouch, Candice Craven, and DeDe Cline. The four girls combined for a total of 59 hits, 26 runs, 23 stolen bases, and 17 runs batted in for their final season with the Bravettes.

Rookie-of-the-Year freshman Sadie Kelly was one of the starting pitchers for the Bravettes. She posted a 6-8 record with an earned run average of 1.94, and also rang up a total of 90 strikeouts, an average of seven per game. Kelly also played as an outfielder for the team.

“It was tough being thrown into the starting pitcher’s role,” Kelly said. “I loved the challenge, though, and striking all those batters out felt really awesome.”

The season started out rough. The girls lost their first four games and seven of their first nine. They then turned it around and won five of their next seven games. One of those wins was a five-hour, 11-inning marathon against Piper.

In the midst of the turnaround, the team pulled out a spectacular second-place finish at the Turner Invitational. The Bravettes fell in the championship game to Silver Lake 0-6.

The team wrapped up their season with a 2-10 loss to Piper at regionals. A highlight from the game was junior Tiffany Moppin’s in-the-park home run.

— Matt Roslen


Swinging hard at the ball, junior Tiffany Moppin tries to advance the runners. Moppin played as the second baseman and collected 12 stolen bases, three triples, two doubles, and one home run for the Bravettes.
With tremendous effort, senior Christian McDonald competes in his specialty, the javelin. At regionals, McDonald unleashed a throw of 184 feet, four inches, which gave him the championship and a new school record that he broke a week later at the state meet.

Running side by side, junior Kevin Venerable and sophomore Chris Callahan put forth their best effort in the 100-meter dash. (All photos on both pages by Philip Shirley)

Up and over, sophomore Eddie McClain pushes himself in pursuit of new heights. McClain consistently cleared the 6-foot-4 mark and finished the season with a trip to state.

“Breaking the 16-second barrier in the 110-meter hurdles was the highlight of my year.”

- Blake Kuslmann, 11

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**Honors**

State Track Meet
Christian McDonald, 3rd, javelin
Ashley Venerable, 4th, 100-meter dash
Emmanuel McComb, 5th, shot put and discus
Eddie McClain, 5th, high jump

Giving the disc a mighty whirl, junior Emmanuel McComb uncorks a throw at the Eudora Invitational. on April 14. McComb won the event with a toss of 138 feet, 11 inches.

Freshman Alyssa Kelly competes in the 100-meter hurdles at the Bonner Springs Invitational. Kelly turned in a time of 17.43 seconds to finish second in the event. The girls squad finished fourth overall, in a meet that was interrupted with a brief, but fierce hail storm.
Squad finishes with five medals at state meet

With a solid core of committed athletes, the track team enjoyed one of their strongest and most successful seasons in recent memory.

At the state meet in Wichita, the team was represented in eight different events and finished the two-day meet with five medals.

"That's the best showing since I've been here," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said. "For what we took, I couldn't have expected a better outcome."

Junior Emmanuel McComb and senior Christian McDonald saved their best performances for the meet that counted the most. McComb placed fifth in the shot put and discus and achieved personal records in both events.

McDonald finished with a third-place medal in the javelin with a toss of 184 feet and 7 inches, three inches better than his previous best.

Rounding out the state medal winners were sophomore Eddie McClain, who placed fifth in the high jump with a leap of 6-foot-4 inches, and senior Ashley Venerable, who placed fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 12.8 seconds.

Also competing at the state level were junior Kevin Venerable; sophomore high jumper Christina Delladio, who placed 11th; and the 800-meter relay team of sophomores Solomon Bennett, Zach Mackey, Josh McConico, and Dylan Tuckel, who were 10th with a time of 8:32.37.

The strong showing at state was reflective of success all season long. For example, the boys squad won their own invitational and placed in the top three in almost all of their meets. On the girls side, Christina Delladio set a new record in the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-4 at the Basehor.

“We had an extremely successful season, and it’s encouraging that most of these athletes will return next year,” Mitchell said.

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Fully focused, senior Ashley Venerable flies down the track on her way to a second-place regional finish at Tonganoxie. "Ashley was one of the strongest female sprinters I've ever had," Coach Jim Mitchell said. "It was wonderful to see her cap off her senior year with such a great season."
Tossing the ball in the air, sophomore Danny Thompson prepares to hit his serve. Thompson has played tennis for the past two seasons.

“I thought the team played swell. It was exciting to play.”

Andrew Gold, 22

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**Honors**

- Class 4A State Doubles Champions
- Regional Team Runner-Up
- Regional Doubles Champions

**Points, running, and hitting,** junior Matt Redlin moves to return a shot. Redlin placed second in number one singles at the Leavenworth Invitational.

**Connecting on a forehand,** senior Matt Kerl sends a shot back while doubles partner senior Josh Mortensen looks on. The two placed first in all five tournaments this year.

**Leaping high after the ball,** sophomore Justin Moulin attempts to hit a difficult shot during one of the team’s home matches. Moulin played varsity for most of the year and finished with a 21-13 record.
Two seniors have perfect season, finish first at state

Amazing, outstanding, and unbelievable are the three words that describe the year that seniors Josh Mortensen and Matt Kerl had. The two finished the season 28-0 and placed first in the 4A State Doubles Championship.

At the state competition in Wichita, Mortensen and Kerl won all four of their matches that they played. It was the first time in school history that anyone has won a state championship in tennis. Mortensen and Kerl were also the only doubles team in the state to finish the year with an undefeated record.

"I was ecstatic when we won state," Mortensen said. "I didn't picture an undefeated year, but when it happened I was jubilant."

Mortensen and Kerl also became the first doubles team ever to go undefeated during the regular season with a 20-0 record. Mortensen went undefeated in singles, too, the first player ever to go undefeated in both.

"I never thought I'd have a team good enough to win state," Head Coach Bill Scott said. "Matt and Josh were the real deal, though."

Other players who joined Kerl and Mortensen on varsity were juniors Isaac Garlington, Matt Redlin, Kristopher Russell, and sophomore Justin Moulin.

The squad had an impressive year. They went undefeated in dual play and swept both Lincoln Academy and Lawrence High School.

"This year was an awesome one for our team," Garlington said. "We couldn't have played much better. Josh and Matt's performance will definitely be a hard act to follow next year."

With an undefeated state and regional doubles champion, a team regional runner-up finish, and an undefeated team record, this year will be one to remember for years to come.

"Cheesing for the camera," coach Bill Scott and coach Deb Loker savor the moment with seniors Josh Mortensen and Matt Kerl, who are all smiles after their state championship. "Winning state didn't seem real to me," Kerl said. "It was a nice way to end my last year."
With determination, sophomore Cameron Buck aims for the middle of the fairway. "Cameron had a great year," Coach Mike Fitzgibbons said.

Digging himself out of a trap, senior Ed Samek tries to chip onto the green at the Sunflower Hills Invitational.

Preparing to tee off, senior Dustin Harding keeps his head down. Harding’s best showing came at the league meet where he shot an 89.

Focusing intently, senior John Pino takes aim while on the Sunflower Hills course. According to Coach Mike Fitzgibbons, Pino was the squad’s best golfer, and he finished his final season with an average of 88.

New coach Mike Fitzgibbons writes down a score early in the season. “I was really pleased with the way seniors John Pino and Dustin Harding showed their leadership. That was a big help.”

“My first year of golf was a lot of fun. I’m happy with how I played, and I’m looking forward to next season.”

Blake Tuttle

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Young squad looks to a bright future

It was an up-and-down year for the young, but promising Braves golf team.

"My first year was a little disappointing because we had such high expectations, but we have a bright future because we are loaded with young talent," said new coach Mike Fitzgibbons, who replaced 25-year veteran Bob Chatterton.

The Braves were so young that two freshmen, Matt Ingenthron and Cody Wallace, both saw significant varsity time.

"I had an average first season. I was happy with the way I played, and I look forward to getting better. The team's performance was decent, but I know that we can play a lot better and I can't wait till next season," Wallace said.

The team's top finish came at the WyCo Invitational where they placed first. It was the first time in school history that the team won the Wy-Co tournament.

The squad concluded the season with a seventh-place finish at the Ottawa Invitational and tenth-place finishes at both the league and regional meets.

"It went well, although I think that we could have done better. We had a strong team at the start, but the loss of two seniors at the end of the season really hurt us, sophomore Cameron Buck said.

One bright spot was the play of the junior varsity. The squad placed first at the Basehor Dual, first at the KVL meet and second at the Sunflower Hills JV Invitational.

"Our JV had a great year, and I'm very proud of the way they played," Fitzgibbons said.

The team's lone female, sophomore Maggie Hackney, shared Fitzgibbons's optimism.

"It was a great season, actually better than last year," Hackney said. "Fitz is a good coach."

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Lining up his putt, freshman Cody Wallace prepares for his next shot. Wallace competed in nine tournaments as a varsity golfer, the most of any freshman.
To get involved, your voice is finally heard for all to hear, your dedication is finally seen, your passion for a cause is finally felt by others. Making an impact—whether it was to the community, the school or just a peer—students let their voices be heard by expressing who they were and what they believed. They were inducted into a society of helping others and promoting higher knowledge. Some found their voice in documentation, while others found it on the gym floor during a pep assembly. No matter who you were or what you believed, we all came together for the same goal, to get involved.

—Michelle Knight & Kari Moine

For the STUCO sponsored float construction, senior Amy Parks cuts chicken wire with heavy duty scissors. Parks was the president of Stuco.

At the NHS Induction, Kerri Jennings speaks to senior officers Nathan Smith, Jessica Adkins, Mandie Lewis, Kyle Kobe, Leslie Holtzen and Cambry Hergesheimer.

With the use of a laptop, sophomore Kyle Parker works on the Mock Trial case. Jenny Myers became the new sponsor of Mock Trial.
Pictured clockwise: For the Pow Wow newspaper, junior photographer Rachel Robare mixes chemicals, so she can process a roll of film. At the NHS blood drive, junior Emmanuel McComb is supported by senior Lucretia Hinson as his blood pressure is taken. Faculty members and students who donated each gave approximately one pint of blood. As part of Tee Pee Talk, junior Kurtis Russell prepares to videotape a Homecoming segment. Tee Pee Talk staffs worked during second and seventh hour. With the rest of the pep band, freshman Kyle Toland plays his trumpet. Along with new members, the band also received a new band instructor, Tim Starks.
Keeping in rhythm, senior Keenan Clements performs “Jingle Bell Rock” with the Jazz Band, which made its debut at the holiday concert. “The thing that I enjoyed most about Jazz Band was the fact that we got to listen to a lot of jazz songs before we played them,” Clements said.

Concentrating hard, juniors Jason Obrock and Emmanuel McComb perform during the Tihlow Days Parade which is held in Bonner Springs every year. The band also marched in the homecoming and American Royal parades.
Musicians get going with tradition, new Jazz Band

Under the guidance of a new director, Tim Starks, the BSHS band continued to perform often and to move forward musically.

"Overall, I would say that we had a good year," Starks said. "I knew it would be difficult for the students to adjust to a new band director, and I have worked hard to try to get to know the students and get them to know me. It takes a long time to develop a personal relationship with a group of people, and we are all still learning about each other, but I think we have had some great performances."

Also new this year was Jazz Band, which was formed with interested volunteers.

"The Jazz Band was kind of an 'out-of-nowhere' thing. Mr. Starks approached me one day before the day of a concert and asked if I wanted to be part of it. We only performed in one concert, but that one concert was by far the best concert I think I've ever performed in," junior Micah Gallagher said.

Individual honors were earned by freshman trumpet player Colby Carson and freshman French horn player Michael Cooper, who both received Division 1 superior ratings at the regional solo music festival, thus qualifying them for the state festival. Sophomore trumpeter Jared Kennedy was selected to participate in the Northeast District Band in November.

"The band continues to play better with each performance," Starks concluded. "The overall band sound is superior now to the beginning of the year."

—Joann Eveland

Drum Majors: Jessica Vogel, Scott Link, and Tara Smith.

Playing their best, juniors Frankie Wachter and Sarah Padilla perform at the holiday concert which was held on Dec. 12 in the BSHS auditorium.

Performing at a Braves' football game, senior Ed Samek holds his trumpet high to belt out the half-time music.
Squad enhances band performances

Whether it was during their seventh hour practice in the commons or out on the field with the band the night of a big performance, the flag team always kept this motto in mind, "Practice makes perfect."

Junior captain Becky Miller used this common saying that most of us know to keep the team motivated and bring a whole new meaning to the phrase. With that and some other exciting elements, the team had a fantastic year.

"I think we did really well this year," junior Rachel Robare said. "I liked the spy theme we had for the halftime performances, and I think we got the crowd really involved."

The spy theme that carried the team through the season was a mix of songs supplied by the BSHS marching band. The songs consisted of "Secret Agent Man," "Mission Impossible," "Pink Panther," and "Peter Gunn."

What the girls claim was the hit of the season was when they found a box of new flags in one of the band room closets.

"I just found them one day, so it was a great addition to our routine," Miller said. "They had never been used, and they matched the routine better."

In addition to performing at every home football game, the squad also participated in various parades, which included Tiblow Days, Homecoming, and the American Royal, where they ended the season.

Freshman Dynikah Brown waits for the varsity football team to make its entrance onto the field. The Braves played Bishop Ward and gave the team a chance to show off their new flags.
Showing their spirit, junior Micah Gallagher and senior Josh Mortensen bare the cold to continue to support the Braves' football team. "The year went good, even with the fact that we had a new director. Everything came together over the season," Gallagher said.

Drumline

New director, same old memories

The crowd sits quietly awaiting the arrival of the drumline. Suddenly heads turn toward the door and in comes the line. Heads begin to bob and hands begin to clap as the fans keep time with the thundering, booming beat.

There was something more than just new freshmen added to this year's line. A brand new band director, Tim Starks, greeted the percussionists in early August.

Some stressed at the thought of having to start over with a new director. However, the line was assured that no matter what this year was going to be better then ever.

"The line has worked very hard all year and has put together some great performances. I'm very proud of the line that they have become," Starks said.

The team was led by three seniors, Josh Mortensen, Elliott Basler, and Christian McDonald.

"Under new direction there were clearly different changes, but the drumline still had its classic sound," senior Basler said.

Throughout the year, the line practiced hard and enjoyed a special relationship.

"The drumline is like another family to me because we work so hard together to create something unique," junior Janae Bailey said. "It's been a great year.

The drumline has been known for its "rockin' performances," and this year they definitely outdid themselves with halftime shows that went above and beyond.

"I'm drumline captain, senior Elliott Basler looks at his "line" to make sure that everyone is in perfect rhythm and step at a home basketball game. The drumline performed several times at various football and basketball games throughout the season.
Music groups stay busy with performances

Sing: To use the voice to make musical tones, to make a humming or whistling sound. The choral department at BSHS did this and more. They started the year off by singing “The National Anthem” at Kauffman Stadium.

“It was a really cool experience singing at Kauffman Stadium,” junior Meghan Hahn said.

From there, a few members went outside of the classroom and auditioned for district and state choir. Sophomore Cassity Mitchell, an alto, was selected to participate in the Northeast District Honor Choir in December.

“The only bad thing about it was nerves,” Mitchell said. “They can’t see you when you audition, but I was still nervous.”

During the year, members performed in an array of events other than just their quarterly concerts. A Cappella choir performed at the Lake of the Forest Christmas party, the Herff Jones groundbreaking, and at the state festival on April 13 where they received a rating of II. Freshmen Concert Choir also received a II.

“The students really worked hard towards State Contest. Our Freshmen Concert Choir was able to go and compete this year, and to my knowledge they were the youngest choir at the festival,” director Brian J. White said. “A Cappella Choir performed at a high level and I was very pleased with their work. During contest, they really stepped up and displayed some fine music to other local high schools. The audience even applauded before our selections were finished. I’ve never seen this happen in a contest atmosphere before.”

To conclude the year, senior Jessica Vogel, junior Drew Jones and freshman Michael Cooper headed to the state music festival after receiving a I rating at regionals. Cooper earned a I while Jones earned a II rating.

“It was a really good experience where I got to meet new people,” junior Drew Jones said. “We were all interested in the same thing with a common goal.”
Sophomores Stephanie Conn and Jamie Arnett sing with fellow sopranos at a quarterly concert.

During the Christmas concert, A Cappella girls sang “Santa Baby” while the men put on Santa hats.

Voices raised in song, freshmen Jessica Willeford, Nicole Woods, Kasie Cook and Michael Cooper perform at the Christmas concert. The group also performed at the state festival, where they earned a II.

Women's Ensemble: Front Row: Denise Gibson, Cortney Sims, Lacey Wood, Karen Jones, Heather Lewis, Ashley Braswell, Britney Abramovitz, Merchy Lukas, Megan Bond, Director Brian J. White. Second Row: Krystal Young, Jane Ingenthorn, DeDe Cline, Annette Cline, Jessica Rogers, Monica Kennedy, Cari Frazey, Courtney D'Anieri, Amber Rudolph.

Front Row: Adrienne Cranford, Michael Brown, Nadia Dowling, Chris Tillisch, Tiffany Devosha, Amber Tillisch, Director Brian J. White. Second Row: Lorena Rodriguez, Pamie Englehart, Ashley McNames, Orlando Jackson, Kieara Williams, Megan Bond, Kevin Venerable.
There isn't anything easy about adjusting to a new adviser, especially one who has been out of yearbooking for 17 years. (Needless to say, things have changed a great deal, and I definitely learned more than I taught!) Still, I think we had a great year, and I want to thank each one of you for all of your hard work and extra effort. Whether it was the work night where we played ultimate football for our 7 p.m. stress break or the general silliness that tended to erupt near the end of a long block day, I've got lots of memories of our time together, and I hope yours are equally positive. Thanks for giving me everything you had, for not quitting on me, and for doing all that you possibly could to make this book successful. We may have been a small staff, but we were definitely mighty, and I will never forget the heart that went into the production of this book. It was, on every level, a labor of love.

Thanks for everything,
Mrs. Holder

P.S. I'm still the “ultimate” ultimate football player.

Signature Moments

"Elliott, Elliott... "Where's Elliott? Where's my camera?" - Mrs. H

"So how many members do you have to have to be a club?" - Michelle Knight

"How do I start my story?" - Robert Holter

"Matt! We need help. Matt! Can you fix my page?" - The whole staff

"Kari, this yearbook is your baby." Mrs. H "This picture won't crop." - Tann Eveland

"Are we working on the yearbook or playing games?" - Mrs. H "Don't even tell me I have to write another story."

"Keven Courtney "I don't do football." - Casey Meints

"Relax, Mrs. Holder, just relax." - Judith Plumb

"No posed pictures. I repeat, no posed pictures." - Kari Meints

"Need a spread? Just give me an hour." - Alyssa Alexander

"Don't ask me to get another quote." - Ben Honeycutt

"Elliott, Elliott... "Where's Elliott?"
Pow Wow staff documents memories of 2005

The Pow Wow staff is known for their monthly newspapers. Pow Wow sponsor Jill Holder had something more to worry about than just a monthly newspaper; she also became the new sponsor of the Totem Pole yearbook.

"I was really fortunate to have such a terrific newspaper staff," Holder said. "They had to work extra hard this year because it took me a long time to adjust to advising two staff again."

Once again, the staff published a 12-page newspaper that featured a photographic, magazine-style cover. Students were responsible for all phases of the production process, doing everything from interviewing sources to designing pages.

At the state journalism contest held May 7 at Kansas University, the staff learned they had earned the Kansas Scholastic Press Association All-Kansas award, which was given to just three Class 4A newspapers in the state.

"It was very exciting to win the All-Kansas award," senior editor-in-chief Tara Smith said. "Getting rewarded for the hard work the entire staff put in all year long was the ultimate finish to an already successful year."

In addition, Smith earned an honorable mention in editorial writing and a second-place in sports writing at the state contest.

The staff enjoyed their time together and felt satisfied with their efforts.

"The year flew by," senior columnist Alyssa Alexander said. "Columns, pictures, and stories filled pages, and we successfully pulled off all eight issues. Everyone involved was creative and determined, and we were motivated to tackle each issue, one at a time."

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Receiving a jar of peanut butter and a box of Juju fruits, senior Jamie Poje enjoys her gifts at the staff Christmas party. Staff members exchanged names and had to pick out gifts which reflected the same initials as their Secret Santa.

Before making deliveries to the first-hour classes, seniors Tara Smith and Morgan Grabmiller sort and count the senior edition of the paper. Smith was the paper’s editor-in-chief while Grabmiller served as business manager.

Getting last-minute information, juniors Esther Shook and Jen Fowler interview business teacher Deena Burns for a profile that appeared on her in the last issue of the paper.

Making final corrections, senior Shelby Kuns works on an article for the Pow Wow. In addition to working on the entertainment pages, Kuns was wrote a “Top Ten” column which was a big hit with readers on the opinion pages.

Getting prepared, senior Wesley Shields cuts into a cookie cake to which he brought to share with the staff during their production of the first issue. As an entertainment writer, Shields often brought treats to help the staff deal with the deadline stress.
Lights, Camera, Action!

The Tee Pee Talk staff is known for its funny skits and humorous scenes, but what many don't know is that there is a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to create each segment.

Covering all phases of student life, the second hour and seventh hour staffs worked to improve the program's quality.

“Our goal was to have all of our episodes be better than last year,” instructor Brian O’Neill said. “We tried to get better with each segment.”

Along with trying to be more professional, O’Neill said both staffs also tried to plan stories better and took the additional time to make sure that things were just perfect.

O’Neill’s desire to improve the show was well appreciated by his students.

“Mr. O’Neill’s leadership and patience was a blessing,” senior Kyle Kobe said. “I’m not sure if there is anyone else that could have put up with the things he did and still be able to run a class and produce a quality show.”

New segments such as “Teacher/Student of the Week,” “In-the-Field Reporters,” “Adventures of Felix,” which was drawn by sophomore Kyler Paine, and commercials were added to make the show more attractive to viewers. A spoof of the popular MTV show “Pimp My Ride” was particularly well-received.

“The new guys learned pretty quickly how to make the segments and put them together well,” senior Josh Mortensen said.
Making an adjustment, junior Alex Porter checks over her equipment before heading out on assignment.

Concentrating hard, junior sports editor Jonny Baxter writes out a new sports script. "Tee Pee talk this year has been great. I really enjoyed doing the new segments like 'Pimp My Ride,' and I also enjoyed doing the soccer freestyle commercial.

Going over the details, junior Jon Jones gets ready for an on-the-field report about the Sumatra earthquake while junior Isaac Garlington looks on. "I enjoyed TPT just because it's cool. I like Mr. O'Neill, he is one tough cookie. I also think video editing is very interesting to learn," Jones said.

Living by their motto ‘Laugh, Love, Lift’

They made us laugh our heads off when they traded places with the varsity football team to score touchdowns. They put a smile on teachers’ faces when they gave them seasonal pens. They helped those in need by organizing a local food drive. They made Binta, a girl in Africa, feel the joy of material things.

Kayettes was a group of girls trying to make the world a better place. The origin of their club, the Kansas Association of Youths, was an all-girls club sponsored by Deena Burns and Linda Orangkhadivi.

The group sponsored and participated in many activities. Some of the more known activities were the annual Powder Puff football game and the annual food drive. There were also activities that were unknown to non-Kayettes, such as making lollipop ghosts for nursing home residents at Halloween and sending bracelets, earrings, and other material things to a girl named Binta, who lives in Africa.

The group will undergo a change next year with the retirement of Deena Burns, their sponsor of 20 years.

“I have always loved the Powder Puff games almost every year because our girls have superior sportsmanship,” Burns said.

With the coming loss of their sponsor, it gave the Kayettes an even bigger reason to finish out the year with a bang.

“We wanted to make sure that Mrs. Burns leaves us with memories of her last year here that are priceless,” junior Alexis Foster said.

The Kayettes ended their year with making flower pens for the teachers.

“We just started making the flower pens, and they are a lot of fun,” Burns said.
For the local nursing home, sophomore Ally Venerable is hard at work during seminar to make ghost lollipops.

While keeping order at the November meeting, President Mandie Lewis discusses the annual food drive. In total, the event raised $1,400 with more than 3,000 can donations. "The food drive was the best we have ever had," Lewis said. "We were able to help a lot of families."

Retiring sponsor Deena Burns and sophomore Stephanie Hern look over the "KAY" newsletter. KAY is the parent organization of Kayettes. "Kayettes' objective is to help people and to have fun all at the same time," Hern said.

While painting a sign for the Powder Puff football game, senior Kayette Theresa Wild gets into the mindset for the big game.

At the KAY convention, pictured clockwise: members DeDe Cline, Shauna Putnam, Maggie Hackney, Annette Cline, Cortney Harding, Mandie Lewis and Amber Waite pose with posters of famous Hollywood figures. "We learned a lot of basic skills to bring back and share with the club," sophomore Maggie Hackney said. "We also learned different ways on how to work together."
Leading the school throughout the year

Coming up with creative ideas to make pep assemblies fun, voting on a memorable dance theme, and much more are what members of STUCO do to make this school a better place.

"Being on STUCO is to be a leader of the school and plan fun things to do for the students and faculty," junior representative Jacob Nelson said.

They definitely found fun things to do to get everyone involved.

"When the guys dressed up and played dodgeball at the fall pep assembly was extremely funny," freshman Holly Luke said.

Other than making us laugh at the pep assemblies, they gave us lasting memories at school dances. STUCO members had to come up in the afternoon the day of a big dance to help decorate. "It was crazy when we would come and decorate," senior Kimberly Stephens said. "We tried to get everything put up and perfect and still find time to go and get ready for the night."

In addition to their regular duties, members also found time to give back to the teachers at the school. In February, they made handmade valentines for the faculty. At the same time, they played cupid with the "Date-O-Match" surveys that students filled out and then were matched with other compatible students.

All in all, sponsor Adrianne Law was very pleased with the results.

"STUCO had a great year," Law said. "I was very happy with the continuous effort from all of the members throughout the year."

― Michelle Knight
While making valentines for the teachers, senior Kellie Gardner participates in one of many Stuco activities. "It was great doing this for the teachers since they do so much for us," Gardner said.

Sophomores Jarred Harrington and Becky Stude participate in Homecoming float construction, which was a requirement for all STUCO members.

At a meeting during Seminar, STUCO President Amy Parks and sponsor Adrienne Law discuss the goals of the year. "Miss Law and I worked way hard this year figuring out and planning everything STUCO did," Parks said. "She's a great role model, so it was fun working with her."
Saving the trees one Seminar at a time

Making the environment a better place is what the members of Ecology Club do best.

“Our goal is to make Mother Earth happy,” freshman Jesse Bartee said.

The members do that by picking up the teachers’ recyclables and depositing them in a recycling bin outside which is picked up monthly by ABITI, a recycling company.

“ABITI collects the trash and gives BSHS a small amount of money,” sponsor Jacquelyn Leib said. “This school year we’ve made about $20.”

With this small amount of money, the club hopes to build their funds by making a cookbook full of recipes from the community. Then they plan to sell it, and hopefully make enough money to landscape school grounds.

“It will be the area outside the science wing where the benches are for a natural setting to relax and read especially when the weather is nice,” Leib said.

Plans have been drawn up for this venture if the club is able to come up with significant funds.

In addition to making BSHS a better place, the members also enjoyed making their weekly rounds to pick up the teachers’ recyclables.

“It was fun because afterwards you felt like you had done something for the environment,” freshman Tanner Stark said.

Making their way through the commons, freshmen Josh Beck and Tanner Stark do their weekly pick-ups for the recycling bin. The club picked up the recyclables from teachers on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

After taking the recyclables outside to be picked up, freshman Jesse Bartee pushes the collection bin back to the science wing of the school. “I am in Ecology Club because I want to help the environment,” Bartee said.


Art Club

It's all about the art and creativity

There was never really a place for students who enjoyed art to show their creative side and get together with others who had similar interests until senior Kellie Lemon decided to speak up.

"I wanted to join an Art Club in high school but there never was one to be in, so I decided to start one and go ahead and turn it into my senior project," Lemon said.

As major events, Lemon said the group painted an office in the bus barn and an elaborate oceanview mural in the office of physical education instructor Kerri Jennings.

"Mrs. Jennings really wanted something different done to her office, so I decided to make it a club project," Lemon said.

Club members spent more than 20 hours over Spring Break creating the mural, which was done in pastels.

Despite these successful out-of-school projects, Lemon said it was tough to start a new club.

"There wasn't a lot of interest in the idea of an Art Club, but in the end it all ended up working out for the best," she said.

As for the future, Lemon is hopeful that an underclassman will step up and keep the club alive.

"I hope Art Club will continue," senior Kari Meints said. "It's a great way for talented students to express themselves."

A leader to the Art Club, senior Kellie Lemon puts her finishing touches on the office mural which now adorns PE teacher Kerri Jennings' office. Lemon drew and designed the mural while other Art Club members repainted the office floors and walls.

Beginning the creativity, seniors Kari Meints and DeDe Cline prepare to open a can of paint, so they can participate in an Art Club project. "I was proud to be part of the mural painting. Kellie is one of my good friends, and it was an honor to help her," Cline said.

—Jeann Evsland
Striving for school peace

Whether it was helping a new student find their way around the school, listening to someone who needed a shoulder to cry on, or sponsoring AIDS Day, the Peer Helpers worked on making the school a peaceful place.

"I think Peer helpers make the school more peaceful," senior Mandie Lewis said. "It helps students focus on school work and not on their problems."

To learn how to help their peers, the group and sponsors Lisa Terrell and Rick Moulin attended an overnight retreat at Tall Oaks on Sept. 30. There they learned how to discuss delicate matters, learned games on how to gain trust and other group-building activities.

"My favorite memory was joke night in the guys' cabin," freshman Alex Perica said. "It gave us a chance to bond with the group."

To end a year full of helping students, the Peer Helpers raised awareness about HIV and AIDS. On April 26, they started out the morning by passing out red ribbons. After that, there were announcements made that listed facts and statistics about the virus.

"I believe that it is very important to educate our students on the risks of HIV since it is such a rapidly growing disease," sponsor Lisa Terrell said. "I will try to do everything in my power to protect and educate the students of BSHS, so I will never have to hear that one of our alumni is infected."

To increase awareness, freshman Andrew Foster reads facts about HIV and AIDS. Peer Helpers went to classrooms on April 26 to conduct experiments which showed how fast the virus spreads.
While attending a meeting, sophomore Cori Wallace listens intently to a guest speaker. “I enjoyed the meetings that we had throughout the year. I had fun meeting all of the new freshmen and soon making them like best friends. We were there to look up to, and I was excited to be part of it,” Wallace said.

Leadership Council

Helping out the new and the old students

As new students to the school, the freshmen sometimes have no idea what is going on. Fortunately, there was a willing group of Leadership Council students to help them “learn the ropes” of high school.

“I really appreciate the council members who assisted their freshmen students on a regular basis,” sponsor Dr. Jerry Abbott said. “It really meant a lot to me, and I would just like to thank them for all of their help.”

In addition to working with freshmen classes on a regular basis, students met and heard presentations on how to develop their leadership skills. The goal of the organization is to help develop student leaders who will assist their fellow students.

Leadership Council isn’t just a club that students can join to get an extra picture of themselves in the yearbook. Students have to be chosen to be part of the council. Potential members must submit an application and note what attributes they can bring to the group. They also must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and a desire to be a good leader to the school.

“I feel that the council provides valuable leadership to our freshmen students. Hopefully, our leaders refined their existing skills by listening to our guest speakers and participating in group activities,” Abbott said.

— Jeann Eveland


As part of a demonstration, junior Megan McCully (left) and senior Ashley King assist Edwardsville City Manager Doug Spangler while he spoke to the Leadership Council.
Helping kids one day at a time

The Key Club group is known for their visits to the children’s home St. Vincent’s in Kansas City, Mo. The trip helps the students experience what it may be like not to have a family and what it is like to have an important, loving someone come and visit them at least once a year.

A very laid-back organization, the 28-member group stays updated mainly through e-mail.

As their main project, members made the trip to St. Vincent’s after school in November. According to sponsor Joe LaCicero, the fact that students were willing to donate their time after a long day of school proves how much it really means to them. It also shows that it isn’t just something that can get them out of a class or something that is used to get them out of school for the day.

“We visit St. Vincent’s every year simply because of the children. They are loving and nice, and it’s just neat for students to get the experience of going to a home that isn’t like their own. It also sort of gives a reference to anyone who wants to further their ideas in charity work,” LaCicero said.

What was the best part of the St. Vincent’s trip?

“I enjoyed going to St. Vincent’s just because I loved playing with the little kids. We gave them candy and just spent time with them. It was nice, and they didn’t want us to leave afterwards.”

—Jessica Vogel, senior

“The best part about going to St. Vincent’s was getting to spend time with the little kids and getting to see the smile on their faces when we gave them the candy we bought for them.”

—Amy Tilden, senior
Examining all possible options, senior Brandon Miller competes at the state tournament.

Contemplating her next move, senior Jami Poje is in deep concentration. Each competitor played six rounds on the day.

Taking a little break, the chess team practices what moves they might make in their next competition.

Having a second to themselves, freshmen Amber Vochatzer and Dynikah Brown and sponsor Martha Chandley enjoy the FCCLA birthday party, which is celebrated annually the fourth Thursday in January.

Although the club was small, FCCLA highlights included going to the Fall Leadership Academy, an outing at the Chateau Avalon, and a lunch trip to Famous Dave's.

“The club was not hard to manage this year, with just a few members. The year went great, and I enjoyed the presence of everyone that was in it,” sponsor Martha Chandley said.
Forty-one seniors inducted in April 6 ceremony

Becoming a member of National Honor Society is no easy matter. The process takes three semesters and begins in the fall of the junior year. Students are eligible for membership if they have maintained a 3.2 grade point average or higher and are willing to participate in service projects that earn them necessary points for full membership.

"It is important for students in high school to do community service because they will use those skills in their adult life," sponsor Marsha Nelson said.

Two of the points earned must reflect official NHS sponsored events, such as assisting with the blood drive, various YMCA projects, and giving Mrs. Berning quilting supplies.

However, one of the more popular NHS-sponsored activities was discontinued this year. Monthly trips to the Willa Gill Community Center food kitchen were no longer possible due to funding losses at the center.

The highlight of the year for seniors came on April 6 when they were officially inducted into NHS. Both sponsors Kerri Jennings and Marsha Nelson were at the event.

Each senior selected a special mentor to accompany them in the ceremony. Afterwards, the new inductees were honored with a reception in the cafeteria.

"It gave me a good sense of satisfaction during the induction," senior Elliott Basler said. "Being together with the others in my class made it more enjoyable."

—Michelle Knight

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, junior Skylar Parr helped at the NHS daycare that was set up so teachers could have a place for their children to stay until the evening conferences were concluded.


Passing the candle down the row, seniors Leslie Holtzen, left, and Cambrly Hergesheimer participate in the induction ceremony. "Being inducted was very important to me," Hergesheimer said, "We all worked so hard to get to this day."

To earn an NHS point, senior Jessie Huston works at the Nov. 2 Quiz Bowl Invitational. "NHS was a great experience all the way, but I really enjoyed helping at the Quiz Bowl meet," Huston said.

While earning an point, junior members Lisa Zarate and Hilary Johnson pass out juice and foods full of sugar to the students and faculty who gave blood at the NHS-sponsored drive. Along with sponsor Crissy Johns, Zarate and Johnson were members of the committee that coordinated the event.

During the NHS Induction ceremony, senior Nicole Gragg signs the membership book while her sponsor Leslie Blythe looks on. Every student signed the book at the start of the ceremony.
Performers seize opportunity to shine

Playing the part of someone with a totally different mindset or even occasionally taking on the role of an inanimate object like a fork, members of the forensics team had to always be willing to step outside the box.

Starting in January, members performed various duets, dramatic and humorous solos, poems, and IDAs (Impromptu Duet Acting) at Saturday morning meets held at high schools all over the area.

Although they did not all attend, 10 students earned the right to compete in the state speech festival, which was held May 6 at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

To be eligible to compete on the state level, participants had to receive at least a second-place finish at a seasonal meet.

At state, freshman Keeley Kindred-Hawkins earned a I for a poetry interpretation while sophomore Brandon Hoch and junior Steven Beck captured a II rating in IDA. Sophomore Cole Kill and Brianna VanSchoelandt also earned a II in the duet acting category.

"I was happy with the kids and their enthusiasm when it came to tournaments," Coach Dan Streit said.

Practicing up, junior Kristopher Russell sharpens his skills by performing a poetry piece. Russell and fellow junior Andrew Holder were the first to qualify for the state speech festival with a first-place finish in Impromptu Duet Acting at the league meet.
Playing the part of a witness, junior Amber Waite concentrates on the evidence and clues to give an honest answer. "Mock Trial is exciting to me, considering the fact that none of the trials are real," Waite said said.

The jury gives the verdict of...

"Objection. Overruled. Sustained." This was terminology you might very well hear from the members of the Mock Trial team as they prepared to present their cases to a panel of professional legal experts.

BSHS was represented at regionals by two teams who competed on March 5 at Johnson County Courthouse. Each team went 2-2, putting forth their best effort on a case which focused on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

"The day went very well, and we had lots of fun competing. Overall, things were just just very relaxed considering the fact that we had a smaller group this year," senior Morgan Grabmiller said.

The activity appeals to those who want to have fun as well as those who are interested in the field of law. Take sophomore Philip Shirley, for example.

"I have always been interested in trials and legal technicalities. These interests were encouraged when I got into high school and was talked into joining Mock Trial. After my first year, I was hooked," Shirley said.

A major new face to the team was sponsor Jennifer Myers, who enjoyed her involvement with the group.

"We had a group of kids who had done it in the years past and who offered great leadership to those just joining, including me," Myers said.

"I think this is a great organization. It challenges the students and pushes them to excel beyond what they would expect."

Quiz Bowl

• Trivia lovers come together

The activity bell has just sounded during seminar; students are flooding the halls, but a select few make their way to English teacher Chris Wood's room. Who are these students that spend every activity period in Mrs. Wood's room? The Quiz Bowl team. At this time, the team answers questions that Mrs. Wood has written which cover everything from historical events to everyday trivia.

"We cram as much information into our brains as we can," junior Chris Mattox said. "We have to be prepared to answer any type of question at a meet—even ones that have to do with cartoons."

The main goal of Quiz Bowl is to have fun with knowledge. The team did this by going to local meets where students all over the area came together and kept their hands ready to ring the buzzer. The team was able to have fun while attending meets.

"Quiz Bowl this year was excellent. We dominated in math and social studies," freshman Adam Smith said.

After a season of competing, the team still practices. "After our season is over we start preparing for the next season by learning new information and perfecting the things that we did wrong the previous year," junior Erik Mortensen said.

Under the direction of sponsor Chris Wood, students filled their minds with knowledge at practice sessions held during seminar period.

Team members freshmen Caitlin Tinsley and Adam Smith along with junior Erik Mortensen await the chance to answer a question at a meet. They were members of the junior varsity squad.

After an excruciating meet at Mill Valley, the Quiz Bowl members get a bite to eat at Arby's. "As always we had a grand time answering seemingly obscure and ridiculously absurd questions with quiet confidence and unbelievable nobility," senior Kyle Kobe said about the day.

And the crowd goes wild!

"B-S-H-S Braaaves" fills the YMCA as the crowd notices that there is under a minute left and the Braves are dominating the game. Opposing teams became familiar with this sound when the basketball team got on their winning streak throughout the second semester.

"Orange Crush started out a little slow during football season, but I think that everyone stepped up to the plate and blew away the crowd during basketball season," junior Michelle Knight said.

The group displayed so much enthusiasm after the boys basketball season opener against Gardner that an emergency meeting was called to discuss unsportsmanlike conduct and the state activity association’s Rule 52.

"I'd like to say that I am very proud of the BSHS students for being such examples for the rest of the league.

Many people outside the district have commented on your fantastic, supportive ways at the games. We've kind of become a model for how other schools want their students to conduct themselves at games. It's been very pleasant to work with you all," Orange Crush sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

Orange Crush not only set the standard for other schools, but helped the athletes get through the game.

"Orange Crush has been with our team from start to finish. They have helped us hold our heads up when we were down and kept us fighting when we wanted to let go. Every time we needed them, they were there," junior basketball player Emmanuel McComb said.

—JoAnn Eveland

Yelling until the end, the group cheers on the Braves to stay strong and finish out the game. "Orange Crush was and always will be one of the best cheering sections in the league, and I am proud to be in it," said junior Isaac Garlington.

Beginning a football game tradition, freshmen Michaela Mortensen, Megan Laver, Sadie Kelly, Kelsey Stanbrough, and sophomore Danny Thompson cheer on their Braves at the home opener.
Re-building and having fun

After weeks of practice, the Science Olympiad team competed at regionals on Feb. 26 at Johnson County Community College.

Top finishers were sophomores Jake Henry and Jared Simmons, who placed fourth in "Fermi Questions," and senior Sean Schultz, who captured sixth-place in "Wright Stuff."

"Going to regionals was great. We met some very interesting people and learned some new things," sophomore Jared Simmons said.

Freshmen Adam Smith and Michael Cooper competed with Clark Middle School’s team. The duo captured a third place in "Dynamic Planet" while Smith added a first-place win in "Meterology."

With seniors lost from last year's squad, this year was all about re-building.

“We were in a building mode this year to stir up interest in Science Olympiad,” sponsor Tim Ney said.

Ney was assisted by science teacher Jacquelyn Leib. The team held practices in Leib's room after school on various days to get ready for practice meets, which got them ready for regionals.

“I enjoy practice meets because it's not the real thing, but it still gives you experience," sophomore Jake Henry.

With valuable experience gained this year, the squad is definitely getting pumped for next year.

At a practice meet at Oak Park High School, senior Sean Schultz competes in the "Wright Stuff." “I have always enjoyed science, so competing is a blast for me,” Schultz said.
Letting out his excitement, sophomore Donovan Grady holds up the medal that he earned by placing third in social studies at the state competition. "This was my first year doing Academic Decathlon, and it was very exciting. I enjoyed going to competition because of the new competitors. You meet a lot of new people that way," Grady said.

Academic Decathlon

Group captures a third-place finish at state

Greatness: A trait that one must have to be the best at something; to try their hardest and to do all that they can do to achieve their goal.

Saving their best performance for last, the Academic Decathlon team placed third in the small school state competition.

The top three performers were senior Mattie Pino with seven medals; junior Helen Sangster with five medals; and senior Christy Mellott with four.

The squad traveled to Manhattan to attend the state competition, which was held on Jan. 21-22 at Kansas State University.

"The meets we attended were great. State is the epitome of the year," senior Christy Mellott said. "We had a really strong team—so strong this year that we brought home a plaque for the first time ever!"

Sponsor Leslie Blythe said there were many team highlights. One that specifically stood out in her mind was freshman Allen Mellott, who at the time didn't expect to win anything but came out with a medal at state.

The activity appeals to students for a variety of reasons.

"Academic Decathlon is a club where you study and take tests...sometimes," said junior Helen Sangster. "But mostly you joke around with the other members and Mrs. Blythe. I have been a member of the team since my freshman year and plan to continue through my senior year."

—Joann Eveland


A leader to the study group, senior Christy Mellott helps out fellow seniors Nathan Smith and Mattie Pino along with freshman Allen Mellott prepare for their next event at the state competition.
Encouraging responsible and safe choices

Whether it was passing out mini beach balls to students who went above and beyond during state testing or promoting awareness about drunk driving prior to prom weekend, SADD members raised the bar in their sponsorship of numerous events.

"My favorite activity was the time we spent letting students know about the dangers of drinking and driving during Homecoming weekend," junior Hilary Johnson said. "I feel like most of the kids got the message."

SADD members handed out candy to drivers who entered the parking lot area before the Homecoming football game and also checked for seat belt usage. They also helped with carnival rides during the pre-game tailgate party.

In October, the group assisted Morgan Grabmiller with a community safety awareness night to coincide with her senior project. They also participated in the high school Road Safety Education Program at the Kansas Speedway.

To conclude the year, the group blitzed the hallways with posters that reminded students to drive responsibly during prom and graduation weekends. They also passed out Hershey's kisses at graduation practice to remind seniors to have a KISS (Keep It a Safe Summer) vacation.

During the Homecoming parade, SADD members junior Britney Abramovitz and freshman Lisa Rogers lead the group. "It was great being in the parade because it got the word out even more about the dangers of drinking and driving," Rogers said.
For most of us, we spend seven hours a day, five days a week sitting in a desk as our teachers stand before us with lectures pouring out of their mouths. Beyond those lectures, between those words, is where the signature moments are made and life lessons are learned. Our teachers are more than just our educators; they’re also our friends and have proven to be so as they’ve motivated us throughout the year to succeed and live life to the fullest. Once we’ve grasped this concept and broken the barrier between teacher and student is when the real learning begins. An education is something that can never be taken away.

—Alyssa Alexander & Kari Meints
For Jacquelyn Lieb's Chemistry class, sophomore Tyler Ballard conducts an experiment. Students had to boil snow to watch the different phase changes. In Jennifer Schlicht's class, junior Robert Smith uses a quizzdom controller. Quizzdom was a new way for students to prepare for upcoming tests in an interactive way. At a teachers' meeting, science teacher Justin Stigge hula-hoops in front of the faculty. Doing so was a part of a "survivor-style" competition between the different departments.

In Beth Dillon's Tech Math III, senior Roxanne Evans works on a semester final project.
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Administration

Laying down the law

Pictured clockwise: Shown seated at his desk, Dr. Jerry Abbott, principal, and Vice Principals Steve Cook, left, and Jim Hanson. At a freshman parent night, Dr. Jerry Abbott addresses the crowd. The event was held the night before school started. Jim Hanson, left, and Dr. Jerry Abbott prepare to greet students at a holiday open house held at the end of the first semester.

Athletic Director Garold Baker completes necessary paperwork. Baker coordinated events at both the high school and the middle school.

As Mrs. Donna Sharpnack's aide, junior Stephanie Elmer makes copies in the library. "Making copies was my favorite thing to do as an aide," Elmer said.

Sitting out in the hallway, junior Tiffany Moppin grades papers. Moppin was math teacher Beth Dillon's aide.

Aides provide needed assistance

In a given day, teachers have many assignments to pass out and students to deal with. With all of the paperwork piling up, some teachers may feel that the stack is never-ending.

Fortunately, teachers were able to keep those piles down by having the assistance of student aides.

"The hard work of my aide definitely helped to cut down my paperwork and stress load. I think all teachers appreciate the fact that these students are willing to help out and do whatever we ask them to do," English teacher Jill Holder said.

For interested students, there were different types of aide positions available. They could pick from being a teacher, office or library aide. Most picked being a teachers' aide, but all aides had many responsibilities and task they had to complete.

"Even though Mrs. Jennings has a messed-up dryer, I still had to do a lot of laundry," senior Kellie Lemon said. "I even remodeled her office."

As an office aide, sophomore Solomon Bennett shows a new student, freshman D'Allante Thomas, how to open his locker. "Helping new students out is a great thing to do," Bennett said.

"Cleaning transparencies was what I disliked most about being an aide, though I enjoyed everything else."

Jenna Erolaud, '22

"As an office aide I did everything, and I enjoyed it most days."

Amara Bahnsef, '22

Teacher Aides
Students create varied projects

Whether it was bookshelves or a massive doghouse, students enrolled in Wood Tech classes created an array of projects.

According to instructor Pete Cisneros, the students could build about anything—whether big or small.

“Most of the students built wall shelves. Since they’re building smaller projects, it helps to keep the cost down,” Cisneros said.

First-year students had a required project to do, but after that they could let their creative juices flow. All students had to pay for the wood they used and pay a fee to get in the class.

Junior Andy Martin built a miniature doghouse, but don’t let the word miniature fool you. When he finished, the house measured five-by-six feet wide and five feet tall.

“It took two months to build, and I had a lot of fun,” Martin said. Martin’s doghouse was the biggest project built that Cisneros had seen in his two years as the instructor.

Wood Tech gave students the chance to expand their creative side along with learning new skills.

“Mr. Cisneros is a really helpful teacher, and I like him a lot. I’ve had lots of fun,” junior Jeremy Davis said.
During weight training class, junior Jeff Wright prepares to do incline while sophomore Forrest Everett spots him. Incline was one of the core workouts in the course.

In Monty Bechard's class, senior Cory Mulich works out his pectoral muscles by doing a chest fly.

All the hard work pays off

To be physically fit it takes endurance, strength and willpower. After completing a year of freshman P.E., students can choose to take a variety of semester-long electives such as aerobics, weight training, and advanced P.E. These classes gave the students the opportunity to stay in shape and to stay active.

"Aerobics for the girls and weight training for the guys are the number one choice classes," instructor Kerri Jennings said.

These elective classes gave students an opportunity to personalize their workouts. It also let them use their skills outside of the classroom.

For example, many who were enrolled in weight training courses got to go and compete at weekend weightlifting meets.

"I like to go to weightlifting meets, so I can compare my strength to other schools," junior Blake Kasselman said.

PE classes are a great chance for students to get out of the classroom and into the YMCA.

While doing a v-step, sophomore Samantha Cannon breaks a sweat. Aerobics is a popular class for upperclassmen girls to take. "Mrs. Jennings is a great teacher to have," Cannon said.
Chowing down on erupting food, seniors Mattie Pino, Aminda Bohnert, Leslie Holtzen, and Christy Mellott devour the volcano the four baked as part of a Latin 4 class project. "The volcano cake was delicious, and it was exciting to make," Pino said.

Playing the part of a buttercup, junior Jon Jones entertains his fellow Latin students as sophomore Brianna VanSchoelndt plays the part of flower. The Latin students went to the middle school to perform the mythological play that explained why we have seasons.

For the annual Mardi Gras celebration, junior Richard Pruitt uses caution as he puts together his mask. Mardi Gras is celebrated the day before lent begins and is a celebration to eat lots of food before giving up the certain foods for lent.

Putting together a self portrait, sophomores Michaela Kroh and Cole Kill add some final touches to their pictures. Spanish 2 students did the project to practice the vocabulary they had just learned.

"Making the self portraits was fun, and I like the projects we do in Spanish class."

"The food for Mardi Gras was good and making the masks was pretty cool to do."

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Foreign language classes give new views of world

“Hola,” “Salve,” and “Bonjour” is how students said hello in Spanish, Latin, and French, the three foreign language classes that were offered at BSHS.

The foreign language classes participated in several projects and activities that helped the students put the language they were studying into real-world experiences.

“I have the kids do a family tree project,” Spanish 1 teacher Amy Ivert said. “It gives the students the opportunity to be creative, and it requires them to use all the things we learned in first semester.”

The foreign language classes also took field trips to places that helped the students better understand the culture of their chosen language.

Cooking was on the agenda for a lot of the foreign language classes. The Spanish 3, Spanish 4, and the Latin 4 students all participated in various cooking assignments.

“I enjoyed eating the food that the Latin 4 students made,” junior Jon Jones said.

The foreign language classes did several interesting and unique projects, or activities, throughout the school year. Most projects involved something that the students had just covered and learned.

“The projects provided a new and better way to learn the material that the teacher assigned to us,” junior Patrick Redlin said.

The foreign language classes not only opened doors to new languages but also to new cultures and new views on how other countries in the world communicate, live, and do every day normal tasks.

—Matt Redlin

For Mardi Gras, freshman Zach Holder constructs his mask. All of the French classes took part in the Mardi Gras celebration in February.

Mixing it up, seniors Matt Kerl and Josh Mortensen prepare a drink for Spanish class. Spanish 3 and 4 students cooked a meal for classmates as part of their curriculum.

“The cooking assignment was really fun if you got into it, and you had to put some effort into it to get an 'A'.”

Jacob Nelson, 11
From preparation to creation, students have fun

Art is a time when you can escape from the pressures of school and teachers. Many students found art class to be a fun and interesting way to express themselves.

After taking introductory courses in either 2-D or 3-D concepts, many students continued with art through independent study classes. In these courses, students got to experience additional creative freedom. For instance, instructor Wanda Simchuk allowed her independent students to have a free choice drawing after completing their required drawings while 3-D instructor Linda Horvath also allowed students to create what they wanted, according to certain guidelines.

“I think it’s great how Mrs. Simchuk assigns a project and then lets me choose one. It lets me be more creative and open. I thoroughly enjoy the class,” sophomore Brianna VanSchoelandt said.

In all their classes, both art teachers required students to complete a drawing of their creation before they started. In the past, Mrs. Simchuk provided the sketchbooks, but student teacher Sarah Hyde allowed students to make their own sketchbooks last spring.

“We did it to push their creative boundaries and creative self,” Hyde said.

The use of thumbnails, or predrawings, helped to produce compositions and ideas that were well thought out.

In Ms. Horvath’s classes, students created a small sketchbook to show what their project would look like. This allowed her to see what the students wanted to create and to know if it was possible.

“By sitting down and putting your thoughts on paper first, it reduces time. It’s an organizer for your thoughts,” Horvath said.

From preparation to creation, students found art to be an exciting way to show creativity.
Concentrating on her independent weaving project, junior Nikki Busch makes a scarf. "It was challenging, but it turned out good," Busch said.

Sawing away intently, sophomore Jobie Buehler smooths out his metal in jewelry class. "The filing was my favorite part," Buehler said.

Helping her student, instructor Wanda Simchuk answers a question for junior Drew Jones. "Art helps get out feelings you can’t get out in everyday life," Jones said.

Scooping away at her clay project, sophomore Micole Beck forms her art piece. Instructor Linda Horvath had students create a 3-D relief sculpture.

"Art is the inspiration and the meaning of our lives."  
Aaron Maxwell, 10

"I can relate it towards my life. I have fun in art class because it’s a friendlier atmosphere."  
Mike Piz, 12
Stirring in excitement, sophomore Stephanie Conn completes her snow-melting experiment in Chemistry. "The best thing about that experiment is when we went out and got the snow," Conn said.

Mixing it up, freshmen Steven Snider (left) and Elijah Bennett (right) work on a biology experiment. The lab tested acids and bases that students learned about before participating in the experiment.

Dissecting her cat, senior Jenni Ova cuts away part of the cat in order to be able to view its organs. Cat dissection was part of the lab portion of Cindy Hayes' Anatomy and Physiology class.

Completing a lab about genes, freshman Michael Cooper and junior Taavi Talving look up gene codes. The experiment led the students around the classroom solving one big puzzle.

"The best part about science class this year was doing all the labs and learning about all the neat things."  
Kevin DeVoe '09

"I liked working with other students instead of just sitting all hour."  
Jessica O'Hall "09
Science classes challenge students’ minds

From equations, experiments, tests, and all-night cram sessions, the science classes clearly challenged students. Students had the opportunity to take any of a number of classes offered by the science department.

Three of the more challenging upper-level classes were Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, and a brand new class that will be offered to students next year, Chemistry 2.

Putting the clear and logical concepts and principles of physics into equations is what the Physics classes did. The Anatomy and Physiology students learned about the entire body and how it functions. Students visited a cadaver lab, a dental lab, dissected a cat, dissected a pig, and handled some human brains. To help the students prepare themselves for tests, several of the A&P students formed a small study group.

"The homework is not really hard, just time-consuming," junior Lisa Zarate said. "The tests are extremely difficult."

Biology classes dissected pigs, made gack, classified leaves, did a lab where they painted leaves with fingernail polish, along with other experiments. The chemistry classes, to name just a few experiments and labs, made element ornaments, put chemicals in fire to see the flame change color, and conducted tests on how much Vitamin C can be found in different juices.

"I hope to do more serious experiments with the Chemistry 2 classes next year," chemistry teacher Jacquelyn Leib said.

With all the offered classes, students definitely had an opportunity to challenge themselves in what they could do.

Waiting for it to turn to water, sophomore Josh King stares anxiously. The experiment was done in chemistry to see how long it took snow to melt.

Doing the titration experiment, sophomores Cassity Mitchell and Casey Meints work with their partners to turn the water pink. The experiment was also used for AIDS Day.

"My favorite experiment this year was when we made the fire change colors."

Donovan Indy, 10

"Doing all the projects and all the experiments was the most exciting part of science."

Maxim Cirone, 10
Varied courses provide opportunities

Whether it was taking care of children as part of a preschool or making an exotic new dish, there was a lot of active learning in the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) room.

A range of courses were offered, including Clothing Construction, International Cuisine, New Century Foods, and Parent/Child Development. A new course, Consumer and Family Resources, was offered to emphasize using the Internet to become an informed consumer.

One of the more popular courses was Parent/Child Development, which gave students the chance to interact with preschool students.

According to instructor Martha Chandley, there were 18 children ages three to five who attended.

Other students took courses to develop new interests.

“The thing I enjoyed most about International Cuisine was the opportunity to learn a lot of things I didn’t know about other nations, as well as getting the opportunity to cook for the first time in my life and not even doing half-bad at it in the process,” sophomore Jared Kennedy said.

Sewing away, sophomore Hannah Pongs works on a skirt in Clothing Construction class. “I enjoyed the class very much,” Pongs said.

Sophomore Jesse Hernandez puts together sack lunches for the track team. “I liked the class because I love to eat,” Hernandez said.

“I’ve been wanting to be a chef for a while, and I also love to eat so I thought that I would take a cooking class to actually learn.”

Alicia Gonzales, 10

“Clothing Construction is a good learning experience, and it can be a useful class for the future.”

Jessica Rogers, 11
Business

Classes linked to real-life experiences

Students enrolled in the business program were involved in many activities to get them ready for their future.

For example, Accounting II class prepared taxes for other students who requested the service.

"Doing the taxes in class has inspired me to go in to the business field," senior Leslie Holtzen said.

In another real-life experience, Adrianne Law's marketing classes took turns operating the student store on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

"Students learn a great deal of skills from doing the student store such as business management, cash handling, organization, and customer service," Law said.

Other students sharpened their skills by taking classes in keyboarding, speed writing and computer applications.

"The students are what makes the business department so great," Joseph LaCicero said. "The students are well-behaved, and the grades are all looking really good."

― Robert Golber

Trying her best, junior Amber Waite prepares taxes for a fellow student. "Doing the taxes was a great opportunity for me to see how it would be if I went into the accounting field," Waite said.

"The highlight of the year was creating and showing the Power Points I made.”

Nathan Wright, 9

"One thing I recommend for students next year is don't do the mistake I did and type your password on the main screen.”

Chase Crouch, 12
Alyssa Alexander

It's been a great thirteen years, K-12. You'll always be our baby girl,

Love,
Mom & Dad

Matt Kerl

Matt,
For 18 years you have blessed our lives with wonderful memories. With graduation, you will move forward into a "new life" of adventures and challenges. We are very proud of your accomplishments and the person you have become. With your strong character and belief in God, happiness and success will be yours for the taking. Congratulations and keep on rockin'.

Love ya,
Mom and Dad

Leslie Holtzen

Congrats on a job VERY well done, for a lake brat (like your brother)!

Love,
Jack, Mom & Dad

Josh Mortensen

Josh-
We couldn't be more proud of you! You have accomplished so much over the years and this is just the beginning. Continue to reach for the stars, for you know we're your biggest fans!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Michaela

Jessie Huston

You've grown into a beautiful woman that we are VERY proud of!

Love,
Mom & Dad
Jamie Thornton

Jamie,
I am so proud of you! You have come so far and through so much. You are the strongest and most caring person I know.
I love you!
Mom

Matthew McKay

Matthew,
You have brought joy and laughter into our lives. We are very proud of you and the man you have become.
Always be true to yourself and keep laughing, it’s the key to true happiness.
All our love,
Mom & Dad
Granny & PaPa

Amy Parks

Amy,
“So when you get the choice to sit it out or dance — I hope you dance!”
Congratulations on yet another milestone in your life! You have accomplished so much both in and out of the classroom. We are proud of all of them — and of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, & Katie

Madeline Pino

Mattie,
Our hope for you as you begin your journey in life is this...
We hope you never lose your sense of wonder.
Whenever one door closes, we hope one more opens.
Promise you’ll give faith a fighting chance.
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance.
We hope you never fear those mountains in the distance.
Never settle for the path of least resistance.
We hope you still feel small when you stand by the ocean.
But most of all, when you get the choice to sit it out or dance...
We hope you dance. Dance with all your heart, darlin’?
All our love, Mom and Dad
(taken from “I Hope You Dance,” Lee Ann Womack)

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Eighteen years of happiness you've brought to our lives each day. And now it is time for you to begin a new journey in life as a KU Jayhawk. I know you'll "go the extra mile" and succeed—as you always do.

Love,
Mom, Tom & Justin

Dustin Harding

Dustin,
Time has went by so quickly since the day you came into our lives. You are a true blessing to your family. I am so thankful and proud to call you my son. May you have a bright future and find much happiness.

We Love You. Mom & Dad

Ashley Barber

Congratulations, Ashley!
We are proud of you and love you very much!
Mom & Dad

Amy

Amy,
I am very proud of you. Congratulations and Good Luck!
Love, Mom

Bergman

Shelby Kuns

Shelby,
You add such a brilliance to all of our lives. You are a blessing that we will be forever thankful for. With your caring heart, desire to make a difference and strong work ethic - the world is going to be a better place! May the Lord watch over and protect you.

We love you more than the stars,
Mom, Jeff, Francesca, Annalise, and Sophia
Brittney Lashmet

Brittney,

It hasn't always been easy but you did it and for that, you've made us both very, very proud! You've grown into an intelligent and insightful person. Just remember to use good judgement and keep an open mind and you'll succeed in whatever you do!

All our love,
Mom & Judy

Jacob Brunker

Well, Jake...

We can't believe that you are now 18. I don't know where all those years went; but, they certainly left awesome memories! We are so awfully proud of you... You are truly proud of your heritage, your country, and, who you are! And, with that attitude, you'll succeed at whatever you do! I always knew that you are the best of both of us! Remember Jake... Always choose the right path!

Love,
Jackie and Dad!

Andrea Haussler

Dea,
Congratulations!
We knew you could do it.
We are proud of you.
Love, Mom & Stephen

Chase Crouch

Chase,
We are very proud of you. Set your goals high because you've always been able to succeed.

We love you,
Mom & Dad
Richard McComb

The happiest and most fulfilling days of my life were watching you grow from my little angel into a wonderful young man. I know there is nothing in this world you cannot do, just set you mind to it and you can climb any mountain. I am so very proud of you!

Love, Mom

Tara Smith

Dear Tara,

From the day you were born, you have delighted us. You were the most beautiful baby girl and you have grown into a beautiful, intelligent, wonderful young lady.

Congratulations on your graduation! We can’t wait to see what the future holds for you. We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Adam

Jessica Thomas

Jessica, Congratulations. We are all so very proud of you. Love Always, Mom, Dad, & Cinda

Lance & Toine Barber

Congratulations,

Watching the two of you grow into such intriguing young men has been the sunlight of my life.

*Always remember:
Difficult times - Seek God!
Quit times - Worship God!
Painful times - Trust God!
All of the time - Thank God!
With all my unconditional
Love, Mom
Jessica Adkins

Don't let anyone ever hold you back in life. We are proud of what you have become in the last 18 years.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Sisters

Brad Rittinghouse

Bradley,
Right before our eyes you have grown into a remarkable young man that we are so proud of. You have given us so many special memories. Always remember you can do anything you heart desires. Our wish for you is that your journey in life be filled with laughter and love.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Nikki, and Bridget

Jordan Mackey

Jordan,
You are a joy in our lives, a caring and loving person that has the ability to encourage and help others. Thanks for your beautiful smile and consistent I Love You's. Live by these words and you will have great success.
Proverbs 2:1-6

Kim Stephens

Kim,
We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Sara

Zachary James Wilcox

Your hard work changed your transportation from K-to-12. And the little boy I put on the bus the first day of kindergarten, grew (too quickly) to this young man that I am so proud to call my son. Great things are waiting for you, Zach. Go for it!

Love, Mom

(Pages designed by: Judith Plumb and Casey Meints)
Ed Samek

Ed,
We love you and wish you success in your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom and Vernon and all the family

DeDe Cline

DeDe,
You may be the middle child, but to us you are the Queen of the Galaxy. Your smile warms our soul and your laughter lifts our spirit.
No wonder we love you with all our heart.
Love, Mom & Dad

Jamie Jo Lynn Frentrop

Congratulations!
May you continue to grow and always have faith in yourself knowing that you can accomplish anything.

We love you and are very proud of you!
Dad, Mom and Britt

Cambry Hergesheimer

Cambry, you have truly blessed our lives. We are so proud of you. You've always set your goals high and pushed hard to achieve them.
We love you very much.
Mom & Dad

Kori McGinnis

Kori,
You are a very special young lady and the light of our lives. We are very proud of the young woman you are becoming. Set your goals high and enjoy life!
Love you punkin,
Mom & Dad
Alicia Salazar

Alicia,

You were such a quiet baby and now you are a very outgoing young lady. We are proud of you.

Love,
Mam, Dad, Erika
Yessica & Adrian

Malory Stark

The winds of change are blowing wild and free
Be all you can be!
(Congratulations)

Malory, (Malibu)
While you're out searching for a place where you belong, remember I'll always be in your shadow to guide you along.
The sun on your shoulders and the wind at your back, be bound and determined - Get on the right track!
I love you!!!

Your Mother
Your Best Friend
Your Angel

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Kari Meints

Hey Pudge-Pooper, as your parents we get to give you your Final Grade - A+.
Love, Mom & Dad

Judith Plumb

You are my baby, my baby that is just like me! I am so very proud of you and all that you do. Keep your confidence high. Reach for the stars and you will go far! I will always be waiting to hear of your new adventures. Stay strong and stay focused. You are a leader, so set the stakes high!
Love, Mom

David Baxter

Your Grandpa Baxter had some great advice about growing up. He said, "Keep your ears open, your nose clean, and your mouth shut." Your mom and I have watched you grow into a fine young man, because you listened to that advice. Continue to dream, pursue your goals with every ounce of energy you have, enjoy life and remember that we love you very much.

Mom and Dad

Theresa (Sis) Wild

You have been our "Princess" for the last 18 years. We have been through some tough times and lots of wonderful times. That is why we are so very proud of you for becoming the wonderful person and daughter you are today.

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