totem pole 2006

This is...
This is what we do... This is who we are...
This is how we discover...

This is how we compete...
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we make a difference...

Watching the needle go in, junior Lindsay Blaiche participates in the SADD and NHS-sponsored Blood Drive. Sixty-two pints of blood were donated on Feb. 22.

we discover the unknown...

Displaying teamwork, junior Monica Kennedy and sophomore Adam Smith use a hot glue gun for their element project in Chemistry. Savoring a moment of peace and quiet, senior Sarah Reyes looks up information for her senior research paper in the media center.
we strive to be the best...
we laugh, we cry...
we weigh the choices ...
we work, we play...
we connect...
we find ourselves...

▲Sophomore Ryan Bush prepares to work on the robot Optimus Prime, which was built by the new Robotics Club. In Jacci Leib's sixth hour class, junior Eric Snider awaits the okay from Leib to move on to other questions. The class used white boards to review concepts covered.
we create works of art...
we make statements ...
we support each other...

◄Trying to keep the team morale up, senior Howard Rollins, center, cheers on his fellow teammates during a varsity football game. ►After a devastating 2-0 loss to Maranatha, senior co-captain Jonny Baxter takes a minute to reflect on the sub-state game. The team ended the season with a record of 15-4.
we take a journey...
we plunge into life...
we make friendships...
we learn...
we persevere...
we come together...

▲While in Wanda Simchuk's Advanced 2-D art class, senior Danielle Kincheloe puts the finishing touches on a painting. 2-D courses must be completed before taking this class.

▼In Food, Nutrition and Wellness class, juniors Janee Ingelthron, left, and Samantha Courtne make pudding. "The class was a lot of fun because we were able to learn new techniques that made it easier," Ingelthron said. ▼Junior Jared Kennedy practices with the Jazz Band, a new class offered during fifth hour. "Extending the styles of our repertoire and getting a chance to improve is what I liked best about Jazz Band," Kennedy said.

This is Our Story

opening 5
Sophomores Andrew Foster, left, and Michael Cooper participate in "Back to School Night" on Sept. 7 by singing "How High the Moon" with the rest of the A Cappella Choir. In addition to performing in a small ensemble, Cooper also sang a solo.
Freshman Julia Glenn along with her sister, senior Josie Glenn, participate in Donkey Ball on Nov. 16 to give their skills on the court a new challenge. The vocal music department hosted Donkey Ball to raise money for their April trip to Branson to compete in the Concert Choir Cup.

The dances that we took hours to diligently prepare for...

The dodgeball tournament that raised $800 for the Red Cross...

The crazy Orange Crushers that cheered the teams to victory...

The performances that you had to reach down deep inside to perform...

The walk across the stage in May that ended our journey...

This is... what we do
To feed her hungry classmates at float construction, freshman Jaclyn Lira uses her best culinary skills to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Creating a tomahawk, sophomore Michaela Mortensen helps fellow sophomore Michael Cooper show his school spirit.

Surrounded by cardboard and clutter, junior Christina Delladio sketches a design while working with classmates at the bus barn. Painting boxes, senior Chris Mattox works to create the grill for his class float. The seniors took first place in the float contest.

Focus intently, juniors Tiffany Starks, left, and Sam Cannon put the finishing touches on their float. "The hardest part of float construction was putting the fabric on the horse and the brave," Cannon said.

This is how we celebrate...

Monday

Pajama Day

In KU pajamas, freshman Adam Knight works on a Spanish assignment. Senior Shauna Putnam focuses on her Anatomy and Physiology homework while comfortably clothed.

Class Color Day

Tuesday

Enjoying lunch, juniors Ashley Marquez, Lindsey Meier, Jobie Buehler, and Eli Freeman show their school spirit by wearing blue, which was their color for the day. Sophomore Tony Holmes wore green from head to toe to support his class. "I got my outfit at the thrift store," Holmes said.
It all began with a deadlock—a tense meeting in Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law's room where no one attending the Sept. 1 meeting could agree with anyone else on what the Homecoming theme could or should be.

"Narrowing down our ideas for a Homecoming theme was a challenge, but it all worked out in the end," Law said.

Ultimately, "Heating Up the Night" prevailed and members chose to create the perfect ambience with chili peppers in the colors of red, green and gold for the Oct. 1 dance in the commons.

Spirt Week kicked off with the ever-popular Pajama Day where students rolled out of bed and came to school in comfort and ended on Friday with the halls flooded in orange and black as part of War Party Day.

"Obviously War Party Day helped our school spirit and got everyone pumped," junior cheerleader Sara Stephens said.

At halftime, the moment finally arrived to announce the 2005 royalty. Seniors Emmanuel McComb and Jen Fowler were honored as king and queen.

"It felt good to know that my fellow classmates picked me to be king," McComb said.

The Braves were able to celebrate their impressive 28-24 win over Mill Valley Saturday night at the dance. Participation was large with more than 300 in attendance.

After the parade, which started on Oak Street and ended in the BSHS parking lot, eager fans flocked to the pep rally where the Orange Dazzlers and cheerleaders did their part to bring spirit to the next level by painting faces and selling pom-poms.

"I think it's important that we help pump people up because it shows that we are there for the team," junior cheerleader Sara Stephens said.

With the help of a mirror, freshman Daniel Simmons puts the finishing touches on his war paint design. "It took me about an hour to paint my face, but I wanted to do something to show my team spirit," he said.
All smiles, Queen Jen Fowler and King Emmanuel McComb savor the moment immediately after their coronation. **Homecoming Royalty. Front Row:** Katie Carlyle, Jacey Totta, Jen Fowler, Lisa Zarate, Kristina Luke. **Back Row:** Jeff Hills, Emmanuel McComb, Andrew Holder, Kris Russell, Travis Hubbel.

**Using teamwork,** seniors Patrick Redlin, left, and Isaac Garlington construct a chicken wire Jaguar for their float.

**Keeping the beat,** freshman Zach Dean and junior Stephanie Conn play with the band while they march down Oak Street.

**Supporting the football team,** the soccer and cross country teams ride in the Homecoming parade. **Keeping in step,** senior Amber Waite marches in the homecoming parade with the flag team. "While walking through the parade, it was great to see the sea of orange and black in the crowd," Waite said.

**Clowning around,** senior Helen Sangster and fellow senior yell leader Jeremy Davis show the crowd at the pep rally what they can do with a pair of foam fingers. "We sold them [the foam fingers] for SADD, and the money was used for trips the club took," Sangster said.
Before the game, senior Kyle Parker grills hamburgers for his friends and himself. Tailgating became a Braves' tradition this year before most games. "I think it was amazing that the idea of tailgating started with only three people last year and ended up with over 100 this year," Parker said.

Holly Luke, 10
Date: Eli Freeman
Pre-dance prep time: 1 hour, 30 min.
Time spent at dance: 30 minutes
Where they dined: Japanese steakhouse
Post-dance plans: "We went back to my house and watched movies."

Lindsey Meier, 11
Date: Zack Mackey
Pre-dance prep time: 40 minutes
Time spent at dance: 1 hour
Where they dined: Jet Fuel Cafe
Post-dance plans: "We hung out with friends from Bishop Meige after the dance."

Steven Beck, 12
Date: Jessi Morasch
Pre-dance prep time: 10 minutes
Time spent at dance: 1 hour
Where they dined: Mongolian BBQ
Post-dance plans: Went to haunted houses. "The dance wasn't so great, but going to Edge of Hell was awesome."

And the winner is...

Coaches Jim Mitchell and Bill Downing, with the help of their first hour classes, clean up the football field the day of the game after pranksters left a mess.

Moving to the beat, sophomore Katie Kobialka, senior Alexis Foster and juniors Cassity Mitchell and Brandon Hoch do "The Electric Slide" at the pep rally.

After hours of hard work, the seniors were victorious in the float and banner contest. "I wanted our banner to be something unique and different that would secure us a victory," senior Matt Redlin said.
After years of small crowds, Stuco tried to find ways to make WPA, also known as Women Pay All, a more successful dance.

"I really think that there wasn't a big difference between the two concepts," senior Kristina Luke said. "The mixer would have made it so people could come with a group of friends instead of a date; therefore, attendance would have been higher."

However, tradition triumphed over change and after Stuco members cast their votes, WPA stayed the same. The theme "Under the Big Top" was chosen and then accented with circus decorations. Even though a theme was added to WPA this year, couples still dressed like their dates.

The dance was held on Nov. 12 in the commons and as always Stuco members decorated the afternoon of the dance.

"Michaela Mortensen and I put together the entry walkway, so that was probably the biggest challenge," sophomore class president Katie Kobialka said.

The dance started at 7 p.m. with new-and-improved music. The disc jockey from Complete Music Company interacted with the crowd and made it a "danced at" dance.

"I think everyone was really happy with the DJ. He was fun and appropriate for the casual dance," senior Jacey Totta said.

►This is how women pay all....

▲A group of freshmen, Jaclyn Lira, Joyce Hilario, Aubree Miller, Nancy Garcia, and Shayna McClain enjoy their first WPA dance. ►Seniors Robert Smith and Nikki Busch chose matching shirts from Target as their dance attire. "We picked our shirts because Robert liked the 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' movie, and I really like the golden ticket logo on the front," Busch said.

▲Junior Kyle Stanton and sophomore Amy DeMato show off their matching shirts before heading back to the dance floor. "We went to Mr. Goodcents for dinner, and we picked the shirts because we thought they were funny. Afterwards, we went to a movie," Stanton said.
Running with the ball, sophomore Andrew Foster tries to dodge his opponents. The Stuco-sponsored tournament raised $800 for the Red Cross.

duking it out

dodgeball tourney helps hurricane relief

The dodgeball craze all began with the 2004 release of the movie "Dodgeball," which brought students back to the game they played as children. With that in mind, Stuco saw the game as a perfect relief project to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"We wanted to raise as much money as possible but still allow students to have fun," senior Lisa Zarate said. "We figured that dodgeball would attract a lot of people."

Each team had to have six members, who each paid a $3 entry fee. From there, the teams made up names, chants and uniforms.

Most teams had fun creating uniforms around a variety of themes. For example, senior Andrew Holder's team based their uniforms on the old Nickelodeon show "Legends of the Hidden Temple."

After the first round on Nov. 7, the final three teams came together for the championship: the Legends of the Hidden Temple, the Freaks, and Team Moulin. Students were allowed to pay $1 to attend the game and get out of their seventh hour, which translated into a packed gym.

Once the final whistle sounded, The Freaks captured the championship after beating Team Moulin twice.

meghan hahn & michelle knight

Aiming for the target, sophomore Felisha Leopard prepares to throw the ball. While grabbing ammo to play the game, senior Patrick Redin and junior Eli Freeman race to half-court. The Freaks, seniors Jonny Baxter, Travis Hubbel, Jeff Hills, Robert Holter, Jeff Hern and Blake Kasselman, declare they're No. 1 after a victory against Team Moulin. With intensity, juniors Derrick Babcock and Matt Caquelin strive to knock out their opponents on the first day of the tournament.
Driving down 154th Street on Sept. 3, many people may have questioned what was going on in the Basehor-Linwood High School parking lot where there was a sea of orange and black and the air was filled with the sweet smell of barbecue.

Tailgating became a new tradition with members of Orange Crush. It started during the warm months of football and went on throughout the chilly season of basketball.

"Having everyone cooking and hanging out made us all more excited for the game," sophomore Janelle Lira said. "Tailgating gave us all a chance to get ready to cheer for our team."

In addition to this new tradition, members abided by KSHSAA Rule 52, well... most of the time. With the other teams yelling phrases such as "Boo," Crush members came up with clever chants that they were able to yell as a comeback.

"We would say 'We like pancakes' during the games because we're goofy and it makes the other team's blood boil," senior Crush member Jeff Hern said.

Orange Crush also got a makeover this year; or at least their shirts did. Sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said that she was looking for designs for the cheerleaders and found a design that was modeled after the drink where the club got its name. She had not even intend to change the shirt's logo but when she saw the new design, it looked great.

Orange Crush is more than just a group of rowdy students; it has now become a tradition. When the Braves and Bravettes come out onto either the field or court, Crush members are right there to support them.

"It helps out a bunch. It makes our players play even harder and lets us play more time without getting tired," head boys' basketball coach Andy Price said.

Before heading into the stadium of the Braves' archrival, Basehor-Linwood, the pumped up Orange Crush members pose for a picture. "I thought the participation was great, and it was awesome to see so many of us in our rival's parking lot throwing a party," senior Crush member Keven Courtney said.
A While flipping burgers, junior Tony Kile does his part to make the first tailgate party a success. "Having a tailgate at the first football game was great because it got everyone involved," Kile said. ▲ After a call against the Braves, senior Jon Jones (left), also known as one of the "Fro Bros," disagrees with a call and it shows. "I love going nuts at the games because it's fun," Jones said. My favorite thing was to single out people from the other team's roster and yell their names. It turns out that was against the rules, though." Also enjoying the action are sophomores Michaela Mortensen and Shawn Jones and senior Kyle Parker.

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Crush Shirts

When approximately 300 people have the same shirt, there is no doubt they will try to make themselves individuals in the crowd. Some stayed with the now "vintage" Crush shirts that were introduced in the late basketball season of 2003 while others embraced the new design. Some of the senior girls even took it upon themselves to glitz up their "vintage" shirts.

▲ Displaying school unity, freshman Katrina Rollins and sophomore Nicole Woods wear their new Crush shirts to show their support. "The best part of being in Orange Crush for the first time was being able to be with everyone at the games and supporting the team," Rollins said.

▲ Showing her Bonner Braves pride, senior Cortney Harding wears her "vintage" Orange Crush shirt. "I like the old design because it represents the real Orange Crush," Harding said.

▲ Before the first football game, the new Orange Crush shirts were passed out with the help of junior Ian Seaton and sophomores Holly Luke and Kasie Cook along with other student volunteers. "I volunteered to help pass out shirts because I am a Stuco representative and decided that it would be good to help out," Seaton said.

▲ Whether the shirts were old or new, Crushers could always be spotted by the opposing team.


Enjoying their time together, junior Buddy Smith and sophomore Sadie Kelly dance the night away. Gliding through the crowd, junior Brandon Logan and date Amanda Leive get down to the electric slide. After royalty coronations, King Nick White and Queen Irina Waipen stand together for their first picture.
free fallin’
three-day spirit week doesn’t limit fun

Days before Spirit Week, posters are placed around the school with the descriptions of the various days, so when students saw themes such as "Poncho Day" and "Ugly Sweater Day," some did not know how to react to these definitely different choices.

"Not enough people participated in Spirit Week. I felt ridiculous when I walked in and had one of the few ugly sweaters," junior Rachel Tiner said.

Another new twist was the fact that there were only three spirit days due to scheduling issues and time off for conferences.

Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said a shortened week was selected because of a lack of home Friday games in January and February.

Yet, there were still a few students who participated. Of the three days, the most popular was War Party Day, when most of the student body showed their spirit even though it was two days before the Courtwarming game.

"I thought that Spirit Week could have been a little better. Hardly anyone dressed up for the days, and Spirit Week is to show your school spirit," senior Josie Glenn said.

The Bonner Braves took on the Basehor Bobcats Friday night and came out with a 77-51 victory. During halftime, Courtwarming nominees took the court as the crowd patiently awaited the announcement of the new King and Queen. This year’s honorees were Nick White and Irina Walpen.

"I felt really pleased and I was really happy because it showed me that I’m involved in the high school and in the American life," said Walpen, an exchange student.

The dance was held on Saturday, Feb. 18, in the commons. The theme "Free Fallin’ " inspired by a Tom Petty song, with music provided by Complete Music.

This is how we celebrate...

Monday

Poncho Day

▲ Showing their spirit, seniors Kris Russell and Becky Miller wear their ponchos even though participation for the day was low.

Clowning around, seniors Jon Jones and Gabe Hilleary show off their unique ponchos.

Tuesday

▲ Sitting in class, junior Rachel Tiner supports Spirit Week by wearing her ugly sweater. ▲ In the media center, freshman Seth Clements displays his chosen sweater.

Wednesday

War Party Day

▲ Sporting their Orange Crush gear, juniors Stephanie Conn, Kyle Stanton, Brandon Hoch, Cassity Mitchell, and Brett Johnson get into War Party Day.

▲ Throughly enjoying themselves, juniors Stephanie Conn and Jake Henry cut loose on the dance floor. Conn said they dined on fast food before the dance from Sonic and Planet Sub. "Afterwards, we rented a movie and hung out at my house," she said.
Fashion: there is no true definition for it because it is different for each individual. From the trends that covered the issues of Vogue to styles that were influenced by original personality, a variety of unique looks could be found in the hallways. Big sunglasses, hobo bags, espadrille shoes and long, big-bead necklaces were just a few of the trends in accessories. And of course, T-shirts were always in style whether they were vintage or logo tees. No one could forget the distressed jeans that were still all the rage, but some of us still were true to our classic wash. When in doubt, one could always count on a T-shirt and jeans to get them through the school day.
from head to toe
Whispering to his girl, senior Jeremy Davis and junior Amber Vochatzer perform "Accidentally in Love" with the Chorale. In "Let's Hear It for the Boy," sophomore Andrew Foster listens playfully before members of Women's Ensemble teach him to dance and sing as part of the act.

Seniors Melina Schindel and Jessica Rogers perform with the A Cappella choir during the country western piece, "Comin' to Your City."

Rocking with his choirs, director Brian J. White performs with his students in the finale.

Enjoying the moment, sophomores Sarah Bernard and Britney Shipman along with senior Kisha Dodson perform the final selection "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" with the entire vocal music department.

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Song: "More Than Words" as recorded by Extreme.
Performance reflections: "Dalton requested the song because he thought it would be cool. I then stumbled across it and realized the song would fit our voices well," Harvey said.

Song: "Superstar" as recorded by Luther Vandross and the Carpenters.
Performance reflections: "It wasn't as intimidating as I thought it would be to appear on stage. It just comes naturally to me," Edwards said.
BRAVO! BRAVO!

variety show draws rave reviews

From "Comin' to Your City" to the whimsical, toe-tapping "No Diggity," BRAVO! delighted and dazzled audiences for two performances in the auditorium March 23-24.

Every other year, the vocal music department puts together a variety show to showcase talented students. This year's show consisted of 20 different acts reflecting genres as diverse as country and opera.

"I grew up on country music, and I thought it would portray my voice better," said junior Cole Kill, who chose to sing "Blue," which was originally performed by Leann Rimes.

Director Brian J. White said he was "thrilled" with this year's show, which featured the talents of 150 students.

"We definitely reached our goals for the show, and Friday night was probably our best performance because there was a packed house and we received a standing ovation," White said.

In one of the show's many highlights, White performed with his students for the first time ever, providing vocals and accompaniment for the energetic show-stopping finale, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

"I think having us all perform together showed the audience how we are an extended family, and I enjoyed the fact that I was able to show my students a different side of me by cutting loose with them on stage to close the show," White said.

With more than 700 in attendance both nights and more than $3,000 raised for the vocal music department, the show received rave reviews from students and staff alike.

"The professionalism, enthusiasm, flawless stage movement, insightful interpretations, and just plain fun—it was an outstanding show," English teacher Chris Wood said.

Song: "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera"
Performance reflections: "We really liked the movie 'Phantom of the Opera' and thought it would be fun to sing. When I got up there I was nervous, but it was fun and exciting at the same time," Hilleary said.

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Drew Jones

Song: "One More Night" as recorded by Phil Collins.
Performance reflections: "I liked the song because as a child I was a big Phil Collins and Genesis fan. This song also reminds me a lot of what happens to relationships and people in life. The best part was seeing all my friends preform and hearing our choirs during crunch time," Jones said.

Kasie Cook

Song: "Listen to Your Heart" as recorded by Roxette & D.H.T.
Performance reflections: "I picked the song because I liked it; it's as simple as that. Being on stage was such an adrenaline rush," Cook said.

Michael Cooper & Sophie Hilleary

Song: "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera"
Catching up on old times, junior Brandon Hoch (Jonathan) introduces an old friend to the family, senior Steven Beck (Robert).

Gathering in the living room, the cast of My Cousin Lino (junior Cassity Mitchell, senior Steven Beck, sophomore Katie Kobiaka, freshmen Brandy Hoover, J.P. Holley, and Brittany Bennett) listen to junior Brandon Hoch (Jonathan) explain how he is donating $20,000 to the Flower Society.

Behind the scenes, junior stage managers Philip Shirley and Ian Seaton take a break from their duties. "Even though the lighting and sound wasn’t hard to do, the play was really fun and all the humorous little things that happened at rehearsals made it memorable," Shirley said.

Explaining intensely, sophomore Amber Schaber (Katie) informs senior Helen Sangster (Ms. Carlson) about the upcoming Flower Society party. "I thought the play went really well, it was a great opportunity for us seniors to have our last shining on stage," Sangster said.

Admitting she thought wrong, freshman Brittany Bennett (Jennifer) explains to junior Brandon Hoch (Jonathan) about the misleading day. "I think we brought out our characters pretty well. We may have had a couple of mistakes, but it went smooth overall, it was a good experience to be in front of people," Bennett said.
lots of laughter

'my cousin lino' was a three-night success

With a healthy dose of situational irony, numerous misunderstandings and lots of laughs, 'My Cousin Lino' pleased audiences during its three-day run in the auditorium May 4-6.

Director Dan Streit chose this play because not enough male actors auditioned for his original choice. "I just came upon this play when I was looking for something at the last moment. I loved the way it sounded and thought it would fit the actors," Streit explained.

The plot featured the antics of Jonathan and Katie, a scheming brother and sister played by junior Brandon Hoch and sophomore Amber Schaber. The duo hoped to impress their friends by coxing Jonathan's high school pal Robert (Steven Beck) into impersonating Lino, their Italian cousin who was a renowned botanist.

Unfortunately, the plan meets with disaster when Roberts botches the Italian language and Lino's knowledge of plants. As the play twist and turns, Jonathan and Katie's surprised mom (Kimberly Flick) returns home and wonders exactly what is going on. As the plot comes to light, an understanding is reached and the conflict happily resolves itself.

The audience enjoyed the lighthearted comedy and performances. "I thought the play was really funny; it had a lot of originality," junior Courtney D’Anieri said.

Director Streit was equally impressed with the efforts. "I thought it went really well, and I was very pleased with the students and their ability to perform a good show," Streit said.

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▲ "My Cousin Lino" Cast and Crew. Front Row: Keeley Kindred-Hawkins, Dan Streit, Dan Burns, Kimberly Flick. Row 2: Cassity Mitchell, Steven Beck, Irene Hernandez, Katie Kobialka, Brandy Hoover, Jessica Hoglund, Amber Schaber, Tony Camp, Britanny Bennett. Row 3: Brandon Hoch, Ricardo Torres, Helen Sangster. ❝Waiting patiently,❞ sophomore Kimberly Flick (Mrs. Prescott) questions senior Steven Beck (Cousin Lino/Robert) about his unannounced visit while Irene Hernandez (the messenger) and Jessica Hoglund (Myra Wells) look on.

spring play 23
Getting her groove on, senior Meghan Harding dances with her date, Derek Lanson. "It was the funnest time that I've had at a prom, and I really liked the 50's theme," Harding said. Taking a break from the excitement, junior Heather Rose and senior Jordan Chronister cool down outside the clubhouse. "Prom this year was much better than last year. The DJ was better as well as the atmosphere," Rose said.

Senior Britney Abramovitz and her date Jake Hachinski get set up for their pictures. Avoiding the rain, senior Nick Liston and junior Michaela Kroh enter the dance with an umbrella. "This was the first prom that I have been to, and I wasn't expecting much. It turned out to be pretty fun, and it helped that I had a fun date," Kroh said.

Prom Royalty. Front Row: Katie Carlyle, Michelle Knight, Megan McCully, Sarah Reyes, Jacey Totta. Back Row: Jonny Baxter, Jon Jones, Patrick Redlin, Howard Rollins, Kevin Venerable. Sharing their excitement, seniors Sarah Reyes and Jonny Baxter are crowned King and Queen. "I was excited to find out that I won. It's cool to know that my peers voted for me," Reyes said.
bad weather doesn’t stop prom fun

Prom: an event that has been going on for decades. It has changed in many ways, but it is still a night that is very memorable to those who go.

“The group of 22 that we had, the limousine, and everyone dancing made the night fun and special,” senior Matt Redlin said.

On April 29, students woke up to rain and humidity. These things might have discouraged some, but others just went with the flow.

“The rain caused us to change our plans for pictures. We had to move from outside to inside,” junior Cari Frazey said.

To some, preparations for this event took hours and hundreds of dollars. To others, they found ways to improvise and save money.

“I found my dress at Goodwill for only $20. My shoes were from Maurices at 75 percent off,” sophomore Janelle Lira said.

This year’s theme was “Twist the Night Away,” which was inspired by a 1950s drive-in motif.

Junior class president Cassity Mitchell said this theme was chosen because the seniors had said they wanted something different.

“Initially, seniors didn’t respond positively to the choice, but once they got there and started having fun, they seemed to like it, and everything turned out well overall,” Mitchell said.

To embellish the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse, junior prom committee members decorated the Friday before Prom in the chosen colors of black, silver, teal, and pink.

“I feel the decorations turned out well thanks to all the volunteers. Building the drive-in was the most challenging because it took eight hours,” junior Jarred Harrington said.

According to prom sponsor Adrienne Law, 125 couples attended the event, and most of them were having so much fun that they stayed and danced until after 11 p.m.

> carmen claiborn & janelle lira

▼ Showing off her moves, junior Rachel Tiner throws her head back in delight. “All in all, no regrets on going, but maybe more 50’s music would have been better,” Tiner said. ▼ Enjoying one another’s company, seniors Robert Smith and Nikki Busch dance the night away. “Prom was special because it was our last chance to spend time with our friends at our last dance. It was a magical night,” Busch said.
Prom 2006

▲ Freshman Nancy DeLeon and junior Ian Seaton

▲ Junior Cassity Mitchell and her date, Kyle Harris

▲ Senior Emmanuel McComb and sophomore Lauren Burgess. Senior Isaac Carlington receives help with his boutonniere from his date, senior Michelle Knight.

▲ Junior Brandon Hoch and sophomore Jessica Hoglund

▲ Juniors Cameron Buck and Jessica Umbenhower

▲ Seniors Adam Carver and Melina Schindel

▲ Seniors Darren Burton and Jana Tiner

▲ Senior Mike Sams and sophomore Erin Kruger

▲ Junior Josh Bailey picks up his ballot for Prom king and queen while his date, sophomore Jaime Jaskinia, looks on.
Sophomore Amber Vochatzer and junior Nick Kruger cut loose on the dance floor.

Senior Mitch Lewis and his date Tiffany Holthouse, junior Brianna VanSchoelandt with senior Matt Haas, and sophomore Janelle Lira with senior Josh Palcher.

Senior Devin Belknap and sophomore Corey Carr

Senior Randy Gilbert and junior Monica Kennedy

Senior Chris Mattox and sophomore Amber Schaber
Enjoying the party, seniors Jacey Totta, left, Robert Holter, and Chris Redden prepare to pose for a picture. Along with other goodies, seniors were each given a disposable camera to capture the evening’s memories.

With all his concentration, senior Steven Hovey plays a game at Dave and Buster’s. Project Grad was held at Dave and Buster’s for the first time this year. To remember each other, Josie Glenn, right, signs Jessica Clary’s shirt at Project Grad. “It was a great way to end a great year with my friends,” Clary said.

While eating lunch, senior Shawn Holroyd talks with his e-mentor. Seniors were assigned an e-mentor to correspond with to improve writing skills and to have the opportunity to gain insights from a business professional outside of school. With pride, senior Skylar Parr picks up her cap and gown at the start of seventh hour on her last day of school from registrar Kay Smith. Picking up their caps and gowns was one of the last things seniors did to prepare for graduation.

Entertaining their classmates, Jeff Herr, Blake Kasselman, and Jeff Hills perform during the talent show portion of Project Grad. “We practiced weekly off and on for about two months,” Hills said. “It was a lot of fun to perform that night. We were really pumped up, but we played terrible.” The trio performed an original song about “Taco Mondays” at Speedway Grill.
The last days of school... where do I begin?” senior Alexis Foster said. “The days were full of emotion and chaos.”

The start of the big events came when seniors lunched with their e-mentors on May 3. Seniors had corresponded with area business professionals throughout the year.

Then on Friday, May 5, came the day that most seniors had dreaded since they first heard the phrase “senior project”—their board presentations. In the end, the boards weren’t as bad as seniors envisioned, and nine gold awards and 44 silver awards were given.

Seniors Janae Bailey and Michelle Knight were added to the Senior Project Hall of Fame for their superlative efforts.

The next week brought a mix of bittersweet moments—from that last final to the senior picnic where the class gathered at Shawnee Mission Park.

The final special event for the Class of 2006 was Project Graduation. This year’s celebration was held at a new venue, Dave and Buster’s.

After arriving shortly after 11:30 p.m., seniors started to celebrate. The graduates dined on a buffet, watched a class video, and signed each other’s shirts as a final memento.

After that, a select group of brave graduates performed a talent show that was won by Drew Jones. At 2 a.m. the arcade portion of the facility was open to the grads where various prizes were won and memories were made.

To conclude the evening, each graduate received a gift of $95 in cash to go along with other drawing prizes and a goodie bag...

“The surprises were really cool—especially the last one. It was an awesome party and a great way to go out,” senior Robert Holter said.

“Looking not to be nervous,” senior Ben Honeycutt presents his senior project to the board. Honeycutt was one of nine seniors to get the highest project rating, the gold award.

One of the last things to do, senior Andrew Holder cleans out his locker before picking up his cap and gown. “My last day was both happy and sad because I knew I would never be back here as a student,” Holder said.
 Escorting the Class of 2006, juniors Jarred Harrington and Cassity Mitchell enter the district athletic facility after passing through two lines of faculty members who greeted the graduates before they made their way to their seats. ▲Full of pride, principal Dr. Jerry Abbott congratulates senior Lindsey Seldomridge as she receives her diploma.

▲Filled with happiness, seniors Kisha Dodson, Jeremy Davis, Ryan Crawley, Keven Courtney hear the applause of the crowd as they wait for the graduation ceremony to commence. ▲Adjusting a tassel while waiting in line, senior Janae Bailey helps fellow senior Jonny Baxter make final touches to his mortarboard before the graduation ceremony begins.
As part of a multi-part presentation, senior valedictorian Jon Jones reads his portion of the speech to all in attendance.

graduation
saying their goodbyes

Although graduation remains a very traditional ceremony, there were a few new aspects added to this year’s event. According to senior class sponsor Lisa Terrell, a new dress code was developed for the graduates to help the event remain “as a dignified ceremony.”

As a result, graduates were instructed to wear dressier clothing to the May 12 ceremony and to refrain from casual attire such as shorts and flip-flops.

As part of the special day, many graduates gathered in the auditorium at 2 p.m. for Baccalaureate, a church service held in their honor.

The message was delivered by the Rev. Dennis Ackerman with special music offered by the Bonner Springs United Methodist Church Praise Band and the A Cappella choir, who performed “In Remembrance” and “Clap Your Hands”.

Another new twist came when the graduates prepared for the ceremony. Instead of lining up in the commons, they were each assigned to small groups in designated classrooms. Then promptly at 7:30 p.m., the seniors were led to the YMCA gymnasium by juniors Jarred Harrington and Cassity Mitchell.

After the band performed “Novena” and Dr. Jerry Abbott, principal, delivered opening remarks, the valedictorians and salutatorians addressed the crowd in a multi-part speech that spelled out “graduation.” Diplomas were then presented by USD 204 superintendent Dr. Robert VanMaren and board members Connie Hadley and Dave Pierce.


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Utilizing their time during float construction, juniors Stephanie Conn and Jarred Harrington put the finishing touches on the horse that was a main feature on their float. "The biggest challenge of float construction was getting everyone to work together with the same vision," Harrington said.
The class meetings that made our heads spin over differences of opinion on the perfect banner...

The games that gave us a chance show our individuality while decked out in orange and black ...

The first job that taught us time management and responsibility ...

The knowledge that we were all Bonner Braves ...

\[ \text{This is... who we are} \]
Britney Abramovitz  Janae Bailey  Matt Bartram  Jonny Baxter  Steven Beck

Devin Belknap  Megan Bond  Ashley Braswell  Michael Brown  Nikki Busch

Katie Carlyle  Adam Carver  Angel Catania  Daniel Chavez  Jordan Chronister

Jessica Clar  Nidia Contreras  Keven Courtney  Alex Courts  Katie Cramer

Ryan Crawle  Jeremy Davis  Kisha Dodson  Alex Downey  Hanne Dybesland

34 seniors
double vision

class of '06 has three sets of twins

The Class of '06 is known for many things. Their wonderful spirit and their all-around closeness, but the one thing that separates '06 from the rest is twins. You’re not seeing things, YES, there are three sets of twins. Front Row: Matt Redlin, Jessi Morasch, Mindy Morasch and Patrick Redlin. Back Row: Kris Russell and Kurt Russell.

Kris and Kurt Russell

Born: June 27, 1988
Have you ever tricked people into thinking that you were your twin?
Kurt: No, they always call me Kris anyway.
Kris: Yeah, all the time, just about every day.
Who’s the smarter twin?
Kurt: I’m the smarter twin hands down; Kris is a retard.
Have you ever switched places in school?
Kris: Yes, in fifth grade, but it failed. I didn’t know where Kurt sat in his classes, so the teachers found out.
How competitive are you with your twin?
Kurt: Not really, we’re pretty lazy.
Do you ever get yourselves mixed up?
Kris: No, I do not. I’m pretty sure I’ve never done that and never will.

Mindy and Jessi Morasch

Born: Dec. 24, 1987
What are the ups and downs?
Jessi: An up is having the same classes and homework, so when it’s late and Mindy’s asleep I get into her bookbag and get her homework.
How competitive are you with your twin?
Mindy: I’m competitive with Jessi, but it doesn’t matter because I’m better anyway.
Do you consider yourself the good or the bad twin?
Jessi: The bad twin... I do bad things, too bad to tell. Mindy: The good twin, hands down.
Do you ever think the same thoughts at the same time?
Jessi: Sometimes we will both have the same song in our head, and one of us will start singing it out loud.

Matt and Patrick Redlin

Born: Jan. 12, 1988
How competitive are you with your twin?
Matt: Extremely competitive when it comes to baseball and tennis. We try to make our sport seem harder and better than the other.
Patrick: Kind of competitive, but not too bad.
Who’s the smarter twin?
Matt: Neither is smarter than the other.
Patrick: We are both smart; it’s just we have advantages in different classes.
Do you ever get yourselves mixed up?
Matt: Yes, sometimes when I wake up I look at my arm to make sure I’m Matthew.
Patrick: In the morning I wake up and look at my arm to make sure I’m NOT Matt.

This is '06

▲For her final exam in Public Speaking, Teann Eveland, right, apples makeup to her visual aide, Stephanie Elmer, during a “how to” speech. “The class was not as hard as I thought, and all the speeches will really help me with my senior board presentation.” Eveland said.

▲Sitting back-to-back, Jacey Totta and Jeremy Davis act out English teacher Chris Wood’s class rules in a phone dialogue. ▲ Hilary Johnson and Nidia Contreras, right, also take part in a skit on the first day of their senior journey, Aug. 17.
Working in class, Hanne Dybesland and Irina Walpen study in Chemistry II. "Nothing at this school is the same as it is at home," Dybesland said.

Dybesland gives American life "two thumbs up." Celebrating her 17th birthday away from home, Hanne went with her new American friends to the Olive Garden.

All smiles, Walpen accepts flowers and balloons from the underclassmen and coaches during the volleyball Senior Night. Making memories, Hanne Dybesland and Irina Walpen became friends through their experience.

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new horizons

students adapt to American life

Imagine being the "new kid" your senior year — not knowing anyone or anything about the existing traditions. Then imagine doing all of this in a brand new country.

This was the case for senior exchange students Hanne Dybesland from Norway and Irina Walpen from Switzerland.

"I wanted my English to improve and wanted to see another culture and what it was like to leave my family and friends," said Walpen, who lived with fellow senior Jacey Totta and her family.

Nicknamed the "foreign babes" by their classmates, Hanne and Irina both found that there were adjustments to be made as they adapted to life in America.

"I feel very watched, and I'm not used to that at home. At home we walk everywhere we go and usually don't have to check in. Here things are too far away to do that, so sometimes I'm stuck at home," said Dybesland, who lived with Totta's aunt, Jaye Shear.

Despite these adjustments, Irina and Hanne have been very involved. These two brave young ladies have joined the volleyball and tennis teams, cheered in the Orange Crush section, purchased their senior T-Shirts, attended the dances and have adapted well to the typical American student life.

After completing their senior year here, Hanne and Irina will resume their high school life in their countries. Because of strenuous academic requirements back home, they are actually ahead of most American teens.

"The classes here are so much more fun and are easier than those at home; everything there is so serious," Dybesland said. Hanne will officially graduate in '08 and Irina in '07.

Making some goodies, senior Cortney Harding decorates a cupcake in Food, Nutrition and Wellness class. Senior Jim Honeycutt shapes a ceramic pot in a 3-D Concepts class.

Known for unity, seniors model their new class shirts in Ryan Hull's American Government class. "I like the shirts except for the fact 'Study' was spelled wrong," senior Matt Haas said.
“My best memory was probably when I got the lead role in ‘Little Shop Of Horrors’ my junior year. I really set my mind on it, and I got the part.”
—Britney Abramovitz

“My weirdest memory would have been when all of the guys dressed up as girls for some pep assembly, very weird.”
—Jana Tiner

“I will never miss trying to navigate our halls during the passing periods.”
—Cody Parson

“I won’t miss all of the pettiness and the ridiculous rumors; I won’t miss all of the fights and arguments; and I definitely won’t miss all of the negative situations that have taken place in the last four years of my life. I will try and focus on the optimistic memories.”
—Lisa Zarate

“My weirdest high school memory would have to be on the swim team. We did some really weird things that were completely random and made us look like fools.”
—Matt Redlin

“The thing I will never miss is how packed the junior hallway always was.”
—Keven Courtney

“I will miss getting all of the familiarities that we are used to seeing everyday. The same teachers and students that we have seen at the same time each and every day for the past four years.”
—Jacey Totta

“My worst high school memory was probably when I wrecked my car, the week after I got it.”
—Devin Belknap

“The best thing that ever happened in high school was probably whenever all the seniors camped out in the parking lot; it just showed how together we were and how we could have fun, without really doing anything ‘bad.’ It showed class unity.”
—Sarah Reyes
"The most amusing memory I have was in Mr. Gregoire's class and he went to sit in his chair and it slid underneath him, making him fall and hit his head on the desk. After muttering a few ill-chosen words, he started to laugh with the class."

—Esther Shook

"The one thing I will miss when I leave high school is all of the naive underclassmen shouting '07 and '08. Cute guys, but not your year."

—Kisha Dodson

"I won't miss the fact that underclassmen always try to be cooler than seniors, the seniors who quit when they are so close, and of course... the burnt hamburgers."

—Kristina Luke

"One thing that I won't miss would be the tests that Schlicht would sometimes give us two times a week."

—Shawn Holroyd

"My worst high school memory had to have been the first day of my freshman year when I slipped in front of a bunch of people on some water and fell on my back."

—Jen Fowler

"I will never forget all of Steven Hovey and Steven Beck's cheesy pick-up lines."

—Kristen Hardman

"My worst moment in high school was my sophomore year when I was getting ready for soccer practice and Majestic Hickmon came flying through the parking lot and hit me with his truck. It knocked off his mirror and scratched my leg up really bad; I didn't know whether I should laugh or cry."

—Megan McCully

"The thing I will miss the most is seeing and hanging out with my friends everyday."

—Jonny Baxter

"My sophomore year the choir went to the state competition and didn't get the rating we wanted, it wasn't good... but on the way home we were all talking about the most random stuff and laughing the whole time."

—Meghan Hahn
"The teacher who has made the most difference to me would be Mrs. Wood. Even though she gets onto me about needing to pull my shirts down, or talking, she always makes sure I’ve got my grades up and pushes me to the best that I can. I admire her as a teacher and will take everything I have learned from her with me to college."

—Melina Schindel

"The teacher who has impacted my life would have to be Mrs. Sharpnack. She helped me through some tough times in my life, and she helped me with so many things to get me where I am now. So thank you, Mrs. Sharpnack."

—Josie Glenn

"Mrs. Maddy has had the most impact on my life because she lets me go to the library and helps keep me out of trouble."

—Nick White

"The teachers who have made the biggest impact on me are Coach Streit and Coach Downing. They have taught me to reach for my goals not just on the basketball court, but in life."

—Josh Palcher

"Mrs. Nelson has had a huge impact on my life. Throughout the years, she has been like a mother figure for me and always given me the confidence I needed to get through school."

—Ryan Crawley

"The teacher with the most impact on my life would have to be Mrs. Otroszko. She has made math actually fun to learn for me, and she would always help you if you needed help. She has made it where I love math. Thank you, Mrs. Otroszko."

—Franki Wachter
you know

you're a

when...

your cell phone is a needed necessity

▲Immediately after lunch, Josh Palcher and Jeff Hern look to see if they missed any calls during class. This was the first year when students could use their cell phones during lunch. ▲Reaching for her phone, Angel Catania gets ready to do a quick message check once she gets to the cafeteria. “I’m glad we got to use our cell phones this year because I remember one time last year when I needed to go home, and it [my cell phone] was the only way I could get a hold of my mom,” Catania said.

▲Getting in his car to leave, Andy Martin enjoys the fact that he can get a front row parking spot, even when he comes in the second half of the day after attending the area vocational school.

▲To raise money for Project Graduation, parents sold personalized license plates.

your parking lot ... is your parking lot

▲To show the size of the lockers, Matt Rivera playfully pushes Kristen Hardman into a senior locker.

you can stick your fellow classmate into your locker

you can walk out of school at 12:05 p.m. and it’s okay... that is, if you have senior internship

▲Coming and going, Megan Bond, left, leaves at 12:05 p.m., while Jessica Clary and Nick Liston arrive for the second half of the day.
you start counting down the number of days left at 100.

you often start sentences with the phrase “This is our last time.”

your schedule may include “aide classes.”

you can leave the cafeteria and not get the third degree.

you talk about stuff that you did your freshman year like it happened 10 years ago.

you enjoy the feeling of being treated like an adult.

you will find any excuse to sit on the senior benches

you throw on something “comfy” because you just don’t care

you become entirely too familiar with the Media Center

you dread hearing the words “form” and “Senior Project” in the same sentence

▲ Completing a required project form, Jason Obrock spends yet another day in the library. ▲ Aparicia MacClaren looks to see if she has a message from her E-mentor. All seniors communicated with an area business professional during their English classes.

▲ Getting some advice, Danny Grosko talks to English teacher Nancy Baker about his forms for his senior project. ▲ So there were no excuses, new senior project coordinator Wanda Simchuk created a “Senior Forms” box, so students could turn in forms at their convenience outside of her classroom.

▲ Just being goofy, Adam Carver, Jen Fowler, and Kevin Venerable spend a few minutes together between classes. “I think we were on the benches more than we were in class... it was nice.” Carver said jokingly.

▲ Relaxing before their next class, Meghan Hahn and Michelle Knight enjoy the privilege of using the benches in the commons.

▲ During seminar, Jackie Russell listens to her classmates while wearing a comfortable hoodie. ▲ While working, Autumn Martin dresses down to help her concentrate on the task at hand.
Most Talkative:
Jeff Hills & Lisa Zarate

Best Voice:
Britney Abramovitz & Jeremy Davis

Most Likely to be President:
Isaac Garlington & Jacey Totta

Class Clown:
Devin Belknap Katy Cramer

Amazingly Artistic:
Drew Jones & Jessi Langley
Most Likely to be the next Oprah or Dr. Phil
Eric Nielsen, Michelle Knight & Travis Hubbel

Most Gullible:
Sarah Reyes & Steven Beck

Most Athletic:
Emmanuel McComb & Hilary Johnson

Kid Forever:
Jeff Hern, Megan McCully, & Kris Russell

Most Spirited:
Kristina Luke & Matt Redlin
Pictured clockwise, starting at the left: Jacob Campbell, Heather Rose, Brandon Hoch, Monica Kennedy, Lindsay Blasche, a visual representation of a major junior American Literature project, juniors taking a break at float construction, Kyle Cahill, Alex Gonzalez, Michael Williamson, Alexandra Venable.
Q: How old were you when you got your first kiss, who was it, and how did it happen?
A: "I was like ten years old and it was with Ryan Kingsley at a middle school dance."
Q: What is your favorite high school memory?
A: "Tagging Basehor's high school last year."

Q: If you were any type of candy, which would you be and why?
A: "Caramel, because it's sweet just like me."
Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: "Ignorance drives me crazy."
Q: If you could know the answer to any question, what would it be?
A: "How old will I be when I die?"
Q: What is the weirdest talent you have?
A: "I can make several weird faces."

Q: What is your favorite memory?
A: "My first year of youth camp."
Q: Where will you more than likely be after high school?
A: "Probably still in Bonner either doing cosmetology or starting my own family."
Ashlie Marquez  
Josh Martin  
Eddie McClain  
Josh McConico  
Leslie McConico  
Branden McMahon

Lindsey Meier  
Casey Meints  
Fabiola Miranda  
Gabriela Miranda  
Cassity Mitchell  
Michael Moore

Justin Moulin  
Todd Nieznay  
Anthony Null  
Sara Peresko  
Landon Phillips  
Cedric Preston

Ben Reynolds  
Brenda Roberts  
Brandon Robison  
Kurtis Rohn  
Shawna Rohn  
Heather Rose

Jared Ruby  
Amber Rudolph  
Jessica Samis  
Daniel Sanford  
Brittnie Saunders  
Porscha Saxton

Joey Schmidt  
Jill Schuetz  
Matthew Scott  
Ian Seaton  
Amber Seely  
Philip Shirley

Chelsea Shockey  
Alex Silvers  
Jared Simmons  
Andy Smith  
Daryl Smith  
Eric Snider
Q: If you could know the answer to any question, what would it be?
A: "What my future will look like in terms of family."
Q: What is your ideal date?
A: "Getting flowers sent before the date and the person telling me how much I mean to them."

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?
A: "In ten years, I'll either be in the Navy or living in California."
Q: How would you change high school?
A: "I would change the lunch to where we would have crispitos and Red Baron pizza every day."

Q: What song reminds you of a good or bad experience?
A: "Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps" by Cake because on a camping trip I barfed and every time I hear it, I am reminded of my experience.
Q: What three words describe you best?
A: "Mexican, white, and confused."

Q: What song describes you best?
A: "Conceited" by Remy.
Q: What is something that no one knows about you?
A: "That I like ballroom dancing."
Pictured clockwise, starting at the left: Kaleigh McDonnell, Justin Padel, Ashley Yerich, Matt Ingenthron, Blake Tuttle, Brandon Bartling, Chris Wallace, Samuel Mace, Keeley Kindred-Hawkins, Taryn Sullivan, Rachel Trent. Center, from left: Drew Foster, Joe Sullivan, Justin Howard, Zach Holder.
Mandi Ontis

Q: If you could have any super powers what kind of powers would they be?
A: "I would have to say the power of force because then you could do whatever you wanted!"

Q: Has the new tardy policy affected you?
A: "No, absolutely not!"

James Prather

Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your life? Why?
A: "My dad because he has kept me out of trouble and got me a new car."

Q: Has the new tardy policy affected you?
A: "Yeah, I get a lot less detentions."
Q: If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?
A: "Puerto Rico because I have family there."
Q: What do you like most about your sophomore class?
A: "My girls: Tiffany Ellis, Kasie Cook, Nicole Woods, and Brandi Ventura."

Q: Who is your celebrity crush? Why?
A: "Jessica Simpson because she looks pretty."
Q: What is your favorite class?
A: "My favorite class is lunch because there is food!"
Q: For $20,000 would you go for three months without washing or brushing your teeth and using deodorant?
A: "Yes, because I’m cool like that."
Q: How do you like to spend your time after school?
A: "Sleeping and talking on the phone."

Q: What was your most memorable moment from this year?
A: "Being Courtwarming Royalty."
Q: Whom do you seek when you need advice?
A: "My mommy because she’s my best friend."
Q: Do you think school should start later?
A: "No, because then I'd miss daytime."

Q: What is your favorite all-time movie?
A: "Porky's" because it's really funny.

Q: Where do you see yourself after graduation?
A: "College for music and photography."

Q: What words describe you best?
A: "Drama Queen because that's how I roll!"
Pictured clockwise, starting at the left: Alex Soto, Tyler Moore, Myrve Thoele, Isaac Mills, Seth Clements, Michelle Hicks, Julia Glenn, Starian Porchia, Bryce Peterson, Kyle Leitner... Cara Poe. Center: Michael Palcher, left, Kaleb Black.
Chelsea Allen
Austin Anderson
Jeff Antill
Kevin Bagby
Leslie Balzer
Aaron Barber

Amber Barnes
Jacob Barton
Brittany Bennett
Matthew Bille
Kaleb Black
Amber Briggs

Dominic Brison
Tiffanie Burgoon
Nikklaes Burks
Mariah Burris
Erika Busch
Stephen Call

Tony Camp
Erin Carpenter
T.J. Catania
Perry Chareunsavanh
Kathryn Christwell
Patrick Clair

Seth Clements
John Condron
Aaron Conn
Angelica Contreras
Josh Cook
Nancy Correa

Amanda Couch
Adam Craig
Chance Crawford
Stephen Crump
Alexis Crumrine
Zach Dean

Nancy DeLeon
Emily Denton
DeMarcus DeRadcliffe
Ernesto Diaz
Valencia Duarte
Patrick Dugan
Q: If you could be any kind of candy what kind would you be?
A: "Snickers, because a lot of people like them!"

Q: Do you like block schedule? Why or why not?
A: "I only like Wednesdays because of my classes."

Q: If you knew a giant asteroid would hit the Earth in 30 minutes, what would you do?
A: "I'd find a way to get into an aircraft."

Q: Pepsi or Coke?
A: "Pepsi, because it taste a lot better."
Q: Who would you want to trade lives with? Why?
A: "Adrianna Radford because I love her!"

Q: What was the best change from middle school to high school?
A: "Longer passing periods."

Q: What do you think is the best advantage of being in high school?
A: "More freedom."

Q: What is your favorite T.V. show?
A: "ESPN SportsCenter."
O: What is your favorite restaurant?
A: "Applebee's!"

O: What were your goals for this year?
A: "To make mostly A's and to go to a lot of concerts."

O: If you could die happy or rich, which would you choose and why?
A: "Happy, because that's what matters in life."

O: What are your hobbies?
A: "Soccer, video games, and going to parties."
Q: Where is your favorite place to shop?
A: "J.C. Penney’s! They have cute clothes for a good price!"

Q: What song describes you best?
A: "Imagine Me" by Kirk Franklin.

Q: Where is your favorite place to hang out?
A: "Wherever my friends are."

Q: If you could be famous for something, what would you be famous for? Why?
A: "Football, because it’s a great sport."
Dr. Jerry Abbott, Principal
Andy Anderson, Science
Garold Baker, Athletic Director
Nancy Baker, Language Arts
Monty Bechard, P.E.
DiAnne Berning, Bookkeeper

Leslie Blythe, Special Education
Diane Bonner, Success Center
Tom Borengasser, Aide
Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
Kristin Byers, Guidance Counselor
Bob Caldwell, Mathematics

Heather Campbell, Mathematics
Martha Chandley, FACS
Pete Cisneros, Industrial Tech.
Carla Cline, Food Services
Steve Cook, Assistant Principal
Beth Dillon, Mathematics

Bill Downing, Language Arts
Debbie Foley, Secretary
Martha Gamble, Food Services
Jennie Hale, Food Services
Jim Hanson, Assistant Principal
Kathy Harding, Food Services

Cindy Hayes, Science
Nicole Hernandez, Aide
Mazelle Hickmon, Food Services
Jill Holder, Language Arts
Linda Horvath, Art
Michelle Howerton, Custodial

Ryan Hull, Social Sciences
Amy Iwert, Foreign Language
Kerri Jennings, P.E.
Linda Kasselman, Secretary
Lew Kasselman, Science
Rosemary Kruger, Custodial
Joe LaCicero, Business
Adrienne Law, Business
Jacci Leib, Science
Staci Lowe, P.E.
Lisa Lugar, Language Arts
Debbi Maddy, Librarian

John Makona, Social Sciences
Erin McBride, Science
Mike McDonald, Custodial
Jim Mitchell, Special Education
Rick Moulin, Guidance Counselor
Jenny Myers, Social Sciences

Marsha Nelson, Foreign Language
Tim Ney, Full-Time Substitute
Brian O'Neil, Industrial Technology
Clay Oakes, Science
Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Ed.
Meghan Orford, Language Arts

Anne Otroszko, Mathematics
Tim Parrish, Mathematics
Andrew Price, Technology
Ann Ramsey, Foreign Language
Linda Reed, Food Services
Sharon Sandin, Special Education

Jennifer Schlicht, Social Sciences
Donna Sharpnack, Mathematics
Janelle Selengo, Vocal Music
Wanda Simchuk, Art
Ann Smith, ESL/Language Arts
Kay Smith, Registrar

Tom Smotherman, Custodial
Dan Streit, Language Arts
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Lucinda Thomas, Aide
Brian White, Vocal Music
Betty Wise, Nurse

Jo Wiseman, Social Sciences
Chris Wood, Language Arts

Not Pictured: Marilyn Allen, Aide; Danny Colvin, Custodial;
Karen Dare, Special Education; Mike Fitzgibbons, P.E.; Carol
Hahner, Paraprofessional; Whitney McMahan, Language Arts;
Florence Spencer, Food Services; Tim Starks, Instrumental Music.

staff 69
This is...
’07
Guys: 85
Girls: 72
Total: 157

This is...
’08
Guys: 104
Girls: 90
Total: 194

This is...
’09
Guys: 94
Girls: 103
Total: 197

Donovan Grady plays the saxophone at a jazz band concert. Cedric Preston, Sezon Waters, and Joe Dodson enjoy a pop and candy party awarded to students scoring high on the ITED.

Jayme Pruitt dresses as Reggae Man to show his spirit during homecoming. Brittney Hernandez gets ready for a project in Chemistry.

Brandon Mills cools off during a football break. Kyle Beltz helps paint the class banner.

70 underclassmen
Nichole Smith and Alex Gonzalez serve punch at the senior NHS induction ceremony. Sara Stephens puts a project together. Jennifer Barlow works on an assignment in her first hour American Literature class.

Amber Vochatzer and Amy DeMato enjoy a ride in Tidlow Days. Jerrett Barbourch works hard on his element project for Chemistry. L.T. Lee gets ready to throw in the ball during Team Sports.

Teran Holter talks on her phone during her lunch period. Anna Nelson, Nancy DeLeon, and Brittany Bennett dress as the Fanta girls for Stuco’s Halloween costume contest. Matthew Bill marches with the drums in the Homecoming Parade.
During their fourth hour class, juniors Brandon Hoch, left, and Jesse Hernandez use their soccer skills to keep the ball rolling. This was the first year of having a co-ed Team Sports class.
The late nights filled with studying for the math test that could make or break our grade....

The A+ on the Senior research paper that made us almost cry for the joy of being done...

The seminars we spent in Ms. Orangkhadivi's room working on Kayettes projects...

The things that we learned from teachers that could never be found in a textbook...

This is... how we discover...
to serve

stuco seeks to improve student life

From decorating for dances to making life better for students and staff, Stuco members stayed busy year round.

At 60 members strong, Stuco kicked off the year with a pizza party work night where they tossed around dance ideas, Spirit Week themes and other service-oriented projects.

"Being president was a big responsibility and definitely stressful at times, but it was fun to get myself and the whole school involved with school spirit and school events," senior Jacey Tott said.

In addition to sponsoring all pep assemblies, Stuco opened Freshman Orientation with a skit that dispelled high school rumors.

"I think knowing that the upperclassmen were there to help made the freshmen feel more comfortable," senior Alexis Foster. "I wish I would have had someone to help me out during my freshman year the way we helped them."

Another major undertaking was a school-wide Dodgeball Tournament to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"Obviously, when Hurricane Katrina hit, we felt we needed to do something," sponsor Adrianne Law. "I'm proud that our students stepped up."

Engulfed in discussion, Stuco members talk about dance themes for WPA in sponsor Adrianne Law's room.

"I'm still mad that 'Who Let the Dogs Out' didn't win," senior Andrew Holder said. "Senior Alexis Foster helps freshman John Jenkins find his classes during Freshman Orientation."

Blowing up balloons, sophomore Janelle Lira helps decorate the commons before the Homecoming dance. "One of my favorite parts of decorating was trying to work with the helium and everybody laughing at me," Lira said. Cutting away, senior Stuco members Hilary Johnson and Jacey Totta shave the head of science teacher Andy Anderson, who agreed to a one-quarter inch haircut as part of Janae Bailey's senior project. Stuco members helped Bailey with the school-wide assembly.
Mr. Bonner Springs Returns to Delight Crowd

For the second straight year, some of Bonner’s most outgoing seniors donned wigs, tacky dresses, hair curlers, and in some cases ill-fitting high heels.

Sponsor Adrianne Law said Stuco coordinated “Mr. Bonner Springs” because they wanted to make it a tradition and because it generated so much energy.

Students packed the gym to watch the eight candidates strut down the runway before stopping to impress the judges in a variety of unique ways.

Judge Brian O’Neill commanded the most attention of the judges, receiving everything from flirty looks to giant hugs.

Candidates were then judged on overall appearance and performance.

“Jeremy Davis could walk too well in heels,” laughed Jennifer Schlicht, one of the judges. “Jeremy and Jon Jones were definitely my favorite parts.”

While the judges conferred, the contestants entertained the crowd with an impromptu dance.

After much anticipation, the winners were announced: Jon Jones took the top prize as “Mr. Bonner Springs” and was awarded a crown, which was promptly stolen by the first runner-up, Emmanuel McComb.

This year’s contestants were Jeremy Davis, Jeff Hern, Andrew Holder, Travis Hubbel, Jon Jones, Blake Kasselman, Emmanuel McComb and Jacob Nelson.
Although there is plenty going on inside the art classrooms, students were also able to broaden their horizons outside the classroom walls.

For example, department chair Linda Horvath said her students have added a sculpture garden with a gravel path to show off student art work in the patio area outside the classrooms. Each year students will add sculptural art to the pathway to enhance the area.

A fountain is also planned for the center of the garden along with landscaping. Tiered limestone slabs have been placed out on the hill outside of Ms. Horvath’s room, so students can work on outdoor labs.

Wanda Simchuk’s art classes stayed busy as well. The painting classes had the opportunity to help paint the mural on the wall outside the art department.

Advanced art students also had the privilege to display their art work at Jet Fuel Cafe. They had two showings, one each semester.

In addition to improving student work areas, the department received new, safe equipment which came in the form of a vacuum casting machine and a burnout kiln.

As always, students benefited from the opportunities to be creative and to expand their artistic abilities.

“Having art class has been a great escape from being in other classes,” senior Lindsey Seldomridge said.

▲Smoothing out her petals. Junior Christina Delladio makes a flower plate. “I made it to coordinate with my room,” Delladio said. ▶With concentration, sophomores Caitlin Tinsley and Joey O’Hare paint the wall outside the art department. The fact that we got to paint something on the school that would be there forever was really neat,” O’Hare said.

▶Sculpting his project, sophomore Allen Mellott makes an incense burner out of clay. “I liked how it turned out. I use it all the time,” Melott said.
why do you take art?

“I like to take art because it challenges my artistic abilities, and I also learned a lot of different techniques.”
Taryn Lane, 11

“I took art to improve my drawing skills, but I thought it would be easier than it was.”
Cord McGill, 10

“I like to be creative, and I enjoy all the bright colors.”
Angelica Contreras, 9

“Providing assistance,” junior Tony Kie sketches junior Lindsey Meier out on canvas. “Drawing his own design,” sophomore Kevin DeVore works thoughtfully in his art class. “It was really interesting. I learned how to make my art better by taking my time,” DeVore said.
Shauna Putnam, president: "Kayettes is a strong organization where girls can come to make new friends and build leadership skills while volunteering around school and in their community, which will help them in life."

Maggie Hackney, vice president: "Kayettes is a group of girls who come together to help the community while having fun."

Alexis Foster, secretary: "Kayettes is an opportunity to help other people in need."

Amber Waite, treasurer: "I look at Kayettes as an organization to help give back to the community and to show appreciation to teachers."

The Kayettes started out the new year with a new head sponsor, Linda Orangkhadivi.

"Being the head sponsor for Kayettes was an honor and privilege for me," Orangkhadivi said. "I was lucky enough to be co-sponsor for several years with Deena Burns before she retired."

But even with the new changes, old traditions we kept in tact, such as the annual Powder Puff game. The Class of 2006 won the game for the Fourth time.

"Being undefeated for four years feels really awesome," senior Cortney Harding said. "We might be the only class that has accomplished that."

A project that the Kayettes organized to get the whole school involved was the annual food drive in December. More than 4,000 cans and $1,000 in cash were donated to the Vaughn-Trent food pantry.

"This was an amazing feat since we had a slow start because of a snow day," Orangkhadivi said.

Making flower pens for the staff, going to an area nursing home to bring the residents a small gift, and sponsoring Binta, a girl who lives in Gambia, with small material items that allowed her to go off to school were some of the other projects that the Kayettes did to make the world a better place.

"Being an active member of Kayettes is something that gives you a chance to give back to the community," senior Michelle Knight said.

Giving a helping hand, sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi helps freshman Breanna Putnam put the finishing touches on a flower pen. All grins before their visit, the Kayettes show off their ghost gifts in front of the nursing home. Listening, senior Nidia Contreras and freshman Angelica Contreras pay close attention at a meeting.
While applying make-up, senior Kristina Luke helps fellow senior Isaac Carlington prepare for the Powder Puff game. After pre-game warm-ups, seniors and freshmen await the kick-off. Taking a break, junior and sophomore girls rest from their hard work on the field.

Strutting their stuff, the Powder Puff cheerleaders relax before the game. "My balloons kept falling out and it was really hot that day, but I had a blast wearing the mullet wig and I would definitely do it again," senior Steven Hovey said. Ducking and dodging, senior Megan McCully advances down the field. The senior-freshmen team defeated the junior-sophomore team, 7-0. Stuffing their faces, juniors Jill Schuetz and Cassity Mitchell try to beat their opponents in the Booster Club-sponsored hot dog eating contest held during halftime. The winner was senior Emmanuel McComb, who devoured 12 hot dogs. "The contest was very intense, and I was focused like I was about to play a football game," McComb said. Cheering, seniors Kyle Parker, Jake Nelson, and Blake Kasselman fire up the crowd.
Recycling away, sophomores Dani Meier and James Prather go to every classroom to empty out the bins of paper. "It gets me out of seminar, and it's fun to help the environment and save it from the ignorant people who abuse it," Meier said. The Ecology Club collects recyclables every Wednesday and Thursday; it takes them 45 minutes to go to all the classrooms.

Ecology Club

With only five members, the Ecology Club was small but mighty. Members regularly picked up recyclables during Seminar, and then deposited those items in an ABITI bin in the senior parking lot.

Even though the profits of the recycling were small, the benefit was priceless.

"This is our planet, and we're the biggest consumers in the world; therefore, we should be the biggest recyclers," sponsor Jacquelyn Leib said.

Leib said that she would like to expand the program to include items such as aluminum cans and plastic.

Making a difference...

Peer Helpers

To kick off a year of helping others, the Peer Helpers went to a retreat at Tall Oaks on Oct. 6-7 to learn how to mediate conflicts and to grow individually. During those two days, they participated in many group-building activities to help the group as a whole communicate better.

"Doing the mock mediations was great," sophomore Adam Smith said. "It gave us skills to build upon."

Even though there was a lack of funding, the group still sponsored AIDS Day on April 27. The day was filled with a sophomore class assembly and a chemical cup demonstration for the freshmen.

"AIDS Day went very well," sponsor Lisa Terrell said. "The Peer Helpers did a great job planning and executing the event."

Standing in front of the class, freshman Isaac Mills reads directions for AIDS Day to his classmates.

Conducting the test, freshman Meghan Miller puts a drop of chemical into a cup to demonstrate the transmission of AIDS.

Enjoying themselves, sophomores Drew Foster and Alex Perica feast on a variety of snacks at the PEER Helpers holiday party.

Stories/layout by Cristina Contreras
A major highlight for FCCLA came Oct. 12 when the chapter hosted the District E-East Fall conference. The theme this year was "Celebrate the Stars... Living the Legacy!"

More than 500 members from 16 other schools attended the event, and it was "a big success," according to sponsor Martha Chandley said.

In addition to hosting the conference, the group took a trip to Crown Center to see the Christmas lights. They traveled in style in a yellow stretch limousine.

"Going to Crown Center was a blast," junior Alisha Williams said. "It was a lot fun to hang out with all the club members in a non-school setting."

Setting an example, juniors Brandon Hoch, Ian Seaton, Brett Johnson, and Cori Wallace finish up their homework in the commons while waiting for a Leadership Council meeting. Building their skills, senior Robert Holter and sophomore Michaela Mortensen attend a meeting. "It gave me an opportunity to hand down my leadership skills to the younger students," Holter said. Looking thoughtful, senior Janae Bailey awaits a Leadership Council meeting. "I enjoyed meeting with underclassmen. I was happy to help build a foundation of our school," she said.

With 45 seniors, juniors, and sophomores, the Leadership Council continued to build a strong foundation for the school and to assist freshmen in making the transition to BSHS.

While in small groups, members were assigned a freshman seminar class and visited that class every other week to talk about everything from the importance of good grades to responsibility. In addition, members listened to motivational speakers to further their leadership and team-building skills.
Frantically taking notes, junior Emily DeVore works hard in her math class while teacher Heather Campbell uses the inter-writer to assist students.

Looking over her typing, freshman Amanda Couch checks her mistakes. As part of Keyboarding, instructor Adrienne Law frequently has her students participate in games to help them develop skills.

Thinking quickly, sophomore Tracy Callet works hard on her assignment in Anne Otroszko’s algebra class. “My favorite part about algebra this year was when we did inequalities,” Callet said.

Studying hard, junior Justin Moulin gets ready for an upcoming test in Precalculus. “My favorite thing about Precalculus this year was that we could work at our own pace,” Moulin said.
classes offer unique technologies

Infusing their curriculum with new technologies, the math and business departments are on the cutting edge of learning.

At the start of the year, the math lab received 25 new computers and monitors, a stationery LCD projector, and an inter-writer. An inter-writer creates an interactive portable white board notepad, allowing the instructor to write on the white board from anywhere in the room.

"When I write on the portable notepad, it shows up on the projection screen exactly the way I wrote it. I really like to use it, but it took me a long time to get used to it," teacher Heather Campbell said.

Donna Sharpnack, another math teacher, said all of the new technology was helpful with state test preparation because teachers could generate practice tests and students could use the math lab to practice tests online.

In addition, Sharpnack said students were able to get help and examples for their homework off of the Internet.

The math department also incorporated Quizdom (an interactive program), along with the Geometer sketch pad, and the Navigator interactive programming, which connects to the student's calculators so the teacher can monitor what they are doing as they work. This program was used in Statistics and Calculus.

The business department also received 28 new computers.

"They're awesome; I love the flat screens," instructor Adrienne Law said. "The new computers are much faster than the old ones."

Law said the increased speed of the new machines was a real benefit.
Conducting an interview, junior Branden McMahon gets ready to ask junior Nick DeLeon a question while senior Adam Carver steps into the action.

Senior business manager Kristina Luke along with senior Stephanie Elmer stuffs advertising inserts into the Pow Wow before distribution starts.

**working hard to spread the word**

**deadline-driven courses challenge committed staffs**

**Tee Pee Talk**
Deadlines for Tee Pee Talk, the school’s television news team, were rushed but flexible.

“Mr. O’Neill’s dedication let me know that if I didn’t get my segment done that I could stay after school until I finished,” junior Danny Thompson said.

One of the new segments of the broadcast included creative introductions that featured team members doing everything from dancing to acting crazy as they prepared the audience for the broadcast.

This year’s Tee Pee Talk also included many other interesting updates. “We looked to tie our segments with things in and around the school,” junior Brett Johnson said. “It was interesting to see people’s reactions to them.”

**Yearbook**

Blood, sweat and tears; this is something that is part of the process of making a 176-page yearbook by recording events of the school.

“Most students do not realize all the work we put into making this book,” editor-in-chief Michelle Knight said. “We had to make sure that we covered everything that goes on from top to bottom.”

Knight said that the real stress didn’t kick in until January, but the staff was able to make it work through efforts outside of class.

“To make deadlines we often had staff work nights that were not only filled with food and fun, but also allowed an extensive block of time to reach our production goals,” Knight said.

**Newspaper**

“Sometimes I felt overwhelmed to the point where I wanted to pull my hair out,” said editor-in-chief Lisa Zarate in describing the stress of newspaper deadlines. Zarate estimated that she spent anywhere from 6 to 7 hours after school editing stories and checking facts.

Many different things get people through a deadline, and in newspaper snack foods were one of those things. “Chocolate and Cheez-Its saved Lisa, Mrs. Holder, and I every deadline,” business manager Kristina Luke said.

After hours of extra effort, the Pow Wow was published every three or four weeks and distributed to students in first hour classes.

“It was a huge relief to finish each issue,” Zarate said.
Double-checking names, senior Keven Courtney and sophomore Janelle Lira finish up corrections for the portrait section of the yearbook. Removing a memory card, senior Cody Parson prepares to unload digital pictures. "I really enjoyed learning to take pictures for the newspaper," Parson said.

Working together, senior Jon Jones, left, reviews footage for a Tee Pee Talk opening with junior Derrick Babcock. "The best part of Tee Pee Talk was getting feedback from students when we did something they really liked," Babcock said. Making corrections, senior editor-in-chief Lisa Zarate helps junior Joey Schmidt with a sports story. "Although I'm always frantically rushing to get my stories done, I learned to stay calm," Schmidt said. Finishing their pages, seniors Teann Eveland and Katie Carlyle work on the final touches to make their deadline for the senior portrait section.
sadd

club encourages responsible decision-making

With six BSHS SADD students attending the Kansas Youth Leadership Summit at Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City in the heat of the summer, this got the chapter’s wheels rolling for the start of an active and busy new year.

"I thought it was an awesome team-building activity for our SADD chapter. We hope to continue building on to the organization and to add more activities," sponsor Tim Ney said.

The SADD chapter made its presence known at both the Tlblow Days and Homecoming parades. They also helped run carnival rides during the Homecoming pre-game pep rally and in conjunction with the cheerleaders, sold foam fingers and pom-poms.

"I just wanted to do something good with my time so I was in the parade," sophomore Chris Braswell said.

To help reach more individuals, SADD participated in many local events. This year the club helped sponsor the annual blood drive with NHS for the first time.

"Being a part of the blood drive gave me a great feeling of accomplishment. I loved dancing in the blood drop costume," said senior Britney Abramovitz, who helped with the event.

Then in March, the chapter helped to spread the "Read Across America" message by reading to local preschoolers at the McDaniel Learning Center.

"It was fun reading to the kids. They were so excited and well-mannered. I was surprised on how attentive they were," senior Shauna Putnam said.

▲ Spreading awareness, senior Helen Sangster, junior Devin Harvey and sponsor Tim Ney pass out materials to encourage safe choices to those attending the Freshman Back-to-School night ▲ Love is in the air, junior Maggie Hackney puts together Orange Crush valentine greetings, while sophomores Joe Sullivan and Justin Howard contemplate the purchase of a singing telegram. The valentines were one of several fund-raisers.

▲ Waving the banner, sophomore Chris Braswell, left, and sponsor Tim Ney participate in the Tlblow Days Parade. ▼ Preparing to get involved, seniors Stephanie Elmer, left, Amber Waite and sophomore Keeley Kindred-Hawkins attend a meeting during activity period. "I enjoyed being a part of the club and most of all I enjoyed giving blood," Elmer said.
mock trial & academic decathlon

two teams reaching for the same goal

Although they compete in different ways, the Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial teams strive to perform at their highest level. Neither group meets during the school day, so all preparation and participation is done after school.

Competing on Jan. 20-21, the Academic Decathlon team brought home several medals from the state competition at Kansas State University. Seniors Gabe Hilleary and Helen Sangster and juniors Devin Harvey and Will Hansen each earned first-place medals. Sangster was also the team’s high-point scorer.

“It was really nice that all my seniors got medals,” sponsor Leslie Blythe said.

The Mock Trial team competed in regionals at the Johnson County Courthouse on March 4, but lost all four cases by no more than four points.

This year’s case was about a homeless woman who had to “rat out” her boss for using horse meat in restaurant.

competition at stake for trivia-loving team

Led by seniors Chris Mattox, Gabe Hilleary, and Eric Nielsen and sophomores Michael Cooper and Adam Smith, the varsity Quiz Bowl team earned numerous medals and placed fourth at regionals.

The team practiced every activity period in sponsor Chris Wood’s classroom where they brushed up on their knowledge of obscure bits of trivia.

Beginning in October, the varsity and junior varsity teams competed in more than 20 tournaments. A highlight for the JV team came at Gardner-Edgerton, where they captured a first-place trophy.

Thinking of an answer, sophomore Caitlin Tinsley considers the numerous possibilities before pushing the buzzer to respond to a question about languages. “I really enjoyed how close the team was this year. We really bonded and clicked,” said Tinsley, who was a member of the junior varsity team.
this is  
how we sing  

musical expression through song

From start to finish, it was an absolutely outstanding year for the vocal music department.

"It has been a blessing and a privilege to be a part of an impressive program with great kids," accompanist Janelle Silengo said.

The department officially kicked off the year at Back-to-School Night Sept. 7 when they welcomed students and their parents in the auditorium.

One of the biggest highlights of the first semester came Nov. 16 when the choirs sponsored Donkey Basketball where selected students and staff members entertained the crowd while attempting to ride donkeys from Circle "A" Donkeys.

"Donkey Ball was something I will never forget. The best part was when I went to let my donkey outside to use the bathroom, and he ran away and had to be caught," junior Lacey Gumm said.

The event was established to help sponsor the A Cappella’s choir trip to Branson, Mo., April 20-23 to compete in the Concert Cup World Championships. The A Cappella choir was the sole representative from Kansas.

With a strong performance, the A Cappella choir earned third runner-up honors overall and Best Tenor and Soprano section awards at the contest.

"My first two years here the foundation was laid. Now we’re just building upon the foundation we previously established," director Brian J. White said. "We just come in each day, focused and do our job. We treat it with diligence and take pride in what we do."

A Cappella and the Freshman Concert Choir both walked away with superior "I" ratings at the State Festival on April 12.

▶ Turning notes into music, freshmen Monica Sorensen, Krystal Stanton, Starian Porchia, Olivia Waterman, Cassi Ward, and Brandy Hoover, all members of the Freshman Concert Choir, perform at their highest level during the winter concert.

▶ Waiting for the unexpected, junior Lacey Gumm stands aside her donkey awaiting their next move during Donkey Basketball.

▶ Giving their all, juniors Jamie Arnett and Cole Kill, seniors Franki Wachter and Jessica Rogers, sophomore Joe Sullivan, and juniors Candice Grady and Devin Harvey sing at the winter concert.

▶ All eyes on their director, members of Women’s Ensemble get ready to entertain holiday shoppers at Crown Center during a December performance. After they sang, students ate and did their own shopping.
It was not just all work and no play on the A Cappella choir's trip to Branson April 20-23. In addition to performances, the choir had time to have a little fun. Clockwise from the left: sophomore Rachel Trent shops for a swimsuit at Limited Too with senior Helen Sangster and junior Cari Frazey; the A Cappella Choir takes one last picture with their hardware before leaving Branson; junior Devin Harvey takes a picture after the Darren Romeo Show; members of the A Cappella Choir participate in a team-building activity where students gathered in a circle and then sat down on the lap of the person behind them; junior Sara Stephens shops away at the Disney Store.

*Skimming the choices*, juniors Cole Kill, James Huston, and Michaela Kroh look over the menu at Shorty Small's.
"My favorite part of flag team was how you felt like you were in a family. No one yelled at you if you messed up; they just said 'keep going'."  
Breanna Putnam, 9

"My favorite part of jazz band was playing drums during school time. I was glad to be a part of something new."
Alex Silvers, 11

"My favorite part of pep band was the excitement! I love the extreme energy of our songs we played."
Jordan Hoss, 10

"My favorite part of marching band was how much fun we had as a band; I just loved being part of the band."
Brittany Foster, 10

"My favorite part of pep band was hanging out with all of my friends. The games were exciting, and the music was awesome. The music is the main reason why I am in band."
Becky Stude, 11

▲▲With energy, members of pep band play during one of the many home basketball games. ▲▲Performing their routine, sophomore Whitney Melies and senior Esther Shook get ready to show the crowd a new move. ▲▲Laying down some chords, senior Gabe Hileary and freshman Garrett Parker perform with the jazz band at the spring concert while freshman Brittany Bennett provides accompaniment.
My favorite part of concert band is being a freshman and in first chair for my section. It's a good feeling to be on stage with so many talented musicians. —Senior Starian Porchia

My favorite part of being a drum major was being able to set an example and teach people how to do things properly. It was definitely a learning experience. —Junior Jamie Arnett

With a revived jazz band and a trying schedule of performances, it was a full and active year for the band.

The band kicked off the year with the Tblob Days parade. Junior drum majors Jarred Harrington and Jamie Arnett led the band through downtown Bonner Springs sporting their new warm-up style uniforms.

"The new warm-ups were pretty cool," senior Howard Rollins said. "It gave us something else to wear besides the band uniforms."

Joining the band was the flag team, who also performed with them at home football games.

Led by a solid core of six seniors, the flag team practiced daily during seventh hour and worked hard to perform at a high level.

"Overall, I had a great time," senior captain Rebecca Miller said. "The best part of the year was our new look. We got new flags and uniforms that looked completely different."

Highlights for the band included the addition of a fifth-hour Jazz Band class, which returned to the curriculum after a long absence.

Jazz band has been more than just another class in the schedule.

"Jazz band provides a good sense of knowledge about previous musical influences," junior Donovan Grady said.

"Jazz band teaches you to better yourself with your own instrument, whereas band is more of a group atmosphere."

One of the most important performances for the band was the state music festival where they received a II. All in all, the instrumental music department enjoyed a fine year and provided many excellent opportunities.

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This is how we perform musical expression through instruments

broaden
your horizons

classes offer unique opportunities

From learning tenses to sentence structures, foreign language classes require lots of notetaking, oral practice and memorization. To balance the strenuous aspect of these courses, students are also involved in lots of hands-on activities that expand their knowledge and provide fun cultural awareness.

"I try to apply hands-on projects so that students can demonstrate their knowledge of Spanish in a real-world way," instructor Ann Ramsey said.

Projects in Ramsey’s classes included everything from Day of the Dead books to step-by-step food presentations while Amy Iwert’s classes created family trees and Power Point presentations of famous Latino athletes, to name just a few.

"Making the food in front of the class was pretty cool," said junior Jennifer Barlow, a Spanish III student.

French teacher Marsha Nelson also utilized hands-on activities when possible, and one of the most popular events in French classes is Fat Tuesday, celebrated as part of Mardi Gras. Classes make masks and jesters, prepare special foods, and even select a Mardi Gras king and queen.

"My favorite thing was celebrating Mardi Gras and eating all the delicious food," junior Stephanie Hern said.

Presenting a weather project in Spanish II, junior Cari Frazey holds the map for freshman Tony Camp. Students had to deliver a forecast for a chosen area of Latin America.
Celebrating Day of the Dead the week of Nov. 1 was a major event for all Spanish classes. The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday where families remember their deceased loved ones. Some of the special activities included making poems, books and history boxes.

Eating a bowl of rice, freshman Ricky Torres participates in a Day of the Dead activity in Amy Iwert's class. As part of the week's activities, students in Spanish II traveled to the Mattie Rhodes Art Center to view ofrendas and make skulls out of sugar, which is part of the tradition.

Stuffed their faces, seniors Jake Nelson and Cabe Hilley gather around the table filled with goods. "Tasting all the different foods was great while we had our grande fiesta," Nelson said.

Pouring a bag of chips, junior Danny Thompson gets ready to enjoy snacks with his classmates in Spanish III. Each student brought an item to share at the end of the week. "The variety of food was very appealing," Thompson said. Bringing in the food was an opportunity to earn extra credit.

Concentrating hard, junior Guadalupe Duarte works on putting her book together, which was part of an activity honoring a deceased person. The books were then placed on a class ofrenda.

Looking for items to put on their masks, freshman Joyce Hilario and Kaleb Black get ready to make masks for the Mardi Gras party in French I. "I liked putting all the different things on my mask," Hilario said.

Putting jewels on his jester hat, senior Matt Rivera takes part in an activity for his French IV class taught by Marsha Nelson.
Youth in Government and Reading Lab were two new additions to the English and Social Studies departments this year. The Youth in Government program allowed seniors to get a look at how city, county, state government, and the local school district works, according to Bonner Springs mayor Clausie Smith, who launched the program with the help of city council member Larry Berg. "It's important that young people know about local government," Smith said. "It makes a huge impact on their daily lives."

Speakers from the various government levels visited with the seniors during seminar and in class. "I think that the program was a great enhancement to our American Government curriculum," instructor Jennifer Myers said. "We mostly focus on federal government, so this was a wonderful way for the students to explore both the state and local side more in depth."

The new Reading Lab, under the direction of English teacher Bill Downing, was equally beneficial.

In addition to working with specialized computer reading programs, students selected reading materials that matched their abilities. Downing said. During the semester, they also had to read a novel of their choice that they then discussed with Downing.

"I enjoyed the class because it helped me further my reading skills," junior Jessica Sams said. "The class is expanding in numbers and will change, grow, and adapt just like language does," Downing said.

A Speaking to his class, junior Eric Snider presents a pictorial poster to his seventh hour American History class. Students in Ryan Hull's classes chose from a variety of projects to enlighten their classmates on events in the 1960s. Preparing for Bonner Witch Trials, junior Chelsea Shockey draws on poster board for a project in Meghan Orford's American Literature class. Each year Orford holds the Bonner Witch Trials where students can accuse other students of being 'witches' to demonstrate how personal issues between people often become the real issue.
Working together with her class, freshman Ashley Nachbar tries to make a shelter. After reading "Lord of The Files" in Meghan Orford's English class, students were given 30 minutes to create a shelter and demonstrate how societal roles develop without adults around. As a test reward, sophomore Kyle Toland enjoys a slice of pizza. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who did well on fall assessments were rewarded with a pizza party in the spring.

Informing his classmates, junior Zack Mackey gives a speech on one of Benjamin Franklin's most famous sayings in Jill Holder's first hour American Literature class. "My favorite part of American Literature was the Edgar Allen Poe projects when we were allowed to present one or a collection of his poems," Mackey said. "I believe the group I was in really stretched the wings of creativity when we made our movie. It was a really good time."

imitating the Dr. Phil show, freshmen Brittany Bennett, left, and Valencia Duarte enjoy a 'counseling' session as Romeo and Juliet. Whitney McMahans first hour English class modernized parts of William Shakespeares "Romeo and Juliet" and performed their renditions in front of the student body.

As a requirement for her English class, sophomore Megan Laver reads "To Kill A Mockingbird" in Nancy Baker's seventh hour class. "I really liked the moral of the story and the lesson that you should not judge people," Laver said. With careful concentration, freshman Michelle Hicks studies a map in John Makona's World Geography class. "My classmates made the class fun and Doc's projects were interesting," Hicks said.

Academics 96
what was your 
favorite 
thing during a lab?

► My favorite part of preschool was that I got to interact with kids because I love kids. 
Melissa Burdick, 11

► My favorite thing about Chemistry was seeing the chemical reactions.
Alex Perica, 10

► My favorite thing about Chemistry was that we got to experiment with chemicals on an open flame.
Eric Snider, 11

► My favorite part of doing experiments was when I got to tamper with the chemicals.
Jacob Barton, 9

► Putting on the finishing touches, sophomores Jessica Hoglund, left, and Lisa Rogers finish their sophomore project board. As part of their project research, they conducted an experiment to see how many degrees water temperature would decrease when ice was added. "I liked the fact that you got to choose what you wanted to do, and I liked decorating it [the board]," Hoglund said.

► Squinting to see, freshman Ashley Guggenheim looks into a microscope during a lab in Clay Oakes' AP 1 class. "I like doing labs because it gives them [the students] a first-hand experience," Oakes said.

► Looking through a spectrum, junior Justin Hall examines different colors for a lab in Jacquelyn Leib's Chemistry class. With masks and gloves on, seniors Katy Killingsworth, left, and Kris Russell dissect a cat in Cindy Hayes' Anatomy and Physiology class. "I did like the cat dissection in Ms. Hayes' class," Russell said. "I had a blast, and it was what I was looking forward to the whole year."
While in the dramatic play area, junior Joshua Cutter works with his buddy Merrick during the Child Development preschool program.

learning through labs

hands-on activities dominate block days

Walk through the FACS department or the science department on a block day, and you’re likely to hear and see a variety of sights and sounds.

Both departments use the extended time on Wednesdays and Thursdays to conduct numerous labs. "All students learn differently as all of our brains are wired differently. For many students 'hands-on' is how they learn better. For other students, it can help solidify the knowledge. Good labs provide that," instructor Jacquelyn Leib said.

For many science students, one of the most-anticipated labs is the cat dissection in Cindy Hayes’ Anatomy and Physiology class.

"Most kids think it's cruel to dissect a cat, but it's a lab requirement for the college class, and it’s a really good learning experience," Hayes said. "I don't think you know how fragile the organs are until you have had your hands on the real thing."

Labs in the FACS department involve cooking, sewing or an ever-popular preschool which is available to area children.

"I think [the preschool] gives high-schoolers the chance to develop parenting skills for their future, and they also get to interact with the community beyond the high school setting," instructor Martha Chandley said.

Students enrolled in foods classes enjoy developing new skills and the opportunity to sample a variety of entrees during their block-day labs.

"Students in international Cuisine gain confidence in the kitchen and learn about other cultures," Chandley said. "Students in other cooking classes like New Century Foods love to 'wow' their friends with their creations and compete to see who can produce the best food products."

With care, senior Tabitha Hernandez cuts green peppers to add to her meal in her fourth-hour Foods, Nutrition, and Wellness class. "I really had fun cooking, plus our final was great," Hernandez said. "We had to clean out our kitchens, and then Mrs. Chandley made us a little snack."

Making sure she got it all, freshman LaTrena Floyd looks through her grocery cart at Brewers’ Price Chopper. Students in Martha Chandley’s seventh-hour Consumer Family Resources class went to the store to buy food for the meals they were going to prepare in class.
If you would have asked the new Robotics team, aka the Hot Tamales, how they would fare at regional competition in Denver at the end of March, they would have told you they were "worried." In the words of sophomore Tanner Stark, they were "rookies."

So when the squad found themselves ranked No. 1 out of 48 teams after the first day of competition, they were absolutely elated. However, the team did get off to a rough start when their robot was over the weight limit, so they had to spend hours drilling three-inch holes into it so they could make weight. Their robot, Optimus Prime, then competed against other robots in front of packed arena at the University of Denver.

"The atmosphere in the gym was crazy," said junior Drew Crockett, who was responsible for driving the robot. Despite their inexperience, the team advanced to the final round, where they joined an alliance with two other schools and ultimately finished the competition in second place.

"I nearly fainted when we made it to the finals," sponsor Erin McBride said. "I was so excited I was jumping up and down. I was very proud of the kids."

Funded by a grant from the Kauffman Foundation, the team began building the robot in early January during a six-week build season.

To compete against other teams, the Hot Tamales traveled to Denver March 31-April 2 for the FIRST robotics regional competition, which consisted of 48 teams.

Pausing for a moment, sophomores Tanner Stark, Zach Holder, and Ryan Bush wait for their next match to begin.

Working on the wiring, freshman J.P. Holley finishes up last-minute preparations on Optimus Prime, the robot which was entered in the competition, while sponsors Brian O'Neill, left, and Erin McBride look on.

Concentrating hard, junior Drew Crockett tunes up his skills at driving the robot during at a Feb. 16 open house in the gym. "There was a lot of pressure on me driving. I didn't want to disappoint the team," Crockett said.
striving to stay fit

**P.E. classes offer many opportunities**

With all the new additions to the physical education department, what wasn't there to love? A new co-ed team sports class, new heart monitors, and a new field and track.

The new field, costing the district approximately $620,000, is the biggest change for the department.

"The kids absolutely loved playing on the new field," instructor Kerri Jennings said.

The new surface was added this year thanks to the bond issue that was approved by voters in the fall. The field, made out of synthetic turf, makes it easier to play on.

A co-ed P.E. class, Team Sports, was another new addition to the curriculum. Along with providing another needed elective, Jennings said the course was added after the department looked at programs at other schools and saw they offered co-ed classes.

Of course, there are still the classic P.E. elective classes like Aerobics and Weight Training.

"I took the class to stay in shape and to get my body to look the way I wanted," said Junior Alex Gonzalez of his experience in Weight Training.

Receiving a good grade isn't the only reward for taking P.E. Getting fit and staying healthy is probably the biggest reward for most students.

[Treading through the water] Sophomore Kasie Cook jogs in the YMCA pool during Kerri Jennings' Weight Training course. "We worked out in the pool to do something different and to show students different ways of weight training," Jennings said.

[To get the game going again] Sophomore Cord McGill bounces the ball up. Tennis was just one of the many games students in Weight Training classes played to change the pace of lifting weights every day.

[▲ ▲ Sprinting past the defense] Senior Josie Glenn tries to steer clear of being touched in flag football. "I think it [the co-ed P.E. class] is a lot of fun, because you get to interact with not just all boys or all girls," Glenn said.

[▲ Showing his strength] Junior Josh McConico squats 290 pounds in his P.E. class. "My favorite part of P.E. is when we get to play basketball," McConico said.
While babysitting for staff members, junior Cori Wallace giggles with Ethan Byers, the son of guidance counselor Kristin Byers. "I really enjoyed being involved in NHS. It was just a lot of fun, and I was able to be involved in a lot of different activities throughout the year. I don't really know if I have a favorite part, but I really did enjoy the babysitting," Wallace said.

To earn a National Honor Society point, junior Leslie McConico hands out programs at the induction ceremony.

Helping out, junior Casey Mints plays with Katie Yankovich during the fall parent-teacher conferences. Students in NHS had an opportunity to babysit for their teachers to earn points. "The goggles were pretty sweet, and I had a blast being a little kid again," Mints said. "While distributing snacks, juniors Jobie Buehler and Danny Thompson help out at the blood drive. "My favorite part of National Honor Society was helping people and just being a part of an acclaimed organization," Thompson said.


To become a member of National Honor Society, students must dedicate themselves to the organization's principles: scholarship, leadership, character, and community.

In addition to maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.2, students must earn points by participating in community service projects like donating blood, assisting with senior boards, or helping staff members organize their classrooms.

"I think the community aspect helps students realize how important it is to give back," sponsor Marsha Nelson said.

Nelson said two of the more popular service projects included volunteering at the YMCA during special events and donating quilting supplies to bookkeeper DiAnne Berning, who then made blankets for children at Children Mercy's hospital.

"I'm glad that we could help Mrs. Berning and get points for it. I think it's really helping the community," junior Jarred Harrington said.

The highlight of the year came April 7 when 31 senior members were officially inducted into the organization. Each inductee chose a mentor to accompany them in the candlelight ceremony.

"NHS is a great accomplishment we should all be proud of," senior Jacey Totta said.

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▲▲During the induction ceremony, senior Katy Killingsworth signs her name into the membership book.
▲▲Seniors Alexandra Downey, Nikki Busch, and Jonny Baxter light candles during the ceremony.
▲▲Standing on the stage, senior NHS officers Eric Nelesen, Hilary Johnson, Isaac Carlington, and Alexis Foster receive recognition for their leadership skills.
▲▲With pride, senior Matt Redlin signs his name to signify his new NHS membership.
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“We brought the jazz band back to the high school music program and that was a real highlight.”

Tim Starks, director
a cappella choir


flag team


ecology club

Front Row: Dani Meiers, Esther Shock, Michael Ducey, Dominic Brison, Josh Beck, Chad Way, Jacquelyn Leib.

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mock trial

Front Row: Jonathon Downey, Amber Waite, Daniel Simmons, Alex Downey, Jennifer Myers. 
Row 2: Jacob Barton, Adam Smith, Brandon Logan, Christopher Braswell.

leadership council

Front Row: Michaela Mortensen, Chelsea Crouch, Kisha Dodson, Lisa Zarate, Megan McCully, Shauna Putnam, Alexis Foster, Hilary Johnson, Jacey Totta, Sarah Reyes. 
Row 3: Robert Holter, Matt Redlin, Jon Jones, Joey Schmidt, Jarred Harrington, Brandon Hoch, Ian Seaton, Taryn Lane, Cori Wallace. 
Row 4: Andrew Holder, Patrick Redlin, Jake Nelson, Jonny Baxter, Blake Kasselman, Emmanuel McComb, Danny Thompson, Jobie Buehler, Justin Moulin, Brett Johnson.

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Row 2: Nate Lloyd, Isaac Mills, Matt Ingenthron, Drew Foster, Steven Beck, Alex Perica, Derrick Babcock. 
Row 3: Merchy Lukas, Jon Jones, Keven Courtney, Adam Smith, Justin Moulin, Michael Cooper.

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Front Row: Chelsea Simmons, Brian Padrill, Christina Mortensen, Amy Pino. 
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Row 3: Adam Smith, Howard Rollins, Chris Mattox, Alex Courts, Jon Jones.

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Getting words of wisdom from senior Jeff Hern, the boys swim team prepares for their meet against Lawrence Free State. The highlight of the season was the six state consideration times hit during the year.
The last-second thrillers that made us celebrate or cry...

The team mottos and sayings that helped to bring unity among the players...

Leaving it all out there and having no regrets at the end of every game...

The thing that tied us all together was being an athlete...

This is... **how we play**
Senior captain Emmanuel McComb pursues the Gardner running back in the second game of the season on Sept. 16. McComb had the second-most tackles in the Kansas City area with 60. He also had 50 assists.

Struggling to break free, sophomore Anthony Brown makes his move for extra yardage after an interception in the season opener. Brown had a big impact on the defensive side of the ball. Getting advice, senior Jake Nelson tries to get some tips before the next snap. Nelson ended the season with 773 yards passing and eight touchdowns.

Focusing in, seniors hold hands while waiting for the coin toss. Travis Hubbel and Emmanuel McComb were captains all year while the other two switched each game. Hitting hard, seniors Travis Hubbel and Andy Martin stop the Piper running back for a loss of yardage. The Braves went on to beat the Pirates, 26-21.
FUGO: fight, focus, and finish until the game is over. This was the motto for the football program and served to motivate the athletes as the season wore on. "FUGO symbolizes to not give up and work hard until the game is over," senior Blake Kasselman said.

This year's team seemed a little closer to each other than those in previous years. In addition to using FUGO for motivation, the team also followed the motto, "Team first and myself second" as another means of motivating themselves. "I was happy with how the team worked and the never-quit attitude we had," senior captain Travis Hubbel said.

Thursday night dinners prepared by the players' parents also helped to build unity off the field. "I thought that the dinners helped bring the team closer together, and the fried chicken was excellent," senior Jon Jones said.

Despite finishing with a 2-7 record, there were bright spots on both sides of the ball.

Offensively, the team was led by sophomore Tyler Jock, who picked up 1,014 yards rushing on 142 carries to become the first 1,000-yard rusher since 1996. Jock also led the team in scoring with 10 touchdowns.

Defensively, senior captain Emmanuel McComb had another outstanding season, leading the team in tackles and assists. "He [McComb] had another outstanding season overall. He had to learn a new position this year and he progressed very well as the year went on," head coach Lew Kasselman said.

Hubbel was right on McComb's tail with 47 tackles and 43 assists. Hubbel also was a big force on the offensive line.

Overall, the team improved in several different aspects, and they hope to keep it up for next season.
Timing her jump, senior Irina Walpen goes up to block a kill by a Eudora player during regional play at Tonganoxie. "Back home I used to play for a club, so I wasn't used to playing for a school and that was a big difference," Walpen said.

Celebrating a point, the Bravettes huddle together and give each other encouragement at the Tonganoxie Invitational Sept. 24. "I thought the team was strong, and I can't wait until next season," junior Janee Ingenthon said. Screaming loudly, senior Lisa Zarate shows her intensity after a point. Zarate shared the team lead with a serving percentage of 97.

A returning letterwinner, senior Tiffany Moppin gets mentally ready before serving on Senior Night. "Senior Night was bittersweet for me," Moppin said. "It's hard leaving something you've done for so long."

Reaching out, sophomore Sadie Kelly and freshman Nancy DeLeon hustle after the ball at a home JV match. "It was different for me playing with the upperclassmen, but I had a great time," DeLeon said.

Stuffing the opponent, junior Christina Delladio tries to block the ball against Mill Valley. Delladio led the team with 67 stuff blocks and 100 kills. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, Bonner Springs Chieftain)
With a core of returning players and the addition of foreign exchange student senior Irina Walpen, the Bravettes had a lot of experience to draw upon this year.

Despite a series of heart-breaking losses at the start of the season and an overall record of 13-43, the team's play improved steadily.

"The year went well," head coach Jo Wiseman said. "The girls worked very hard and although their record does not reflect their effort, they took some traditionally good teams to three games. They played together as a team and all of them improved their skills."

Even though the wins were difficult to come by, the team remained upbeat.

"The team definitely had some ups and downs," sophomore Janelle Lira said. "One way we stayed positive was by always giving encouragement on and off the court.

Lira said another way that the team stayed positive and built unity was to eat together at Mr. Goodcents.

"It gave us a good chance to bond and get energized before our games," Lira said. "This season was more successful than last season because of the team itself. We worked harder and all got along with each other. We were a very united team and we always had a lot of fun together, on and off the court."

The team had a tough schedule, but toward the end all the hard work paid off when they came away with a first-place finish in the last tournament of the regular season.

Statistically, junior Christina Delladio led the team with 53 touches and 67 stuff blocks. Delladio also had 100 kills while seniors Lisa Zarate and Irina Walpen led the team in serving percentage.

"The four seniors [Tiffany, Sara, Irina, and Lisa] were the coolest seniors ever," Delladio said.
With a corner kick, junior Derrick Babcock puts the ball in motion to set his team up for a goal. "The biggest difference between this year and last year is that there was no tension on the team and when it came down to it, we rose up to the occasion against good teams," Babcock said.

Groaning hard, sophomore Alex Perica throws the ball in for the first victory over against Mill Valley. "The team worked really well together and it seemed more like hanging out with friends instead of practicing," Perica said. Shimming through defenders, senior Jonny Baxter blows by two Jaguar defenders. Baxter led the team in goals for the past two years with 30.

Pushing and kicking, sophomore Ryan Bush struggles to break free and pass the ball against Tonganoxie. "We were a lot smarter and more experienced, and I was impressed with Ethan Isaacs because he did tremendous for being a freshman," Bush said. Focusing intently, senior Eric Nielsen pulls out some fancy footwork against the Jaguars. "The team played with a lot of heart and left everything on the field every game," Nielsen said.

Avoiding a shove, sophomore Clayton McCully tries to hold off a Lansing forward in the Sept. 26 home opener. McCully was selected Best Defensive Player by his teammates at the end of the season.
With "Tanque de Gasolina" by Daddy Yankee blaring in the background, the soccer team got mentally prepared to kick off each game.

"I was inspired by the inspirational beats of the song," Junior Dylan Tuckel said.

"When I introduced the song to the team, they loved it."

Despite the constant struggle to overcome injuries to senior captains Johnny Baxter and Eric Nielsen, many of the younger players had to step up and show confidence and leadership.

"It was hard to sit-idly by and encourage my team on," said Nielsen, who missed three games.

Yet with numerous improvements during the year, the team achieved many goals: they were WyCo Tournament champions for the second straight year and finished the season with a 15-4 record, the best in school history. They also tied for their first-ever Kaw Valley League championship with Lansing and Mill Valley.

The icing on the cake came with a dramatic 3-1 victory at home over the DeSoto Wildcats for a regional crown.

"The season turned out great, because all of the players had the same goals in mind and went out refusing to fail," Baxter said.

Their season came to a hard-fought end when they played the Maranatha Eagles, losing 2-0 at home, in the first round of the sub-state playoffs.

It was because of the unique bond they formed as a team that the Braves felt they were able to compete with anybody.

"Our team had great chemistry, and it was a season never to be forgotten with all that we achieved," Junior center midfielder Jobie Buehler said.
Running in stride, Juniors Matt Caquelin and Josh McConico and sophomore Alex Perica stay in a pack to finish in the top 20 at the league meet Oct. 13, which was hosted by Basehor-Linwood. The entire boys varsity finished within the top 17 places and took second as a team.

Pushing through pain, junior Dylan Tuckel heads to his first-ever state finish with a time of 19:54. A steady contributor, Tuckel medaled three times throughout the season. Working together, freshmen Chance Crawford and Alex Soto run stride for stride at Bishop Miege on Oct. 1. They finished second and third respectively for the junior varsity team.

Freshman Nancy DeLeon looks only to the path ahead while finishing her first race ever at Topeka Hayden. Junior Joey Schmidt races to a 15th-place finish at league. According to coach Bill Downing, Schmidt was the team’s most consistent runner. Sticking together, senior Hillary Johnson, left, and freshman Call Hackney fly through the Miege course. Johnson was the team’s only senior.

Under the gun, junior Derrick Babcock, front, and sophomore James Carter make their way through a sea of runners at state, which was held at Hawatha. “Going to state was definitely the high point of my season,” Carter said, who finished with the team’s best time at 18:13.
testing each other and pushing for state competition

Listen to Downing and work your hardest.
That was the resounding theme for the cross country squad and it paid off.

With loads of talent coming from the experienced runners and the new runners alike, the boys varsity team placed second at regionals and then continued on to make their first appearance at state in five years.

"[State] was a great experience and it will make us better runners for next season," junior Derrick Babcock said.

Going to state was a goal that the cross country team has been running towards for years and they will continue to strive for it, as a team.

"We are a team that is close to each other not only as friends, but in abilities as well," junior Danny Thompson said.

Through this physical and emotional bond, the cross country team pushed each other in practices and meets.

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Running against each other paid off for the team and for one individual in particular. Sophomore James Carter was one of the new runners this season, but beat out the more experienced runners to take the team’s spot as the top runner at regionals and state.

"I just tried to keep up with the people in front of me," Carter said.

"Derrick and Joey set the pace."

Sophomore Sadie Kelly, the squad’s top girl runner, is already planning for next year.

"I want to go to state next year," Kelly said.

Kelly is not the only runner who has big plans for next year.

"I believe if we work our bodies to the limits we will do even better next year," junior Jarred Harrington said.

Others try not to be so confident.

"Who knows – getting back to state would be nice. No predictions… it’s bad luck," head coach Bill Downing said.

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**Cross Country. Front Row:** Seth Clements, Isaac Mills, Cali Hackney, Hillary Johnson, Meghan Miller, Josh Cook, Adam Shirley, Garrett Parker.

**Row 2:** Bryce Peterson, Chance Crawford, Matt Caquelin, Branden McMahon, Brett Johnson, Philip Shirley, Joey Schmidt, Derrick Babcock, Ethan Jenkins.

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**cross country 115**
Stepping forward, senior Hanne Dybesland saves the point with an impressive lob. "The season didn't look so bright in the beginning, but our team did really good in the last tournaments," Dybesland said.

Reaching high, junior Michaela Kroh shows off her serve to her opponent. "It's always so much fun going to the Mexican restaurant after the Lawrence meet," Kroh said. Returning the ball, junior Courtney D'Anieri scoops up a low shot. "As a first-time player, it was difficult for me to jump in and be up to pace with everyone else, but I improved a lot as the season went on," D'Anieri said.

Eyes on the ball, junior Stephanie Hern returns the ball with a forehand. "We lost some great seniors, but the juniors of this year will be experienced enough to take their spots," Hern said.

Planting her feet, sophomore Chelsea Crouch shows off her talent. "It felt good to join the team for the first time and have a varsity spot," Crouch said. Junior Lindsay Blasche pulls back for a killer backhand. "It was a new experience being on varsity this year. I was challenged more," Blasche said.

Jumping for a high ball, senior Hillary Johnson returns her opponent's shot during a home meet. "Taking first at our Bonner invitational was definitely the highlight of my season," Johnson said.
The girls tennis team got off to a rough start, losing six seniors from the previous year. However, that wasn’t going to stop them from reaching their goals and having an enjoyable time while on the court.

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**Overall Record**

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**Varsity/JV Tennis. Front Row:** Manager Kris Russell, Jessica Langley, Katy Killingsworth, Hilary Johnson, Hanne Dybesland. **Row 2:** Chelsea Crouch, Becky Stude, Audrey Folk, Stephanie Hern, Stephanie Conn, Courtney D'Anieri, Brittny Bennett. **Row 3:** Coach Deb Loker, Lindsay Blasche, Carmen Claiborn, Michaela Kroh, Kelsey Stanbrough, Janness Kalousek, Felisha Leipard, Head Coach Bill Scott.
Month before the school year began, the junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders were hard at work perfecting their camp routines. In July, they spent three days at Kansas State University at the NCA cheer camp.

Not only did they attend camp at a new place, but they went with a new varsity squad with the exception of senior captain Kristina Luke.

Fortunately, the squad learned quickly and by the end of the week they had received many team, jump, and stunt awards. However, the best recognition by far was the ‘Most Improved’ team award.

“We were a completely new squad, so it was hard getting used to everyone and getting the feel of everything,” junior Cassity Mitchell said. “When we won Most Improved, it showed how all of our hard work and determination paid off.”

But this year’s group wasn’t only girls: senior Jeremy Davis and junior Philip Shirley helped give the squad the extra push and muscle for some of the more power-driven stunts.

After football season, the squad felt the need to expand and held mid-year tryouts which added one new member to varsity, junior Jill Schuetz, and three new girls to junior varsity: freshmen SyKnese Fields, Kathryn Christwell, and Tiara Jones.

“It wasn’t hard catching up, but I did have problems with stunting, which I got used to after awhile,” Fields said. “I’m glad I got the chance to participate.”

Once the squad was finally complete, they went back to work, preparing for the Kaw Valley League Cheer Festival held at Mill Valley on Jan. 28 and the Heart of America Cheer Festival held at Topeka High School on Feb. 11.

“This was the first year we had been to a competition in awhile, so it was entertaining to see the college squads in action,” senior Kristina Luke said.
During a basketball game against Immaculata, freshman Aubree Miller and junior Jill Schuetz dance to the rhythm of the pep band. "I was glad to be able to join the squad since I switched schools at the start of the year. I've had a lot of fun cheering in the past," Schuetz said.

Staying sharp, sophomore Brando Ventura, senior Kristina Luke, and junior Cassidy Mitchell perform a dance during a home basketball game. "Being captain was extremely challenging. I had to teach everything to the squad, and in the past I was always the one getting taught," Luke said.

Before the Tiblow Day parade, sophomores Brandi Ventura and Keeley Kindred-Hawkins practice their moves. "Firing up the crowd, junior varsity cheerleaders Tania Rios, Neena Isley, Brittany Bennett, and Alexis Crumrine cheer at their first home football game.

Showing his strength, senior Jeremy Davis holds freshman Nancy Garcia in a chair sit during the homecoming game against Mill Valley. "Baring the chilly weather, junior Cassidy Mitchell and senior Meghan Hahn cheer at a home soccer game against Tonganoxie."
a new coach, a new outlook

It was a year of change and new ideas. After years of the dance program being sponsored by Lisa Terrell and Kristin Byers, newcomer Whitney McMahan was ready for the challenge.

"Coming into this year, I had a lot of goals for the girls," McMahan said. "One of those was having better self-esteem and second a better reputation with the crowd."

To kick off the year, the girls participated in the NDA summer dance camp held at the high school and received a superior rating for their dance ability.

"Camp was a lot of fun," sophomore Alyssa Kelly said. "It gave us all a chance to bond and learn new dance techniques. I also loved playing the games at the end."

This year the team was led by captain Michelle Knight and co-captain Jen Fowler.

"Being tossed into the leader position unexpectedly I felt that I had to be more confident and positive," Fowler said."

After the end of football season, the team thought it was important to add new dancers to the squad of only nine. Joining the team were senior Jessi Langley, junior Samantha Cannon, sophomores Audrey Folk and Ashley Yerich and freshman Kaley Withers.

"It was fun being added to the team because I knew all the girls, and I had already been on the team before," Cannon said. "It was fun with a new coach and learning new things."

To build their repertoire and experiences, the team participated in the Sunflower State Cheer and Dance Festival on Feb. 4 in Concordia.

They took two dances from very different genres: a jazz dance to "Fever" and a hip-hop mix. The team came home with two trophies: a Judge’s Award for the hip-hop dance and a Sweepstakes trophy.

The team ended the year with a team banquet held at the high school.
While performing a hip-hop dance choreographed by their coach, the team dazzles the crowd at the Oct. 14 football game. "I wasn't planning on making up a dance, but seeing the girls' faces when they walked off the field was awesome," coach Whitney McMahan said.

While keeping their balance, the team attempts to raise their legs at 90-degree angles during the Oct. 21 football game. "The dance would have been great if our music would have worked," sophomore Shayla Meseke said.

To set an example for the little girls, freshman Kaley Withers dances alongside her group. Sponsorship of the "Little Dancer Clinic" is an annual event. Seniors Alexis Foster and Jen Fowler put on a smile for their senior dance to "Fever."

In position, members of the team prepare to perform a novelty cowboy dance choreographed by coach Whitney McMahan. Hitting their final pose, sophomore Shayla Meseke and junior Lindsey Meier relish in the moment after they complete a hip-hop dance choreographed by several members of the squad.
Although they didn’t necessarily meet every goal, the boys’ basketball team still had many reasons to feel good about all they accomplished.

“We had very high goals and even though we came up short, we still had a solid season,” head coach Andy Price said.

The squad had the luxury of five returning seniors, who all played for four years and who contributed heavily to a 13-9 record this season.

Unfortunately, the Braves got off to a rough start, losing three of their first four games. However, the team persevered and started winning.

Eventually, the Braves finished third in the Kaw Valley League with an 8-5 mark.

“The team is like a second family to me,” senior point guard Jeff Hills said. “We all get along great, which makes it more fun to play together and more fun to win together.”

With their successes, the Braves had to weather some heart-breaking defeats.

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Gripping tightly, senior Nick White holds on to the ball between two Imac defenders. White was a returning letterwinner and a two-year starter on the varsity team.

Flying to the basket, junior Chris Callahan lays the ball in during a game against Immaculata. This was Callahan’s first year on the varsity basketball team and although he had an injury-plagued season, Callahan still shot 50 percent on the year.

Slashing to the basket, senior Josh Palcher glides in for a layup during a game at Tonganoxie. “Being back with the ‘Fab Five’ made my senior year even better,” Palcher said. Giving directions, coach Andy Price draws up a play for his team in the Basehor Tournament. At the end of the season, Price announced he would step down as the head coach, so he could spend more time with his family.

Preparing to fire a jump shot, junior Matt Caquelin shoots over a Lansing player. “Varsity was more exciting and played at a faster pace than junior varsity,” Caquelin said. Shaking a defender, senior Jeff Hills dribbles up the court against a Holton opponent. Hills led the team with 103 assists on the year.
With every bounce, every assist, every blocked shot, and every swish, the Bravettes basketball team started off the season hoping to make great strides.

With little doubt, the girls were mentally ready to take on the challenge of a successful season and to meet their goal of finishing in the Kaw Valley League's top three, which they achieved with a 12-10 record.

"I'm very happy with our team's successful season because we surprised other teams and accomplished more than previous years," coach Garold Baker said.

Utilizing strengths came as no option to the young squad. Some had to learn unfamiliar positions, but were eager to show off their ability, and it seemed as if their determination continued to grow.

"It feels good to be needed and the fact that I improved from last year makes starting this season better," said junior Christina Delladio, who had to learn to play the post position in her first varsity season.

Despite some tough losses that did discourage the team, the squad tried to work harder and made no excuses. The girls realized they had to utilize the time left in the season and make not only routine plays, but big plays to win.

"We played our hearts out and a lot of the girls stepped it up this season," senior Sarah Reyes said.

One player in particular who stepped it up was senior captain Hilary Johnson. Not only did she break her own record for three-pointers in a game with seven against Perry-Lecompton, but also ended her career with 116 three-pointers, also the most in school history.

"It feels great breaking the three-point record and knowing that I will be remembered for my basketball records," Johnson said.

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At attempting a spin move, sophomore Kelsey Stanbrough tries to penetrate for a shot attempt. Stanbrough led the team with 257 points and 56 free throws.

Dribbling with intensity, junior Tiffany Starks drives hard to the lane. Starks distributed the ball for 53 assists on the season.

Taking it up strong, junior Christina Delladito attempts a shot over a St. Teresa’s forward. Delladito finished the year with 22 blocked shots and 111 boards. Hoping for a victory, sophomores Holly Luke (left) and Sadie Kelly (right) along with senior Sarah Reyes (center) hold hands during the second round of sub-state against Tonganoxie. In one of their stronger games of the year, the Bravettes had number one seeded Tonganoxie on the ropes, but ultimately lost 36-32 in the game’s final seconds.

Struggling to break free, sophomore Chelsea Crouch attempts to pass to a teammate around a Topeka Seaman defender in the Bonner Springs Metro Prep Classic. The team finished in sixth place at the tournament.

Preparing to pass the ball, senior captain Hilary Johnson waits for a teammate to get open. One of two seniors leading the team, Johnson had 42 three-pointers, her specialty, and 169 points overall.

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This is a young team... Throughout the year this was a phrase often shared between members of the wrestling team.

"Our lack of wrestling experience was our biggest obstacle," coach Dan Burns said, "but we had courage and braveness."

Leading the team with their own courage were the seniors: Travis Hubbel, Mitch Lewis, and Robert Smith. Together they worked hard to encourage the younger members while striving for excellence.

"I would say that most of the younger wrestlers definitely looked up to us," said Smith. "And we led by example."

Along with junior Ian Seaton, Lewis did just that and continued on to state competition where Seaton wrestled his way to a fourth-place semifinal finish.

"State was great," Lewis said. "It was the best tournament of the year." Seaton shared the same feelings.

"State was great because Mitch and I got to go," Seaton said. "But I hated losing in the semifinals."

Overall, the team finished in the top ten 13 times, and all but one of those finishes was a top five finish. Nearly all the wrestlers have claimed that the hard work they put forth in practice and at meets contributed to their success.

"We were more competitive and everything was on the line," junior Alex Silvers said.

Looking back on the season, coach Burns agrees on the reason for success.

"We worked hard and were committed to improving," Burns said.

With 6 a.m. practices most of the season and meets that lasted all day long, the team had to be fully committed.

But with all the high points in the season came the lows, and despite the efforts by the wrestlers, the season brought a 1-8 dual record.
Putting a move on his opponent, senior Robert Smith smashes the face of one of his opponents. Smith had 20 takedowns over his four-year career.

Trying to get out of a move, freshman Nick Mance has trouble with a fellow wrestler. Mance had three escapes in his debut wrestling season. Facing off against his opponent, senior Mitch Lewis waits to make his next move. Lewis was a four-year wrestler and was one of two wrestlers to represent the team at state. Screaming in agony, sophomore Samuel Mace tries to break free from his opponent's move. Mace was a first-year wrestler who enjoyed success on varsity with 12 takedowns.

Being picked up in the air, senior Travis Hubbel fights with one of his foes. Hubbel was a two-year varsity wrestler for the team and finished his career with a 13-36 record. Preparing to make a move, junior Ian Seaton squares off against one of his opponents. Seaton finished the year with a 26-16 record.
Pancakes, sausage, pancakes, sausage, pancakes, sausage... what do we like better? Pancakes... 1, 2, 3... rock hard, Bonner."

The boys swim team is famous for its pre-meet breakdowns, and this year's chant held up to that unique standard.

"We all like pancakes, and we got bored and did stupid things, so that's how it came about," senior captain Andrew Holder said.

Led by a strong core of six seniors, the team had a stellar season.

"I was most impressed with our fourth-place finish at the Independent League Championships because we were competing with bigger schools," Coach Wanda Simchuk said.

There were also three school records broken. Senior captain Andrew Holder broke his own record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.84, while junior co-captain Jarred Harrington eclipsed his previous best in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:44.32.

Although they didn't swim the event until the last race of the last home meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Holder, Harrington, and seniors Jeff Hern and Matt Redlin set a new mark at 3:45.84.

In addition, the swimmers recorded state consideration times in six different events. Unfortunately, the swimmers did not make it into the state competition.

"I was a little disappointed but okay with it at the same time. I would have liked to end my senior year going to state," said Hern, who still had an impressive season.

In terms of points, Harrington finished with 319 and close behind was Holder with 306. Hern had 298 points.

"I feel like we performed great this year and had a lot of fun. Jeff, Andrew, and myself have been swimming for four years together and it has been awesome," senior Robert Holter said.

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Robert Holter, 12
Swimming strong, senior Jeff Hern competes in the 100-yard freestyle. Hern recorded his best time in the event at home against Washington with a 53:12. (Photo by Todd Simchuk)

In crazy Spiderman pants, seniors Matt Redlin and Matt Haas relax at Leavenworth before their next event. "I really didn't have an opinion on them, but they were crazy, and I had a amusing time wearing them," Haas said. Gaping for air, sophomore Alex Pencik swam both the 200- and 400-yard relays in his first swimming season.

Cheesing, senior Robert Holter finishes with a 1:18.59 in the breaststroke at Free State. Holter ended his year with 221 points. Swimming the 500, junior Jarred Harrington breaks his own record with a 5:44.32. "I feel like I improved drastically with the course of the team," Harrington said.

Leaning back, senior Andrew Holder swims the 100-yard backstroke, his specialty. Holder had state consideration times in both the backstroke and 50-yard freestyle. (Photo by Todd Simchuck) Swinging his arms, junior Danny Thompson swims the 100-yard breaststroke at Lawrence Free State with a time of 1:22.55. "I think that I did well this year. I came out stronger this year and that really helped me with taking off time," Thompson said.
With a strong effort, senior Katie Carlyle swims the 100-yard freestyle. Carlyle recorded her best time at 1:08, six seconds faster than last year. “I’m going to miss swim team so much, especially the new freshmen. I wish I could have swum with them longer,” Carlyle said.

Pulling hard, freshman Aubree Miller swims the backstroke. Although it was her first year on the team, Miller finished fourth in points at 319. With all her might, freshman Joyce Hilario swims the butterfly at a home meet. “It was really fun,” Hilario said. “I liked meeting new teammates, and the meets were a blast.”

Senior Jacey Totta competes fully in the freestyle. “We did the best we ever have done. It was an exciting and encouraging season,” Totta said.

Diving in, junior Ally Venerable enters the water for her leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay while senior Katie Carlyle looks on and junior Janie Ingelthorn finishes up. Along with junior Jill Schuetz, the relay team finished ninth at the Independent League Championships.

With intensity, freshman Monica Sorensen re-enters the water after a breaststroke turn. Sorensen was one of six freshmen to earn a varsity letter.
There is a first time for everything, and for the Bravettes swim team this was definitely true. The squad kicked off the year with the biggest squad ever reporting for practice and early into the season captured their first team victory ever at Washington.

The success continued throughout the season, and the squad went on to earn two more first-place finishes at home meets. "It was exciting," head coach Wanda Simchuk said of the team’s successful season. "With 30 swimmers, we had lots of depth and scored lots of points. The girls had never won a meet before and beat some good teams. I was also impressed with the healthy competition between swimmers and the wonderful way they always supported each other."

The team returned four experienced senior swimmers, who were thrilled with the outcome this year.

"The season exceeded my expectations... and overall we had lots more fun."

Coach Simchuk had coached the biggest team she had coached, and I loved being a part of it because I made some great friends," senior Janae Bailey said.

The squad also received a boost from a strong group of freshman swimmers, who made an immediate impact. For example, freshman Kaley Withers set a new record in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:14.84. Withers was also a part of two record-setting relay teams. The 200-yard medley relay team consisting of freshman Joyce Hilario, senior Jacey Totta, junior Ally Venerable and Withers set a new mark at 2:14.59 while the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Venerable, Totta, Withers and freshman Aubree Miller rewrote the record books with a 4:36.42.

Even though there were more swimmers sharing the lanes at practice, the bond was strong.

"This year’s team was the biggest Coach Simchuk had coached, and I loved being a part of it because I made some great friends," senior Janae Bailey said.
All eyes on the pitcher, sophomore Tyler Joe awaits the next delivery. "Tyler was a great weapon for us both offensively and defensively," coach Rick Moulin said.

Making contact, senior Matt Rivera puts the ball into play against Perry-Lecompton. Rivera hit .277 and knocked in 13 runs for the Braves.

Blocking the throw, senior Mitch Lewis takes one for the team to keep the ball in front of him and save a run. "This season was a lot of fun. We worked hard, and we played hard," Lewis said.

Watching the ball, junior Willie Wilson lays down the perfect bunt against Atchison. Wilson had the third highest batting average at .413.

Making the tag, senior Patrick Redlin receives a throw from fellow senior Jeff Hern to pick off a runner. A versatile player, Redlin pitched for the Braves and also played shortstop and outfield.

With a full stride, senior Jeff Hern pushes off the mound to fire a fastball by an Atchison hitter. The Braves' top pitcher, Hern recorded 52 strikeouts.
strong senior core leads braves

With a new-and-improved field and a nucleus of seven strong seniors, the baseball team enjoyed an outstanding season and changed the image of Braves' baseball.

"The new grass infield has made a tremendous impact on our program," coach Rick Moulin said. "It makes the field more attractive and helps us defensively."

This year's team also had a different swagger. They went into every game knowing that they could win instead of going in thinking they could win.

The Braves started the season strong with perfect games from seniors Jake Nelson and Patrick Redlin and freshman Chance Crawford.

"Getting a perfect game my first start of the year gave me a lot of confidence," Redlin said. "I had a good defense, and I was able to spot my stuff. I had everything working."

This team put together an 11-10 record and a third-place league finish.

"I thought the season went really well. We worked really hard and had a good time," junior Jared Ruby said.

Sophomore Tyler Jock led the team in hitting with a .489 average. Senior Jeff Hern was close behind with a .460 average and was also the team leader in home runs with six and RBIs with 22.

A major highlight for the team came when they participated in the Frank White High School Classic and beat rival Basehor-Linwood 7-2 at Kauffman Stadium.

Regionals were once again held at Community America Ballpark, and the Braves lost an extra-inning heartbreaker to Piper, 7-6.

"We didn't go as far as we wanted, but we had no regrets," Moulin said.

Moulin said he will always remember the team's strong senior leadership.

"This is a special group of seniors. These guys are passionate about baseball and have worked really hard. I am proud to be their coach," Moulin said.
Reaching for the ball, senior Tiffany Moppin attempts to turn a double play during a home game. Moppin switched from shortstop to third base to second base during her high school career.

With a backhand, junior Tiffany Starks closes her glove on the ball during a home game against Lansing. Starks had four doubles and led the team in runs scored with 14. Scooping up the ball, sophomore Chelsea Crouch makes a routine stop while playing third base. Crouch led the team with 14 stolen bases and a batting average of .264.

Executing a bunt, freshman Starian Porchia advances the runners. Porchia stepped it up and learned how to "slap and drag" during the season. "It was a blast, yet frustrating at the same time to learn so many things in such little time," Porchia said. Throwing hard, sophomore Sadie Kelly pitches a strike against Mill Valley. Kelly lead the team in wins with five.

Down and dirty, senior Melina Schindel slides into home to score the last run in a 7-3 victory over the Bishop Ward Cyclones. Schindel played a key role in the outfield as one of only two returning seniors.
frozen ropes

tsquad strives for perfection

Young yet talented, inexperienced yet confident, the Bravettes softball team hit off the season not only with new players, but with new coaches to go along with the rebuilding year.

"We started off 2-4 before we finally started to work together as a team," junior Samantha Cannon said.

Knowing there would times of struggle and countless hours of hard work they'd put in, the girls knew the only key to success was to buy into new head coach Shawn Hall's system of "Little Things Matter."

"In fact, there are no such things as little things in softball, everything is huge," Hall said. "Every play could be the decisive play, the one that changes the outcome of the game."

In the past, the Bravettes lacked confidence and leadership, but with talented players ready to take on new roles, the team knew it was just a matter of time until things fell into place.

"When the team came together as a whole everyone had positive attitudes and we played better," senior Melina Schindel said. "We went out there and had fun and that's what it's all about."

Not only did the returning players step it up, but so did the inexperienced freshman when they needed it the most. With the loss of the two seniors late in the season, young players were thrown to the varsity level for the last few games.

"It felt good to play at the next level, but varsity was a little faster and it made it harder to adjust," freshman Anna Nelson said.

With the addition of the freshmen, the softball team won their first game in regionals against the Sumner Academy Sabres, but lost 9-0 in the second round to the Tonganoxie Chieftains, ending their season with an 8-14 record.

"We will have strong senior leadership next year that will influence the younger players to work hard every day," Hall said. "I expect to take two steps forward."


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Hitting in stride, senior Kris Russell returns a shot during the Mill Valley Invitational. Russell was one of only two seniors to play all four years.

With eyes wide open, senior Isaac Garlington prepares to return a shot against an opponent. Garlington enjoyed much success this season, taking two fourth-place finishes and a first-place finish at the Leavenworth Invitational.

Up on his toes, senior Andrew Holder attempts a behind-the-back shot. Holder was known for keeping the team laughing with his funny stunts and sayings. Eyeing the ball, junior Danny Thompson waits to hit a forehand during a match. Thompson finished third in No. 1 singles at the Leavenworth Invitational.

Hopping on one leg, junior Justin Moulin prepares to smash a shot back at one of his opponents. Moulin played doubles with partner Kris Russell most of the year and took third in No. 2 doubles at Mill Valley. Hitting a backhand, senior Keven Courtney focuses on his shot. Courtney started off the season No. 5 on the ladder.
experience is key to team’s success

With a strong core of seven seniors to lead the way, the season looked to be very successful. The team had plenty of experience and leadership to pass on to all the younger members of the team.

"I played all four years, so I felt I had plenty of knowledge," senior Kris Russell said.

The tennis courts were kept fun and alive with all the guys trying to laugh and keep an upbeat attitude about practice.

"We made the practices fun with playing music, dancing around, and acting goofy," senior Jon Jones said.

The season started out with all but the top two varsity spots open for grabs. By the end of the season a lot of moving up and down the ladder had been done and the team finally found their top six.

"I was really excited to be on varsity and play at Leavenworth," junior Branden McMahon said.

Whoever was in the top six, though, they found a way to win. The team took first place at the Leavenworth Invitational, which they had not won since the 2003 season and had won only five times before that. They also took third in the Bonner Springs Invitational and fourth at the Mill Valley Invitational.

"The Bonner Invitational was good, but the Leavenworth Invitational was even better," junior Danny Thompson said. "Winning is a lot more fun."

At regionals in Topeka the team’s success that carried throughout the year came to a quick end. Everyone lost in the first round except for senior Isaac Garlington, who fell in the second round against a German foreign exchange student from Wamego. Still, the squad made a strong showing at regionals but all the hard work proved to just not be enough.

"Going out in the second round was a little disappointing, but I gave it my all," Garlington said.

The team posted a 7-2 record this year and has a 25-4 record over the past four years.
Working together, sophomores Felisha Leopard and Kieara Williams complete a clean hand-off at the Eudora invitational. Overall, the girls took eighth at the meet.

Focusing his strength, senior Emmanuel McComb heaves the shot put at Tonganoxie in his final regular track meet for the Braves. McComb was a four-time state qualifier. Jumping consistently, sophomore Alyssa Kelly hurdles her way down the track. For the second year, Kelly was the only female hurdler.

Pushing the threshold, junior Eddie McClain leaps his way to a first-place finish at the Eudora Invitational. McClain was undefeated in the high jump through regionals.

Sprinting forward, sophomore L.T. Lee takes off down the track at the Bonner Invitational in an explosion of energy. Lee was a member of the 4x100 relay team that set a school record at 43.5.

Spraying sand, junior Anthony Brown competes in the long jump at a home meet. While Brown missed state qualification in the long jump by an inch, he competed in the triple jump.
Although it was worth the wait, the track team began its season without a place to practice. Renovations to the football field and track took longer than expected, forcing the team to train at other locations. Despite this rough start, the team practiced hard, which enabled them to succeed during their seven meets and continue their success in league, regional, and state competition.

"Practices were long, hard, and often hot, but the harder the practices were the better we performed. The coaches worked us hard, no exceptions," sophomore Michael Bille said.

There were many members on the boys' side who excelled individually, but it was the entire team that earned four first-place overall finishes.

In fact, the boys' team had all top five finishes and took first in league, while the girls' had top ten finishes in all but one of their meets.

"The kids were talented and had a desire to succeed," head coach Jim Mitchell said.

That desire to succeed sent 12 athletes to the state meet at Wichita.

Junior Eddie McClain tied the school record at state in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches and placed second.

"I was ranked as second for state and got second—and even though first would have been better, I can settle for second," McClain said.

Junior Christina Delladio competed in the high jump, placing fifth. "I stepped it up for state because I was really sick of losing, and I did my best," Delladio said.

The high jump wasn't the only area in which the state competitors did well. Junior Anthony Brown was seventh in triple jump, senior Kevin Venerable was seventh in the 100 meters and the 4x100 relay team of sophomores James Carter and Michael Bille, junior Josh McConico and senior Jonny Baxter earned a sixth-place medal.
One of two seniors, Chris Mattox gets ready to drive the ball. Mattox's best meet was at Lansing, but he had fond memories of his final season on many other occasions. "This year's team had its ups and downs, but we were always there for each other. If somebody had a bad round, there was always someone there to boost their morale." Lining up a putt, junior Cameron Buck tries to sink a shot for par. Buck ended the season with the team's second best average at 90.

Ready to hit a chip shot, sophomore Matt Ingentron studies the green. Ingentron's best effort came at Gardner where he fired an 85.

Finishing a carefully measured putt, sophomore Cody Wallace aims precisely. "Cody had a breakthrough year," coach Mike Fitzgibbons said. "Next year should be even better because he will have experience, and he will be an upperclassman. Wallace fired a career-best 76 to help the team place fifth at Lansing. Chipping towards the green, senior Howard Rollins tries to rest the ball close to the hole. Rollins shot his best, round, an 89, at the Gardner Invitational.

Driving hard, junior Jake Henry hopes for a good shot. One of Henry's best rounds came at the nine-hole Bonner Invitational where he fired a 45.
young squad has many highlights

Although they returned only two seniors, the golf team made significant strides towards the future. "We were a really young team, but overall they were a fun group to work with, and they worked very hard each and every day we were out there," head coach Mike Fitzgibbons said.

Team highlights included a second-place finish at their own invitational, and their best showing in years at the Gardner Invitational where they finished fifth.

Individual highlights included a first-place finish for sophomore Cody Wallace at the Bonner Invitational. Wallace won the tournament by shooting a 39 and became the first Braves' golfer to win the top prize in the tournament's 16-year history.

"I was really excited after I won the tournament," Wallace said. "It was one of my goals to win a tournament this year, and it felt great to do it."

Fitzgibbons said Wallace's putting and chipping really helped him lower his score and capture the title.

Another significant highlight came when junior Cameron Buck tied for sixth at regionals with an 84 and earned the right to compete in the state golf tournament at the Wellington Municipal Golf Course, where the greens are faster than normal playing conditions.

"This was the toughest course I have ever played on," said Buck, who was pleased to finish the day with an 88. "It was a great experience, but probably the biggest thing that stood out was level of the competition. I didn't expect it to be so good."

Fitzgibbons agreed that the experience was definitely good for Buck.

"It will give him an idea of what he needs to work on for next year," Fitzgibbons said.

Although they lost two seniors, the team will return stocked full of juniors and seniors with plenty of experience.

"We took a big step from last year and will be solid next season," Fitzgibbons said.

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Bonner Invitational: 2nd Atchison, 8th
Sunflower Classic: 6th Mill Valley, 6th
Gardner Invitational: 5th Ottawa Invitational, 7th
Lansing Invitational: 5th Bishop Ward, 1st
Piper: 4th Regionals, 5th
State: N/P

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Golf. Front Row: Maggie Hackney, Matt Ingenthorn, Cameron Buck, Tony Kle, Justin Padell, Nate Lloyd. Row 2: Chris Mattox, Howard Rollins, Blake Tuttle, Cody Wallace, Jake Henry, Coach Mike Fitzgibbons.
## Football

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**Freshman Football. Front Row:** Coach Pete Cisneros, Michael Fossett, Daniel Gonzalez, Billy Pennington, Jeremy Mulich, Coach Tim Parrish. **Row 2:** Bryce Peterson, Brandon Mills, Lucas Tuckel, Zach Dean, Tyler Moore. **Row 3:** Austin Anderson, Tanner McCleary, Aaron Conn, DeMarcus DeRadciff, Ricky Torres, Riley Pascazi.

**C-Team Soccer. Front Row:** Alyssa Kelly, Seth Clements, Philip Shirley, Cali Hackney, Kyle Tolland. **Row 2:** Damian Duran, Nichelle Smith, Ian Seaton, Meghan Miller, Kaleb Black. **Row 3:** Coach David Tolland, Manager Ashley Yerich, Adam Shirley, Matt Caquelin, Brandon Hoch, Brett Johnson, Josh Cook, Head Coach Jimmy Vogel.

**Freshman Volleyball. Front Row:** Julie Lanham, Ashlee Harding, Amber Barnes. **Row 2:** Coach Mike Fitzgibbons, Starian Porchia, Jaclyn Lira, Teran Holter, Monica Sorensen, Michelle Hicks.
Freshman Boys Basketball. **Front Row:** Garrett Parker, Stephen Call, Alex Soto, Isaac Mills, DeMarcus DeRadcliff, Kaleb Black. **Row 2:** Ricky Torres, Michael Palcher, Austin Anderson, Chance Crawford, and Coach BJ Congleton.


**Girls Basketball**

**Junior Varsity**

- Gardner 17-48 vs. Spring Hill 11-60
- Topeka-Seaman 24-50 vs. Atchison 13-71
- Shawnee Heights 15-57 vs. Tonganoxie 20-41
- Mill Valley 23-64 vs. Piper 28-56
- Tonganoxie 41-66 vs. Perry-Lecompton 36-41
- Mill Valley 58-68 vs. Immaculata 45-28
- Basehor 21-39 vs. Basehor 24-28
- Sante Fe Trail 36-45 vs. Lansing 34-36
- Lansing 34-36 vs. Lansing 34-36
- Overall Record: 2-16

**Freshman**

- Gardner 50-41 vs. Piper 44-56
- Patton 61-40 vs. Overall Record 8-12
- *Incomplete Scoreboard*

**Boys Basketball**

**Junior Varsity**

- Spring Hill 56-61 vs. Spring Hill 52-53
- Bishop Ward 69-55 vs. Bishop Ward 50-58
- Mill Valley 41-50 vs. Piper 68-57
- Tonganoxie 51-42 vs. Lansing 53-51
- *Incomplete Scoreboard*

**Freshman**

- Basehor 50-41 vs. Piper 44-56
- Patton 61-40 vs. Overall Record 8-12
- *Incomplete Scoreboard*

**Fall & Winter Sports Honors**

- **Soccer:** Jonny Baxter: First-team offense All-Kaw Valley, First-team All-Region, First-team All-State, Best Dribbler and Best Scorer. Eric Nielsen: First-team defense All-Kaw Valley and Second-team All-State. Jason Hoskins: Second-team offense All-Kaw Valley. Derrick Babcock: Second-team offense All-Kaw Valley, Second-team All-State and Best Passer. Jobie Buehler: Second-team utility All-Kaw Valley, Most Improved and Most Accurate Shooter.
baseball
junior varsity

Tonganoxie 9-5, 8-11 Bishop Ward 0-3, 0-8
Santa Fe Trails 3-15, 8-5 Immaculata 16-0, 14-2
Atchison 12-7, 9-5 Piper 2-8, 5-1
Perry-Lecompton 10-7, 21-6 Mill Valley 2-7, 6-7
Lansing 10-13, 0-11 Basehor 6-4, 4-5
Overall Record 10-10

tennis
junior varsity

Paola 10-4 Mill Valley 11-4
Maranatha 3-6 Sumner Academy 2-0
Lawrence 8-11 Bishop Miege 8-7
Lansing 9-2 Shawnee Mission W. 7-7
Paola JV Inv. 2nd Lincoln Academy 4-0
Olathe North 11-4 Bonner JV Inv. N/P
Mill Valley JV Inv. N/P Overall Record 7-2-1

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junior varsity

Bishop Ward 1st Wy-Co 4th
DeSoto 8th Bonner 8th
Kaw Valley League 4th Maur Hill N/P

spring sports honors


Tennis. Junior Varsity. Front Row: Cory Bowline, Ethan Jenkins, Kaleb Black, Ethan Isaacs, Alex Sullivan, Matthew Bille. Row 2: Jared Simmons, Adam Smith, Keven Courtney, Matt Haas, Andrew Holder, Kyle Toland, and Zach Holder.
how athletes prepare for competition

Playing on a sports team is more than just winning and losing. It's about bonding and working as a team to achieve a common goal. Through sports people are brought together. Whether they are spectators or players, they all share something in common. Everyone who is connected to sports all share that sense of pride from cheering on our home team.

As spectators, people only get to see the finalized product of days or weeks of practice. Spectators never get the behind-the-scenes look into what the players do before every game, match, meet, or performance.

A lot of players will strap on headphones and listen to music before a game. Some players will sit in isolation just thinking of the tasks and duties they must do to pitch in and do their part for the team.

It is the unique ones, though, that capture our eyes and make us wonder why they do that or what brought them to have to do that.

It can be kissing your cleats, not stepping on cracks, playing a harmonica, or picking a clover that will bring you good luck. It can be any one of those things, or anything else, but whatever it is, it's a pre-game ritual.

A ritual can’t be broken for fear of not being able to perform at the highest level. A set order of things you do to get your mind and body “in synch” for the battle that lies ahead of you. Whatever it is, do it and play your hardest.

Senior Josh Palcher makes sure he doesn’t step on any line when walking out onto the baseball diamond during every game. “I think it’s bad luck to step on them,” Palcher said. “I don’t know, why I just do.” Senior swimmer Katie Carlyle makes sure she gets her Monster energy drink down before her first race. “It would give me that extra push I needed,” Carlyle said. Track runner sophomore Alyssa Kelly looks through a patch of clovers in search for a lucky four-leaf clover to bring her extra luck. Junior cross country runner Jarred Harrington claps to the beat of fellow junior Josh McConico’s harmonica during warm-ups. “We would all get in a huddle and clap to his music,” Junior Joey Schmidt said. “It got us pumped before our race.” Sophomore Jason Hoskins kisses his soccer cleats before a game for good luck.
JESSI LANGLEY, Dance Team. What was the highlight of your career? I liked doing the senior dance with Jen and Alexis. Would you do anything different? I would have tried out at the start of the year. Do you plan to continue your career? Unless you consider Zumba classes, then no.

TRAVIS HUBBEL, Football. What was the highlight of your career? Beating Mill Valley for Homecoming senior year. Would you do anything different? Make the whole team better prepared at the beginning of the season. How did you feel after your last game? I was really sad and the loss made it even sadder.

TIFFANY MOPPIN, Softball. What was your position? Third base for my freshman, sophomore, and junior year. I played second base my senior year. What was the highlight of your career? In my junior year I had a home run, and we had an 11-inning Piper game that we won. Do you plan to continue your career? I would love to, but I am furthering my career in dance.

MATT HAAS, Swimming. What was the highlight of your career? Medaling the last two years at ILC and throwing Coach Simchuk in the pool. What was your most embarrassing moment? False starting in front of everyone at ILC. Did you have any pre-meet rituals? Our ridiculous team chant was our ritual. ERIC NIelsen, Soccer. How long have you played? Since I was three. What was the highlight of your career? Winning three championships to end my senior year. What have you taken from your experience? Hard work is important and never give up.

RACHEL ROBARE, manager boys’ basketball and track and captain of the flag team. Do you plan to continue your career? Possibly as a manager of some team in college. Who got you into it? Myself with my mother’s support.
awards & honors

KSHSAA Citizenship Award
Janae Bailey, Andrew Holder

Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award
Jonny Baxter

Kansas Governor’s Scholars
Jeff Hills, Eric Nielsen

Kansas State Designated Scholars
Andrew Holder, Jon Jones, Eric Nielsen

Concert Choir Cup
World Championships
A Cappella Choir, third runner-up
Best Tenor, Best Soprano sections

State Large Group Festival
“I” Rating
A Cappella Choir
Freshman Concert Choir

State Vocal Solo Contest
“I” Rating
Drew Jones
Devin Harvey
Becky Stude
Dalton Walker

Athletes-of-the Year
Hilary Johnson,
Emmanuel McComb

All-State Choir
Tiffanie Burgoon
Michael Cooper
Brandy Hoover
Laura Rink
Adam Shirley

State Instrumental Solo Contest
“I” Rating
Michael Cooper

John Philip Sousa Award
Chris Mattox

KSPA State Journalism Winners
Jarred Harrington, second in theme development,
Michelle Knight, second in yearbook layout, Jessi Langley,
honorable mention in editorial cartoon, Leslie McConico,
second in theme development, Chelsea Simmons, second in newswriting, Class AA Sweepstakes, Third Place

Senior Ads

Skylar Parr

You’ve gone from a cute little girl to a gorgeous young woman.
We are all so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Chelsea, & Kaiden

Sarah Reyes

You’re Awesome, Wonderful,
Sweet... I could keep on going.
You’re a very beautiful and special daughter.
You have a way of making others laugh. Your smile is one of a kind.
Whatever you do in life—you’ll do great!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Angela, and Louis

P.S. You will always be our baby-girl.

Meghan Hahn

To my baby girl, congratulations. You are my heart and soul, you are my life. You are what makes me keep living each day. Thank You!
Love, Mom & Steve
From the moment a new baby boy arrives, He's the love of your heart, The light in your eyes. Always keep your creativity and unique sense of humor, for your "outside of the box" insight will guide you toward monumental discoveries. You have always been a winner! May you continue to gather blessings and favor throughout your life. I'm so proud of the responsible, hard-working individual you have become. You will always be my #1 son. Congratulations '06! Love you forever, Mom

Nicholas, you are 6'4" but if you stood on Tippy Toes you would be 7'10"! What a delightful young man you are. Reach for the stars.

"Nonna"

Nicholas, this is when your shoe size is appropriate along with your winning smile and charismatic personality. You have grown into a fine young man.

Love, Your Mother and Moma Jean

Steven, We know this had been a long four years for you, but we knew you could do it. You are a bright young man with a lot of potential. Have faith in yourself and follow your dreams. We are so proud of you! We love you!

Mom & Steve

Your spirit and zest for life is a daily treat for us. You have grown up showing us the many layers of yourself and you make us smile. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamie, and Jack
Matthew & Patrick Redlin

Dear Patrick & Matthew,

I remember the day I found out I was having two babies, what a surprise that was! The two of you have been a joy and a handful watching you grow from young boys to handsome men. Keep your dreams alive. Remember: God first, Family second, and Career third.

I love you with all my heart,
Mom

Megan McCully

If we could reach up and hold a star for every time you made us smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of our hands. We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad

Cortney Harding

Congratulations, sweetie! You’ve done well! I have no doubt the rest of your journey will be just as successful. Best wishes!

I love you,
Mom

Eric Nielsen & Brian Padelli

Congratulations, cousins!
We’re so proud of you!
Love, Your Parents

Josie Glenn

Josie,

Congratulations!
We are so very proud of you. We know you will be successful in everything you do! Best wishes now and always, and remember when you dream, dream big! We love you!

Mom, Dad, & Julia
**Nikki Busch**

From a cute baby girl to a beautiful young woman.
You have made the two of us very proud of you. Always be yourself and believe in yourself. You are a high achiever.
Whatever you do in life, we wish you the BEST.
Congratulations! We Love You.
Dad, Mom, Erika

**Nidia Contreras**

Nidia,
You finally made it! This is what you worked so hard for; you struggled through a lot of obstacles to make it here. I am so proud of you for not giving up. You are a fighter, you had the courage and spirit to keep going even when things got tough. Way to go Flaquita.

Love you & God Bless - Mom

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**Robert Smith**

Rob,
As a child, we warned all the teachers you were coming. You have definitely lived up to the hype. We have enjoyed watching you grow and mature through the years. We have always felt that you were up to any task that came along. You never let us down. Well, the time has come and you are ready to meet life’s big challenges.
Remember always to pray for guidance and good luck in the future,
Mom, Dad, Ashley, Mark & Rachelle, Mom & Granddaddy, Mike & Peggy and the gang,
Jane, David, and Katherine

**Irina Walpen & Hanne Dybesland**

Thank you for making our year so special. We can’t wait to visit you in Switzerland and Norway.
Love,
Laura, Paul, Jacey, Courtney, Zac, Joe & Lily & Jaye, Cail, & Quinn

**Jacey Totta**

Jacey,
Thank you for being a free-thinker, a problem-solver and for keeping us on our toes!
Love,
Mom & Paul,
Courtney, Zac, Joe & Lily
Hilary Johnson

You are such a loving, kind person. You have always set your goals high and have accomplished a lot. We are very proud of you, and we know you will be successful in whatever you choose to do.

We Love You! Dad, Mom, Chris & Lindsey

Jonathan Baxter

You have made us proud because at an early age you understood hard work reaps rewards. You have excelled in school and soccer and great things are coming your way in life because of your commitment to excel at whatever you do. This is a great quality to have. We love you and look forward to watching what exciting things your future brings to you.

Mom & Dad

Katie Carlyle

Your loved ones wish you much success and happiness in the coming years.

We have enjoyed you greatly through your formative years — well maybe some of them anyway.

Love, Cramps & Gramma

Jen Fowler

"Look who is coming out!" Jennifer, we have no doubt you will follow your dreams. Determination is one of your strong suits. We are all very proud of you. Remember, "To thine own self be true."

All our love, Dad, Mom, Julianne, Meg, & Papa

Jonathan Jones

Jonathan,

For the past eighteen years you have brought so much joy and laughter to our lives and many others. You have always had a contagious sense of humor, a caring heart, good judgement and an open mind. We are very proud of you and the accomplishments you have made. As you journey through life, choose your destinations well. Avoid shortcuts, wander the back roads and enjoy the scenery. Remember that the true worth of your travels lies not in the destination but in who you come to be along the way. Wherever you are, we will always be here for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Dave

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Michelle Knight

Michelle my belle, my beautiful one... your inner beauty overwhelms me.

I love you, 
Mom

Jessi & Mindy Morasch

To The Mooch and The Chigger.

To explain what you two mean to us in one paragraph is impossible. We have watched you two grow from babies into two intelligent, caring, thoughtful and beautiful young women. Our dreams for you two are the same dreams you have for yourself. We love you with all our hearts and we will always be there for you. Graduation is now, but your future is forever.

All our love, Mom, Dad, and Barry

Esther Shook

Esther, 
I love you. Congratulations! 
Mom

Christopher Redden

Chris,

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Love always, Mom & Dad

Chris Price

Chris,

Life is an adventure... Seize each moment and make it your own!

Love, 
Mom & Dad
Rachel Robare

Rachel, You have grown into a beautiful young lady. Daddy and I could not be prouder of you. You have wonderful opportunities awaiting you. We love you very much.

Love, Mom & Dad

Kristina Luke

Kristina,
We hope you find as much happiness in your life as you have given us in ours.

Love, Mom, Dad & Holly

Kristen Hardman

Kristen, I am so proud of you! You are a beautiful young women and have the world at your fingertips.

Congratulations, this is just the beginning.

Love, Mom

Angelica Catania

My angel has finally sprouted her wings and now I must allow her to grow up and fly away.

Meghan Harding

I am so proud of the amazing woman that is my baby! You have honor, character and a beautiful soul. Paw-Paw would be awed by you!

We Love You,
Mom, Grandma & Shawna

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Danny Grosko

Danny,
You've always had a need for speed, and your first 18 years have been a successful ride. We all believe that if the wheel can be reinvented, you will be the one to do it! Buckle up for all the achievement, successes and happiness you will find in the future.

With love,
Mom & Dad, David & Maria, Diane & Kirby & Drew & Brooks

Teann Eveland

Hair so red
Eyes so blue
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Love, Dad, Mom, & Tara

Stephanie Elmer

WOW! What a ride it's been! From day one, you hit the road running and never slowed down. You have so much energy and the biggest heart and have accomplished so much in the past 18 years. Now it is time to set new goals and dreams for your future. With every road you cross and every hill you climb, remember we are here cheering you on. We couldn't be more proud.
The sky is the limit!! Go for it!!
Love, Mom and Dad

Tiffany Moppin

We are VERY proud of you, and all your accomplishments through sports, dance & academics. You have become a responsible and independent young lady. Continue to follow your dreams and remember to always keep God first in your life. Keep reaching for the stars and remember, "You are my sunshine."
Congratulations, Tiffany!
Love, Mom, Dad, Dubb, Jason & Chad

Britney Abramovitz

Your laughter and smile will always echo through life, like the rings of a pebble dropped in calm waters.
May your journey ahead be everything you wish for, you are everything we wished for.
We love you and we are so proud.
Love, Mom, Dad, Amy and Nathan
Keven Courtney

Congratulations, Keven. We’re proud of you and know you will have a great experience in college.
Mom, Dad, Gary & Kelli

Blake Kasselman

Best wishes Blake and Keven.
Love,
Grandma Bea

Andrew Holder

Andrew,
Thank you for filling the past 18 years with so much laughter, love, and happiness. It has been such a joy watching you grow into the incredible young man that you are.
We are so very proud of you and all of your many accomplishments.
Congratulations as this exciting new chapter in your life begins! We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Zach

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168 from your creators
Being a leader is a quality most say you are born with; I believe being a good leader is something that requires the support of the people around you to accomplish goals to the highest caliber. I found this out when I came into this school year as Editor-in-Chief of the 2006 Totem Pole. I could not have done this without the tremendous support of my staff.

With all the hours and dedication, words cannot describe how much everyone put into this book. Matt—Your eye for detail and study leadership helped mold our sports section and take it to a new level. Casey—You calmly and efficiently handled the stressful job of dealing with all the ads. You were always ready to provide a helping hand. Philip—Your commitment astonds me, and I can’t remember the last time I saw you without a camera in your hand. We couldn’t have made it without your extraordinary effort. Adam, Keven, and Tiff—Whenever I doubted that we would not make a deadline, you came through and always proved me wrong! The sports section would not be what it is without the three of you. Team Paste—(Cristina, Jarred, Leslie, and Casey)—What would I have done without all of you? You joined the staff in the fall and quickly became a vital part of one of the book’s most difficult sections. No matter what was asked of you, all of you were there with a smile on your face and a desire to do the best work possible. And let’s no forget, you dominated KSPA regional! Becca—How many times did you bail us out when we just couldn’t find that picture that we saw two weeks ago? Your organization skills are impeccable! Team and Katie—You did a great job with the senior section and all the other things asked of you. Meghan—’I’m so glad you joined the staff because you tended to lots of important “little” things (like the index) and also did a great job with your student life pages. Janelle and Carmen—No matter what was thrown at you, both of you were ready for the challenge. Your work on the panels was fabulous and well-spiced up by the Q and A’s. And last, but certainly not least, Mrs. Holder—i don’t even know where this book would be if all of us did not have your guidance. You have been an inspiration to me, and I will truly miss our times together. We have had some crazy times the past two years—from writing stories at the last minute with more adjectives than should ever be written in one story to helping me with everyday problems. As everyone can see here, this staff was definitely one in a million and very special to me. This is...the yearbook staff of 2006.

**Room 101 Bloopers**

- “What do you mean, are flying bats real?” — Carmen Claiborn
- “Is senior night at home?” — Adam Carver
- “They look like toes, little cheesy toes.” — Becca Baker
- “What do you mean that was the Tee Pee Talk bell?” — the entire staff
- “I think you’re in trouble if your yearbook staff can’t spell licorne” — Mrs. Holder
- “So that’s what a trash bag smells like!” — Michelle Knight
- “Is a home meet here or away?” — Meghan Hahn
- “What do you mean you don’t have twins, Mrs. Holder?” — Leslie McConico
- “Plugged out... who says plugged out?” — Janelle Lira
- “I am not taking anymore pictures” — Matt Redlin
- “Are we still on house arrest?” — Katie Carlyle and Tiffany Starks
- “Why do people think I am part of the furniture?” — Philip Shirley
This is 2006

The 64th volume of the 176-page Totem Pole was themed around the concept of "This Is..." The book was published at Herff Jones, Inc. at the Edwardsville, Kan., plant with a press run of 450. Books were sold for either $40 or $45.

Staff member Philip Shirley came up with the concept for the cover, and we enlisted the help of Herff Jones artist David Smith to execute the design. We chose a white cover because 1974-75 was the last time a white cover was used. To balance out the white background, two colors of ink were added to the lithographic design. Opening end sheets were also designed by David Smith.

Totem Pole 2006 was created using PageMaker 7.0 and Adobe Photoshop 7.0 on 20 Dell personal computers. The body copy was 10 point A.H. Antique Olive Light with 8 point leading. Captions were 8 point A.H. Antique Olive Light with lead-ins done in A.H. Antique Olive. AHU Dispatch was used as a specialty font throughout the book.

All senior portraits were done by Wagner Portrait Gallery and all classroom portraits were taken by Lifetouch Studios. All candid and action photos were captured with three Canon Digital Rebel cameras.

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we make moments count...

▶ While savoring their last prom, a group of seniors and others join together to do the Cha-Cha Slide near the end of the dance. ▶ Seniors Kris Russell, Katy Killingsworth, and Kurt Russell open up their party favors at Project Grad, which was held at Dave and Buster’s. The night was filled with food, games and fun.

we test ourselves...

▶ Focusing on the task at hand, freshman Zach Dean works on the ITED test which was given in November. ▶ Junior Ian Seaton tries to keep the ball in the Braves’ possession while battling his Lansing opponent in the season’s home opener.
we hope for the best...
we watch the year fly by...
we express ourselves ...
we cut loose ...
we say goodbye...

This is our year

▲ Sophomore Felisha Leip ard awaits her chance to go in and play at a girls' basketball game at Basehor-Linwood High School. During the Tiblow Days parade, the marching band made its debut for the school year. Juniors Jamie Arnet and Jarred Harrington were the Drum Majors.
This is how we say goodbye

Totem Pole 2006
The hurricane season made meteorological history by having the most named tropical cyclones ever recorded. For the first time, forecasters exhausted a list of 21 proper names and began using the Greek alphabet to name storms.

Hurricane Katrina

In late September, Hurricane Katrina devastated areas of Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. The storm made landfall on August 29.

Residents make their way through the flooded streets of New Orleans. The hurricane caused extensive destruction and costly damages.

The Gulf Coast brace itself for Hurricane Katrina, the most catastrophic storm ever to strike the United States.

American tourists wait for flights after Hurricane Katrina makes landfall on September 12.

This hurricane season included 27 named storms, 13 of which were hurricanes. Seven storms, including Katrina, caused billions in damages and hundreds of lives.

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Hurricane Katrina, Rita, and Wilma were among the most intense hurricanes ever recorded. A brutal and record-breaking Atlantic hurricane season saw seven storms, devastating thousands of lives and causing more than $100 billion in damages.

Seven were considered major and for the first time in recorded history, three reached Category 5 status.

World Yearbook

2005-2006
Measuring 2 inches tall by 4 inches wide, Game Boy's Micro is reminiscent of the original NES controller.

In an attempt to compete with Nike Inc., Adidas-Salomon AG purchased Reebok International Ltd. for $3.8 billion.

U.S. officials discover a 2,400-foot cross-border drug tunnel running from Tijuana, Mexico, to San Diego, Calif.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died of liver cancer at 80.

World Events

It is revealed that W. Mark Felt, the FBI's former second-in-command, is "Deep Throat," the source of the Washington Post articles about the 1972 Watergate scandal.

Chief Mortimer J. Johnson-Jackson, the first black mayor of Springfield, Mass., has died at 75.

Former Assistant Attorney General John E. Deady is charged with accepting a $2,500 bribe from a defense attorney.

A family of five is killed in a house fire in San Francisco.

A child is found dead in a playground.

The body of a missing hiker is found in the Sierras.

A new law requires all electronic devices to have a built-in flashlight and a two-way radio to help emergency responders locate them.

A terrorist organization launches a attack on a government building.

A new device, the "Game Boy Micro," is released.

A new video game, "Grand Theft Auto III," is released.

A new movie, "The Matrix," is released.

A new drug, "Ecstasy," is popular among teenagers.


A new music video, "Vogue," is released.

A new fashion trend, "Y2K fashion," is popular.

A new technology, "Bluetooth," is released.

A new sports team, the "San Francisco 49ers," is established.

A new city, "New York City," is established.

A new country, "Vietnam," is established.

A new continent, "Africa," is discovered.
A 7.6 magnitude earthquake strikes Pakistan and parts of India and Afghanistan, killing more than 70,000 people.

The U.S. Treasury releases 800 million redesigned $10 bills into circulation.

To reduce the frequency of dangerous high speed chases, California police implemented the use of adhesive GPS locator darts to track fleeing cars.

Israel's archaeologists discovered two 2,000-year-old biblical scroll fragments hidden in the Judean Desert.

FEMA Director Michael Brown announces his resignation on September 12, after receiving criticism about his handling of Hurricane Katrina.

German cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected the 265th pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI.

More than 120,000 acres and hundreds of structures are charred by wildfires that sweep through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

Heavy rains flood northern California's wine country, damaging homes, and threatening mud slides. In southern California, rains drenched the annual Rose Parade for the first time since 1935. As a result, a state of emergency was declared in seven California counties.

Wind gusts topping out at 83 mph whip the Northeast during a record breaking blizzard that dumped up to 38 inches of snow on the New England states.

A series of deadly tornados leave paths of mass destruction in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.
Ben Bernanke is appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve, replacing Alan Greenspan.

Jan Roberts becomes the nation's 17th chief justice, replacing the late William Rehnquist.

Noor al-Zahra is flown from Iraq to Atlanta, GA where doctors surgically repair the effects of spina bifida.

U.S. troops discovered 3-month-old "Baby Noor" while on patrol in Iraq and arranged for her life-altering journey.

Canadians elect Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper to be their next prime minister.

President George W. Bush delivers a series of speeches aimed at boosting support for the War on Terrorism.

Air France Flight 358 skids off the runway and bursts into flames while landing in stormy weather at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. Miraculously, all 309 passengers survived.

Eric Rudolph is ordered to serve multiple life sentences without parole for four bombings including the 1996 blast at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.
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NASA's Stardust spacecraft returns from a seven-year, 2.9-billion-mile journey to Comet Wild-2, delivering the first samples of a comet back to Earth.

French doctors complete the world's first partial face transplant on a 38-year-old woman disfigured by a dog attack.

Microsoft unveils the Xbox 360, the new operating system "Vista," and iTunes' rival "Urge."

London is rattled when terrorists bomb one bus and three underground trains during the morning rush hour. The attack killed 49 people and injured 700.

Scientists discover the world's smallest fish, Paedocypris progenetica, found in an Indonesian acidic peat swamp, measured less than 1/3 of an inch.

Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally sprays 78-year-old Harry Whittington with bird shot while quail hunting in Texas.

Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest winners Krystal Long and Casey Isinghouse of Forrest City, Ark., both win a $2,500 college scholarship and $2,500 for their school by wearing these outfits made from Duck brand duct tape.
An Egyptian ferry carrying 1,500 passengers sank in the Red Sea, only four survived.

Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, Lewis Libby, is indicted on charges related to a CIA leak that compromised the nation's security.

Sideways nose gear force JetBlue Flight 292 to make an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport. During the three hours that the plane circled southern California to burn fuel, passengers watched live DirectTV broadcasts of the drama.

Charges of illegal activities are brought against many Washington insiders including lobbyist Jack Abramoff and representatives Randy Cunningham and Tom DeLay. John Boehner replaced DeLay as House majority leader.

"Dirty bomb" suspect Jose Padilla was indicted with four other suspects on terrorism conspiracy charges.

Bands of youths torch more than 1,300 cars and burn warehouses, garbage cans and a nursery school in nine nights of violence that spread from Paris suburbs to towns throughout France.

Following a heated debate, the U.S. Senate votes against a bill that would allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Following his death, King Faisal bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia is succeeded by his half-brother Crown Prince Abdullah, marking the first change in the Saudi throne in 23 years.

NASA's Discovery embarks on a 14-day mission to deliver supplies and repair the international space station. Once in orbit, the shuttle crew used a 50-foot orbital boom sensor system to survey Discovery for any damage that may have occurred at lift-off.

Nations around the world develop measures to stop the spread of the deadly bird flu virus. Since it emerged in 2003, more than 70 people from China, southeast Asia and Turkey have died from the disease.
The effects of Hurricane Katrina, tension surrounding Iran's nuclear program and an interruption in Russia's gas supply cause fuel prices around the world to skyrocket. U.S. citizens saw a 30-60 percent rise in heating costs and paid an average high of $3 per gallon at the pump. In response to the fuel crisis, President Bush urged researchers to seek alternative energy sources in his State of the Union address.

One month after their 3-month-old chick Togo was abducted from Amazon World in southern England, African Penguin pair Kyala and Oscar produce a new egg. Nomura's jellyfish, measuring more than six feet in diameter and weighing up to 410 pounds, crew fishing nets and diminish commercial fishing along Japan's coast.

Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man 50 years ago, dies at 92.

Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffers a major stroke, leaving his country in political uncertainty just months before the Palestinian parliamentary elections. Hamas, just minutes before, party leader Ayman's victory provoked Fatah supporters to protest against Palestinian Authority President Nabil al-Aruri.

Israel completed a historic withdrawal of civilians from 25 settlements in Gaza and the West Bank.

Lawmakers approved a plan to rewrite the 1973 Endangered Species Act, the nation's most powerful environmental law.
Deaths of more than 5,000 Chinese miners per year caused a government safety crackdown that closed 5,290 coal mines.


A $365 million Powerball jackpot, the largest lottery prize in U.S. history, is won by eight meat processing workers from Nebraska.

A Federal Air Marshal fatally shot Robert Alpezar in the Miami airport after he claimed that he was carrying a bomb and fled from officials.

An explosion at the Potosi de Caninde's mine in Nebraska traps 65 miners deep underground.

South Korean researchers created the world's first cloned dog.

Apple's video iPad and ABC partnership allows viewers to watch recorded TV shows, movies and music videos on the go.

Imbedded journalist, ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff, and video journalist Doug Vogt receive serious head injuries in a roadside blast north of Baghdad. Following two days of treatment in Germany the pair were transported to the United State's National Naval Medical Center.

Chicago officials launched a plan to make wireless broadband available throughout the entire 228-square-mile city.

Developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, these computers are designed for use by schoolchildren in third world countries.
In an effort to stimulate economic growth, President Bush signs a $286.4 billion transportation bill to improve U.S. road systems.

Mexico partners with the United States to raise the world’s largest millimeter wave telescope, featuring a 165-foot antenna. The $1.2 billion telescope was built high atop the 15,000-foot Sierra Negra volcano in Puebla, Mexico.

a federal judge ruled that Pennsylvania’s Dover Area School Board members violated the Constitution when they included “intelligent design” in the school’s biology curriculum.

Conservationists found a two-million-acre "Lost World" in an isolated Papua New Guinea jungle. The expedition led to the discovery of several dozen new species of frogs, butterflies, flowers and birds as well as an abundance of animals that were near extinction in populated regions.

Verb Yellowball encourages kids to play outside together, then pass their ball to a new friend. Each ball’s journey was tracked on-line.

In Britain’s biggest robbery ever, professional thieves stole $92 million from two banks in southern England.

Liberia’s new president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, is Africa’s first elected female head of state.

More than 900 people are killed during six days of torrential rain that left under water.

Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and seven co-defendants stand trial in Iraq for the 1982 murder of 140 men. The high-security trial saw witnesses testify under complete anonymity, two chief judge changes, and two defense lawyers assassinated. The trial continued amid multiple complaints from Hussein about the United States and the court system.
TV Favorites:
- Lost
- Grey's Anatomy
- Desperate Housewives
- America's Next Top Model
- Supernatural
- Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- Dancing with the Stars
- CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
- The Apprentice
- Laguna Beach
- The Ghost Whisperer
- The OC

Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix garner awards and accolades for their performances in "Walk the Line."

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" co-stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie expect their first child.

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" earns more than $590 million worldwide.

"Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" is the top box office hit, grossing more than $848 million worldwide.

"War of the Worlds" actor Tom Cruise and "Batman Begins" star Katie Holmes are engaged.

Wentworth Miller stars in this year's breakout drama "Prison Break."

Jessica Alba stars in "The Fantastic Four" and "Into the Blue."
Paramount Pictures bought Dreamworks SKG for $1.6 billion. Steven Spielberg was one of the founders of Dreamworks. 

Steve Carrell, star of the hit show "The Office," wins the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Comedy Series.

The Golden Globes recognize "My Name is Earl," starring Jason Lee, as the Best New Show Comedy or Musical.


Weddings this year included Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Matt Damon and Luciana Barroso, Jesse James and Sandra Bullock and Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Hit shows, "The West Wing," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Alias" and "That '70's Show" finish their runs.

Jennifer Aniston stars in "Derailed," "Kumar Has It" and "The Break-up." Aniston was rumored to be dating "Break-up" co-star Vince Vaughn, who also starred in "Wedding Crashers."

Peter Jackson remakes the 1933 classic "King Kong," starring Jack Black and Naomi Watts.
Keith Urban wins Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year at the Country Music Awards. He also won a Grammy.

"Like We Never Loved at All" wins Faith Hill and Tim McGraw a Grammy for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals.

Singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow had breast cancer surgery.

Former "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson wins Grammys for Best Female Vocal Performance for her song "Since U Been Gone" and Best Pop Vocal Album for "Breakaway."

Radio personality Howard Stern moves his show to Sirius Satellite Radio.

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Kanye West's "Late Registration" wins a Grammy for Best Rap Album.

Actor and comedian Jamie Foxx releases his debut album "Unpredictable."

Other popular artists were Ciara, Coldplay, The Black Eyed Peas, Switchfoot, Ludacris, Weezer, Toby Keith, Rob Thomas and Eminem.

Mariah Carey releases "The Emancipation of Mimi," claiming her 17th No.1 hit with "Don't Forget About Us." Carey is tied with Elvis Presley in second place for the most No.1 hits.

U2 front man Bono is named Time Magazine's Person of the Year along with Bill and Melinda Gates.

Fans mourned the losses of Luther Vandross, Lou Rawls, Four Tops bass singer Ronaldo "Obie" Benson and "Mustang Sally" singer Wilson Pickett.

Alejandro Sanz wins Record of the Year for "Tu No Tienes Alma" at the Latin Grammy Awards.
After three years of marriage, "Newlyweds" Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey file for divorce.

Carrie Underwood is crowned American Idol 2005 and her album quickly climbs the country music charts.

Daddy Yankee’s album “Barrio Fino” is named Urban Album of the Year at the Latin Grammys.

Rock trio Green Day takes home six trophies from the Billboard Music Awards.

John Legend wins three Grammys for Best New Artist, R&B Album and Best Male R&B Vocal Performance.

Gorillaz is the second animated music group to win a Grammy. The first was Alvin and the Chipmunks in 1958.

Britney Spears had a baby boy, Sean Preston, with husband Kevin Federline.

Michael Jackson was acquitted of misconduct charges and relocated to Bahrain.
Glacene, the 50-1 longshot ridden by Mike Smith, finishes first at the Kentucky Derby.

Tiger Woods wins his 9th and 10th career majors at The Masters and the British Open.

The Baylor Lady Bears dominate 84-62 over Michigan State in the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship finals.

Tennis star Venus Williams records her third Wimbledon title as fifth overall grand slam victory.

The Pittsburgh Steelers defeat the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Super Bowl XL. Game MVP was Hines Ward.

The world bid farewell to NBA legend George Mikan, MLB All-Star outfielder Pat Kelly, Atlanta Hawks Center Jason Collier, San Francisco 49er Thomas Herron and legendary sportscaster Curt Gowdy.

Less than a week after illegal car modifications suspend crew chief Chad Knaus, Jimmie Johnson rallies to win the Daytona 500.
Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns stun the USC Trojans 41-38 in the Rose Bowl to win the national championship.

Alynthia Shofner, Michaela Hyatt's first school wrestling title while competing against girls.

Ray Williams records his first title win as head coach when the North Carolina Tar Heels claim the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Outfielder Johnny Damon left the Boston Red Sox and signed a four-year, $52 million contract with the New York Yankees.

Roger Federer wins his third consecutive Wimbledon title by defeating Andy Roddick.

A landslide vote elected USC Trojan Reggie Bush the Heisman Trophy Winner.

Annika Sorenstam is named AP Female Athlete of the Year for the third straight year.

Danica Patrick, 23, leads 49 laps in the Indy 500, finishing fourth. Patrick was the first woman to achieve either milestone.
Silver medalist Danny Kass and gold medalist Shaun White dominate the Halfpipe Snowboarding event.

Ted Ligety edges Croatia's Ivica Kostelic by 0.53 seconds for the gold medal in combined slalom.

Julia Mancuso skied her way to a Giant Slalom gold.

Germany led the total medal count with 29. The United States was second with 25 and Canada third with 24.

The U.S. men's team captures the country's first curling medal in a battle for the bronze versus Great Britain.

American hero Joey Cheek donates his $25,000 gold and $15,000 silver medal bonuses to Right To Play, a charity that benefits children in Sudan.

Ivanie Blondin won gold in the 5,000m and bronze in the 10,000m.

The Canadian Women's Hockey team defended their Olympic gold.

Erik Hootnick takes silver in the 1,500m and bronze in the 5,000m.

Curlers Skipper Star Appleman wins a bronze in the 5,000m relay.

Silver medalists Tami-Boehm and Ben-Asia become the first U.S. curlers to medal in 30 years.

U.S. curlers return with their first Olympic medals since 1992.