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Bonner Springs High School
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School Population: 787
Seniors: 165
Juniors: 188
Sophomores: 209
Freshmen: 225
The first few days of school are without a doubt crazy and filled with confusion, and this year was no exception. Not only was everyone focused on trying to point the many freshmen in the right direction, but the underclassmen did not have lockers.

The new, larger maroon lockers did arrive several weeks later and were part of bond issue renovations. "I was disappointed because I had many books and had nowhere to put them. It felt like I did not have a locker for months," junior Lauren Burgess said.

While we are used to a small number of students, this year started off with 785, compared to the 676 students enrolled in 2006. Despite the congested hallways, everyone adapted to all of the different changes, and new friendships were made; school was in full swing, and everyone was Part of the Crowd.

Filled with emotion, senior Kyler Paine is shocked to be named Courtwarming King and graces the audience with a victory dance after the announcement. "I did not see it coming. I was excited," Paine said.

Before the homecoming game, freshman Dani Green sells a balloon to freshman Kelcie Paine. "We were selling balloons to make money for the dance team," Green said. "We sold a lot of balloons; there were too many to count." Working extra hard, freshman Mackenzie Lee fixes her pot during Linda Horvath's 3-D Concepts class. "I got to expand my pottery skills and have all my friends in the class at the same time," Lee said.

Concentrating on their work, Leslie Balzer, Roger Smith, and Anthony Yates finish up an assignment in Jeff Fouquet's English class. "Mr. Fouquet makes everything interesting and lots of fun," Balzer said.
After winning the home opener against the Basehor Bobcats, freshman Brandon Eastland, sophomore Lucas Tuckel, sophomore Brandon Mills, and senior Brandon Logan run back to the locker room. "I am going to miss stepping foot on the field every Friday night," Logan said. "I'm also going to miss getting close to the guys on the team and making new friends."

During Freshman Orientation on Aug. 15, freshmen Katie Tisch and Kayla Zimmerly listen carefully to a small-group presentation on high school life. "It helped a lot because some of the classes were hard to find, and it made it a little easier," Tisch said. Performing at the Legends, sophomore Aubree Miller plays the congo drums for a holiday choir performance. "It was a lot of fun; I thought the lights were really cool," Miller said.
Varsity cheerleaders Joyce Hilario, Keeley Kindred-Hawkins, SyKnese Fields, Jill Schuetz, Kacie Cook, Katie Kobialka, Brandi Ventura, and Heather Rose cheer at the Bascomb tournament. "Since it was my first year, it was a great way to meet and make new friends," Kobialka said. "I bonded well with all of the girls."

Working together, juniors Jesse Swan and Aaron Lugo, along with sophomores Patrick Clair and Luis Macias, finish up their work in Pete Cisneros' seventh hour Wood Technology class. "The class was new for me, and Mr. Cisneros is always willing to help," Lugo said. "For my first project, I made a paper towel rack for my family; it was kind of hard, but I got through it."

Watching his every move, senior Jake Campbell starts his painting of a pocket watch in Wanda Simchuck’s 2-D concepts class. "This was one of my many paintings," Campbell said. "Although it was not one of my favorites, I worked on it until it was finished."

Nervous and scared, junior Monica Simpson gives blood for the first time during the Feb. 20 blood drive.
Preparing for the Kaw Valley League Festival, sophomore Chance Crawford, senior Zack Markey, junior Kasie Cook, senior Sophie Hillary, sophomore Brandy Hoover, senior Becky Stude, and sophomore Cherelle Henderson practice in the auditorium. Bonner Springs choirs were the only vocal ensembles to receive a 1+ rating.
Marching in step, freshman Ryan Morris participates in the Homecoming parade. Ready to unload supplies, seniors Jared Simmons and Brandon Hoch prepare to build their float at the bus barn.

Bundled up, center, juniors Alyssa Kelly, Michaela Mortensen, and Michael Bille cheer the Braves to a victory. Cutting away, freshman Tessa Seaton begins the daunting task of float construction. Singing loudly, freshmen choir member Vanessa Lugo and Kerriann Arnold help start off the night with the "National Anthem."
What do you think of when you hear the word Homecoming? Some don’t care about it, while to others it’s one of the busiest days of the year. With Spirit Week, float construction, the parade, buying a new dress, and worrying about who’s going with whom, Homecoming is the first big event of each school year.

After watching the Braves’ thrilling, 18-17 overtime victory in unseasonably cool temperatures, many students woke up early Saturday, Oct. 14, to start their long day to get ready for Homecoming. It would be a night full of friends, eating out, and pictures that would last forever.

"The dance in general and being with my friends was the best part of the night," junior Audrey Folk said.

The dance theme was “Tropical Paradise,” and Stuco carried it out with stand-up animals, tiger-printed carpet, fun-colored balloons, and vines to give the commons a tropical feeling for the more than 400 students who attended.

“A lot of people showed up. It turned out to be a real success,” Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law said.

—Jennifer Barlow

Creatively painting, top center, sophomore Katrina Rollins takes charge of the class sign. Giving a helping hand, freshman Lynsey Ostman adds last-minute touches to her class float. Striking a pose, sophomores Joyce Hilario and Nancy O. Garcia, display their alike shirts at the royalty assembly.

All in gear, Jessica Hoglund, Irene Hernandez, Janelle Lira, and Mandi Ontis work together to complete their class float. Anticipating the march to the field, senior Donovan Grady warms up to the cadence.
I made a big sign and fingerprinted "Will you go to homecoming?" on it; then I taped it to her car and ran down the street and called her.

—Branden McMahon, 12

I went to her school with flowers and a card and got her out of class to ask her.

—Clayton McCully, 11

It was her birthday, so I got her a dish of candies and when she opened the card it said, Homecoming?

—Isaac Mills, 10

Ryan Bartels was holding my hand in front of my locker and said, "Will you go to homecoming with me?"

—Priscilla Cerros, 9

Dancing away, sophomores Garrett Parker and Julia Glenn doze off to the music that surrounds them. "The thing I'll probably remember most is when I had to go to setup for Student Council and my hair was in rollers," Glenn said.


Spending time together, seniors Sophie Hilleary and Zack Mackey enjoy the dance. Before they arrived, the couple dined at the Rainforest Cafe at Oak Park Mall. "The thing I enjoyed most about homecoming was eating at the Rainforest Cafe," Mackey said. "Every time the waiters came out with a huge ice cream dish called a volcano, they would sing a little song. I chimed in a few times." Working intensely, sophomore Seth Clements hangs streamers for the banner to transform the commons area into a tropical paradise.
After their coronation, seniors Brandon Hoch and Cori Wallace are all smiles. Showing their skills, seniors Jamie Arnett and Alexandra Venerable let everyone watch as they break loose at the dance. "Homecoming was by far the best dance I've ever been to because people actually danced," Arnett said. "It seemed like everyone just let go of whatever it was that was holding them back before. I'll definitely remember it as an amazing moment of my senior year."

Enjoying the night, sophomores James Canada and Megan McDaniel giggle while dancing to a slow song. "I had a lot of fun before the dance and after the dance," Canada said. "Overall, it was a fun experience." While decorating with Stuco, sophomore Jaclyn Lira patiently puts the leaf pieces together in the commons.

Gliding to the music, junior Jason Hoskins and his date Audrey Brock enjoy each other's company. "The dance itself was pretty good; they played a lot of good songs and the DJ was cool. We ate at Red Fortune; it's good and it's reasonable," Hoskins said.

"Before the dance, I went to a friend's house and got ready. We then took pictures. The dance was a lot of fun."

--Brooke Babbitt, 10
Dodgeball

Students explore new worlds at school

For the second year, the Stuco-sponsored Dodgeball tournament drew lots of attention. There were 17 teams with six people on each team. The final round took place in the gym on Nov. 10, and the admission cost was $1. More than 250 students showed up to watch the action.

This year's winning team was the Eagles + 2, consisting of seniors Derrick Babcock, Josh Bailey, Matt Caquelin, Branden McMahon, Justin Moulin, and Dylan Tuckel.

"Our team wanted to come out and shock the competition, and we did by winning the championship. The important part is helping people, not winning," Babcock said.

The tournament raised $900, which went to help the homeless.

"It was a big hit last year, and all the students who participated really wanted to do it again. Overall, it was a success," Stuco president Cassity Mitchell said.

—Jennifer Barlow

Winding up, senior Cori Wallace fires away. "It was good to see so many people participating in a school event," Wallace said. Eagles + 2, the tournament winners, huddle together to celebrate their victory.

Gracefully projecting the ball, freshman Dani Green aims to get people out. "Dodgeball was a blast to do. I was nervous at first but when we started to play, we were fine," Green said.

Contemplating his strategy, senior Ian Seaton considers his next move. Seaton was on Team Ramrod.

Squatting down low, sophomore Isaac Mills throws the ball. "It was a lot of fun; every one participates just for the fun, but it really does get competitive out there and there is a lot of bloodshed," Mills said.

With a quick release, senior Justin Moulin hurls the ball at his opponent. "It feels good to be champions," Moulin said. "It's going to be hard for people to fill our shoes next year."

Pitching hard, freshman Steven Walker gets ready to take his best shot. "It was a lot of fun, especially as freshmen going as far as we did. It stinks to lose, though," Walker said.
Although it’s definitely not the most popular or talked-about dance, the Stuco-sponsored Women Pay All dance is still a good time for those who choose to attend.

Held on Saturday, Nov. 19, this year’s event drew approximately 150 students and guests.

“It was the best dance so far this year, even though nobody was there,” sophomore Nancy O. Garcia said.

Stuco members showed up the afternoon before the dance to start decorating in the commons. The decorations reflected the colors gold, purple and green and carried out the theme of Masquerade.

“The music was pretty good, but there weren’t enough people there. But once we knew no one else was coming, we just all danced and had a good time together,” freshman Alyssa Scott said.

Maybe everyone can pass along the word of how much fun WPA can be and the attendance will be higher next year.

—Jennifer Barlow
Two casts, one fantastic show

"Annie" was a stepping stone for the vocal music department, introducing a four-night, two-cast musical. Director Brian J. White made the decision to have two casts after auditions.

"The decision to have two casts was not considered at first, but so many people tried out I decided to have two casts," White said.

Making room for two casts wasn't always easy.

"It was really difficult having two casts because it gave us less time to get ready for the final production," senior Becky Stude said.

The casts had to split their time, having one cast practice and then the other cast practicing directly afterwards.

Debuting on Nov. 8, "Annie" focused on the exploits of an orphan girl in search of her parents. When Grace (Cole Kill and Rachel Tiner) picks Annie (Sophie Hilleary and Cassity Mitchell) from the orphanage to spend the holiday with Oliver Warbucks (Micheal Cooper and Brandon Hoch), Annie's life is changed forever.

"For me, the hardest part was trying to sound like a little girl. I have a very low voice, so it was a challenge for me to sound like an 11-year-old," said senior Cassity Mitchell, who played Annie on Thursday and Saturday.

During the four-night run, approximately 1,000 people attended, making "Annie" a very successful event and spreading laughter throughout the audience.

An intense commitment from all the participants was crucial for the show's success, and the performers said the dedication and drive began at the top.

"Mr. White ate, slept and breathed the musical day in and day out," Stude said.

"He deserves most of the credit. Without him and his dedication, the musical would never have been possible."

—Becca Baker
During the musical's ending, senior Becky Stude, left, Brandon Hoch, and Cassity Mitchell gather to sing in the final act. "Memorizing the songs was the easiest part for me," Mitchell said. "I grew up with the show 'Annie,' so I already had the songs in my head."

Q&A

What was it like playing...

**Annie**

"Playing Annie was a really fun challenge! Throughout the play, I had to maintain the mindset of a little girl, which was admittedly difficult at times."

—Sophie Hilleary, 12

**Miss Hannigan**

"Being Miss Hannigan was a change; it was different to yell and scream at the kids and then turn around and be yourself."

—Cole Kill, 12

**Orphan Duffy**

"Playing the role of an orphan in the musical was very exciting. The set was awesome, and it made me feel like I was really an orphan."

—Olivia Walterman, 10

**Daddy Warbucks**

"As Daddy Warbucks, I got to really change my character. I got to be a billionaire whereas I come from a middle class family."

—Brandon Hoch, 12


Concentrating on her book, junior Shayla Meske reads comfortably in her pajamas. Showing off her braided pigtails, sophomore Stefanie Srenkle takes part in Wacky Hair Day.

Dressed to impress, sophomore Aubree Miller shows off her 80's Day wear. "I felt like I was in a time warp, and I landed in 2007," Miller said. During lunch, junior Ariel Wells shows off her 80's day jewelry.

Helping to put make up on, sophomore Jaclyn Lira and freshman Mag Fowler show their school spirit by participating in War Party Day.

Smiling for the crowd, seniors Kyler Paine and Sophie Hilleary were crowned Courtwarming King and queen. "I was excited about winning Courtwarming King," Paine said.
Under the Sea

Dance brings great turnout

A week full of events leading down to one thing—the Courtwarming dance.

Many things happen the week before the dance to energize student spirit: from the Courtwarming Royalty assembly on Thursday, Feb. 1, followed by the voting for king and queen, to decorating in the commons hours before the dance. And of course, Spirit Week.


“I liked 80’s Day because it brought back all the 80’s style,” sophomore Mariah Lee said. “We can dress up and look funny without getting in trouble for it.”

Seniors Kyler Paine and Sophie Hilleary were crowned Courtwarming king and queen during halftime of the boys’ basketball game on Feb. 2 against KVL rival Mill Valley.

“The dance was pretty good,” Paine said. “The dancing moves were my favorite part of the night.”

This year’s theme was “Under the Sea,” and the theme was enhanced with the colors blue and green.

“I think that everyone really liked the decorations and the theme,” Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law said.

Roughly 350 students attended the dance, proving the dance a success.

—Becca Baker

How did you spend Courtwarming?

“I went to Margarita’s with Sabrina Adkins before the dance. The dance itself was fun, but the DJ could have been better.”
—Russell O’Neill, freshman

“We went to eat at Chinese Buffet in Kansas City and after the dance we went back to my house and watched movies.”
—Nicole Woods, junior

“We went to eat at Fiesta Flavors before the dance and afterwards we got ice cream and watched ‘Hercules.’ The dance was great!”
—Josh Haas & Alicia Austin, seniors

Enjoying the festivities, junior Ariel Adger dances with a large group of people at the Courtwarming dance. “The dance was awesome,” Adger said. “The music was cool, they played everything we wanted.”

Sporting Missouri State University, junior James Prather hangs out while junior Rachael Beckett applies paint to his face. During College Apparel Day, students were able to show off their favorite college by sporting clothes, hats and painting their faces.
Sophomore Kathryn Christwell does "Smooth Criminal" by Michael Jackson. "I choreographed the dance myself, so it took me a while to get all the moves down," Christwell said. While performing with A Cappella choir, junior Michael Cooper kisses the hand of senior Stephanie Conn during "In the Still of the Night."

Performance: "This Kiss" by Faith Hill
"You have no idea how nervous I was, but in the end I had a blast. I'm excited for next year!"

Performance: "Come What May" from motion picture Moulin Rouge
"Cassidy and I both loved the song long before we decided to sing it. It's always a bit nerve-wracking singing in front of so many people, but it's worth it. I plan to try out next year as well."

Performance: Unwell, by Matchbox 20
"I had been waiting to do Bravo! all year so I'm definitely glad I did it. I chose the song because I love to sing it and because I think it shows a part of who I am."

Performing "La Bamba," junior Leo Sanchez entertains the crowd. "I really enjoy playing the piano, so I had a lot of fun," Sanchez said. Showing off her moves, sophomore Meghan-Miller dances with Women's Ensemble in "I'm the Only One" by Melissa Etheridge.
Braves work hard to showcase their talent

Playing to a packed house in performances on March 15-16, the vocal music department’s spring variety show Bravo! was another big success.

In the past, Bravo! was scheduled every other year, but this year marked the second consecutive year for the event.

“Although I was pretty nervous, I had a lot of fun I wish I could do it again next year but I won’t be here.”

“Part of Your World,” from the motion picture The Little Mermaid.

“I had a total blast performing in Bravo! because I love singing, dancing, and putting on a show. For once I actually wasn’t nervous, and I can’t wait until next year!”

Performance: “Too Much To Ask” by Avril Lavigne

“Although I was pretty nervous, I had a lot of fun I wish I could do it again next year but I won’t be here.”

Performance: Evolution of Dance

“It took me about five minutes to memorize the dance. A lot of the moves were just from watching people like Michael Jackson, James Brown, and Carlton from Fresh Prince. I had a lot of fun!”

Shining in the spotlight, junior Kasie Cook performs “A Moment Like This” by Kelly Clarkson. “I love Bravo! it’s always fun to do,” Cook said. “I hate singing in front of people unless it’s people I’m really close with, but I would love to do it again next year.”
Mystery mayhem

Winter play intrigues and delights audience

The play full of mystery, “Murder by the Book” took place in the auditorium Feb. 8-10.

The story starts off with the Raven Society holding its annual meeting to give the Smoking Gun Award to the author of the best mystery book of the year. But when people start coming up dead, the fun turns into a real life mystery which everyone is determined to figure out.

“The play this year was different because there weren’t really any main roles,” junior Katelyn Kobiak said. “A lot of the parts were equal, which was cool. I enjoyed playing my part because it wasn’t serious; it was funny.”

With everyone on the edge of their seats, the plot twists and turns around the exploits of famous authors ranging from William Shakespeare to the reclusive poet Emily Dickinson, making it almost impossible to figure out the real murderer.

After going through all the possible suspects, Agatha Christie (Cassity Mitchell) thought she finally had it figured out. But to her and everyone else’s surprise, the murderers turn out to be a complete surprise.

“The plays have always been a blast, and I will miss working with Brandon Hoch and Mr. Streit next year,” senior Cassity Mitchell said.

Although attendance was down, director Dan Streit said he was pleased with the performance of the cast.

“It was one of the better performed plays that we have done here at BSHS,” Streit said. “The kids hit their lines each night and performed almost flawlessly. We just wish more people would have attended. They missed a good play.”

—Jennifer Barlow

A twist in the plot, junior Katelyn Kobiak (Viola Danson) and senior Brandon Hoch (Mark Twain) reveal to everyone who the real murderers are. “The play has been a four-year journey and now that it is over I am going to miss the plays but most of all I will miss Streit,” Hoch said. After finding a cell phone, senior Lacee Gumm (Mary Shelley) tries to call the police but not before getting electrocuted to death. “I’m sad this was my last experience in a high school play, but the rest of the cast made it very enjoyable,” Gumm said.
Shocked by the news, seniors Cassity Mitchell (Agatha Christie) and Brett Johnson (William Shakespeare) find out about the murders. "This was my first year acting in the play, and it was a ton of fun. It gave me a chance to make new friends with the cast members I didn't already know," Johnson said. Finding a solution to their problem, sophomore Tony Camp (Edgar Allan Poe) thinks of different motives the killer might have.

Smirking at the thoughts of the murderer's plan, freshman Makenzie Lee (Louisa May Alcott) and sophomore Brandy Hoover (Charlotte Bronte) wait to hear an explanation. "It was really fun working with everyone. I think this was the best play Bonner has seen. My favorite part of the play was dressing up," Hoover said.

'Murder by the Book' Cast. Front Row: freshman Kayla Zimmerly (Emily Dickinson), senior Brett Johnson (William Shakespeare), senior Brandon Hoch (Mark Twain), senior Cassity Mitchell (Agatha Christie), junior Katie Kobialka (Violet Donglon), freshman Makenzie Lee (Louisa May Alcott). Row 2: senior Lacee Gumm (Mary Shelley), sophomore Daniel Simmons (Arthur Conan Doyle), sophomore Brandy Hoover (Charlotte Bronte), and sophomore Tony Camp (Edgar Allan Poe).

After a snake bite, sophomore Daniel Simmons (Arthur Conan Doyle) adds another person to the murderer's list. "I'm glad I got to make my debut performance with all the seniors in their final play production. The play was a sensation and was a blast to perform in. I look forward to many more with Mr. Streit," Simmons said.
Prom in Paris

Perfect weather, perfect place, perfect night

April 28 might have been a very stressful day for the juniors and seniors and even some underclassmen of BSHS who would be attending prom later that night. Picking up their dates, getting their hair done, or even making sure that all of the last-minute things were taken care of were just the beginning of the to-do list for this day that many had anticipated for quite some time.

Prom was held once again at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse, the theme being set up for a romantic "Rendezvous in Paris." Eiffel towers scattered on the tables, a bench in a secluded corner, and a fountain with chocolate cascading down the sides were just a few of the decorations giving off Parisian vibes.

"Decorating for the dance was very fun and easier than I thought it would be. The decorations really paid off in the end because it all looked great," said Alyssa Kelly, one of the ten juniors who helped prepare for the dance.

Once all was set up, all that was left to do was wait—and wait is what about 270 students did. Occupying themselves by getting ready and eating dinner before the doors opened were a few ways to pass the time.

But once eight o'clock rolled around, students were allowed to enter the clubhouse and in came the crowd. After checking in, voting for royalty, and getting pictures out of the way, the students were free to dance, examine the decorations and food that was offered, or simply just enjoy themselves.

"Prom was a hit. We had an awesome event with great decorations; everyone always dances and seems to have a great time," sponsor Adrianne Law said.

—Mandi Ontis

Prom Royalty. Front Row: RikkiAnn Burks, Cole Kill, Leslie McConico, Cassity Mitchell, Jessica Sams. Back Row: Jobie Buehler, Jake Campbell, Jake Henry, Justin Moulin, Andy Smith. Placing flowers on the table, junior Brandi Ventura sets up the decorations for prom the morning of the dance. "Setting up was fun, but it was kind of hard to get everything together," Ventura said.
Strutting his stuff, junior Drew Foster arrives at the donee in style. "Prom was fun even though I didn’t have a date; I just danced with everybody else’s girl. The best part was when I got in a circle and did the Michael Jackson dance and everyone cheered for me," Foster said.

Showing the crowd what they've got, seniors Andy Smith and Kyler Paine get into a very memorable "dance-off" with many people giving them the spotlight, including sophomore Nancy DeLeon and senior Willie Wilson. DeLeon described the dance-off as being "definitely a Kyler Paine show." "It was a very memorable moment from the dance that I will cherish and remember forever," DeLeon said.

Leading the train that would make its way around the room, junior Chelsea Crouch and sophomore Luke Terrell dance it up at prom. "The dance was fun, and my date was great," Crouch said.

All decked out and enjoying himself, senior Eli Freeman dances alone. Freeman and his date, junior Janelle Lira, dined at Anthony’s, an Italian restaurant. "It was yum-yum delicious," Lira said.

Shortly after arriving at the Lake Forest clubhouse, junior Cody Wallace and sophomore Erika Busch discuss who to give their votes to for prom king and queen. "I based my decision on who I voted for by how well I knew the candidates," Wallace said.

After being announced prom king and queen, seniors Cassity Mitchell and Jake Campbell share the traditional king and queen dance. "I was really excited to win prom queen because I got a tiara. That was all I really wanted," Mitchell said.
Dancing the night away, senior Jessica Sams and junior Michael Cooper are all smiles. “I thought prom was really fun. The set-up was very nice, and the chocolate fountain was pretty cool,” Cooper said.

Prom 2007

Sophomore Stephen Call and junior Lisa Rogers

Junior Jesse Swan and sophomore Brittany Winfield

Seniors Josh Haas and Alicia Austin

Sophomore Olivia Walterman and senior Brett Johnson

Seniors Jake Henry and Stephanie Conn

Senior Matt Scott and sophomore Zandra Storms

Junior Angel Solano and senior Janee Ingenthon

Junior Jon Robertson and senior Chelsea Shockey
Rendezvous in Paris

Senior Rachel Tiner and her date Josh Liston

Senior Carmen Claiborn and her date Kyle Block

Sophomore Nancy DeLeon and seniors Willie Wilson, Jared Ruby, and Tiffany Starks

Sophomore Garrett Parker and junior Alyssa Kelly

Senior Brandon Hoch and sophomore Cindi Price

Junior Aaron Hill and sophomore Cali Hackney

Junior Holly Luke and sophomore Chance Crawford
On May 4, senior James Huston presented his senior project with the assistance of Dr. Jerry Abbott, his mentor. Huston shadowed a personal trainer as his project.

Before leaving Project Grad, Kristie Allen, Pamie Englehart, and Tiffany Devosha cashed in their tickets at the Finnegan’s arcade. At the end of the night, students could redeem their tickets for any prize the store offered.

With a big smile, senior Alex Gonzalez picks up his cap and gown during seventh hour his last day. "When I picked up my cap and gown, I couldn’t believe I was graduating," Gonzalez said.

While at Project Grad, senior Michael Moore plays a basketball arcade game. "It was cool that we didn’t have to pay for anything, and the gifts were great," Moore said.
When it comes to the last few days of your high school career, life can become stressful. From finishing every last detail on your senior project to finally meeting your e-mentor, the life of a senior can be very hectic and emotion-filled.

"On the last day, all that was on my mind was finals; I just wanted to pass and have a good GPA," senior Jesse Hernandez said.

At the beginning of the year, all seniors filled out a form on what they liked and disliked and were then matched with an e-mentor. Seniors corresponded with their e-mentor throughout the year in their English classes. They met their e-mentor at a May 2 luncheon.

Then came the big day, the day that many seniors definitely don’t look forward to—senior boards. In the end, 11 gold awards and 52 silver awards were given.

Cassidy Mitchell, Carmen Claiborn, and Jared Ruby all entered the Senior Board Hall of Fame for their exemplary efforts.

The next few days consisted of a mixture of smiles and tears. Whoever thought leaving high school would be so emotional?

The final day for seniors was May 9. The following Friday they met at 9 a.m. for graduation rehearsal, followed by the senior picnic at Shawnee Mission Park.

After graduation, all seniors gathered for one last event, Project Grad, which was held at Finnegan’s Hall in Kansas City.

After arriving at approximately 11 p.m., graduates spent the evening bowling, playing arcade games, signing commemorative T-shirts and simply enjoying one another’s company. In addition to raffle prizes, each graduate received a $75 cash gift.

"Project Grad was one of the best times I’ve had. It’s a time where you can have fun with all your friends one final time before they go off and begin life," senior Maggie Hackney said.

While eating lunch with his e-mentor, senior Cameron Buck talks about his future and the direction of his education. On May 2, seniors met their e-mentors and enjoyed a special luncheon. Preparing to leave high school forever, senior Stephanie Conn cleans out her locker. "Cleaning out my locker was normal, but when I walked out of the school it felt a little strange," Conn said.
Graduation 2007
Saturday, May 12
7:30 pm
District P.E. Center

Clockwise from bottom left: Cheering and yelling, a full-capacity crowd greeted the graduates upon entering the P.E. Center. Slowly but surely, junior Katie Kobialka leads the graduates over to the P.E. Center. Kobialka, and fellow junior Adam Smith, were chosen to be the Junior Escorts due to their shared Student Council Presidency. Trying on her hat, senior Monica Kennedy prepares for the evening’s festivities. Thanking those who helped them make it here, the graduates cheer and applaud as the reality of graduation sets in.

Clockwise from top right: After receiving his diploma, graduate Josh Martin shakes hands with USD 204 Superintendent Dr. Robert VanMaren. Beginning the longest walk of their lives, graduates Becca Baker and Tyler Ballard follow their line. Using his Silly String, graduate Josh Vochotzer sprays fellow graduate Donovan Grady. The graduates were given the Silly String by the administration immediately after commencement. Having wiped away the tears, graduate Samantha Cannon hugs a family member in celebration.
Bryce Peterson

Q. How much do you usually spend when you go shopping?
A. Around $12.

Q. What celebrity would you compare yourself to?
A. I really don’t compare myself to a celebrity. I am just myself.

Q. What do you like most about your style?
A. What I like most about my style is that it is really comfortable.

Q. What is your favorite name brand?
A. I am not a fan of name brands. I just buy what I like.

Max Hilleary

Q. How much do you usually spend when you go shopping?
A. It depends on how much I have, maybe $40 to $70.

Q. What celebrity would you compare yourself to?
A. I’ve never thought about it, but maybe Adam Brody or John Mayer. I try to find clothes that are sort of laid back, but still look presentable.

Q. What do you like most about your style?
A. My moccasins! They go with everything except black.

Q. What is your favorite name brand?
A. Although I don’t have the budget to buy all of their stuff, Dolce & Gabbana is definitely a brand I love and will wear in the future.
Michaela Mortensen

Q. How much do you usually spend when you go shopping?
A. I'm pretty cheap, so I usually keep it under $30.

Q. What celebrity would you compare yourself to?
A. I wouldn't compare myself to any celebrity because I’m not rollin' in enough bills to even come close to their styles, but if I had to compare to one celebrity, it would be Lily Allen because she wears some pretty sweet duds.

Q. What do you like most about your style?
A. What I like most about my style is that it's not completely weird like it once was, but it still has some sweet flare to spice it up.

Q. What is your favorite name brand?
A. I’m not too big on brand names; I couldn’t care less what the brand is as long as I like it.

Porscha Saxton

Q. How much do you usually spend when you go shopping?
A. It really all depends on the store I am in. Sometimes I go way over my budget, spending more than I actually bargain for. But trust me, it’s all worth every penny I spend.

Q. What celebrity would you compare yourself to?
A. I would compare myself to Kimberly Elise. Some people say I look like her. Our style is somewhat the same; we’re both very creative.

Q. What do you like most about your style?
A. I like how I take the smallest color out of a shirt and make it the primary color that I will wear.

Q. What is your favorite name brand?
A. I love XOXO clothing and purses. I wear a little of everything from Aeropostale to Forever 21. A lot of the clothes I get come from department stores like JCPenny’s, Dillard’s, and Macy’s.
Weekends

You anxiously look at the clock; it's 2:10 p.m., so you go back to doing your work. You look at the clock again; it's 2:15 p.m., and it's only been five minutes but it's felt like an eternity. It's seventh hour on a Friday, and you have big plans for the weekend. 2:50 p.m. finally rolls around, and you run out the door and head for the parking lot. The weekend has begun.

"I like to go to the games and then go to McDonald's afterwards. Other than that I like to go to the movies and Scooter's," sophomore Cara Poe said. Most students are always busy on the weekends—from games and tournaments to working on that homework they've been putting off. The weekends are also a great time to make some extra cash, to just catch up on some Z's, or to just do nothing at all.

"I usually stay at home until it's time to go to work. After work, I hang out with my friends and dance," junior Stephen Edwards said.

The weekend may seem like the best thing ever to a student. But has anyone ever thought about how teachers feel about their two-day break away from students? The truth is they look forward to it as much as students do.

"My favorite thing to do on the weekends is spend time with my husband and four-year old little boy," said physical education teacher Kerri Jennings. Whether you're going to a party or have a long night of work ahead of you, you're ready for the weekend when it rolls around. Everyone does different things on the weekend, but to everyone their weekend is a sacred thing.

—Jennifer Barlow

Precisely painting, senior Kristie Allen works on her senior project, which included redecorating her room with a white tiger theme. "I wanted to get my project done over the summer, but that didn't happen so I gradually finished it on the weekends. Although it took a long time to complete, it was worth it," Allen said.
"On the weekends I work at Earl May where I water, clean, cashier, and play with our store kitty, Opie. During the spring my job can be enjoyable, but lingers during the winter."

—Casey Meints, 12

"I like to play basketball and watch basketball on TV during the weekends. I'm also a referee for basketball games at the YMCA."

—Chase McGhee, 11

"I pretty much do the same thing every weekend. Every Sunday I go to church. I work and hang out with my friends mostly, but when I get some free time I like to play my guitar."

—Emily Denton, 10

"I like to skate on the weekends. My favorite place to skate is KC Indoor where I work on perfecting all of my tricks. My favorite trick to attempt is a 360 flip."

—Kenner Claiborn, 9
As a football tradition, junior Holly Luke, seniors Danny Thompson and Ian Seaton, and junior Taryn Sullivan gather around the grill while tailgating before the Mill Valley game at home. "I enjoy getting together with my peers in hope for a victory," Thompson said.
Senior Favorites

Cutest Couple
Jake Henry & Stephanie Conn

Most Likely to Succeed
Brianna VanSchoelandt & Jared Simmons

Class Clowns
Casey Meints & Nick DeLeon
Deidra Dornberger
Jonathon Downey
Trent Droge
Pamie Englehart
Kaylen Fehrman
Cari Frazey
Eli Freeman
Alex Gonzalez
Candice Grady
Donovan Grady
Lacee Gumm
Josh Haas
Maggie Hackney
James Hakes
Justin Hall
Kayla Hannahan
Will Hansen
Jarred Harrington
Devin Harvey
Jake Henry
Stephanie Hern
Jesse Hernandez
Margarita Hernandez
Maria Herrera
Sophie Hilleary
Brandon Hoch
Breeann Hunt
James Huston
Deanna Hutchison
Janee Ingentron
Senior Favorites

Most Likely to Bleed Orange and Black
Cassity Mitchell & Brandon Hoch

Best Smile
Josh McConico & Cori Wallace
Seniors Favorites

Most Likely to Appear on a Reality TV Show
Ashlie Marquez & Justin Hall

Most Athletic
Anthony Brown & Christina Delladio

Most Friendly
Justin Moulin & Mercy Lukas
Best Friends Forever
Michaela Kroh & Cole Kill
Danny Thompson & Jarred Harrington

Most Likely to Appear on American Idol
Sophie Hilleary & Dalton Walker

Not Pictured:
Joe Bartels
Robert Beckett
Guadalupe Duarte
Danielle Elmer
Morgan Gear
Alicia Rawlins
Kimberly Spencer

Most Artistic
Becky Stude & Tony Kile
From the Past

Annette Cline and Leslie McConico. “I played softball for PSC. Mr. Mitchell was the coach and also Mr. Stephens, Sara Stephens’ dad. I don’t remember much about it, but I remember that we were all good friends,” McConico said. Brittney Crane, Jamie Arnett, and Alexandra Venerable. “I first entered the Bonner Springs-Edwardsville school district during middle school which required me to meet new friends. Jamie and Brittney were friendly and nice, and I soon became best friends with them. From then on, I looked forward to going to the monthly dances with my friends. Unlike the dances now, we were able to act goofy. It was something I will always remember,” Venerable said.

Cassity Mitchell and Brett Johnson. “Cassity was my first-grade sweetheart. She was one of my best friends then and still is now,” Johnson said. Mitchell also had fond first-grade memories. “I remember having all the Valentine parties at McDaniels Elementary School, and we were in Mrs. Marshall’s classroom. I remember this day clearly because my mom was always excited to dress me up for these festive parties. Every day during recess we would chase each other on the playground. I was his first sweetheart, and he was my Valentine sweetheart,” she said.

“Being able to play with my fellow seniors was a great experience. Although we lost, it will be something I will remember forever. ’07'”
—Emily DeVore

“Swimming was my favorite activity in aerobics. I liked getting on the noodles and swimming to the other side of the pool like a bike.”
—Jessica Sams

“It was fun making the turkey hands in Kayettes, but it took a lot of work. I’m going to miss making all the things and being able to help with my friends.”
—Stephanie Hern

“The best thing about being an aide is having some time off during the day, especially after working so hard in all of the other classes I have been in during high school.”
—Jake Henry
Jarred Harrington, Willie Wilson, and Danny Thompson. "This picture was taken at Brett Johnson's after a middle school dance. We were acting like cheerleaders. We thought we were so cool," Wilson said. Far right, Jennifer Barlow and Dylan Tuckel. For the eighth grade Halloween dance, my friends and I all dressed up as gangsters. I was so excited to take a picture with Dylan Tuckel because along with everyone else I had a crush on him. Dylan was dressed up as a prep, so we were totally dressed opposite," Barlow said.

"I like to do the warriors pose because it relaxes me. Aerobics was a great class."
—Maria Herrera

"It was cool being able to write my name on the sidewalk with different color chalk. It was an experiment for Chemistry II."
—Josh King

Carmen Claiborn and Alex Silvers. "We were in the fifth grade at Edwardsville Elementary. This was our farewell dance, and I secretly had a crush on Alex. I'm glad that this picture was taken, despite how goofy I look. With this pic, I have something to look at and remember our dance together," Claiborn said. Maggie Hackney and Cristina Contreras. "I was new freshman year, and I had Physical Education with Mrs. Jennings' first hour the first semester but then I got switched to third hour. Maggie was the first person I met, and she introduced me to everyone else in that class and all the others we had together," Contreras said.

"What I enjoyed the most about playing games in Spanish IV was that the people that I played with made it fun. The sad thing was I did not win."
—Taryn Lane

"Along with the 12 other senior football players, it felt good being a leader to the rest of the team."
—Jesse Hernandez
Part of '08

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Britney Shipman, Zach Cohorst, Tiffany Ellis, Kasie Cook, Brandi Ventura, Lauren Burgess, Zach Holder, Monica Simpson, Erin Kruger, Audrey Folk, Angel Solano, Ian Briggs. Center: Samuel Mace.
Which teacher would you like to follow around for a day?

"Mr. Howe, so I can discover his workout and become buff like him."
—Clint Herdman, 11

"Mrs. Jennings because she gets to wear casual workout clothes every day... and she gets to workout."
—Shayla Meseke, 11

"Mr. Caldwell. He is only the coolest teacher of all time."
—Nathan Lynch, 11
Which teacher would you like to follow around for a day?

"Doc because I really like listening to him talk."
—Maisie Crayton, 11

"Mr. Fouquet so that I can become a certified Ninja."
—Cody Wallace, 11

"Ms. Lugar because she has a crazy sense of style and doesn't care what people think."
—Erica Duckworth, 11
Who is your celebrity look alike?

"Arnold Schwarzenegger."
—Tanner Stark, 11

"Bob Dole."
—Jessica Hoglund, 11

"John Madden."
—David Link, 11
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Kathryn Christwell
Patrick Clair

Seth Clements
Aaron Conn
Angelica Contreras
Josh Cook
Ryan Cooper
Seth Cooper

Nancy Correa
Amanda Couch
Chance Crawford
Stephon Crump
Alexis Crumrine
Zach Dean
If you were a sports ball, what would you be?

"I would be a tennis ball because who doesn't want to be small and green?"

—Meghan Miller, 10

"A golf ball because I'm small and white."

—Mariah Lee, 10

"The one that is autographed so nobody touches me."

—Tony Camp, 10
"I would want to be a football, so I could be carried around."
—Renee Drury, 10

"A football because it's my favorite sport."
—Nick Waldo, 10

"A dodgeball because I'll knock you out!"
—Sterian Porchia, 10
What's the most disgusting thing in your locker?

"My wrestling shorts."
—James Canada, 10

"My month-old cupcake, which is now hard as a rock."
—Jaclyn Lira, 10

"Nothing right now but it is really messy."
—Cara Poe, 10
"Probably everything. I have a lot of OLD energy drink cans; some with stuff still in it."
—Zach Dean, 10

"A triple cheeseburger from Wendy's."
—Tera Isenhower, 10

"Probably an old, sweaty T-shirt from football practice."
—Brandon Mills, 10

What's the most disgusting thing in your locker?
Zandra Storms
Alex Sullivan
Cody Sullivan
Michael Tavis
Kayla Taylor
Sabrina Taylor

Luke Terrell
Kristina Tilden
Chris Tillisch
Brent Tiner
Caitlyn Toland
Amanda Trent

Lucas Tuckel
Timmy Vaughan
Teal Viegra
Silvia Villaneda
Kaycee Waite
Nick Waldo

Michael Walker
Olivia Waltersman
Cassi Ward
Jhovonne Waters
Yeaulonne Waters
Shawn Wayman

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Clockwise from top left: Blaine Lewis, Jake Barren, Jordan MacDonald, Dani Green, Tessa Seaton, Mark Schmidt, Clarence Forshey, Morgan Tinsley, Chelsea Peters. Center: David Katosh, Melissa Garcia.
Nathan Abramovitz
Miguel Acosta
Mandi Adams
Sabrina Adkins
Hugo Aguirre
Oscar Aguirre

Jordan Alden
Alejandra Argudo
Kerriiann Arnold
Elisa Arzabala
Teal Bailey
William Baker

Brooks Ballou
Austin Barnes
Jake Barren
Max Barren
Ryan Bartels
Kevin Beashore

Brandi Benigni
Chris Bickley
Martin Birch
Bradley Brewer
Major Brooks
Cara Brown

Jonathon Brown
Michael Brown
Justin Buehler
Brady Burton
Ryan Butner
Matt Caley

Xavier Capalla
Jenna Caquelin
Anthony Catron
Brittany Caudillo
Priscilla Cerros
Kelly Chastain

Kenner Claiborn
Timothy Clark
Patrick Collins
John Condron
Jason Cornett
Christian Cote

fresmen
What was one thing that scared you as a child?

"My sister."
—Seth Gallagher, 9

"The Easter Bunny."
—Ryan Bartels, 9

"The dark."
—Joseph Robertson, 9
What's your perfect pizza?

"Pizza that isn't very greasy... greasy food makes me weak."
—Alyssa Scott, 9

"Cheese, sardines, anchovies, mayonnaise, jalapeños, M&M's, but no brown ones."
—Meg Fowler, 9

"Canadian bacon."
—Kaleigh Crider, 9
What's your perfect pizza?

"Pepperoni and thick crust."
—Bailey Nairn, 9

"Fifty-feet around, stuffed crust, with barbecue chicken."
—Katie Lansdown, 9

"Macaroni and cheese pizza—shaped like the boot of Italy."
—Ky Hall, 9
"Chocolate just because it tastes good."
—Mandi Adams, 9

"Cookie dough ice cream because it is different and cool."
—Cameron Summers, 9

"I'd be Bunny Tracks because it is the best."
—Sabrina Adkins, 9
"Probably sherbet because it is fruity."
—Candice Standridge, 9

"Strawberry because it is good."
—Ryan Morris, 9

“What type of ice cream sums you up?

“Mint chocolate chip because it tastes good.”
—Justin Friend, 9

Joseph Robertson
Bradley Roush
Korey Sanborn
Katie Sanders
Stephanie Sanders
Eric Scarborough

Mark Schmidt
Katlin Scholler
Alyssa Scott
Tessa Seaton
Autumn Seeley
Craig Serna

Natasha Serna
Alan Smith
Roger Smith
Candice Standridge
Lisa Stevenson
Christopher Stites

Candy Stoldt
Morgan Storey
James Storms
Cory Strauss
Crystal Stude
Michael Sullivan

Cameron Summers
Alisa Sutler
Levi Sweets
Katelyn Tatum
Jacki Taylor
Chris Throckmorton
Who is your hidden inner villain?

"Freddy Krueger."
- Stacy Ellis, 9

"Man Ray."
- Brooks Ballou, 9

"My evil twin."
- Jenna Caquelin, 9
Part of it **ALL**

**'10**

Number of Guys: 115  
Number of Girls: 101  
Total: 216

**'09**

Number of Guys: 97  
Number of Girls: 104  
Total: 201

**'08**

Number of Guys: 87  
Number of Girls: 96  
Total: 183
Faculty & Staff

Jerry Abbott, Principal
Andy Anderson, Science
Susan Anderson, Food Services
Nancy Baker, Language Arts
Gail Berman, Language Arts
DiAnne Berning, Bookkeeper

Sarah Brower, Attendance Secretary
Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
Kristin Byers, Guidance Counselor
Bob Caldwell, Mathematics
Heather Campbell, Mathematics
Martha Chandley, FACS

Pete Cisneros, Industrial Technology
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Martha Gamble, Food Services
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
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Lew Kasselman, Science
Mary Lauber, Library Media Aide
Adrianne Law, Business
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Jacci Leib, Science
Jo Wiseman, Social Science
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Mike McDonald, Custodial
Lindsay Miller, Business
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Brian O’Neill, Technology Education
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Anne Otroszko, Mathematics
Shannon Pierce, Nurse
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Cynthia Ready, Mathematics
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Wanda Simchuk, Art
Ann Smith, Language Arts/ESL

Kay Smith, Registrar
Thomas Smotherman, Custodial
Dan Streit, Language Arts
Jennifer Stricherz, Language Arts
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Brian White, Vocal Music

Not Pictured: Marilyn Allen, Success Center; Garold Baker, Activities Director; Angela Barton, Science; Monty Bechard, Physical Education; Maria Betzen, Special Education; Leslie Blythe, Special Education; Diane Bonner, Success Center; Tom Borengasser, Paraprofessional; Mia Buck, Nurse; Danny Colvin, Custodial; Mike Fitzgibbons, Physical Education; Janelle Fuentes, Vocal Music Accompanist; Justin Howe, Social Sciences; Kerri Jennings, Physical Education; Kyle Johnson, Custodial; Linda Kasselman, Secretary; Rosemary Kruger, Custodian; Joe LaCicero, Business; Staci Lowe, Physical Education; Erin McBride, Science; Sunshine Peterman, Custodial; Elias Trujillo, Custodial.
During the varsity game at Lansing, senior Josh Bailey, along with his teammates, encourages members on the field. “As a team captain, I did my best to keep the team’s morale up even though I had to sit this game out,” Bailey said.
"Do things the right way, by giving 110 percent every play."
—Coach Lew Kasselman

Outrunning two Piper players, junior L.T. Lee runs through traffic to get the Braves into scoring range. In addition to 283 rushing yards on 76 carries, Lee had two interceptions and ran one back for a touchdown. Under pressure, senior quarterback Willie Wilson looks for a win in the final seconds of the Mill Valley game. Wilson ended his career with seven touchdown passes and 750 passing yards.

Pumping themselves up before the final game of the season, the Braves break it down to sophomore Jimmy Canada’s pre-game chant. “The pre-game warm-up gets everyone focused and on the same page,” freshman Jake Barren said.

After a “breaking an ankle” move, senior Josh Bailey runs the ball back to the 30-yard line against Turner. Bailey led the team with 29 tackles and punted 31 times for 979 yards. Struggling to break free, junior Tyler Jock looks to get extra yards in the home opener against Basehor. Jock finished the season with 107 carries and 903 yards.
Pushing the limits

Strong finishes highlights season for Braves

With the clock winding down and the sounds of sweet victory in the air, the Braves started the season with determination and no reason to look back.

"Winning our home opener against the Basehor-Linwood Bobcats was a huge deal; it showed how everything we had worked for came together," junior L.T. Lee said.

Defeating Basehor 17-16 with a field goal from senior Justin Moulin gave the Braves motivation for the future and not to mention bragging rights.

Yet slowly the team fell into a five-game losing slump and the Braves found themselves focusing on basic techniques to regroup.

"It was almost like we started over and had the mind-set of a 0-0 record. We worked extremely hard every practice and played every game as if it was our last," sophomore Jimmy Canada said.

The hard work paid off as the Braves got on a winning track with 18-15 victory over Sumner Academy to open regional play.

But the sweetest victory for head coach Lew Kasselman was the final game of the season, when the Braves and the Turner Bears went head-to-head and battled it out until the end.

Just like he did in the season opener, Moulin booted a winning field goal to seal the 21-20 victory. Afterwards, fans stormed the field in support of head coach Lew Kasselman.

"Coming out on top never felt so sweet, and with your whole school chanting your name behind you, it gives you a little bit of a lift," Kasselman said. "The atmosphere was unbelievable."

Overall, the Braves fought hard but finished 3-6. "The Turner game stands out because they were predicted to win by 30 points and we ended up on top. We came out fired up and took control early," senior Josh Bailey said.

—Tiffany Starks

Moving forward

Young squad progresses towards goals

A new field, a new season.
It was definitely a new beginning for the Braves when they kicked off their season on a brand new synthetic turf field against Tonganoxie on Aug. 28. Senior Jobie Buehler made school history when he scored the first goal on the turf, with an assist from junior Jason Hoskins.

"The field was great," Buehler said. "It was an experience that I'll never forget."

Compiling a 10-6-1 record, the Braves had many highlights but none bigger than beating Basehor 7-2 on Basehor's home field. The two teams had battled the week before at Bonner, ending in a 2-2 tie.

"We loved beating Basehor," senior Justin Moulin said. "It was a great feeling stopping Austin Knipp, who set a state scoring record."

Other highlights included a strong sense of team unity and camaraderie.

"We had a great season," senior Derrick Babcock said. "It came together very well. Our team was like a family."

Perhaps nothing displayed this unity better than the team's decision to sport unique mohawk haircuts.

"At first I got the mohawk for fun but then I did good at the next game, so everyone thought it was the hair and joined in," junior Clayton McCully said.

"We had a lot of fun with it."

Although the Braves did not advance to state, they still had many reasons to be proud of their efforts.

"These players were all extremely coachable, and they all had great attitudes. Every one of those guys loved the game," head coach Jimmy Vogel said.

At the end of the season, seven Braves were honored for their hard work with Kaw Valley league recognition.

-Chelsea Crouch

Pushing and shoving, junior Ryan Bush fights for the ball against the Piper Pirates in the Wyco Tournament. "We had some rough times," Bush said. "But in the end we really pulled together."

Fighting his opponent, senior Jobie Buehler struggles to break free and pass the ball against Harmon. Buehler earned second-team Kaw Valley honors for his strong play as a utility player.

Junior Jason Hoskins shows off his skills in a 3-2 regional loss to Bishop Miege at home. "The ball just didn't roll our way," Hoskins said.
Senior co-captain Derrick Babcock shakes off a Harmon defender during the championship game of the Wyco Tournament where the Braves placed second. Babcock led the team with eight goals and 15 assists. Joey Schmidt was the other senior co-captain.

Senior defender Justin Moulin races to a ball against a Piper Pirates' striker. "I loved the feeling of stopping a striker," Moulin said.

Focusing hard, junior Michael Bille clears the ball out of the defensive end. "We started slowly but once the team got going we found what we were looking for," Bille said.

Boys Soccer
Lansing 0 2
Tonganoxie 9 1
Wyco Tournament Second
Mill Valley 2 4
Bishop Ward 2 0
Lansing 3 0
Tonganoxie 10 2
DeSoto 2 0
Basehor 2 2
Mill Valley 0 2
Piper 5 3
Perry 3 0
Immaculata 4 2
Basehor 7 2
Regional Third
Overall Record: 10-6-1
Staying tough

Team play improves throughout season

Although they got off to a slow start, the volleyball team improved steadily and showed great improvement by the end of the season.

“We played our best at the end of the year after we beat some teams and felt our confidence was boosted,” junior Holly Luke said.

Head coach Jo Wiseman agreed that the squad made huge strides with each and every match.

“We played our best at sub-state," Wiseman said. “The girls really stepped up and played well. Their passing was great, and everything just fell into place. They made Lansing work extra hard.”

The team was led by captains Christina Delladio and Ally Venerable, who were leaders on and off the court.

Delladio also led the way on the statistical side with the most kills and blocks while junior Lindsey Johnson had the best serving percentage.

Delladio was rewarded for her play with an honorable mention selection to the all-Kaw Valley team.

Like most teams, the Bravettes faced their share of obstacles but persevered through them.

“We were overall a short team compared to the other teams we faced,” Wiseman said.

Although they posted a 4-29 record, the team made a strong effort to bond with each other and did everything from holding pasta parties to tie-dying socks before the first game.

“The highlight of the year was when we actually played as a team and not necessarily when we won,” senior Cari Frazey said.

—Jason Hoskins

Huddling up, the Bravettes get the game plan from Coach Jo Wiseman as they get set to play the Tonganoxie Chieftains. **Looking for the ace,** junior Holly Luke gets ready to serve. "We had a lot power in our middle blocking and hitting," Luke said.

"The game that stands out in my mind is our first win, the Washington game. We went two and three. That was an eventful night."

—Cori Frazey, 12

**Reaching as high as possible,** sophomore Nancy DeLeon skillfully tips the ball over the net for a point in a junior varsity loss to the Immaculata Raiders while teammate Starian Porchia, also a sophomore, looks on. "The JV season went well, and we definitely improved the more we played," DeLeon said.

**Seniors Janee Ingenthron and Alexandra Venerable** attempt to block a Sumner opponent in the WyCo Tournament. Venerable closely followed co-captain Christina Delladio for most blocks on the team. **Using teamwork,** junior Wendy DeLeon and senior Christina Delladio put up a strong defensive effort against Bishop Ward. "The season was really fun, and I am going to miss the seniors," DeLeon said.
Stay ing the course, junior Sadie Kelly paces herself as she makes her way to state qualification with strong times throughout the season. "It [qualifying for state] is the proudest moment of my life," Kelly said. The solo girls' runner, Kelly finished with a time of 19:24.

Finishing strong, junior James Carter looks toward his goal during the Kaw Valley League meet at Wyandotte County Park where he finished seventh. Carter continued his season all the way to state, recording the team's top time for the second year in a row with a 17:58.

Sticking together, sophomores Nancy DeLeon and Julia Glenn work together to hold their position at the Bonner Invitational where they helped the girls' squad to an eighth-place finish. The girls' team had enjoyed record numbers with 10 runners participating throughout the season.

Finishing strong, senior Joey Schmidt places 16th at the Ottawa Invitational with a time of 19:38. "The team was extremely strong this year because our program is growing and improving vastly," said Schmidt, a co-captain who battled injuries in his final season.

A close-knit family, the cross country team has bonded together over the years. From left, state qualifiers Alex Perico, Derrick Babcock, Isaac Mills, Clayton McCully, James Carter, Garrett Parker, and Matt Gaquelin consistently pushed each other to achieve goals and improve the team. Pushing through pain, senior co-captain Derrick Babcock and sophomore Isaac Mills stride out during state competition at Rim Rock Farm on Oct. 28. "State gave us a great chance to show the hard work and dedication that we put in throughout the season," Mills said.

80 cross country
Cross country team reaches state again

Season-tested and determined, the cross country team once again showed improvement individually and on the team level.

Many had expected a great season due to the fact that not one of the varsity boys' runners from last year graduated, but the team exceeded everyone's expectations by taking first at the Kaw Valley League meet and reaching state once again.

"The biggest key was that we won league in the Kaw Valley League for the first time," coach Bill Downing said.

As part of this victory, all seven of the boys' state qualifiers earned first-team or second-team all-league honors.

Yet the boys' team did not have all the accomplishments.

Running alone, junior Sadie Kelly also competed at state, becoming the second girls' runner in school history to do so. Kelly also earned all-KVL second-team honors.

Many of the runners attribute the team's success to the off-season work the top runners put in and a desire to be the best no matter what obstacles might occur.

Throughout the season multiple runners were unable to compete due to injuries and illnesses of all sorts. At one point, three of the top seven runners were missing from the line-up, potentially crippling the team.

"The injuries that some of the runners sustained made things difficult for our team, but we figured out a way to overcome them and still be successful," senior Derrick Babcock said.

In the end, the team persevered and found new talent to step up.

"This struggle turned out to be a strong point because we found that we have a lot of people to lean back on if we lost someone to injury," senior Joey Schmidt said.

-Philip Shirley

Cross Country

Boys     Girls
Hayden  2nd    6th
Paola   6th    9th
Bonner  4th    8th
Ottawa  1st    7th
SM West Grade 28/38
League  1st    7th
Regionals 3rd    6th
State  12th    NP

"I wish I would have run all four years of high school. Coach Downing is best coach I've ever had."

-Matt Caquelin, 12

Returning a volley, senior Carmen Claiborn puts forth her best effort during a match at Mill Valley. A four-year participant, Claiborn posted a 22-15 overall record in her final season.

Junior Kelsey Stanbrough returns her opponent’s ball with lots of concentration. “This season was all about Chelsea and I learning how to play together,” Stanbrough said. Awaiting a backhand, junior Chelsea Crouch smashes the ball at the Bonner Invitational. A returning varsity player, Crouch ended the season with a 19-19 record. “The season overall was great, and I felt we really came together as a team,” Crouch said.

Reaching for the ball, senior Michaela Kreh saves the point during a singles match against Lansing. “It didn’t hit me that this was my last year in tennis until my last doubles match with Carmen at regionals,” Kreh said. “It was really sad.”

Departing players leave their mark

With a core of six seniors, the girls’ tennis team enjoyed yet another successful season.

According to head coach Bill Scott, the highlight of the season came when the squad met its goal of placing as a team in a tournament, which happened at the Bonner Invitational where they finished third.

Of course there were many personal highlights.

As one of the team’s contributing seniors, Courtney D’Anieri said the high point of her season was when she defeated fellow senior Becky Stude in a challenge match to grab a varsity spot in the Baldwin Tournament.

However, this year was not all about the upperclassmen.

“The newcomers brought enthusiasm, which is a reminder to all veterans that tennis can be exciting and there are so many new things yet to learn,” Scott said of the underclassmen. “Meghan Miller, a sophomore, always kept me laughing. She is so funny.”

Next season is going to be a whole different story. Losing six senior leaders, the team will have to reconstruct.

Scott says that the team will be weaker on junior varsity and varsity, so they will have to dramatically work on everyone’s strengths.

Yet some are eager to step up.

“I look forward to being a leader for the team next year and have high hopes for us going to state,” junior Kelsey Stanbrough said.

All in all, the season went well. The girls created memories and bonds that will last forever.

-Carmen Claiborn

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Team battles through tough injuries

Although they finished with a 6-14 record, the Braves' basketball team played with plenty of determination, dedication, and hard work. With a new coaching staff at all three levels, the Braves had plenty of adjustments to make but soon became a team that relied on effort and effort only.

"Size does matter when it comes to basketball, but as long as you have hard workers that can equal the strength mentally you're set," new head coach Ryan Hull said.

With many players moving into the starting line-up for the first time, the Braves hit some rough patches, ultimately falling into a seven-game slump.

"We just weren't working as a team, and we couldn't finish games," senior Chris Callahan said.

The Braves also faced some unexpected hurdles when seniors Matt Caquelin and Eddie McClain were forced to the sidelines with injuries early on.

However, by the midpoint of the season, the players all knew their roles and set forth to achieve their goals as practices became more intense, and the will to win grew stronger.

Eventually, the Braves were able to string everything together in time for their seniors' last game at home where they defeated the Tonganoxie Chieftains, 58-42, leaving everything on the court.

"Senior Night was tremendous, and a day that stood out in everyone's eyes--giving us hope for our future games," senior captain Anthony Brown said.

Keeping their hopes alive, the Braves marched in strong against their first-round sub-state match-up with Lansing.

Looking for payback against a KVL rival who had defeated them twice, the Braves pushed for a win and finished strong with a thrilling 43-42 victory.

"It felt good being an underdog and being unexpected to win," junior LT Lee said. "It felt great to prove everyone wrong."

-Tiffany Starks

"The season had its ups and downs, but nothing felt as good as when I walked on the court for the first time again, with the whole team behind me."

--Eddie McClain

Taking it up strong, junior LT Lee dunks the ball for the first time this season in a game against the Lansing Lions. "It felt great to hear the crowd cheer our whole team on," Lee said. Driving hard, senior Anthony Brown lays the ball up against Tonganoxie. Brown led the team in scoring with 281 points and in steals with 49.
Dribbling with intensity, senior Matt Caquelin slices to the hoop in the battle against Tonganoxie. Caquelin ended his season with 230 points, playing in only 17 games. Making a move, junior Ariel Adger looks to pass to an open teammate. "Nothing feels better than wearing Bonner Springs across your uniform," Adger said.

"Opportunities come to those who are prepared for them."
—Coach Ryan Hull

Playing tough defense, junior Chase McGhee keeps his eye on his man in a game against Holton at the Basehor Invitational. "We had to battle through injuries and sickness, but we played well through all this adversity," McGhee said.

Aggressive attitude helps team in big games

Starting the season with a new head coach, the Bravettes faced a rebuilding year that would require change and growth. Yet in the end, the team really came together and won six of seven regular-season games.

“When I took over, my goal was to get the girls to be more enthusiastic about playing basketball,” head coach Clay Oakes said.

Oakes then came up with various ways to get his squad pumped up such as watching clips of movies before games, sending them motivational quotes, and a special yell.

Finishing at .500 with a record of 11-11, the team worked hard to become a dominant force in the Kaw Valley League.

Oakes said a major goal for the squad was to play an aggressive, in-your-face pressure defense.

The result of this tough defense was showcased dramatically on Senior Night against Tonganoxie on Feb. 16. Making a statement, the Bravettes defeated the previously unbeaten, top-ranked Lady Chieftains, 47-44, for the first time since 2003.

“We’ve come close to beating them before, but it felt great beating them on Senior Night, and it will be the night that will always be remembered,” senior Tiffany Starks said.

All of the girls agree that this victory was the clear highlight of the season.

“The crowd was so pumped and that made the team get hyped,” said junior Felisha Leipard, the team’s co-offensive player of the year. “We knew that going into the fourth quarter with the lead that Tongie was capable of making a comeback on us, but we stayed strong and fought for the win.”

With their regular season coming to an end, the Bravettes started to prepare for sub-state and the good times continued as they beat Shawnee Heights 46-40 in the first round.

“During the second half of the season, the girls discovered the true meaning of teamwork. Because of this, they experience the ultimate sensation: success,” Oakes said.

—Jason Hoskins

Scanning the court, senior Tiffany Starks looks for an open player. Starks, a four-year starter for the Bravettes, led the team with 53 assists and 49 steals.

Instructing his team, new head coach Clay Oakes goes over some plays in a tough loss to Topeka Seaman. Slashing to the basket, Felisha Leipard drives down the lane in a blowout win against St. James. “We ended the season like we wanted to, but it would have been nice to make it to state,” Leipard said.
Named the team's Gatorade Rookie of the Year, freshman Lynsey Ostman takes it up powerfully to the basket in the Basehor Tournament where the Brovettes placed seventh. "I didn't feel too much pressure at all. I just tried to focus on everything but the pressure of being a freshman," Ostman said.

"The season went well, and I am going to miss my team so much."
—Senior Christina Delladio

Shooting the jump shot, senior Taryn Lane helps the Brovettes in a 54-30 win against the Immaculata Raiders. "It was a great season," Lane said. "I loved being a part of the team, and this is something I will never forget."

Playing her best defense, junior Chelsea Crouch defends a pass against Junction City in the second round of the Metro Prep Classic at BSHS. The Brovettes fought tough, but lost to Junction City 41-21 and finished fourth.

Girls Basketball.

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Braves finish season with strong results

All year, the wrestling team was faced with the challenge of moving forward with a young and relatively inexperienced squad. However, the Braves persevered and finished higher than last year in every meet. "Hard work paid off for most of the wrestlers," head coach Dan Burns said. "It looks like they're on a path that continues to improve."

Burns said one of the team highlights came when the squad placed fourth at the league meet held at Mill Valley. Senior Ian Seaton (125) and junior Roger Riedel (130) claimed league championships, while sophomore Anthony Ellingsworth, filling in at the last second in the 160-pound weight class, came out of nowhere with a second-place finish. Senior Alex Silvers (140) and freshman Brooks Ballou (112) also walked away with medals.

Burns said another highlight came when the team saw Seaton return to the state meet for the fourth straight year. "This was probably the best year of Seaton's career," Burns said. "He wrestled tough and fought hard. He wanted to be a state champion."

Seaton compiled a 31-8 record on his way to state and ultimately finished fourth for the third year in a row. "Winning is the best part, but as long as you have given it all that you've got, you couldn't ask for more," Seaton said.

Riedel and Ballou were the other two wrestlers that made it to state. "I took this season one step at a time, making it possible for me to reach my goal of going to state," Ballou said.

After all of the hard work and dedication, it seems to have paid off for the Braves.

—Chelsea Crouch

Wrestling.

Louisburg 20 50
Piper 48 16
Basehor 26 42
Lansing 6 58
Tonganoxie 24 54
Perry-Lecompton 32 44
Bishop Ward 39 23
Santa Fe Trail 11 66
Washington 42 12
Christ Prep 18 42
Tonganoxie 9 58
Bishop Ward 36 22
Lansing 10 54
Regionals Sixth
State 23rd
Overall Record: 4-9

A four-year letterman, senior Ian Seaton puts his opponent in a "fish hook" and holds him down. "I had my best season yet. I had more confidence than ever," said Seaton, who finished with a career record of 88-49 and 52 pins. Using an "underhook," junior Samuel Mace outmuscles his opponent at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Mace had a great run at the end, finishing up with a 6-19 record and 32 takedowns.

"Do it right, do it light. Always finish strong."
—Coach Dan Burns

Preparing to take his opponent down, freshman Brooks Ballou uses a "tight waist" move at a home match. "I focused on the little things and did what I had to do to get it done," said Ballou, who finished with a 12-21 record and 27 escapes.

Setting up for victory, senior Alex Silvers prepares to use the "cement mixer" to his advantage. Silvers, a three-year letterwinner, had a winning record of 12-7 on the season. Freshman Jake Barren uses great strength to work his opponent to the mat. Barren was out for half the season with a foot injury, but gave the team a great boost at the start. "For the most part I did well," Barren said.
New swimmers help Braves rebuild team

After losing a strong group of seniors, the boys’ swim team found itself in a rebuilding mode. Almost half of the team was new to the sport, but these inexperienced swimmers caught up quickly and helped the squad to grow and improve.

"We had a good season," coach Wanda Simchuk said. "The team worked well together and swam competitively, but I had hoped for Jarred [Harrington] to make it to state."

Although Harrington missed the qualification time, he did break his own record in the 500 meters with a 5:44.01 at the last home meet.

"I was pleased with the season because the team improved tremendously, and it was fun to watch the new swimmers drop time consistently each and every week," Harrington said. "I’m really going to miss the high school competition, but I’ll always continue to swim."

Harrington and fellow senior Danny Thompson were the captains and provided steady leadership to the young squad.

The squad ended its season by hosting a six-team medal meet to replace the ILC Championships from previous years.

Behind Harrington’s first-place finishes in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle, the Braves went on to capture 11 medals. Perhaps the most impressive finish of the meet came from the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Harrington, Thompson, junior Clayton McCully, and freshman Ryan Holcomb, who blazed their way to a third-place medal with a season-best time of 4:07.79.

Other medalists were Holcomb, fifth in the 50-yard freestyle; McCully, seventh in the 50-yard freestyle; senior Justin Moulin, seventh in the 100-yard backstroke; sophomore Matt Bille, eighth in the 100-yard freestyle; and Thompson, eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke. The 200-yard freestyle relay team also placed fifth.

—Nancy DeLeon
With all his effort, senior Jarred Harrington swims the 500-yard freestyle at Leavenworth on the way to a second-place finish. Harrington led the team in points with 351. Pushing hard, sophomore Seth Clements swims the butterfly in the 200-yard medley relay at Blue Valley West. "I think for having a lot of new swimmers we did well," Clements said.

"For the athletes we had, I think we had a pretty spectacular season."

--Josh Cook, 10

Finishing strong, sophomore Matt Bille swims the 100-yard freestyle at a dual against Washington. Bille was one of six lettermen and finished the season with 194 points. "I was really happy with my improvement this season," Bille said.

Diving in, junior Alex Perica gets ready to swim the 200-yard medley relay at a home meet. "It was a good season, but it was tough because swimming is a tough sport," Perica said. Trying his best, freshman Ryan Holcomb swims the 100-yard butterfly in his best time of 1:15.13 at Lawrence Free State. "I started off strong and continued to get better throughout the season," Holcomb said. (Photo by Todd Simchuk)
New coach, new season, new team

As the school year began, the Orange Dazzlers had a clean slate that came with a new load of dancers, a new coach, and of course, a new captain.

Returning dancer Shayla Meseke was deemed captain, with returning senior Sam Cannon as co-captain at the end of last year’s season.

“I enjoyed being captain, especially with a small team and great coaches. It was a lot of work at times, but also a lot of fun,” Meseke said.

Once the decision on captains had been made, tryouts had to be held to determine the rest of the team. This job was left to new coach Whitney Mitchell, who would be joined later by assistant coach Krista Redlin.

“The toughest thing about being a new coach is not knowing what to expect or not being prepared. I was on the dance team in high school, but I never knew all of the ‘behind the scenes’ things that had to happen,” Redlin said.

After finding out that they couldn’t attend summer camp because of the coaching changes, the dancers and their new sponsors decided to hold their own camp. During their practices, they learned everything from the Tblow Days dance to the fight song routine.

As the season wore on, the girls continued to demonstrate their hard work, practicing every Tuesday and Thursday for about two hours at a time. The girls made sure they were ready to represent the school and themselves as a team.

—Mandi Ontis

After completing the last dance of the season, the Orange Dazzlers are all smiles. “I loved the dance. Shayla [Meseke] and I worked really hard on it. It took us about a week to make up the whole dance,” senior Sam Cannon said.

Dancing during halftime at a football game against Mill Valley, the Orange Dazzlers line up for their routine. “I had a lot of fun dancing with the girls and being on the field,” freshman Elizabeth Grinter said.
Performing at Tidlow Days, juniors Shayla Meseke and Audrey Folk along with sophomores Sam Zook and Brittany Logan give the crowd a preview of the dance team.

Staying together during the senior dance, the girls are determined to finish the season with a bang. "I thought it was the most unique dance that we did because we didn't have a formal uniform that represented the school, and the girls did really well," said captain Shayla Meseke.

At a home football game against Basehor, freshman Dani Green dances during halftime. "I loved my first season as an Orange Dazzler, especially being one of the two freshmen on the team," Green said.

Senior Spotlight

— with Sam Cannon

Q: What was it like being the only senior on the dance team?
A: Being the only senior on the team was hard sometimes; I didn’t have anyone in my own grade and everyone was younger than me, but I loved all of the girls and I had a lot of fun doing my senior dance with them.

Q: Out of all of your seasons of being an Orange Dazzler, which was your most memorable?
A: This season just because we didn’t have the drama that every other season had. For the most part, all of the girls got along really well, and we all hung out outside of school and became really good friends.

Q: Do you plan on dancing after high school?
A: I may dance and I may not. I am going to try out for the Classy Cats, which is the dance team for K-State; I am also going to minor in dance while I’m in college.

Pumping up the crowd

Squad shows spirit to team and fans

Full of pep and quickly gaining experience, the cheer squad returned with more enthusiasm than ever.

With seven returning varsity girls, the squad was ready to cheer on their athletes and take on opposing cheerleaders in competition.

There was no doubt in head coach Jennifer Schlicht’s mind that the squad would do well.

“I expected extreme athleticism and a high level of talent, and the girls met those expectations,” Schlicht said.

And this sentiment was echoed throughout the squad.

“We had a strong squad, and we really supported each other throughout the season. That helped us do well at competition,” junior Brandi Ventura said.

As part of their summer training, the squad managed to come home with multiple awards. From the NCA camp at Emporia State, the girls earned the stunt technique award, the motion technique award, the jump award, and the overall team award. At the Kansas Spirit Express competition, the girls earned a 11 rating for their squad routine award.

“Winning top team was a huge deal because we were selected as the best team at camp,” Schlicht said.

Encouraged by the awards, the girls pumped up the crowd during every game.

“We had a tough season, but in the end we pulled together and really became a team. That helped pump up the crowd even more,” sophomore Aubree Miller said.

While some fans lose interest in the games, the cheerleading squad kept pushing themselves and the athletes through both verbal and visual displays.

“Everyone loved what we do as a squad, and it helped that we were a big family,” junior Kasie Cook said.

—Philip Shirley

Cheering side by side, seniors Katie Kobialka and Keeley Kindred-Hawkins go through their routine for the Tlbow Days crowd. “People don’t realize how dedicated you have to be to cheer. It takes up a lot of time, and you have to like what you do,” Kobialka said.

A four-year cheerleader, senior Heather Rose consistently cheered through every game. “I loved working with the crowd to encourage our teams throughout their various seasons,” Rose said. “Both the cheering and the crowd’s flat-out yelling helped inspire our teams.”
Getting into the spirit, sophomores Joyce Hilario and Nancy O. Garcia break it down for the crowd. "Cheering was fun. I loved working with all the girls," Garcia said. Showing off a little attitude, sophomore Kathryn Christwell steps up her routine at the August Tiblow Days performance. "When we did pep assemblies and competitions, we had a lot of dance moves that I really got into," Christwell said.

Easily completing a back tuck, senior captain Jill Schuetz shows off her tumbling ability. "One thing I loved about cheerleading at Bonner was being able to tumble down the court in front of the fans at basketball games," Schuetz said.


"Hit your spot, do what you can for the team and you’ll have a for sure win."
—Assistant Coach Butch Foster

Holding a runner, senior Jared Ruby blocks the ball on a wild pitch against Lansing. "Although this season didn’t go as great as we hoped, this team will always be something that I remember because of the effort we put forth," Ruby said.

Closing out a game, junior Kevin DeVore brings the heat against Immaculata in a 12-0 victory at home. DeVore had 12 strikeouts for the Braves in his first year of varsity action.

Leading off, senior Andy Smith watches the pitcher carefully in the hopes of advancing to third base.

After knocking down a hard hit, junior shortstop Ryan Bush gets ready to barehand the ball.


Baseball

Tonganoxie 1-5, 2-4
Santa Fe Trail 0-18, 5-15
Perry 14-7, 11-3
Bishop Ward 0-10, 0-9
Piper 2-7, 0-15
Mill Valley 5-14, 4-5
Immaculata 12-0, 2-7
Wyandotte 18-2, 15-0
Basehor 4-3, 0-8
Lansing 2-4, 4-6
Shawnee Heights 0-10

Overall Record: 6-15
Young squad was full of determination

Leaving everything on the field wasn’t an unusual sight for the Braves this season. Watching players walk off the field with nothing but blood, sweat, bruises, and a tired look on their faces was something that defined this inexperienced team and brought them closer together in hopes of another successful season.

“As we hit off the season, I knew this was going to be a rough year, but I never lost faith in my boys,” head coach Rick Moulin said.

With three knowledgeable seniors and a strong core of passionate underclassmen, the team was ready to conquer everything that came their way, including some tough losses.

“Some games I felt we were capable of doing anything on the field,” assistant coach Butch Foster said. “We just needed something to get us going.”

Yet still somehow the Braves fell behind early, losing four out of their first five games. Moulin and Foster knew they had to do something to keep the players motivated and determined, which resulted in going back to the essentials in practice like situational drills and more live pitching to develop stronger bats.

The changes paid off in time for the Braves to defeat Basehor 4-3 for a distinct season highlight.

“The games against Basehor will be something I look back on forever because it always feels sweet to beat your rivals,” senior Willie Wilson said.

Statistically, senior Jared Ruby led the team with a .408 batting average while sophomore Austin Anderson was one of the top pitchers with 51 strikeouts and three wins.

Sadly for the Braves, it was too late and their hopes of going to state were out of reach after losing the first round of regionals to Shawnee Heights 10-0 and closing out their season with a 6-15 record.

—Tiffany Starks

In a show of unity, the Braves huddle up before Senior Night against Lansing. “Even though the year didn’t turn out quite as we hoped, it felt to great to know that the whole team was backing me up and behind me,” sophomore pitcher Austin Anderson said. Studying the ball, sophomore Chance Crawford fields a grounder at second base to get the third out in a loss to Tonganoxie. “We started out a little shaky at the plate, but then we really stepped up and started to make things happen. We really improved a lot throughout the season,” Crawford said.
Roll the big zero

Team battles injuries, bad weather

Unfortunately, the phrase "Rain, rain, go away" defined the season for the girls' softball team. The Turner tournament was washed out, numerous practices were moved inside, and the regular season was shortened due to wet weather.

"It was a real mess," junior third baseman Chelsea Crouch said. "Some weeks we would practice all five days, and the next week we would be playing games all five days. It was really frustrating for us."

Former Johnson County Community College player and coach Angie Mullins took the helm this year after previously serving as an assistant.

In addition to the bad weather, the Bravettes were plagued with injuries. For example, junior pitching ace Sadie Kelly was out of town for a week and then broke her foot the day she returned, missing almost half of the season.

"It was really hard not playing and being forced to watch the games instead of affecting the outcome, but my teammates really stepped up," Kelly said.

Despite the adversity, the team had its share of highlights, but none bigger than a 3-2 victory over their KVL rival, the Basehor Bobcats, in a controversial game that was called after the sixth inning.

"It was an amazing feeling to beat a team we hadn't beaten in all four of my years," senior Tiffany Starks said. "I loved being a part of it. It was the best game I ever saw Sadie pitch, and we all played really well."

—Jason Hoskins.
Breaking it down, the infield prepares to take their positions in a make-up game against Silver Lake. A four-year letter winner, senior Tiffany Starks relays the ball to get her opponent out at home. "I really got to step up this year, and I'll always remember my senior year," Starks said.

"We played pretty good in our regional game. We ended the season with a hard-fought loss."

—Starian Porchia, 10

Pushing off the mound, junior Sadie Kelly looks for her spot to get the strikeout. "The season didn't go as the team planned, but our record doesn't show how good we were," Kelly said.

Blocking the plate, senior Samantha Cannon tags a Santa Fe Trail runner trying to score at home. Due to unseasonably cool weather, the Bravettes were unable to play their second game. Swinging with great power, junior Chelsea Crouch fouls off a ball in a loss to Perry Lecompton on Senior Night. "We had a lot of seniors that we will miss. They were a big part of our team, and they showed great leadership," Crouch said.
Braves work hard to extend their season

With a strong finish, seniors Brett Johnson and Justin Moulin earned a much-deserved trip to the state tennis tournament in Emporia.

After being seeded first at regionals, the duo stormed their way to the next level by defeating their Lansing opponents 6-1, 6-0 in the second round.

"It felt great to go because we earned it and didn’t go by a fluke," Johnson said. "Going to state was a big accomplishment because it’s something you work towards over the span of the four years you compete."

At state, they lost to opponents from Ark City in the opening round 3-6, 3-6 and then to Salina Central 2-6, 2-6.

In addition to Moulin and Johnson’s success, Coach Bill Scott said the squad was marked by the largest turnout in school history and "strong senior leadership."

One of the team’s best finishes came at the Leavenworth Invitational where they placed second. The No. 1 doubles team of Johnson and Moulin captured the championship, making them the fifth straight BSHS doubles team to win this bracket.

Senior Danny Thompson and junior Kyle Tolland were third in No. 2 doubles while senior Branden McMahon finished third in No. 1 singles after a lengthy tie-breaker in the semifinal round. Senior Jobie Buehler earned a second-place medal in No. 2 singles.

The team also did well at its own invitational where both varsity doubles teams walked away with third-place medals and a third-place finish overall.

At the regional tournament hosted by BSHS, the squad finished fourth against some really tough competition.

“We did all right, but we played some incredible people. We got in their heads for awhile, but couldn’t hold on,” McMahon said.

—Chelsea Crouch

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As part of the No. 1 doubles team, senior Justin Moulin prepares to return a volley while teammate Brett Johnson, also a senior, looks on. In addition to qualifying for state, the duo compiled 12-4 record and .750 winning percentage.

With a powering forehand, junior Zach Holder returns a tough serve during a home dual against Shawnee Mission West. Holder put together a strong doubles record of 10-3. "I was definitely more comfortable playing doubles because I got to enjoy each victory with a teammate," Holder said.

Hitting a backhand, junior Kyle Toland focuses on his shot. "Winning my regional match against Summer was my highlight because it was the longest and closest match I've ever played," said Toland, who finished with a 4-10 varsity singles record.

Showing great teamwork, seniors Joboe Buehler and Branden McMahon both go for a ball during a home meet against Olathe North. As the No. 2 doubles team, Buehler and McMahon compiled a record of 3-3. Senior Danny Thompson prepares to use his backhand in a home singles match. "This was my senior year, and I just wanted to have fun and enjoy playing tennis," Thompson said.
Bravettes swim to several new records

It was a record-breaking season for the Bravettes’ swim team, as the squad won some impressive meets and established new standards of excellence almost every time they hit the water.

“It was the best season the girls have ever had,” coach Wanda Simchuk said. “We beat out a lot of tough schools and broke nine out of eleven records.”

With a strong core of returning sophomore swimmers, there was no doubt that there would be tremendous accomplishments and numerous individual and team highlights.

Sophomores Kaley Withers (2:32.49 in the 200 freestyle and 1:04.08 in the 100 freestyle), Joyce Hilario (1:16.69 in the butterfly), and Aubree Miller (1:12.88 in the backstroke and 2:42.37 in the 200 individual medley) all rewrote the record books along with freshman Emily Herre (1:20.14 in the breaststroke).

All three relay teams broke records: the 200 medley team of Miller, Herre, Hilario and Withers (2:10.71); the 200 freestyle team of sophomore Jaclyn Lira, Herre, Withers and senior Janee Ingenthaln (1:57.91); and the 400 freestyle team of Miller, Lira, Hilario, and Withers (4:28.77).

As their season came to an end, Coach Wanda Simchuk broke the news to the squad that she would not be returning next season. However, Simchuk’s decision did not stop the Bravettes from their dominance at swimming. Out of their last four meets, they placed first in three of them.

They ended their season with an impressive showing at home, where they beat six teams and broke five records.

“It was the best feeling ever to break the 400-freestyle relay record at home when we took seven seconds off our time,” Hilario said. “We did it for Mrs. Simchuk.”

—Nancy DeLeon

Girls Swimming

Blue Valley West 2nd
Topeka 7th
Shawnee Mission 2nd
Bonner Springs 2nd
Bonner Springs 3rd
Lawrence 4th
Washington 1st
Leavenworth 1st
Blue Valley 3rd
Bonner Springs 1st

“I think this was the best season so far, and I hope our new coach will be as good as Mrs. Simchuk.”

—Jaclyn Lira, 10
Pulling through the water, sophomore Joyce Hilario swims the 100-yard butterfly at Lawrence Free State. "I think I swam my best at the second home meet where I took two seconds off my time," Hilario said. Taking a breath, freshman Emily Herre competes in the breaststroke at Blue Valley West. "It was a really fun season, but I'm going to miss Mrs. Simchuk a lot," Herre said.

"This was my favorite season because I got to be a captain, and we had a really good team that broke lots of records. I'm really going to miss everyone."

-Stephanie Hern, 12

Finishing hard, senior Janee Ingenthal puts forth a strong effort while swimming the butterfly in the 200-yard individual medley. One of five seniors, Ingenthal finished the season with 130 points.

With intensity, senior Cassity Mitchell swims the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 7:03.15 at a home meet. "We had an awesome season overall. Everyone worked extremely hard and had a great attitude," Mitchell said. Headed towards the finish line, sophomore Aubree Miller competes in the 100-yard backstroke at Washington and records a time of 1:16.78. Miller led the team with 285 points and established two individual records.
Starting the tradition

Girls’ soccer makes its debut at BSHS

March 27, 2007, was a historic day in sports history at BSHS when the Bravettes girls’ soccer team took the field for the first time ever.

“I was really excited to have a girls’ soccer team because I had never played on a girls’ team before,” said sophomore Cali Hackney, a team co-captain. “Even though we lost our opener 3-0, it was our first time playing together, so we learned a lot about each other and how we play.”

Continuing to make adjustments, the squad got its first win in at home against Ottawa, 1-0. The first goal in school history came from junior co-captain Alyssa Kelly.

“It was absolutely amazing to look up at the scoreboard and see that goal up there,” Kelly said.

The first victory was definitely a distinct highlight.

“Our win against Ottawa on our home turf was really memorable because it was our home opener, and we beat a team that had an established soccer program,” sophomore Julia Glenn said.

Coach Jimmy Vogel was clearly pleased with the inaugural season.

“I have high expectations for many of these girls and for our program in the future,” Vogel. “If they continue to play soccer and to keep improving, they could be very successful in the future. I had a great time coaching these girls this season and getting to be a part of the beginning of a new program. It’s very tough to start a new program when you are in a league as tough as ours. The girls played hard and improved a lot this season.”

Kelly was rewarded for her strong play with a second-team all-league selection.

—Chelsea Crouch

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Passing a defender, junior Alyssa Kelly makes her way towards the goal in a home match against K.C. Christian. "It was incredibly fun to have a girls' soccer team, and I thought we improved tremendously," said Kelly, the team's leading scorer. Crossing the ball, sophomore Amber Barnes tries to maneuver around a defender. "We may not have had the greatest record, but the fact that we all did our best was the highlight of the year in my book," Barnes said. 

Overpowering the offensive player, senior Nichelle Smith gets the ball out of the defensive third in the season opener at Tonganoxie. Shooting the ball, freshman Tessa Seaton aims with accuracy. "I thought it was really great that we had a girls' team this year, and I hope we continue to do so for the years to come," Seaton said.
Chipping towards the green, senior Cameron Buck uses his full concentration at the regional meet. Buck fired an 88 to qualify for state for the second year in a row. "I had a rough start at state, but pulled it together on the front nine. The competition was insane, I had never played against anyone with that much experience," Buck said.

After teeing off, junior Justin Padelli watches the ball as it rolls onto the green at Sunflower Hills. "We had fun at the tournaments and meets, and we learned a lot about each other," Padelli said. "Fitz always had funny jokes."

Ready to drive the ball, junior Jerritt Barbarich concentrates on his shot during a varsity match at the Sunflower Hills Classic. Putting with precision, junior Cody Wallace aims for par. Wallace had the team's best average with a 83.7.
Teeing it off

Braves send two golfers to state tournament

Even though they were one of the smallest competing squads at BSHS, the golf team enjoyed immense success, sending two experienced team members to the state meet at Auburn Hills Golf Course in Wichita.

Junior Cody Wallace and senior Cameron Buck finished strong at regionals to earn their place in post-season play.

“It was great seeing Cody and Cameron set the goal of going to state at the start of the season and then watching them achieve it,” coach Mike Fitzgibbons said.

Although Wallace and Buck had hoped to do better, they still had a memorable trip.

“It was a great learning experience, and we had a fun time because we didn’t focus on just golf the whole time,” Wallace said. “I learned a lot about how the tournament is run and the level of competition there. Hopefully, this will help me to do better next year.”

In addition to qualifying for state, Wallace medaled in every regular-season event and repeated as the Bonner Springs Invitational champion, firing a two-over-par 38.

“It felt good to achieve a personal goal of winning the tournament again,” Wallace said.

The team also did well, finishing second but missing first by a mere stroke. The Mill Valley team shot a 184 while the Braves finished with a 185.

“We all played our hearts out, and it was nice taking second, but when it’s that close at your own invitational it’s tough to lose,” Buck said. “It was a good way to start the season.”

A downfall to the season came when the Braves learned they would have a new coach.

“Fitz always tried to make sure we all had a good time,” Buck said. “We have not only learned golf skills from him, but how to handle ourselves on the course. A major thing that we will miss is his personality.”

—Carmen Claiborn

Golf

Sunflower Classic 4th
Gardner 12th
Lansing 6th
Atchison 5th
Ottawa 7th
Bonner Springs 2nd
League NP
Regionals 6th

“It was challenging being the only girl on the squad, but so is any sport that you try out for. It was difficult at the start, but these guys are like my brothers now.”

—Taelor Falconer, 9

McClain captures state championship

Despite an exceptionally rainy start, the track team finished with an abundance of success and the first state champion in head coach Jim Mitchell’s tenure at BSHS.

Clearing the bar at 6 feet, 10 inches, senior Eddie McClain had an extraordinary undefeated run, which was capped off with a gold medal at the state meet in Wichita.

“Eddie showed why he was the top jumper in the state for all classes this year,” Mitchell said.

McClain also set a new record in the high jump with a leap of 7-0 at the DeSoto Invitational.

In addition to McClain, senior Christina Delladio finished third at state with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches.

“I was very happy for Christina,” Mitchell said. “She had a great career jumping for us.”

Eight other athletes also earned the chance to compete at state, and the 4x100 relay team of seniors Anthony Brown and Chris Callahan along with juniors Ian Briggs and LT. Lee placed fifth with a time of 43.38.

This relay team also set a new school record with a time of 43.3 at regionals.

Also competing were Callahan (100, 200 meters), junior James Carter (800 meters), Brown (triple jump, long jump), and the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams of Carter and seniors Jobie Buehler, Josh McConico, and Dylan Tuckel.

While the team had many regular-season highlights, one of the most significant achievements came at the league meet where the boys’ team came away with the championship for the second straight year.

“It felt great to repeat as KVL champs,” Mitchell said. “We asked many athletes to go above and beyond the call of duty, so we could get points and have a chance to repeat. They really stepped up, and it all worked out.”

—Adam Knight

Track

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Up and over, senior Eddie McClain clears the bar at the Bonner Springs Invitational with a leap of 6.9. McClain was ranked first in the state and third in the nation in the high jump. "After I didn’t make it to state my freshman year, I worked hard the next three years to finish on top, and I achieved my goal by being the first and last one at every practice," McClain said.

While participating in the 3,200-meter relay, senior Josh McConico helps his team to a second-place finish at regionals with a time of 8:22.76. Taking off, senior Anthony Brown gets ready to sprint forward at the Baldwin Invitational where he placed first in the 200 meters. Brown was also first in the triple jump.

At the Bonner Invitational, sophomore Amanda Trent competes in the 4x100 relay. Trent missed a trip to state in the 1,600 meters by just .3 seconds. Passing the baton, senior Jobie Buehler, left, and junior James Carter team up for the for a second-place finish in the 4x400 relay at regionals. Carter also placed second in the 800 meters and had a banner day at the league meet, capturing gold medals in the 400, 800, and 1,600 meters.

With full concentration, senior Christina Delladio approaches the bar at the Baldwin Invitational where she placed first. In addition to qualifying for state, Delladio repeated as the KVL champion and also established a new record in the event with a leap of 5 feet, 5 inches.


FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL. Front Row: Jason Cornett, Jordan McDonald, Joey Robertson, Chris Sites, Cameron Summers. Row 2: Coach Tyler Lare, Russell O’Neill, Brandon Eastland, Steven Walker, Korey Sanborn, Chris Jenkins.


FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL. Front Row: Katie Tisch, Sabrina Adkins, Sidney Downey, Kaleigh Criden, Carli Turner, Alyssa Scott. Row 2: Meg Fowler, Alex Argudo, Coach Mike Fitzgibbons, Taelor Falconer, Alysha Johns.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. Front Row: Jessica Cunningham, Sarah Freeby, Jasmine Green, Amanda Puckett, Alisa Sutler. Row 2: Coach Monty Bechard, Kaleigh Crider, Meg Fowler, Alex Argudo, Emily Herre.


Assembling a butterfly kite, sophomores Nancy Correa and Alyssa McClelland participate in a group activity in Heather Campbell’s second hour Geometry class. After discussing properties of quadrilaterals and kites, students were able to pair up with a partner for an activity. “I enjoyed being able to pick my partner and not having to do book work,” McClelland said.
Leading by example

Stuco members help in countless activities

Having their hands in so many of the numerous activities going on at BSHS, it's a wonder how Stuco members find the time or energy to keep going.

The group kicked off the year by welcoming freshmen and helping them to adapt to high school life. After that, it was flurry of activity which included everything from supervising Homecoming float construction to sponsorship of teacher appreciation days.

"This group had many accomplishments, including dodgeball, all the pep assemblies, and planning all the dances," sponsor Adrianne Law said.

This year, Stuco had 70 members who represented all phases of student life, and it was no easy job to keep such a large group on task.

"Ms. Law did a really good job of getting everyone to the meetings," President Cassity Mitchell said.

Meetings were usually held after school or during activity period and gave members a chance to discuss and vote on everything from fundraiser ideas to new dance themes.

"The dance themes were definitely creative. My favorite one was Tropical Paradise," sophomore Monica Sorensen said.

—Jarred Harrington

Giving assistance, senior Jill Schuetz, right, helps freshman Meg Fowler find her classes at freshman orientation on Aug. 14. Ready to pounce, senior Stuco members Jared Simmons, Cristina Contreras, Cori Wallace, Jarred Harrington, Christina Delladio, and Maggie Hackney entertain the crowd with a short skit at the fall sports assembly.

Fund Raising

After years of Booster Club supervision, athletic concessions are now manned by various clubs and organizations. President Cassity Mitchell checks the grill during the Stuco-designated game.

Concessions

Getting Involved

Livening up the dances is second nature for members of Stuco. Even if it means showing up in curlers or sweats the day of the dance, Stuco members like junior Lisa Rogers are expected to do their part by blowing up balloons and hanging streamers.

Decorating
Walking the walk
Senior guys strut their stuff at pep assembly

With the sight of strangely dressed men parading in front of the entire student body, a passerby might wonder what was going on. But to a BSHS student, the answer is obvious: it's the humorous Mr. Bonner Springs contest, which is hosted annually by Stuco.

"It was an odd experience, but it was fun since everyone was into it," senior Joey Schmidt said.

Squeezing into ill-fitting dresses at least several sizes too small, the seven male contestants made their way down the gym floor to the judges' table, each giving a small performance like a dance or impromptu song.

Contestants included Anthony Brown, Jobie Buehler, Brandon Hoch, Brett Johnson, Justin Moulin, Joey Schmidt, and Danny Thompson, who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their trip down the runway.

After their grand entrances, the judges then provided constructive, yet humorous criticism.

With suspense building, Brandon Hoch was announced as the runner-up, leaving the crown and sash of the Mr. Bonner Springs contest to Jobie Buehler.

—Jarred Harrington

Accepting his title, senior Jobie Buehler waves to the crowd after being crowned as Mr. Bonner Springs in December. "It was a very happy day in my life, and it only took me 15 minutes to get ready," Buehler said.

Ready to dazzle the crowd, seniors Jobie Buehler, Brandon Hoch, Anthony Brown, Joey Schmidt, Brett Johnson, Danny Thompson, and Justin Moulin wait for the competition to start.

Perfecting the look, junior Sadie Kelly touches up senior Joey Schmidt's makeup before the start of the assembly.

Writing a love note, senior Danny Thompson tries to boost his votes with the judges. "I knew I could get BDO's vote if I made him feel special," Thompson said. Grabbing attention, senior Jobie Buehler walks on the judges' table during his trip down the runway. "It just felt like the right thing to do," Buehler said.
After their exciting 6-0 win, the sophomores and juniors celebrate their victory. "I had fun because we won the game," sophomore Teran Holter said. Warming up before the game, the freshmen and seniors get ready to play. "The game was fun because girls never get to play football, and it was cool because we got to play as hard as the boys," senior Brenda Roberts said.


"Kayettes gives me a chance to help my community and give back."
—Amy Pino, 11

"Kayettes is a good way to get involved with the school."
—Ashlee Espinoza, 11

"Kayettes is really fun and I like the activities, especially Powder Puff!"
—Karleigh Paine, 9
Making a difference

Kayettes work hard to improve BSHS

Kayettes kicked off the year with the annual Powder Puff game, which was held on Sept. 19. The junior/sophomore team won, 6-0.

"I had a wonderful experience and I was excited that my team won," junior Chelsea Crouch said.

One of their biggest projects this year was the canned food drive for the local Vaughan-Trent pantry. Under the Kayettes' leadership, the school raised more than $1,600 and contributed nearly 6,000 cans of food. A new record was set, but there's no stopping the Kayettes. They hope to collect even more next year.

They have also been sponsoring Binta, a girl who lives in Gambia, for three years now. The Kayettes have been sending small material items to allow Binta to go to school.

"There are far too many negative things in the world, and this is something good to be involved with," co-sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

Some of their other activities included Secret Santa, several teacher appreciation events, a pumpkin-carving contest to benefit the Spencer Buck Foundation, attending the area conference in Olathe, and making fleece blankets to help area children.

"I enjoy being a sponsor because our organization is community and service based," sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi said.

—Raechel Morn

"Kayettes is a fun organization and is a good way to give back."
—Aerial Wells, 11

"Kayettes is an opportunity to help people around you and learn a lot."
—Breanna Putnam, 10

"Kayettes is a great way to help out and meet new people in your school."
—Lacee Gumm, 12
“My favorite teacher is Mr. O’Neill, also known as BDO. I love how he let’s me express myself in Tee Pee talk by allowing my creativity to take its course.”
—Andrew Smith, 12

“My favorite teachers are Mr. White and Mrs. Holder. Their classes are always fun, and they’ve taught me a lot through the years.”
—Raechel Monn, 11

“The funniest moment I have with Doc Makana is on the second day of school. He almost gave me a detention for not knowing the capital of my last name.”
—James Canada, 10

“Mr. Streit has to be my favorite because he has fun ways of teaching the class. It almost seems like we aren’t working.”
—Mackenzie Lee, 9

Making the first cut, freshman Ryan Butner pushes a board along the table saw in Pete Cisneros’ fourth hour Wood Technology class. “I liked the hands-on experience from building a hall mirror from scratch,” Butner said.

Closely observing, junior Kelcie Paine rolls her ping-pong ball down a ramp in Donna Sharpnack’s Algebra 2 class to determine velocity. “It was interesting to find the speed that the ping-pong ball was going,” Paine said.

Working diligently, sophomore Samuel Mace works on a sculpture for the outdoor art garden in his Advanced 3-D concepts class with Linda Horvath. “It was hard to assemble and align the castle pieces,” Mace said.

Being creative, freshman Taylor Falconer decorates her mask in Marsha Nelson’s French 1 class. “We made masks for our Mardi Gras party, and we all brought authentic dishes to celebrate,” said Falconer. Analyzing the situation, senior Taryn Lane carefully removes the skin of a cat for Cindy Hayes’ Anatomy class. “Cat dissection has helped me learn about the human body and has helped me in my career path,” Lane said.
Inspiring Educators

Teachers who make a difference

“Mrs. Wood is my favorite teacher because she provides a good learning experience. She encourages B.S.I. (Blowing Smoke Intelligently) and her classroom is knowledge in itself.”

—Jacob Campbell, 12

“Mr. Fouquet is a good teacher because he actually listens to his students, as a friend and a teacher. He is someone who tells you that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. Mr. Fouquet also believes and wants to see everyone succeed in life.”

—Jaime Jaskina, 11

“One of the funniest memories I have of Mr. Downing is when Zach Gharst was wearing a hoodie that said ‘I PWN NOOBS’ and Mr. Downing asked him what it meant. Zach said it meant you are better than most people at video games. Later, when we were discussing ‘Antigone,’ Mr. Downing proved Zach wrong and said, “You just got PWNED,” which means I’m better than you.”

—Adam Knight, 10

“My favorite teacher has to be Mr. Caldwell. He is always making me laugh even if he is making fun of me. The best memory I had in his fifth-hour Algebra class is when he drew my face on the chalkboard and karate chopped it. It was mean, yet so funny.”

—Celicia DeLeon, 9

“Mrs. Jennings has inspired me to have fun in life and not take everything so seriously all the time.”

—Kristie Allen, 12
Ready to help, junior Sadie Kelly talks to a group of freshmen about making good decisions. Kelly was one of many selected students who were a part of Leadership Council, which is sponsored by Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott.

At a PEER meeting, junior Adam Smith and freshmen Jake Barren and Carli Turner discuss plans for AIDS Day. "I love that AIDS Day gets so much information to so many people on how they can protect themselves," Smith said.

During the Homecoming parade, sophomore Wesley Dugan rides on the SADD float which celebrated the organization's 25-year history. Emptying recyclables, junior Justin Padelli does his part to help BSHS by working in the Ecology Club.
Working for change

Clubs give students a chance to give back

Making a difference in the lives of students and staff at Bonner Springs High School is accomplished in many different ways. Many groups are involved in this process of making the school the best it can be. A few of those groups are: SADD, PEER, Leadership Council, and Ecology Club.

Besides being there to counsel their fellow students, PEER also sponsors the annual AIDS Day event, which was held April 27. Instead of doing chemical cup experiments as they’ve done in the past, PEER kicked off the day by distributing stickers to symbolize the infection rate of AIDS in Kansas.

Another group that also assists students is the Leadership Council. This year the group participated in an after-school training program to learn how to better help the freshman class.

“Leadership Council plays a very instrumental role at our school and helps freshmen to start their academic careers in the right way,” senior Jarred Harrington said.

Another group that works actively to make the world a better place is SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). The group sponsored several safety events to encourage appropriate choices. At Homecoming, they had a drunken driver simulator and the “Convincer,” which promoted seatbelt use.

To end the year, senior Maggie Hackney and SADD sponsored a “Day of Death” for her senior project.

Every one of these groups has a special place and purpose in this school.

—Adam Knight

"SADD is a wonderful way for people who care about their family, friends, and community to help get involved."
—Daniel Simmons, 10

"SADD was a group to help students to make right decisions and to live life without drugs and alcohol."
—Tony Camp, 10

"AIDS Day is important because it helps us grow as people."
—Nate Lloyd, 10

Working for SADD, sophomore Irene Hernandez helps operate the concession stand during intermission of the fall musical. "I'm in SADD because I like the feeling of helping people, and I like the opportunity to meet new friends through the many activities," Hernandez said.
Building their way
Hot Tamales compete again at Denver

Starting the year with high expectations, the Robotics team approached their second year of competition with confidence and a strong sense of purpose. Using this energy, the team kicked off its six-week build season on Jan. 3 with an after-school work session.

Spending numerous hours of hard work in sponsor Brian O’Neill’s room, the team was committed to building the best robot possible. The organization is designed to encourage students to use skills such as math, science, English and technology in a “sport-like environment.”

Using last year’s team name of the Hot Tamales and living by the motto of “Robots Are Hecka Tight,” the team competed once again in regionals at the University of Denver the last weekend in March.

This year’s contest was “Rack and Roll,” where robots from across the country competed against each other to score the most points by placing tubes on an octagon-shaped rack.

Although they didn’t do as well as they hoped, the team still had a positive experience.

“Overall, I thought we could have done better, but the competition this year was tougher. You really had to come up with better ideas to be competitive,” senior Drew Crockett said.

With precision, senior Drew Crockett works on attaching the robot’s arm. “It’s been a lot of fun and something I’ve looked forward to,” Crockett said.

Using a hot glue gun, sophomore Michelle Hicks pieces together parts of a foam robot that was used as a mascot. “There were some tough times, but in the end it was fun,” Hicks said. Pausing for a moment, junior Tanner Stark and sponsor Brian O’Neill get ready for competition in Denver. “We had a lot more people participating this year, but the competition was intense,” Stark said.
Getting a \textit{jump \ start}

\textit{Students take advantage of college courses}

Filling their schedules with the most challenging courses that are offered, students who are gaining college credit during their high school career are truly a step above the rest.

By paying for their classes either through KCKCC or Donnelly College, students gain anywhere from three to five credit hours per college class in courses that include everything from Anatomy and Physiology, where students have the chance to participate in lectures and a college-level lab setting, to Advanced Public Speaking. In the math department, three classes are offered for college credit—one of which is Calculus, where instructor Bob Caldwell conducts class in a college atmosphere through upper-level testing and accelerated learning.

Students can also receive college credit in their third and fourth year of study in Spanish. With all the many opportunities, most students are happy for the chance to prepare for their future.

—Jarred Harrington

\textbf{Rolling the dice}, senior Michaela Kroh participates in class activities in Spanish IV.

\textbf{Carefully dissecting}, senior Philip Shirley examines the layers of a cat in his fifth-hour Anatomy & Physiology class.

\textbf{Reviewing their notes}, juniors Michaela Mortensen and Alyssa Kelly prepare for an upcoming Spanish 3 test.

\textbf{Sharing their knowledge}, seniors Sara Leatherman, Monica Kennedy, and Mercy Lukas discuss their plans to paint a ceiling tile showing sine and cosine functions in Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry with instructor Anne Otroszko. \textbf{Enjoying their pizza}, seniors Brett Johnson and Danny Thompson follow along during a block day in Calculus class. To build unity, the class sometimes eat lunch together.
With great emotion, juniors Brandi Ventura and Lauren Burgess along with senior Janee Ingentinl perform with the A Cappella choir at the fall concert. The choir sang four songs, including "Home" by Michael Bublé.

Doing what they love to do, sophomores Olivia Walterman, Ashley Guggenheim, Stefanie Sprentle, Brandy Hoover and junior Lindsay Sickman stay after class to rehearse with director Brian J. White.

**Singing their own tune**

Braves work hard to exceed choral domination

The BSHS A Cappella choir kicked off their year by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at an Aug. 19 Royals' game.

"Singing at the Royals' game was fun, and I enjoyed watching the game with my friends," senior Philip Shirley said.

Besides their three annual concerts, the BSHS choirs also performed at other various events throughout the community. Whether it was caroling at The Legends or entertaining at Lake of the Forest dinners, the groups stayed busy. A Cappella even traveled to Oklahoma City Feb. 10 to sing the national anthem at an NBA game.

Continuing the success from last year, three of the choirs traveled to Gardener High School for the State Large Group Festival held on April 18.

All choirs were graded on a 1 to V scale, with a "1" being the best. Both Chorale and Women's Ensemble walked away with a "II" rating of excellence. A Cappella earned a "I" rating of superior, with perfect scores across the board.

"Earning a 'I' was great, but a perfect score with the new grading system was beyond my wildest dreams," said director Brian J. White.

Not only did the choirs excel in state large group, but also sent 42 to regionals on April 14 at Baker University for solos and small ensembles. The day resulted in success with 32 students advancing to state on April 28.

"I must say that overall I was not surprised because there is so much talent here and even more dedication to the music program and the school as well," accompanist Janelle Fuentes said.

With all of their dedication and wonderful success throughout the year, choir members felt proud and can't wait for a new year.

—Raechel Mann

While performing at The Legends, sophomore John Jenkins plays the tambourine with A Cappella during the song "Betelehem." "I thought we did really well," Jenkins said.
Senior Dalton Walker performs a solo in the song "I Wonder As I Wonder." A Cappella and Women's Ensemble performed Christmas music at The Legends shopping center on Dec. 13.

Singing with pride, freshman Kourtney Craft sings along with all other choirs during the national anthem at the homecoming football game. "I think singing the national anthem was cool, and we had a lot of pride," Craft said.

"What I like about choir is just being part of something that's so great."  
—Vernon Samek, 11

"Choir is a good way to express yourself, not only through the music, but also the lyrics."

—Cari Frazey, 12

"I like choir because the music brings our class together, and we're all working towards the same thing."

—Robert Plumb, 9

"Choir is a good opportunity to express myself through music while having fun; Mr. White is an incredible teacher."

—Kaley Withers, 10

Building for success, members of the A Cappella choir practice for the solo/small ensemble regional contest. A Cappella received a "1" rating of superior and advanced to state. Shown on the front row are sophomore Sterian Porchia and seniors Philip Shirley and Jared Simmons. Senior Devin Harvey, sophomore Adam Shirley, and junior Drew Foster are on the back row.
Q&A With the Band

What do you think is the band's best accomplishment this year?

"The Baker University Marching Festival was pretty awesome. [The fact] that we got a I rating was pretty sweet!"
—Ryan Holcomb, 9

"The concerts have been improved tremendously! And, that we have developed greatly as a band."
—Katrina Rollins, 10

"It was pretty cool that we got third place at the Marching Festival, especially since it's our first time ever to that competition."
—Michael Cooper, 11

"That we managed to get the Winter Concert together as well as we did with the really short amount of time that we had."
—Ian Briggs, 11

"We transitioned really well into Mr. Lefler's different style of conducting the class."
—Amber Schaber, 11

Concentrating intently, freshmen Zachary Hunt and Morgan Tinsley perform at the concert band winter concert. Both earned positions in the John Phillip Sousa Freshmen Honors Band at the University of Kansas.

Playing from memory, junior Vernon Samek moves to the next picture during the marching band's halftime show. "I think that the halftime show went well enough. There were definitely some things we could have improved on. I think it was a good first year," Samek said. Senior Jared Kennedy performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a football game. Kennedy also was selected to the District Honor Band, the District Jazz Honor Band, and participated in the Kansas City Youth Symphony's top orchestra.
Standing on crutches during a halftime show, freshman Tyler Kelly performs with the rhythm section. "It was nice [having the hurt leg] because I didn't have to walk, but I felt like I was missing out," Kelly said. The only tubist for this year's band, sophomore Lindsay Orr marches in the Tiblow Days Parade in downtown Bonner Springs.

One of two drum majors, senior Jarred Harrington conducts the Marching Braves through the pregame ritual. This was Harrington's second year as drum major. "I think the band has grown drastically this year, and I think the band is headed towards being a very competitive part of our music program," Harrington said.

The Braves attended the Baker University Marching Festival in early October, receiving an "Excellent" rating of II. The Festival rates all attending bands on a scale of I to V, with a I being the best.

An exciting return to marching competition, the Marching Braves were ecstatic when they received their rating.

"This was the first time in many years that the Bonner Springs Marching Band attended a marching festival. The band received the third best rating, and that was against bands that were twice our size," director John Lefler said.

The Braves also attended the Kaw Valley League Solo and Small Ensemble festival in March with three soloists and two ensembles receiving a total of six ratings of "Superior."

"It was very fun playing two different instrument solos at competition. I liked the diversity," junior Michael Cooper said.

Beating their own drum
Braves excel at several regional competitions

The Braves sent several solos and small ensembles to the regional competition. Two ensembles and four soloists received "Superior" ratings.

The Braves' concert band also competed in the State Large Group Festival in April. Performing "Havendance" and "British Eighth," the Braves received a III rating of "Excellent."

Four students from BSHS also attended the Regional Piano Festival at Baker University in February: juniors Adam Smith and Leo Sanchez, sophomore Brittany Bennett, and freshman Xavier Capalla. Capalla and Bennett both received III ratings, while Smith and Sanchez received II ratings.

To cap the year, the Bonner Springs Lions Club sent two seniors, Donovan Grady and Heather Rose, to the International Band Festival in Chicago, Illinois.

-Adam Smith
Practicing with the jazz band, sophomore Brittany Bennett plays the keyboard. This year, Bennett also performed at the Regional Piano Festival, where she received a III rating and at Bravo!. "I did have my nervous moments while I was playing at competition, but I enjoyed the experience. At Bravo!, I was only nervous right before I went on," Bennett said. Focusing on the strings sophomore Garrett Parker plucks his electric bass during a rehearsal with the jazz band. "Jazz is a lot more laid back, put together, and organized," said Parker, comparing jazz to his normal style.

Music in motion

Groups bring music to a different level

Both growing and developing programs, the BSHS Color Guard and Jazz Band give music a new life.

Active in the marching season, the Color Guard performs with the marching band during the halftime shows at football games and in all of the local parades.

"I think that the first parade is the hardest with all the nerves and jitters," sophomore Breanna Putnam said.

But the girls pushed through.

"We had several new members, but they all learned the routines very fast and performed well," said adviser and coach Cindy Hayes.

In addition to all the performances, seventh-hour practices and extended rehearsals, the Guard also participates in the band’s summer "boot camp" to ready themselves for the upcoming season.

While the Jazz Band doesn’t attend any "boot camp," they do put in a lot of work.

The group meets every day during fifth hour to ready their some 30 pieces of music they’ll play throughout the year.

Jazz Band also incorporates some rarely used instruments and appliances into the band, including the soprano saxophone, guitars, and several mutes.

"It was great to play two different instruments. I get slightly bored playing just one, so two is great," said junior Amber Schaber, who played both the alto and tenor saxophones.

And all their hard work has paid off.

"It’s really tons of fun to do all the performances," senior Donovan Grady said. "The feeling you get when you can play everything right is great."

—Adam Smith

Standing at attention, junior Kimberly Flick prepares to perform during the halftime show. This was Flick’s third year on the Color Guard. "The whole thing just felt better this year," Flick said. "We were really more a part of the show and a part of the band." A Color Guard captain, junior Hannah Reynolds holds her position between songs at the halftime show. "It was really great being able to help everyone out this year," Reynolds said. "I really enjoyed going to Baker University; it was our first year and really fun."
Accepting Rachel’s Challenge, seniors Cameron Buck, Andy Smith, and Branden McMahon sign the poster of commitment in the cafeteria. “I signed the banner because it’s a strong message, and everyone can benefit from Rachel’s Challenge,” Smith said.

Participating in Mix It Up Day, freshman Kenner Claiborn takes a sticker from Friends of Rachel sponsor Cindy Hayes. Training students, speaker Derick Kilgor presents a session for selected students interested in starting a Friends of Rachel club.

Accepting Rachel’s Challenge Reflection

“I signed this banner to commit to myself that I make a difference. I will stand true to my word and always be there for my peers and anyone else who needs a friend.”
—Junior Adam Smith

“I never really realized how effective one person could be. Rachel made a difference in everyone’s lives, not just her own. The assembly showed all the bad in the world and the fight to let the good shine through.”
—Senior Annette Cline, shown left

“Rachel’s Challenge is like the universal rule everyone should follow. Being a part of the club Friends of Rachel has made my life and views change greatly.”
—Sophomore Stephanie Gaunce, right, with junior Erin Yutzey

“Mix It Up Day made lunch new and enjoyable. It brought me closer to people I never really talked to.”
—Junior Chase McGhee, shown center

Friends of Rachel

New club helps to change outlooks

Setting the tone for a heartwarming assembly, speaker Derick Kilgor came to BSHS on Sept. 13 as part of the Rachel’s Challenge program.

Rachel Scott was one of the first people killed at Columbine High School, and Kilgor is a friend of the family who travels the country sharing the message of her life and the Rachel’s Challenge program that honors her. Rachel believed in setting goals and reaching out to the following people: Those who were handicapped, those who were new at school, and those who were picked on and put down.

Science teacher Cindy Hayes was responsible for organizing and bringing the program to BSHS.

“It was amazing that Rachel’s life has impacted the lives of thousands of students all over the world. She challenged her readers to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion,” Hayes said.

After the assembly, Hayes organized a new club called F.O.R., also known as Friends of Rachel. The club met every Tuesday before school, so members could talk about situations where they could help people who were struggling and how they could continue to spread the message of Rachel’s Challenge. The group also held several fundraisers to help sponsor their activities.

“We sold environmental products and T-shirts to raise money to give to the Kayettes, so they could make blankets for babies in hospitals,” sophomore Stefanie Sprenkle said. Overall, this club has helped many people and has shown them a new way to respect people.

—Maggie Hackney
Above and beyond

NHS encourages lending a helping hand

Becoming a member of National Honor Society is no easy task, no small feat. In fact it requires a commitment in the classroom, and members must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.2.

"I think maintaining the GPA for NHS was a good criteria because it motivated us to do well," senior Brett Johnson said.

In addition to maintaining high scholarship, members also had to participate in school and community service projects to earn points during their junior and senior years. As juniors, members must earn ten points by doing everything from donating blood to assisting at the YMCA’s parents’ night out events. While as seniors, they continue the journey by completing five more NHS-sponsored activities in the fall.

"I like NHS because the organization not only includes leadership, but encourages participation in the community," sponsor Marsha Nelson said.

The main event came for seniors on April 4, when 37 inductees participated in a formal, candlelight ceremony.

"The candle lighting stood out to me because it was to commemorate our crossing over into NHS," senior Jared Kennedy said.

To enhance the meaning of the evening, each student selected a sponsor to accompany them during the ceremony. "I chose my mom as my sponsor because she has shown me everything that I want to be in life and has encouraged me to set high goals," senior Carmen Claiborn said.

"I believe the NHS because he organization includes much more than just studying," senior Kris Allen shares a precious moment with Harley Baker, daughter of staff members Garold and Nancy Baker. NHS members provided child care as a way to help the staff and to earn an NHS point.

At the October Parent-Teacher conferences, senior Kristie Allen

While earning an NHS point, juniors Lisa Rogers and Lauren Burgess patiently await the arrival of parents who will take a computerized survey on services at BSHS during fall conferences. "Being a part of NHS was something I really enjoyed. I was able to get involved in a variety of both school and community activities," Rogers said. As the voice of present education, junior president-elect Ryan Bush enlightens senior inductees on the four NHS principles.

130 national honor society
Imparting wisdom to the inductees, Clark Middle School guidance counselor Gracie Jarrett participates in the ceremony as the Spirit of Knowledge while Brandon Hoch looks on. All smiles, Katy Bland shows her pride on being inducted into NHS. Passing the candle, Cristina Contreras, left, aids Stephanie Conn, while Carmen Claiborn looks on.

Front Row: Christina Delladice, Cameron Buck, Katy Bland, Jennifer Barlow, Jamie Arnett, Kristen Allen. Row 2: Brandon Hoch, Jake Henry, Bobie Buehler, Jarred Harrington, Maggie Hackney, Cristina Contreras. Row 3: Sophie Hilleary, Stephanie Herr, Alex Gonzalez, Stephanie Conn, Carmen Claiborn.


national honor society
Getting into the game, senior Rachel Tiner and junior Nathan Lynch play Taboo during the newspaper’s staff holiday party. In addition to treats and games, staff members buy small gifts that represent another staff member’s initials.

Wrapping tightly, senior Carmen Claiborn “mummifies” junior Mandi Ontis. To build unity, the yearbook staff held a Halloween party which featured a mummy-making competition. “I enjoyed being the mummy. It’s not every day you get to be wrapped in toilet paper,” Ontis said. Carefully editing, juniors Nicole Woods and Holly Luke tally surveys for a story Woods did on end-of-the-year favorites. “It was a really fun class even though we all dreaded the week before each newspaper came out,” Woods said.

Tee Pee Talk

Of course we can’t forget about the wonderful episodes that are a part of Tee Pee Talk. The television broadcast comes to students twice a month, telling everything going on in school from how the sports are doing to the weather and everything in between.

“Tee Pee Talk does a lot of work, getting each segment done. Interviewing, taping, and editing are just a few things that go into making it perfect,” adviser Brian O’Neill said.

Most of the students did a great job trying to meet deadlines. I really enjoyed being a part of this class,” senior Danny Thompson said. “The one thing that really made Tee Pee Talk a success this year was the determination of the seniors. Without them there wouldn’t be any episodes,” senior Jennifer Barlow said.

It’s been a great year.

media classes
Battle of the Staffs

Yearbook vs. Newspaper

Yearbook and newspaper. Both work hard to get events of the school year to you, so why is there a constant battle between the two? How can two staffs who share the same classroom, the same teacher, and the same equipment be against each other? Although the feud is definitely in good fun, both staffs have delivered their fair share in the never-ending struggle.

"I think it all got started when the newspaper staff accused us of being Mrs. Holder's favorites and of getting more treats," senior Cristina Contreras said.

Which one is better? The truth is they are both a great source of information. One lets you know what's going on as it is happening, and the other gives you something to look back on and remember as you reflect upon your high school years.

But what goes on behind closed doors between the staffs is a raging battle—everything from newspaper eating yearbook's food to writing things about each other on the white board in the back of the room.

The list goes on. Senior Jake Campbell coined the phrase "yearbook babies," and senior Becca Baker even tried to stop the feud by baking the newspaper staff a cake, but her efforts failed when some members of the newspaper staff hid the cake.

"At the beginning of the year I called everyone 'yearbook babies,' but by the end of the year I joined them every day fourth hour in class," Campbell said.

Mrs. Holder, being adviser for both staffs, is stuck in the middle of it all.

"Fortunately, the rivalry is all in good fun and ultimately helps to build a sense of unity within the journalism lab," Holder said.

But it's all fun and games. The year wouldn't have been as memorable without all the fighting. It gave everyone something to look forward to throughout the day.

—Jennifer Barlow

Stuffing envelopes, senior Becca Baker sends out announcements to students who haven't purchased a yearbook. "At times, yearbook can seem like the most frustrating thing in the world, but in the end, I know all the frustrations and problems are worth it. Plus, there's nothing a yearbook cookie can't fix," Baker said.

Eating pizza, senior editor-in-chief Joey Schmidt, left, and sophomore Josh Cook take a break from working on the newspaper. Eating pizza was a big part of work nights for both staffs.

Talking to the class, senior Danny Thompson and sponsor Brian O'Neill listen to ideas for an upcoming episode. Thompson was the director of Tee Pee Talk. Laughing with the crew, sophomore Meghan Miller, senior Drew Crockett, and senior Andy Smith discuss new things to do with Tee Pee Talk.

"Everything about Tee Pee Talk was fun, but going out and filming was probably the most fun," Crockett said.
Exploring their artistry

Art students show their creative side

The bell rings, and students break out their clay, paint, or even their camera. It’s a typical day in both Linda Horvath’s and Wanda Simchuk’s art rooms.

This year, students were able to discover a variety of new art forms. For example, Horvath introduced a new fibers class. Before she had a textile class with weavings, but this year she was able to add dyes and paint to the fibers curriculum.

One project that was particularly successful was the “tie project” where students marbled the fabric with dye. Horvath enjoyed the variety of materials and techniques this year’s classes were able to pursue.

Simchuk’s students were also busy in a variety of projects. Not only did they have their annual art shows at the district P.E. Center and Jet Fuel Cafe, but selected artists were able to paint the windows for the local Marble Day celebration in downtown Bonner Springs. Students also enjoyed making the play sets for the musical “Annie.”

Continuing the theme from last year, students painted more murals on the outdoor art gallery wall outside Simchuk’s room while Horvath’s students continued in their outdoor sculpture garden. Some projects included a castle, an elephant water fountain, and a turtle.

—Casey Meints

Explaining new techniques to Linda Horvath’s third hour ceramics class, guest speaker Christy Carlise works with senior Courtney D’Anieri as she paints her name on a clay slab while other students look on. Etching her name, freshman Celicia DeLeon puts the finishing touches on her ceramic pot in her 3-D art class. Every student must put their name on the bottom of their piece so that it doesn’t get mixed up with the others. “I liked the class because we got to design whatever we wanted. Though it was sometimes difficult, I liked my artwork in the end,” DeLeon said.
Carefully applying glaze, freshman Mario Loeza adds color to his ceramic piece. After the clay is fired the first time, it is then ready to be glazed. Leaning against the wall, sophomores Renee Drury, left, and Erika Busch pencil in designs for a homecoming mural. "The painting was pretty difficult, but it turned out good, and I was proud of my hard work," Drury said.

Chelsea Shockey

"I repainted my room purple, and I figured I should paint my computer chair to match."

Neena Isley

"I was thinking of something to do for the sculpture garden and when I looked outside and saw a tree and birds, I thought I'd make a bird bath in the style of the tree."

Tanner McCleary

"I really wanted to do a painting because I had never done one before. I found the picture on the Internet, and I liked the way it looked, so I decided to paint it."
Preparing for the next Quiz Bowl meet, senior Jared Simmons and juniors Michael Cooper and Chelsea Simmons discuss a possible answer to a question. "I like Quiz Bowl because it covers a variety of topics, and it's a good chance to have fun while competing," Chelsea Simmons said. Ready to compete in the "Wright Stuff" event, juniors Ashlee Espinoza, Holly Luke and Wendy deLeon consult with Robert Kochersperger, a volunteer who helped them with plans for their airplane, when they competed in the Science Olympiad at Johnson County Community College on Feb. 23.

"Mock Trial lets you pretend you are someone else for a day, and you also get to see how easily you can change people's minds."
—Sidney Downey, 9

"The Quiz Bowl team is a really fun group. We are like a big family of different people who excel in different areas of knowledge."
—Caitlin Tinsley, 11

"I've learned how complex simple things are in Science Olympiad."
—Wendy deLeon, 11

"Preparation for Academic Decathlon is boring, but going to the actual event is worth all the studying."
—Kyle Toland, 11

Compete clubs


Bonner Springs High School is lucky to have so many competing clubs as well as a participating student body. Many different competing clubs such as Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl, Academic Decathlon and Science Olympiad work hard every year to beat out their opponents.

"To achieve the superiority of competition, Mock Trial's approach is manipulation of the jury," senior Cory Bowline said.

It had been nine years since Mock Trial earned a trip to state. However, this year's team traveled to Wichita on March 31 and earned the "Good Sports Award."

Quiz Bowl greatly relies on knowledge for their competitive edge. Captain Jared Simmons said "the way to win is to know everything." In preparation for meets, Quiz Bowl members practice in sponsor Chris Wood's room during seminar.

The Science Olympiad needs patience and physics to do their best. They only compete in one meet, but do not underestimate their team.

"In the short amount of time we had to prepare ourselves for the meet, we did extremely well," junior Ashlee Espinoza said.

Finally, Academic Decathlon brought home 10 medals from state competition at Kansas State University. The team was the highest scoring at competition this year.

All competing clubs did very well this year and hope to build on that success.

—Maggie Hackney
Roaring with Cheers
Orange Crush members give support

On a typical Friday night during the football and basketball seasons, you can find the stands filled with a sea of orange. But who is responsible?

Orange Crush, the school's pep club, has 380 members that come out to support their Braves. Rain or shine, home or away, these students try their best to make it to every game.

To get into Orange Crush, a student must pay a $10 membership fee to receive a shirt.

"I really prefer students to sign up at enrollment, but if they want to join later, I'm always up for having new members," sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

Maybe it's the free admission that

gets this club fired up at every game or possibly just their raw school spirit, but either way, Orange Crushers let you know they're there. But how can they stand out from the rest of a noisy crowd?

Whether it's creating new cheers such as "From the Window to the Wall" to "The Roller Coaster," the group keeps themselves and the rest of the crowd hyped, hopefully carrying the Braves to another victory.

"No matter where we are, we can count on the backing of Orange Crush. I think we have the best student section in the Kaw Valley League," varsity boys basketball coach Ryan Hull said.

—Jarred Harrington

Before the game, sophomore Kayla Taylor and junior Whitney Mellies catch up on the day's events. Doing the chop, sophomore Nicki Smith and freshman Mackenzie Lee show their spirit.

Juniors Andrew Foster and Jon Robertson support their team with senior Chelsea Shockey.

A senior presence, Ian Seaton, Christina Delladio, and Stephanie Conn show their spirit.

"The participation and the crowds were a great experience this year, and I hope to keep it alive next year."

—Michael Bille, CIT

Senior Emily DeVore:
"The sea of orange is definitely a part of my high school experience that I will never forget. I will really miss not being able to get in to all the home games free."

Sophomore Alex Sullivan:
"I think tailgating is a great opportunity to hang out with friends and get pumped up for the game. I will continue to bring food and help cook at all the games."
Swaying from side to side, Orange Crush members do the roller coaster cheer at a home game against Lansing. Making conversation, sophomores Sherri Abernathy, Angelica Contreras, and Hannah Burgess discuss their plans after the Homecoming game. Checking the list, junior captain-in-training Erin Yutzy passes out a new Orange Crush shirt to freshman Benny Polanco.

During halftime of the home opener, Orange Crush members are recognized for their spirited efforts. Displaying the year's new shirts, Orange Crushers take a break before the start of the football season opener against Basehor. Senior Jake Campbell was responsible for the shirt design this year.

Captains of Crush

What does it truly take to become an Orange Crush Captain? Here's a look at the die-hard sports fans.

Senior Jarred Harrington: “I think the presence of Orange Crush this year was great; the size of our crowd helped a lot with how loud we were. I would consider my favorite memory of Orange Crush to be my junior year when we had 200 tailgaters before the Basehor football game.”

Senior Brandon Hoch: “We were by far the most positive crowd we have cheered against. I really liked the fact that we were so positive. I also enjoyed the sit-down breaks during time-outs; it gave people a little bit of a break and got everyone into the game. My favorite memory was tailgating at the first football game.”

Senior Ian Seaton: “My favorite thing about Orange Crush was tailgating with all the wonderful people. ‘Bang, Bang Choo-Choo Train’ was my favorite cheer, and my favorite memory was tailgating before the Ward game.”

Senior Danny Thompson: “I really enjoyed all the new cheers that we did this year and getting into the games free was never a bad thing. My favorite memory of my high school Orange Crush experience is the first time we did the cheer ‘From the Window to the Wall.’ It really got the crowd going.”

“Orange Crush is a model for the league and other schools are always contacting us about how we manage such a positive thing.”

—Steve Cook, vice principal
Containing two clipboards, a track jersey, some randomly stuffed in papers, and a foil-lined lunch container, Barren’s bookbag contents center around his active, athletic lifestyle. Showing his interest in sports and school, the bottom of Barren’s locker contains a pair of tennis shoes and two textbooks.

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**MySpace**

*How does your personal space compare?*

Skyrocketing. The only word able to describe the rate of people joining networking and profile sites like MySpace.com and Facebook.com.

“I joined like three years ago, before it was the cool thing to have,” senior Becca Baker said.

Within the last two years MySpace has become something of a phenomenon.

Sites like MySpace and Facebook allow you to post pictures of yourself and others, let everyone know about your interests, and let you connect and network with other people.

“I have a playlist of all kinds of music, slide shows of pictures, and I blog often,” Baker said.

The term “blog” is short for weblog, a term that has also just developed within the last couple of years.

But how does your personal space compare with your MySpace?

“I like to listen to a whole bunch of different music, and I love sharing pictures, just like my MySpace,” Baker said. “I like to keep it [my MySpace] simple and not cluttered, just like my life. I like it to be simple and not full.”

Senior Jen Barlow agrees.

“I never get on my MySpace; I just get on there to talk to my friends, so I don’t really care how it looks,” Barlow said.

But do some teens reveal too much?

“Some people have inappropriate pictures and stuff, and I think that is something they should keep private,” Barlow said.

But people keep on joining and keep on sharing, and they always will.

“MySpace, a place for friends.”

—Adam Smith
Showing her love for NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., Frazey has a license plate and steering wheel cover both bearing his number. "Reppin' her teams," Frazey keeps a University of Central Arkansas jacket, the college she hopes to attend, and a Bravettes softball equipment bag in the back of her SUV. "My backpack is such a mess," Frazey said, right before this picture was snapped. Containing the latest edition of the Pow Wow, her Senior Project notebook, a textbook, and several binders, the backpack shows Frazey's dedication to her schoolwork. Packed to the zipper, Frazey's purse contains loose money, wrapping tape, an energy bar, and a wallet full of receipts.
Lots of pizza, a bunch of silliness, and endless hours getting things "just right." Such is the life of a yearbook staff member at BSHS. Thanks to our wonderful yearbook family for working so incredibly hard on this book. Few people realize the tremendous effort that goes into the production of a yearbook, and we were so lucky to work with such a talented group. The new staff adapted well, and the strong crew of returning "bookies" did their best as always. Carmen kept us laughing along with Maggie's Aunt Jill. The Team Paste "Wall of Fame" grew by leaps and bounds while the sports staff ventured with new styles. Jen Barlow and Mandi Ontis were always there to do whatever they could while Adam and Rachel kept their sanity with the group pages. A three-year veteran, Casey did her usual amazing job while intern Adam Smith (Matea) learned the ropes. And of course we couldn’t have done any of this without Philip and Becca and their diligence. Thanks! LM & CC.
The
Yearbook
Bunch
Student Council

Leadership Council

Peer Helpers

SADD

FCCLA
Tee Pee Talk


Technology Students Association


Quiz Bowl

Front Row: Kaylo Zummerly, Chelsea Simmons, Chelsea Peters, Amy Pino, Morgan Tinsley, Raechel Mann, Caitlin Tinsley, Christina Mortensen. Row 2: Jared Simmons, Ian Briggs, William Rhodes, Michael Cooper, Adam Smith, Joey O’Hare, Anthony Ellingsworth, Robert Plumb.

Ecology Club

Front Row: Danielle Meier, James Prather, Justin Padelli, Jacquelyn Leib.

Kayettes


Newspaper

A Cappella Choir


Jazz Band

Front Row: Brittany Bennett, Katrina Rollins, Ashley Guggenheim, Donovan Grady. Row 2: Lindsay Orr, Ian Briggs, Garrett Parker, Clinton Beck, Brett Johnson, Josh McConico, Jared Kennedy.

Chorale Choir


Concert Choir


Women's Ensemble Choir

Band


Forensics

Front Row: Amber Barnes, Candice Grady, SyKnese Fields, Shawna Rohn, Olivia Walterm. Row 2: Kasey Sirting, Brandy Hoover, Brandon Hoch, Branden McMahon, Britt Johnson, Katie Kobialka, Kim Flick.

Color Guard

Front Row: Breanna Putnam, Kimberly Flick, Hannah Reynolds. Row 2: Kaylen Fehman, Michelle Hicks, Megan Crane.


Friends of Rachel

Andrew Smith

Andy,

Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you. You are a wonderful son and have become a young man of virtue, accomplishment, and wisdom.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jenny & Diana

Tiffany Starks

Tiffany, don’t let anyone ever hold you back in life. We are proud of what you have accomplished in the last 18 years. Keep up the hard work and you will succeed.

We love you, Mom, Dad & Justin

Christina Delladio

Christina,

You have been the shiny pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for me, you have given my life such joy!! You have made me so very proud with all of your accomplishments. If you continue to use your head and your heart you will go far in life. Remember you can do anything you choose to! I love you with all my heart.

Love,
Mom

James Chastain Jr.

We are all proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Becky, Amanda, Kelly & Kristy Chastain

Joey Schmidt

Wow! From lullabies to Hendrix! Keep on rockin’, Baby!

Love,
Mom & Mark
**Jared Ruby**

Congratulations to our sweet potato. We love you and hope all your baseball dreams (are there any other kind) come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brandy & of course Big O

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**Carmen Claiborn**

Carmelita,
Desde pequeña has demostrado ser independiente y tenaz por eso tengo confianza que alcanzarás todas tus metas.

Tu mamá que te adora y tu hermano que te admira.

Good luck Carmen. I love you. Hoorah.
Dad

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**Jobie Buehler**

You have great dreams for your future. We know you can make them come true.

We are very proud of your ability to have made yourself who you are despite our busy lifestyle.

Best hopes for your success.

P.S. Dad will be waiting for his Diablo!

Love you,
Mom & Dad

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**Emily DeVore**

Emily,
Our precious little girl all grown up into a beautiful young lady. We are very proud of you. May you always reach for the stars and live your dreams.

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Kevin

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**Nick Kruger**

Nick,
At two years, pondering life’s path, by 18 years, following that path.

Congratulations and good luck, son.
Love, Mom & Dad
Annette Cline

You are our world.
Now the world is yours.
Don’t forget to remember us.
Love you forever and a day,
Mom & Dad

Devin Harvey

It is so obvious that
God’s hand is on your
life. We couldn’t be more
proud of how you have
grown to become, not
only a fine young man, but
a super example of what
a son, grandson, brother,
friend, musician, and
student should be.
Congratulations!
We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, DJ, Nana

Maggie Hackney

The day you were born
our dreams came true.
Now you’re a beautiful young woman
waiting to fulfill your dreams.
We love you and are proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Cali & Miranda

You will always be our sweet potato.
Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Eickhoff

Courtney D’Anieri

Courtney,
We are very proud of all that you
have accomplished. We can’t wait to
see what comes next!
Love,
Mom & Dad,
Jacey, Zac, Joe and Lily

Willie Wilson

Congratulations Willie
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily and Erica
Dear Jake,

We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments! It seems like it was just yesterday when Dad tearfully took your kindergarten picture at Edwardsville Elementary, and zoom—now you’re headed to KU, ready to take on life’s adventures in Lawrence. As you “November” all the wonderful, wonderful memories, remember as well that we continue to pray that you grow in wisdom and discernment. The song lyrics at the right, written by Kim Hill to her two sons, remind us what a blessing it is to be your parents.

Jake, we love you oodles and gobs! May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you walk in the light of His love.

Love, Mom and Dad and Collin

Cameron Buck

Cameron,

We called you our miracle baby from the moment we found out we were expecting. We waited 19 years for you and now 18 “short” years later you have grown into such an incredible young man. We marvel at all of your accomplishments. Now it is time for you to try to make your dream come true of soaring over the earth on silver wings. The sky is the limit, go for it! But, remember we will always be your safety net. May your journey be everything you wished for, you are everything we wished for and more!

As Grandma has always said, “We love you as high as the sky and as deep as the ocean and as far as the eye can see!”

We love you! Mom and Dad

Cori Wallace

Dear CoCo,

You have always been our “princess.” Little did we know that you would grow into a true “queen.”

Love you,

Mom, Dad & Cody

Kayla Hannahan

Kayla, Congratulations. The day you’ve worked so hard for has finally arrived. You’ve made us proud and we love you.

Curt & Mom
Grandma Lollie & Papa
Aunt Sissy

Matthew Caquelin

Congratulations Matthew

We love you,

Mom & Jenna
Cassity Mitchell

Cass,
It seems like only yesterday when you came into our lives with your big brown eyes and beautiful smile! It has been an incredible journey for us to watch you grow from a precious little girl who loved to sing and dance to a beautiful and talented young lady. We are so proud of you!

We love you with all our hearts,
Mom, Dad, Whitney & Nate

Jarred Harrington

Jarred,
Congratulations on a great high school experience.
We are so proud of you and what you’ve accomplished. We wish you success in all your endeavours.

Love, Mom, Dad & Connor

Danny Thompson

Remember this, your favorite shirt. From Batman to Teenage Mutant Turtles to Power Rangers, your imagination presented endless possibilities. Now you'll begin your next step towards making these possibilities into reality. Stay true to yourself and carry our love in your heart.

With much pride, Mom & James

Stephanie Hern

Stephanie,
You are all that we could ever ask for in a daughter. Your beauty and grace radiates from the inside out. Now it is time to share it with the world. It’s all yours.

Love, Mom & Dad, Jeff & Drew

Brett Johnson

Congratulations, Brett!
You should be very proud of all your accomplishments. Thank you for making our job so easy. Continue what you are doing and you’ll have great success in whatever you choose to do.

Love, Dad, Mom & Tyler
Jill Schuetz

You have filled our lives with inspiration and happiness as we have watched you embrace life with your fearless spirit and determination. As you continue to challenge yourself and succeed in all you do, may your future be filled with adventure and love and may you always see life through the "bright eyes" you have viewed it with during your youth! You are truly beautiful inside & out! We love you! Mom, Dad & Scott

Casey Meints

Casey, Watching you grow up has been a delight. Thank you for your great attitude, for being smart, beautiful and making your mom and dad proud. Congratulations on a successful school experience.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Leslie McConico

Congratulations and good luck!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Cristina Contreras

Tina,

Well mija what can I say but congratulations you made it!!! I'm so proud of you for always trying so hard to maintain good grades—that just shows that you have a lot of determination to accomplish what you want. The future is waiting, always follow your heart and never give up on your goals no matter how hard they may be to achieve. Never change; Tina you have a good heart and a wonderful sense of humor. Keep your faith strong; it will help you with whatever challenges life throws your way.

Good luck & God bless.

Love ya, Mom

Philip Shirley

Philip,

You amaze us with your talents, kindness, and wit. We are proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad
Laura & Adam
Alicia Austin

"Dreams nourished deep in the heart will one day blossom into reality." May today's dreams be tomorrow's dreams come true, and may all you've learned give you confidence to be all you can be. Happy Graduation!

Love, Dad, Mom & Monica

Anthony Brown

Anthony,

We are so proud of you. From your first steps we knew that you would be successful and accomplish anything you set your mind to. Keep focused on your goals. Always keep God in your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Dionna

Kaylen Fehrman

Kaylen,

Chase your dreams but always know the road that leads you home again.

Love,
Mama & Mommy

Chris Caudill

Chris,

We just wanted to let you know how much we love you, and how proud we are of you.

Love you,
Uncle Mark & Aunt Shannon

Brianna VanSchoelandt

We are so proud! Way to go, puddin!

Love,
Mom, Dad & boys
Congratulations! It's been a long road for you with lots of bumps along the way but you have made the whole family very proud of you with the way you've handled it. We know you will continue to do well.

Love from your whole family, especially me, Grandma

Words alone r not enuf 2xpress the joy in my soul! Live life as if it's ur last! Love, laugh and live debt free! Piso-mojado, ur best friend. Rockon Rikkann – Momz!

Jennifer, I'm so proud of you!
Your life is just beginning. A long journey ahead a lot of choices to make. Where ever they lead you I'll always be there for you.

I love you so much Baby Girl!

Love, Mom

Your family is so proud of you. What a kind, sincere, honest, loving and outstanding young man you've become. The future has big things in store for you.

Good luck & much love, Dad, Mom, Brenna & Ian

Amanda, your time has come. A time in your life we knew would come as parents trying to slow down time so we can enjoy you as our little girl forever. But as time flew by we watched you run toward your goals and mold into a caring, responsible young lady. We would not have missed the privilege of holding your hand along the way. So hold your head high, face your future with high expectations. We are very proud of you and love you very much! You'll always be our "LITTLE PRINCESS POUT"!

Love always, Mom & Dad
Sara Stephens

Sara,
We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kim

Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

We wish you much success,

2007 Totem Pole staff

Joshua Bailey

Joshua,
I feel so blessed and honored that God chose me to be your mother. I pray that the Lord will bless you in all your future endeavors.
Psalms 91:2
Love, Mom

Josh,
It has been a privilege to fill in as your dad, since my marriage to your mother. You were nine when we met, and now you are a man. I could not be more proud of you; I hope that you reach the great potential that you have. Remember one thing, it doesn't matter what you end up doing I will always love you as my son. Love, Keith

Rachel Tiner

Rachel,
My beautiful daughter. I see all the potential and talent inside you. As your life unfolds, even you will be surprised at the treasure within. Stay true to yourself and who you are.

I love you,
Dad

This is my Rachel,
Beautiful, colorful and with a style all your own. God has made you unique and special! I can't wait to see the great things you're going to do in your life! I loved you before our eyes ever met. I'm so very proud of you!

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Colophon

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(Clockwise) Hard at work, sophomore Casey Castaneda puts his finishing touches on a project in Spanish class. Cutting away, freshman Chris McKinney focuses on his biology work. Getting ready for the first annual Bonner Springs Marble Day Celebration, senior Chris Callahan paints the store front of Miller Pharmacy. Describing her apple, junior Brittnay Hernandez completes a sensory detail writing exercise in her first hour American Literature class. Stretching before the meet at Shawnee Mission Park, senior Dylan Tackett puts his emotions to the side before beginning the race.

Part of the Crowd

As the year drew to a close, it was time to clean out lockers, turn in textbooks, and get summer phone numbers to stay in touch with new and old friends. Whether your year was exciting or stressful, we each had our own accomplishments and highlights—maybe it was bonding with teammates to win a cross country or track league championship, maybe you took the stage for the first time in a school production, or maybe you juggled an intense work schedule with a full load of homework. Whatever you did, these experiences helped to define you and shape you whether as an individual or as Part of the Crowd. It was all a part of 2007.
Huddled up, above, teammates get an encouraging word at a home football game versus Lansing. Working together, right, the cheerleaders pull together to bring a flyer back to the floor safely at the Bethel Invitational. On one accord, far right, seniors James Huston, Sophie Hilleary, Maria Herrera, Margarita Hernandez, and Jesse Hernandez wait for their turn to cross the stage. A night out, below, seniors Brandon Hoch (Daddy Warbucks), Cassity Mitchell (Annie), and Becky Stude (Grace) come together and show Orphan Annie the city lights.

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