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We drove up to school, found our new parking spots, and began our trek to the front doors. Everything was the same: the flagpole, the sidewalks, even the commons seemed the same.

Yet from the first bell, we learned that things had changed.

Gone were spaghetti straps and sleeveless shirts, the result of a revamped dress code.

Gone were our traditional Seminar and Activity Periods, reconfigured as part of a 21st Century Schedule.

Gone were the iPods and cell phones during free moments at the end of class, replaced by a renewed policy on electronic devices.

Yet we’re not defined by change, but how we respond to it...(continued on page 5)
Clockwise from top: Grimacing through the pain, freshman Gabe Leal practices the Power Clean lift during Powerlifting practice. Standing high above the basement floor, juniors Ethan Isaacs and Kaleb Black conduct the egg drop experiment in Carolyn Pearson’s Physics class. A senior member of the Dance Team, Shayla Meseke leads the troupe during the winter pep assembly. Spelling out the word HOMECOMING, junior Zach Dean helps to decorate the football stadium before the night’s festivities. During her first presentation in Nancy Baker’s World Literature class, senior Lisa Rogers explains her Life Map, a visual representation of important milestones.
Getting the crowd excited, senior Andrew Foster emceed this year's pep assemblies.
...and the students at Bonner Springs High School responded in an astounding manner.

Kickstarting the year, we quickly adjusted to our new and unfamiliar schedule. Soon, we understood the value of the Success and Connection Times.

As the momentum of the year built, carrying us through the end of the first quarter, we realized that greatness was at hand.

Rebounding from a disappointing season the previous year, the football team finished the regular season with only one loss, making their way to sub-state.

Rounding out an amazing fall season, four out of five sports made it to post-season play.

Renewing the spirit of the halftime shows, the Marching Braves presented brand new uniforms to the crowd at the last game of the season.

Throughout all the change at the beginning of this historic year, the Braves continued to show one thing. We are not your cookie-cutter students. We continue to be...

**REDEFINED**

Reexamined

Reevaluated
... the moments, the laughs, the good times.

*Reflect* on the times we’ve spent together.

*Reminisce* on the memories we’ve created.

Whether we spent our Friday nights tailgating before the big game or working long hours at a part-time job, we all *realized* that these were the defining moments that would stay with us forever.

Whether we were spending our last days here or just beginning our high school education, we *recognized* that this was our time.

The great musician Bob Dylan once said, “Take care of all your memories. For you cannot relive them.”

Take care of these memories.
These are the lives we lived. This is the time we spent. Here is where we get to *relive*.
Clockwise from top: Quietly finishing his composition assignment, senior Michael Bille writes the paper in the hallway outside of teacher Ann Smith's class. Adding flames to the sophomore float, Emily Warren carefully cuts the cardboard before duct-taping it to the trailer. Making the final cuts in Kris Munsch's Wood Tech class, sophomore Chris Throckmorton and junior Daniel Simmons work on their project. Beginning a difficult day, junior Laura Rink starts her Junior Project, which was based around World War I this year. Long and arduous, the Junior Project is meant to prepare students for the Senior Project.
Spirited students create positive atmosphere

Walking through the halls on a Friday, you may be swept away in an overwhelming sea of orange and black.

There's only one possible explanation for the majority of the school to be wearing matching shirts on one day: Orange Crush.

With more than 400 students in Orange Crush, it is the organization that involves the most students.

Sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said the organization projects a positive image to other schools and has been a model for others to follow.

"The sincerest form of flattery is imitation, but they can't really have what we do. It's unique to our school," Schlicht said.

Giving Crushers motivation to be even louder, they competed for the Hy-Vee Spirit Award at the Sept. 21 football game against Lansing.

Many preparations were made that day for the game such as signs, banners, and even player's faces on popsicle sticks.

At the game, members cheered their loudest, and even stuck it out in the pouring rain to support their team.

"When I saw we won the spirit award, my first reaction was that I wanted to jump up and down with joy. I was wet, cold, and sad until then," captain Zach Holder said.

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Passing out Crush shirts, captain Michaela Mortensen helps out first-year members Cody Duncan and Kaleb Seaton. "My first year of Orange Crush was beyond words: it was so amazing," Duncan said. Showing her support, senior Jessica Hoglund holds the face of football player Jake Barren at a home game.
Cheering after a touchdown, seniors Clayton McCully and Kasie Cook, along with juniors Alex Sullivan and Matt Bille, ride the “Notorious Braves Coaster.” The roller coaster was the traditional celebration after scoring during football season. “I think Orange Crush is a great thing. It’s a way for kids to watch a game with their friends and yell and have fun,” Sullivan said.

Cheering with enthusiasm, seniors Zach Holder, Josh Cook, and Michael Bille hold a sign for first-year player Ryan Bush.

Watching the game intently, senior Jon Robertson demonstrates his active membership. “Orange Crush boosts school spirit because it unifies the student body as one cheering source,” Robertson said.

Q: What made you decide to dress up for the games?
I always thought that it would be cool for the school to have a mascot. I decided it would be a good chance to show my school spirit along with my Native American background. After the first game, I decided to dress up for the rest of the games and become the self-appointed mascot.

Q: Approximately how much money have you put into making your costume?
So far, the money I have spent on the outfit I wear now has been about $400 to $450.

Q: How did you keep warm during the colder football games?
Keeping warm during the games was easy because I taped something called “Hot Hands” to my body, that way I would keep nice and toasty.

Q: Did you like cheering at football or basketball games more?
I don’t think I liked one more than the other: they were both so much fun to cheer at. They both made it one of my favorite things I did my senior year.
Festive floats highlight fun-filled week

Homecoming week: a week filled with constructing floats, showing your school spirit, and preparing for the dance.

At a Stuco meeting to determine the theme of the dance, the spirit days were originally decided as being Moustache Monday, Twin Day Tuesday, Class Color Wednesday, Poncho Thursday, and War Party Friday.

Stuco was forced to improvise, though, after Poncho Day and Class Color Day failed to make it through the administration. The council then came up with Wacky Tacky Wednesday and Costume Thursday.

"Wacky Tacky Wednesday to me was just a fun day that I was able to express myself in a funny and goofy way," junior Olivia Waltermann said.

Despite the changes to Spirit Week, students had something else to focus on.

With only two days to create a first-place float and banner, each class had four hours on their designated days at the bus barn to finish their float for the parade where it would be judged.

The juniors took first place in the float competition with their theme of "Blinded by the Light." On their float, they had an Immaculata football player bowing down to a Braves' football player while covering his eyes due to being blinded by the light.

In second place, came the freshmen. Third place went to the sophomores, and fourth place was awarded to the seniors.  

—Mandi Ontis
Decorating the football field, seniors Alyssa Kelly and Janelle Lira fill the fence with cups to spell out “Homecoming.” “I thought that it was a very creative way to decorate. It turned out looking really good even though it took a long time,” Kelly said.

Working on the junior float, Cali Hackney sets up the goal posts. Creating a replica of football coach Lew Kasselman, sophomore Tyler Kelly works with chicken wire. Working on their class banner, sophomores Meg Fowler and Kayla Zimmerly add the finishing touches by painting in the empty spaces.

Costume Thursday

Freshman Kelsey Leatherbury

Senior Kyle Toland

War Party Friday

Banner Blitz

We're the Juniors
We're Next in Line
Are You Ready for Class of '09?

Second Place

We Have Class

First Place

Class of '10

Third Place

Class of '11

Fourth Place

Rockin' 24/7
Disco-themed dance draws in large crowd

Homecoming weekend: a weekend filled with gathering for the parade, supporting the football team, and decorating and preparing for the dance.

Finally, the weekend that students have looked forward to since school started has arrived.

With royalty announced the week before, anticipation runs high for the candidates.

“I was extremely excited to find out who was going to win Homecoming queen, but it didn’t really matter to me because all of the girls were great,” queen candidate Janelle Lira said.

However, something new this year was the elimination of royalty nominees for underclassmen.

“With no underclassmen royalty, it makes the experience more meaningful for seniors. It also prevents the same students from being nominated,” Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law said.

During halftime of the game against Immaculata, Leo Sanchez and Kieara Williams were crowned the king and queen. Taking the cake, the Braves won 57-12, adding a euphoric end to the day.

On Saturday morning, Stuco decorated the commons according to the “Disco Inferno” theme with the colors green, purple, and blue.

Other decorations included balloons, streamers, and old records donated by Vaughn-Trent.

About 400 students attended the dance, proving the dance was a hit.

Mandi Ontis

All smiles, Homecoming queen Kieara Williams and Homecoming king Leo Sanchez take a break after their coronation at halftime. "When I won, the first thing I thought was, 'I hope my mama's not crying.' But I looked back at her, and of course she was, but she just smiled at me and said, 'Go get your crown, girl,'" Williams said.

Keeping the beat, freshman Austin Epp plays along with the band during seventh hour to heighten the level of excitement for the Homecoming game. "Playing for the whole school was very different. I didn't get to do anything like that in middle school, and I liked getting the school pumped up for the big game," Epp said.

Marching in step, the band performs in the Homecoming parade. The band also performed after the game to select Beatles' songs such as "Magical Mystery Tour/A Hard Day's Night" and "Hey Jude."

Along with the rest of A Cappella choir, junior Seth Clements and senior Drew Foster sing the national anthem at the Homecoming game. "Singing at the game was really fun, and it was even better that we won the game, too," Foster said.

Working for Stuco, freshman Dalton Vitt hangs streamers in the commons to reflect the "Disco Inferno" theme.
Playing off the enormous hype of the July release of the final Harry Potter book, Hogwarts School of Magic invaded the commons area on Nov. 17 for the Women-Pay-All (WPA) dance.

Deciding on a dance theme isn't easy for Student Council, but they all seemed to agree on one thing: Harry Potter.

Although some students were disappointed with the unusual theme, most were able to make the best of the situation.

"The theme wasn't so bad after all, and I thought the dance was absolutely magical. My date and I wore Hollister shirts and ate at Saddle Ranch Chop House," junior Julia Glenn said.

Attendance has never been very high at WPA, but the approximately 250 students who did attend seemed to have fun.

Decorating the commons with witch hats and crimson-and-gold balloons, Stuco worked for over an hour to get everything ready for the dance.

With such a unique theme, the decorations were a challenge.

"We had to make more of our own decorations versus buying them from a store," Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law said.

Providing the music, the DJ from Complete Music played a variety of songs to which students danced the night away. A magical theme and magical music made this a truly magical night.
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Decorating with a witch hat, senior Kelsey Stanbrough and junior Anna Nelson help to transform the commons into Hogwarts Castle.

Q&A:
Harry Potter: Magic or mishap?

"The Harry Potter dance was the greatest dance I have ever been to, but it’s too bad many kids didn’t show up. I hope dances in the future can live up to the high standard that WPA set for school events."

—Josh Cook, 12

"I didn’t like the Harry Potter idea, and not many people came because of the theme. The background didn’t turn out too bad, and the actual dance itself was really fun."

—Alexis Crumrine, 11

Q&A:
How much money did you spend?

"All I spent was the $10 for my date and I to get in, but I can’t put a price on how wonderful of a time I had. The night was priceless," junior Stefanie Srenkle said, shown with her date, Daniel Moore.

"Since we just went as friends, we didn’t go out to dinner. I only ended up spending about $50 or $60," said junior Breanna Putnam, shown with her date, junior Tony Camp.

[Image 0x0 to 612x795]
Mr. Bonner Springs kicks off winter pep

To escape the regularity of a traditional pep assembly, Mr. Bonner Springs is a refreshing change for students and faculty each winter.

Stuco sponsors the assembly, which features some of the bravest and most spontaneous male members of the senior class with a twist on a classic beauty pageant.

Participants selected their own attire and scrounged the closets of siblings, friends and girlfriends to find the right look.

"I had a buzzing good time; it was a fun experience," said L.T. Lee, who entertained the crowd in a bumble bee costume, complete with wings.

With the music blaring, the contestants each made a grand entrance into the gymnasium to the cheers of the student body.

The panel of judges included teachers and also the Student Council presidents from each grade.

"It was fun to be able to watch one of the last good events of the year," said senior Andrew Foster, who emceed the event.

Walking away victorious, Blake Tuttle celebrates his win. "It was a good experience, I recommend it to the juniors next year," Tuttle said.

Flirting with the camera, the contestants for Mr. Bonner Springs strike a seductive pose before the start of the assembly. The "ladies" included Ariel "Audrina" Adger, Cody "Courtney" Wallace, Blake "Big Bertha" Tuttle, Clayton "Candy" McCully, Jon "Juliana" Robertson, Joe "Josefina" Sullivan, and L.T. "Little Tina" Lee. Trying to entice the judges, Blake Tuttle does his best to win judge Jim Mitchell's vote with a scene-stealing move.

Preparing for competition, Joe Sullivan waits eagerly as his make-up is applied by senior Sadie Kelly while senior Alyssa Kelly looks on. The pageant took place on Nov. 30.
Helping the community, a week full of dodgeball gives back to the Bonner Springs area. Stuco hosted the annual tournament during Dead Week and had a great turnout.

Nine teams competed throughout the week after signing up before school. In the end, there were three remaining teams still standing: The Oil Riggers, The Red Shirts, and Team All Day.

“It was fun seeing the goofy outfits the teams wore,” senior Holly Luke said.

Students who did not participate were allowed to get out of their seventh hour on Nov. 9 to watch the tournament, but had to donate $1 to the United Way as their admission.

“It is a great way to raise money, and everyone had a lot of fun,” junior Isaac Mills said.

All of the money raised went towards the United Way, which helps the homeless and hungry in the local area. It was a fun way to give back to the community.

“Taking the dodgeball championship title, the Oil Riggers celebrate their victory. Front row: Jason Hoskins and Ryan Bush. Back Row: Connor Harrington, Michael Bille, Seth Clements, and Clayton McCuly. Shayla Meseke

“I was kind of disappointed with the tournament overall. It was still fun, and it was for a good cause. It was fun while it lasted.”

—Drew Foster, 12

“Taking the dodgeball championship title, the Oil Riggers celebrate their victory. Front row: Jason Hoskins and Ryan Bush. Back Row: Connor Harrington, Michael Bille, Seth Clements, and Clayton McCuly.

“It was very competitive. We had a missing teammate, but we still came through with a few wins.”

—Stephen Edwards, 12

“I was on a team with some of my best friends, and we had a lot of fun at the dodgeball tournament.”

—Max Barren, 10


Competing against another team, freshman Chelsea Crawford enjoys playing dodgeball to help out the homeless and hungry in the area.

The Red Shirts take a break before the game. From left: Byron Williams, Matt Ingenthrone, Seth Gallagher, Korey Sanborn, Joey Robertson, and Kevin DeVore.

Sprinting towards the dodgeball line, the Oil Riggers kick off the opening round. Strong and aggressive, the Oil Riggers dominated the competition.
Can't Live With
A look at pet peeves

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: When people do stupid or idiotic things.
Q: Why does it bug you so much?
A: Because they could avoid it by taking a minute and completing their thought process.
Q: What do you do when somebody does this?
A: Yell at them so they won't do it again.
Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?
A: No, it gives me a chance to relieve some anxiety.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: People who burp in public.
Q: Why does it bug you so much?
A: Because it sounds disgusting.
Q: What do you do to control yourself when somebody does it?
A: Say ewww or yuck.
Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?
A: Yes, because it doesn't show any manners.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: When people drive slow, in the fast lane.
Q: Why does it bug you so much?
A: When I am trying to get somewhere they get in my way and slow me down.
Q: What do you do when somebody does this?
A: Follow really closely so they will get the hint and move.
Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?
A: For me, yes. But it could cause an accident so it might be bad.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: People yelling.
Q: Why does it bug you so much?
A: Because I don't like it.
Q: What do you do to control yourself when somebody does it?
A: Yell back.
Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?
A: Yes, because there wouldn't be any more yelling and everything would be more peaceful.
A look at legal addictions

Kaley Stoddard, 12

Q: What is something you can’t live without?
A: Drinking coffee.
Q: Why can’t you live without this?
A: It’s good, and it makes me focus.
Q: If you didn’t have this, what would you do?
A: I would flip out.

Seth Clements, 11

Q: What is something you can’t live without?
A: My band.
Q: Why can’t you live without this?
A: Because I love them.
Q: If you didn’t have this, what would you do?
A: I would probably cry.

Mackenzie Lee, 10

Q: What is something you can’t live without?
A: Chocolate sundae bars.
Q: Why can’t you live without this?
A: Because they’re chocolate and yummy.
Q: If you didn’t have this, what would you do?
A: I’d be sad.

Austin Lucas, 9

Q: What is something you can’t live without?
A: Football.
Q: Why can’t you live without this?
A: Because it is my favorite sport.
Q: If you didn’t have this, what would you do?
A: I’d cry.

"Texting, it’s fast and handy. You can do it at any time, except when you drive."
—Brandon Eastland, 10

"Taco John's, because their food is just so delectable."
—Nikki Rittinghouse, 11

"Piano and computer, because music is my life and my career. Without it, I would be working at McDonald's for the rest of my life."
—Leo Sanchez, 12

"My cell phone. It is like a mini-computer and camera. It’s amazing."
—Cara Poe, 11
Wacky troupe of tenants treasure-hunt

Featuring a relatively young cast of performers, Vern Harden's *The Boardinghouse* was a tall order for the drama department.

This is the story of a brother/sister pair in search of buried treasure. On their hunt, they come across a boardinghouse that was chock full of cooky characters.

"I think the audience really liked the dry humor of the play. It really moved the plot along," senior Adam Smith said.

Though the cast was young, they worked very hard and managed to keep things light and fun.

"During rehearsal, we were only serious when it was absolutely necessary. The rest of the time we just goofed around," sophomore Mackenzie Lee said.

The rewards of all of their hard work were apparent when they presented the play to the public on Feb. 7, 8 and 9, beginning each night at 7.

"It was a good play, and according to the people who were there, it must have been one of our best. Even past cast members wished they could have done it," said Dan Streit, the play's director.

The play was made a success by Streit's simple one-set stage design and by the ability of the actors to fully let loose.

"It was kind of strange because I had to basically yell all of my lines, but I got used to it after a while, and we put on a good show," freshman Brenna Hoch said.

*Kyle Toland*

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In a fight for affection, Veronica Shadow (MacKenzie Lee) and Martha Willis (Amber Schaber) push and pull Dirk Shadow (Joe Sullivan) in an attempt to win his heart. "In the past I have had choir competitions, but this year we didn't so I decided to try out. I had a really good time," Sullivan said.

Finishing her book, Harriet (Olivia Waltermann) tells the rest of the story to the tenants at the end of the play. "Being in the play was time-consuming, but so worth it," Waltermann said. Using his acting abilities, Dan Streit helps the cast with their lines. "I wanted to make this play the best it could be. It is my job, as the director, to teach them, not just have them memorize their lines. I think that I accomplished this fairly well," Streit said.

Hypnotized by a swinging watch, Dr. Sni-Fell (Xavier Capalla) and Gladys Klotz (Brandi Hoover) are being put to sleep by Dirk (Joe Sullivan), so he can find the treasure. "It was great having a part in the play that didn't put a whole lot of pressure on me," Capalla said. Fearing for his life, Mr. Richards (Adam Smith) tries to protect himself as Ivy (Amber Barnes) and Tweenie (Samee Spenkle) yank on his ears, nagging him the whole time. "I wish that I had performed in other plays previously. It was so much fun, and I am very glad that I had the opportunity to do this," Smith said.
**Superior Spirit**

- **Stripes Day:** Dancing the night away, seniors Adam Smith and Amber Schaber enjoy each other’s company.
- **Dress Down Day:** Relaxing in comfortable clothes, junior Meghan Miller participates in Dress Down Day with sweats and a hoodie.
- **Class Color Day:** Working on an assignment, freshman Kaylie Holloway sports her class color of green. Sophomores were assigned yellow, the juniors had purple, and the seniors were given pink.
- **Eskimo Day:** Braving the cold, junior Nancy DeLeon dresses up like an eskimo to show her school spirit. "This winter has been really rough on me, and a day where I got to bundle up in toasty clothes just made my week," DeLeon said. The turnout for this spirit day was not as high as expected.
- **War Party Day:** Enjoying his lunch, junior Tyler Kelly participates in War Party Day. A traditional spirit day, War Party Day always brings a large turnout as students don their orange and black pride. "I have a lot of school pride, and I’m very high-spirited," Kelly said.

Clockwise from top left: Dancing the night away, seniors Adam Smith and Amber Schaber enjoy each other’s company. Strutting their stuff, freshmen Lindsey Baska and Laura Allbee savor their first Courtwarming. Showing off their moves, sophomore Morgan Storey and senior Jessica Hoglund dance while freshman Cody Duncan looks on. All smiles, queen Alyssa Kelly and king Ariel Adger share the traditional king and queen dance. Forming a dance train, senior girls enjoy their last Courtwarming.
Warmer weather sets up for Courtwarming

After all of the January snow the week before, students were beginning to think Courtwarming would be pretty chilly in their dresses and their slacks.

But after waking up Saturday morning, they found the weather to be somewhat warm for the month of February.

With the weather on their side, they knew the day and night would be rather enjoyable.

"It [the weather] actually worked out pretty well. We still had to wear jackets to take pictures out on the deck, though," sophomore Dani Green said.

As most students were getting ready, Stuco had to transform the commons into an Asian paradise.

"The decorations were a little difficult [to find] due to the unique theme, but we found them out of a decorations catalogue," said Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law.

To carry out this theme, the selected colors were red, black, and white.

"It was pretty easy to match the theme because there were a lot of choices involving the colors," said senior Shayla Meseke, who wore a red dress.

Approximately 350 students packed the commons for the dance.

"I had a lot of fun," freshman Kaylie Holloway said. "The decorations had me craving Chinese food all night."

Did the Taj-Mahal theme live up to your dreams?

Aeron Hill

“\textbf{I thought the theme was pretty cool and better than last year’s prom. It was fun and more people came.}”

Brittney Shipman

“I thought the background for pictures wasn’t very good. It wasn’t very straight.”

Monica Simpson

“At first, I didn’t think I would like it, but when I got there, everything looked really nice; the decorations really flowed together.”

\textbf{Ironing out the wrinkles}, junior Ethan Isaacs makes sure the tablecloth looks just right. “My favorite part of decorating for prom was making fun of Ms. Law, Mrs. Schlicht and Matt [Bille],” Isaacs said.

\textbf{Tracing with precision}, juniors Renee Drury and Alexis Crumrine prepare the circles for the columns that would build the towers.

\textbf{Holding it steady}, junior Kaley Withers creates one of the several minarets to fit the Taj-Mahal theme.

\textbf{Concentrating on the task at hand}, junior Nancy DeLeon strings the lights from the balcony. “Hanging up the lights was difficult, but I just toughed it out and made it look pretty,” DeLeon said.

Creating prom

Behind the scenes of making a theme work

It’s finally here. The much-anticipated “prom weekend,” the dance that most juniors and seniors have been waiting for all year.

Before the actual event kicks off, there are many things the junior prom committee must consider, including everything from choosing a theme to selecting the perfect decorations.

After much debate, purple, gold and black were chosen to carry out the theme of “Taj-Mahal Dreams.”

Starting with a bare Lake of the Forest Clubhouse and turning it into an elegant dance setting isn’t exactly the easiest and quickest thing to do.

“It was a little hard to carry out the theme because we didn’t have much to work with, and we only had a certain amount of time,” junior Matt Bille said.

After working as a team, though, the committee was able to tie everything in with a few key decorations.

“The juniors wanted to put on a great prom, and I think they worked hard and pulled together as a group to produce a well-decorated event,” sponsor Adrianne Law said.

Well-decorated is exactly how the dance turned out to be. With pillars complete with minarets set up around the dance floor and lamps donning the tables, the place just carried an aura of the Taj-Mahal.

“The decorations got kind of torn down from everybody at the dance, but they were good before then. I thought they fit the theme quite nicely,” freshman Erica Smith said.

• Pinning carefully, junior Matt Bille hangs up makeshift curtains on the balcony that overlooks the dance floor.

• Working with the gauze, junior Aubree Miller wraps the lights to give the room a more mystical effect. “I loved decorating for prom. I wanted to make it look nice for the seniors and didn’t want them to think it was tacky or ugly,” Miller said.

• Mandi Ontis
Night of Your Dreams

Taj-Mahal proves to be a dream come true

After having spent numerous hours planning and creating prom, all of the anxiety has finally worn off and it’s strictly time for fun.

Getting all primped and primed is just the first step in preparing for this exciting event. Whether it’s picking up the boutonniere or corsage, double-checking reservations, or putting on a tux or a special dress, the excitement level for students is through the roof.

“I was really excited for prom because it was the last dance, and I just wanted it to be the best time ever,” senior Audrey Folk said.

After taking pictures at home or with a group, once everyone has enjoyed a satisfying dinner the time has finally come to head to the dance.

Held at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse on April 19, about 150 couples showed up ready to dance until the doors closed at 11 pm.

Whether it was dancing, taking pictures, or getting refreshments, students were on their feet all night.

“I don’t think I sat out on any songs. It was very memorable, and it’s something I’ll never forget,” senior Amber Schaber said.

With seniors graduating earlier this year than any other class, prom was one of the few last opportunities to make memories with fellow classmates.

“Prom was very memorable because I went with someone special and I had a blast,” senior Byron Williams said.

A night full of friends, dancing, and pictures just so happened to be the perfect recipe for that incredibly memorable night.

Mandi Ontis

- Getting arranged for pictures, junior Anna Nelson follows the instructions of the photographer while senior Nathan Lynch waits patiently. “I picked that pose for prom pictures because I liked how it looked,” Nelson said.

- Waiting for the doors to open, senior Zach Cohorst and his date, Ciara McDonnell, pose for a quick picture outside of the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse. While waiting in line for pictures, junior Amber Barnes and her date, Alec Andrews, debate on which pose they like best.
Nothing but smiles, senior Adam Smith and his date, Heather Rose, dance the night away. "Prom was an awesome night. We ate at The Melting Pot, and it was beyond amazing. After dinner we walked around the Plaza and took pictures. We even went to a playground and took pictures and played on the swings. Then we went to the dance," Smith said. After being crowned, Blake Tuttle and Katie Kobialka show off their crowns as the new prom king and queen. "I was very enthused when I won prom queen. It was awesome. I wish I could do it all over again," Kobialka said.

Taking over the dance floor, seniors Aaron Hill and Blake Tuttle show their moves while dancing to "Soulja Boy." "Prom was awesome. It was the best dance I've ever been to," Tuttle said.

Dancing to the beat with camera in hand, junior Tiara Jones dances while junior Teran Holter looks on. "Prom was fun; I just wish I didn't have to wear an uncomfortable dress," Holter said. Taking a break, juniors Julia Glenn and Erika Busch refresh themselves with a quick drink. Far left: Enjoying one another's company, seniors Branden Phoenix and Courtney Golden dance like there's no tomorrow.
Taj-Mahal Dreams

Senior Ethan Brotherton and his date Megan McCall

Senior Kyle Toland and freshman Chelsea Crawford

Freshman Kaylie Holloway and senior Kevin DeVore

Junior Erika Busch and sophomore Trai Forshey

Seniors Allen Mellott and Corey Carr

Senior Sheryl Dubin and her date Ben Dobbins

Junior Calli Hackney and her date Dylan Alexander

Senior James Avant and junior SyKnes Fields
Senior Lindsey Johnson
and junior Kaleb Black

Senior Samantha Tadlock
and her date John Ratcliff

Senior Eric Sawyer
and junior Katrina Stogner

Junior Michael Walker
and freshman Emily Pyles

Seniors Casey Weir
and Tiffany Ellis

Senior Tanner Stark
and his date Amber Schmidt

Senior Ian Briggs
and freshman Erin Mills

Freshman Chandler Clark
and junior James Canada
Graduation
May 8, 2008
7:30 p.m.
USD 204 P.E. Center

Above: Junior Julia Glenn, left, and Monica Sorensen lead graduates Ariel Adger, Kasie Cook and Josh Cook into the gymnasium. Column 2, starting fourth from the bottom: Dynikah Brown, Tiffany Ellis, Ashley Adkins and Ariel Adger, Lisa Rogers. Column 3, Third Picture: Jerritt Barbarich, James Avant, Jared Anderson, and Katrina Allen show their support for their class.

Senior Project Boards, May 2
Project Grad, May 8, at Power Play

*Senior Project Board Presentations: Column 1, Below: Matt Ingenthal awaits a question from his panel. Column 2, starting at the top: Kimberly Fick, Kieara Williams, Rosa Pichardo. Column 3: Sadie Kelly.*


From Your Creators 31
From bringing in our own benches to wearing red and blue, the Class of 2008 is a prime example of class unity.

The final push is here. Two semesters away from becoming adults, you would think the time for maturity has finally arrived. Enter the Class of 2008.

Not all of the seniors are exactly immature. In fact, we have quite a few students who will embrace the world the moment we graduate.

But for those who won’t, our sense of humor may just be a tad bit... different.

No matter what the level of maturity may be, we all happen to agree on one thing: our class is one of being united and having fun.

“Our class is one of the only ones that seems to be together on a lot of things and not have cliques,” Ethan Brotherton said.

The administration knew they had their hands full from the moment the Class of ’08 began considering themselves seniors.

After the senior benches had been put away from the “juniors” at the time, Blake Tuttle and Clayton McCully decided to take action by bringing in their own benches.

“We waited four years to get the benches and when they put them away, we had to improvise,” McCully said.

Of course, the administration wasn’t too supportive of that idea. McCully and Tuttle were advised to remove the make-shift benches from campus.

But now that we are officially seniors, we get to enjoy the privilege of the benches as a class, which is something we do every morning, with some even sitting on the floor.

Not having enough benches doesn’t stop us.

The Class of 2008 truly is one-of-a-kind.

-Mandi Ontis
ACT: Seniors stress about the college-level exam, and some even take the Preparing for College course to help get ready.

Benches: "I usually go to the benches every hall passing. It's a great place to meet up with friends and relax," —Colby Carson

Colleges: With many colleges to choose from, we consider our options before making a decision on the path of life we choose.

Diploma: All the hard work for the past 12 years has paid off: it's finally time to receive the certification of your education.

Eight semesters: "Each semester has been something to remember, but all of a sudden the time's run short." —Ian Briggs

Football Fever: With a stunning 8-2 record, the Braves made the fall sports season phenomenal and one for us all to remember.

Graduation: Wait! Since when is graduation on a Thursday? Held on May 8, this graduation is expected to be more formal.

Homework: "I do feel like the homework load has increased a lot this year." —Maisie Crayton

Internship: With senior year comes the opportunity for senior internship. As long as hours are met, we can leave school early.

Jobs: Most seniors have after-school jobs to begin financial independence and to prepare themselves for college life.

King: "It was such an awesome feeling being crowned king. I didn't expect to win, but it was a great feeling." —Leo Sanchez

Lockers: Our turn to use the big lockers has finally arrived. No need for cramming any more!

Mr. Bonner Springs: In the winter pep rally, the boys compete for the title. This year's winner was Blake "Big Bertha" Tuttle.

New Schedule: "I love being able to leave early on Wednesday. Thursday is better, because we start later." —Wendy DeLeon

Oh eight: Arguably one of the best classes to roam the halls of BSHS; it's our time to shine.

Project Grad: Helping out the parents, students are more involved this year than in the past to give ourselves one last party.

Queen: "My first thought as Courtwarming Queen was 'I hope I don't fall on the way to getting crowned!'" —Alyssa Kelly

Reward: As an incentive for testing last year, the seniors in Mrs. Wood's class enjoyed the reward of no homework in December.

Senior Project: The final test of our high school years, we have to complete the senior project to graduate. 'Nuff said.

Transcripts: "My transcript is super important to me because it is what helps me get into college and for scholarships." —Alex Perica

Unity: What is a senior class without unity? As our last year together, we have to enjoy it while we can.

Valedictorians: Earning nothing but A's throughout high school, the Class of 2008 is very proud of its Valedictorians: Michael Cooper, Lisa Rogers, Adam Smith and Salutatorian Mandi Ontis.

Worship: "The underclassmen should worship us. We have earned the respect that they should give us." —Kyle Toland

Xerox: Ah, the copies that we make when it comes to the Senior Project! Good thing the Xerox machine was invented.

Youth: In the prime of our youth, we are ready to get out into the world as fresh new faces.

Zero tolerance: "I dislike the new policy because I always listened to my iPod during art, which isn't that big of a deal." —Sadie Kelly
Best Smile: 
Cody Wallace 
& Taryn Sullivan

Best Dressed: 
Tanairi Rios & Matt Ingenthron

Most Friendly: 
Alyssa Kelly & Blake Tuttle

Most Likely to be a Kid Forever: 
Tanner Stark & Michaela Mortensen

The Next Mrs. Wood & Mr. Caldwell: 
Chelsea Simmons & Nathan Lynch
Favorites

First to Make a Million: Adam Smith & Lisa Rogers

Best Hair: Jon Robertson & Erin Kruger

Most Fun to Get Stuck in an Elevator With: Jason Hoskins & Lindsay Sickman

Best Friends Forever: Jessica Hoglund & Mandi Ontis Clayton McCully & Michael Bille

Most Likely to Bleed Orange & Black: Kasie Cook & Joe Sullivan
Ariel Adger  Ashley Adkins  Katrina Allen  Jared Anderson  James Avant  Jerritt Barbarich  
Rachael Beckett  Sarah Bernard  Michael Bille  Joseph Bland  Chris Braswell  Ian Briggs  
Ethan Brotherton  Dynikah Brown  Lauren Burgess  Ryan Bush  Corey Carr  Colby Carson  
James Carter  Samantha Chavez  Kate Cheatham  Brittni Coen  Zach Cohorst  Daisy Contreras  
Josh Cook  Kasie Cook  Michael Cooper  Maisie Crayton  Chelsea Crouch  Alisha Day
Not Pictured:
Ashley Collier
Rene Luffman
Carlos Montgomery
Jerold Pitts
Chloe Williams

Class of 2008

Clockwise from top: Completing the human pyramid, the Powder Puff cheerleaders entertain the crowd. Portraying Dr. Jerry Abbott, principal, Michaela Mortensen adds to a presentation based on The Canterbury Tales in Nancy Baker's World Literature Class. Enjoying their time before class, a group of seniors utilize the benches.
To most people, high school is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Although many enjoy their underclassmen years, senior year is the one that is looked forward to the most. Memories made in this magical year are sure to stick with one forever. From expenses to time management, senior year often hits students with unexpected surprises. A note to underclassmen: Be prepared for an exciting yet challenging roller-coaster ride.

The Costs of Being a Senior:

Cap, Gown, Tassel, & Bling Bling Tassel: $40

ACT testing fee: $30

Senior Tankard: $25

2008 Hoodie: $29

Senior Pictures: $300 (Average)

25 Graduation Announcements with Name Cards: $50.25

Senior Class T-Shirts: $18

"The most money was spent on my car."
—Ebony Ford

"I have spent the most money on my Jeep."
—Jared Anderson

"My graduation expenses were the most expensive."
—Tanner Stark

"To be honest with you, I have spent the most money on tanning."
—Rebecca Ova

"I think I spent the most money on all the cap, gown, and announcement stuff."
—Britney Shipman

"My squirrel necklace; it was $10,000."
—Ariel Adger

"I had to pay for my cap, gown, and tassels, so I think that was the most expensive."
—Ethan Jenkins

"Gas is expensive for me because I have to drive to school from Shawnee."
—Lindsey Johnson
Favorite Senior Memories...

"Going to sub-state for soccer."
—Kyle Toland

"Just being a senior in general and having authority."
—Audrey Folk

"Dating the love of my life."
—James Carter

"Going to KMEA for choir. It was a great experience."
—Sara Trent

"Going to state for tennis doubles."
—Felisha Leipard & Chelsea Crouch

"Making playoffs in football."
—Byron Williams

"Having Success Time because I got to leave early from school on Wednesdays."
—Corey Carr

"The time when this interview was interrupted by Mrs. Wood."
—James Prather

What did you spend the most time on this year?

39% Procrastinating

20% Working

18% Other

13% Senior Project

9% Homework

"School work. I have finished my Senior Project, so that leaves mostly school work."
—Montell White

"Mostly just work!"
—Rosa Pichardo

"I've definitely spent the most time on Mrs. Wood's homework along with my Senior Project."
—Vernon Samek

"Working and playing softball."
—Sadie Kelly

"I spent the most time on my Senior Project. I was a personal trainer to my brother."
—Angel Solano

"There was just too much stuff that you had to do and get done."
—Tiffany Ellis

"My job at Dairy Queen. I get to make all the ice cream."
—Cord McGill

"I have to work 4-5 days a week and still find time to do my homework."
—Wendy DeLeon
SERIOUS SENIOR STRESS

From the ACT to juggling a job, seniors often feel added pressure.

From the beginning of your high school career, the goal of becoming a senior is an exciting and overwhelming dream. Now that we have finally reached this dream, most seniors are eager to finish it, but scared at the same time.

To get there, however, most seniors must face many challenging and unexpected obstacles. Taking the ACT or completing college applications are just the beginning of many stresses that a senior has to face. Sometimes there seems to be more stress than there is fun.

At least that’s how Lisa Rogers feels. “Senior year is very stressful because it feels like there’s so much to do within so little time,” Rogers said.

As the year goes by, seniors wake up and get closer to reality. All of the expenses of being a senior pile up as well as stress. From juggling a job to completing the Senior Project, seniors are pulled in many different directions, resulting in added pressure.

Most students feel the senior research project is the biggest stress on their list, which ties in with the Senior Project.

“Having to do the Senior Project outside of school and dealing with the work inside of school is overwhelming,” Samantha Chavez said.

In addition, knowing that this is your last chance to make a difference, to pull your grades up, to go to State in football, or to achieve that one last dream you’ve been dreaming since your freshman year only adds to the anxiety.

It all comes down to this: it’s your last year to be a kid before you enter the world and face much bigger obstacles.

“I’m not ready to grow up and face the world,” Rachel Trent said. “It’s scary and exciting all at the same time.”

ASHLEY ECKSTEIN

Senior Ashley Eckstein said her senior stress came mostly from balancing her outside-of-school responsibilities in the National Guard with school.

“I joined the Guard two years ago, which means I spend every other weekend there training to be in the Army,” Eckstein said.

Like every senior, Eckstein felt added stress from her senior project.

“I was more stressed about my senior research paper more than anything,” she said. “I knew if I didn’t finish my Senior Project, then I wouldn’t graduate.”

KATIE KOBIALKA

For many seniors, the Senior Project seems to be the greatest cause of stress, and this was definitely the case for Katie Kobialka.

For her project, Kobialka decided to write a memoir of her grandmother’s time in German concentration camps.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Kobialka became very ill, and Katie was forced to make major adjustments.

“I was really freaked out over the project and felt even more overwhelmed when things didn’t work out,” Kobialka said.
"I've been really stressed out this year because I procrastinated. I always waited until the last minute to do things. I worked 30 hours a week at Nebraska Furniture Mart, so I was always really tired when I got home and had to force myself to do my homework."

— Kate Cheatham

"My senior year was a lot more stressful than I imagined it would be because I took three college classes. With that, and other stresses added on, trying to maintain a 4.0 was quite a challenge."

— Ryan Bush

"Senior Project was definitely the most stressful task. I volunteered at Mother-to-Mother, a group that helps moms who are currently suffering from poverty. I think being new to the school made the Senior Project more difficult for me because I wasn't expecting it."

— Sam Tadlock

"The most stressful thing for me was my Senior Project, which was a charity golf tournament. The main problem came when it rained that day, and we had to put everything on hold for awhile. Eventually, we did get to have it and all profits were donated to Harvesters."

— Justin Padelli

What is the most stressful thing about your senior year?

Senior Project: 38%
Research Paper: 22%
College Classes: 10%
Job: 9%
College Applications: 8%
ACT/SAT: 7%
Finals: 5%
Other: 5%
You know you're a junior when...
"You start thinking about your senior project."
"You can ask someone to prom."
"When you start wanting to sit on the senior benches."
"When you take the ACT."

Clockwise from left: Adam Shirley, Brittany Bennett, J.P. Holley, DeAundre Rudolph, a group of juniors enjoying the fall pep assembly, Stefanie Sprenkle, and Kasey Stirling.

48 Junior Division
“Spiders.”

Brooke Babbitt, 11

“Getting hit by a car.”

Kaleb Black, 11
If you could be any candy, what would you be?

"Hot Tamales, because they are spicy and sweet."

- Oscar Sanchez, 11

"Three Musketeers"

- Katrina Stogner, 11
Who would play you in a movie about your life?

"Gabrielle Union. She always plays a strong character."
- Cherelle Henderson, 11

"Will Smith because he's a good actor and he could portray me well."
- Daniel Simmons, 11
"My daddy, because he is always there for me."

**Brian Newton, 11**

"Captain Underpants. He has high self-esteem and wears underpants."

**Nikki Rittinghouse, 11**
You know you’re a sophomore when...

“You can drive yourself to school.”

“You get to order a class ring.”

“When you don’t have to take a social studies class.”
I eat, watch TV and hang with friends.

- Michael Marquez, 10

"I show dogs."

- Shelby Ney, 10
We say orange, you say...

"Braves."

Teresa Dornberger, 10

"Juice."

Michael Harman, 10

Sophomores 57
If you could be any age forever, what age and why?

"In my 20’s, because I like to stay young."

- Major Brooks, 10

"21, because you have the right to do anything, but you are not too old."

- Emily Herre, 10
If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

"A lion. He rules and he is the king."
—D.J. Brooks, 10

"A unicorn, because I want to be beautiful."
—Heiddy Ussery, 10
James Storms
Crystal Stude
Michael Sullivan
Cameron Summers
Alisa Sutler
Katelyn Tatum

Chris Throckmorton
Morgan Tinsley
Katie Tisch
Ricardo Torres
Joseph Trinkle
Amanda Tune

Carli Turner
April Umbenhower
Andre Venerable
Steven Walker
McKenzie Walters
Sam Walton

Emily Warren
Michael Wells
Leticia Whitmill
Ariel Williams
Malia Williams
Kaleb Wright

Landon Yeager
Heather Zamora
Kayla Zimmerly

Where is your favorite place to be?

“Connecticut.”

Zach Prentiss, 10


Chris Stites, 10
Clockwise from top: Jonathan Price, Lucas Isaacs, Lindsay Hunt and MacKenzie Anderson, Austin Epp, Erin Mills, and part of the freshman ensemble choir.

You know you're a freshmen when...

"You don't know where your classes are."

"You can go to homecoming."

"You wish you had a 'big' locker."

"You are intimidated by upperclassmen."
What do you want to be when you grow up?

"I want to be an astronaut."
- Connor Harrington, 9

"I want to be an actress."
- Samee Sprenkle, 9
If you could go anywhere, where would you go?

“China, so I could blend in and eat lots of rice.”
- Santiago Garcia, 9

“Long Island, Australia, because it is so beautiful there.”
- Alexis Clark, 9
What is the best thing about being a freshman?

"I like how the sports are more competitive."

- Erica Smith, 9

"Having a lot more variety in good-looking girls."

- Dalton Vitt, 9
Most people don't know that...

"I'm scared of deep holes."

- Alexis Moore, 9

"I'm completely obsessed with dresses."

- Angelica Harris, 9
If you had one super power, what would it be?

"Super speed so I could go really fast."

■ Caleb Seaton, 9

"Reading minds, so I can hear what people think of me."

■ Alicia Palcher, 9
What is your favorite thing to do?

"I love to go camping."

- Riley Mortensen, 9

"My favorite thing to do is to hang out with friends at parties."

- Luke Porras, 9
Susan Anderson, Food Services
Lucinda Arnett, Paraprofessional
Garold Baker, Athletic Director
Nancy Baker, Language Arts
Angela Barton, Science
Monty Bechard, Physical Education
Jacob Beck, Physical Education

Gail Berman, Language Arts
D'Anne Berning, Bookkeeper
Leslie Blythe, Special Education
Diane Bonner, Success Center
Tom Borengasser, Paraprofessional
Sarah Brower, Attendance Secretary
Mia Buck, Nurse

Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
Bob Caldwell, Mathematics
Heather Campbell, Mathematics
Carla Cline, Food Services
Ann Decker, Mathematics
Beth Dillon, Mathematics
Bill Downing, Language Arts

Jeff Fouquet, Language Arts
Martha Gamble, Food Services
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
Jennie Hale, Food Services
Jim Hanson, Assistant Principal
Kathy Harding, Food Services
Jill Holder, Language Arts

Joe Hornback, Assistant Principal
Linda Honath, Art
Justin Howe, Social Sciences
Michelle Howerton, Custodial
Ryan Hull, Social Sciences
Amy Ivert, Foreign Language
Kerri Jennings, Physical Education

Lew Kasselman, Physical Education
Mary Lauber, Library Media Aide
Adrianne Law, Business
Jacquelyn Leib, Science
Staci Lowe, Physical Education
Lisa Lugar, Language Arts
Debbi Maddy, Library Media Specialist
Not Pictured: Marilyn Allen, Success Center; Maria Beizhen, Paraprofessional; Wanda Card, Custodial; Martha Chandlely, FACS; Danny Colvin, Custodial; Debbie Foley, Student Services Secretary; Lesley Hancock, Special Education; Dorothy Harris, Paraprofessional; Cindy Hayes, Science; Kyle Johnson, Custodial; Linda Kasselma, Secretary; Sarah Kolles, Mathematics; Rosemary Kruger, Custodial; Joe LaCicero, Business; John Leifer, Instrumental Music; Rob Marriott, Science; Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Education; Jason Romanishin, Art; Sharon Sandin, Special Education; Dan Streit, Language Arts; Elias Trujillo, Custodial; Carolyn Welliver, Special Education.

John Makona, Social Sciences
Mike McDonald, Custodial
Bryce McFarland, Business
Jim Mitchell, Special Education
Kathy Morado, Food Services
Kristin Moulin, Guidance Counselor
Rick Moulin, Guidance Counselor

Kris Munsch, Industrial Technology
Jenny Myers, Social Sciences
Marsha Nelson, Foreign Language
Tim Ney, Full-Time Substitute
Clay Oakes, Science
Cindy Parsons, Full-Time Substitute
Karen Parsons, Paraprofessional

Carolyn Pearson, Science
Ann Ramsey, Foreign Language
Cindy Reddy, Mathematics
Linda Reed, Food Services
Debbie Redmond, Food Services
Jennifer Schlicht, Social Sciences
Katie Schumm, Special Education

Donna Sharpnack, Mathematics
Ann Smith, Language Arts/ESL
Kay Smith, Registrar
Melissa Smith, Industrial Technology
Tom Smothers, Custodial
Jennifer Strichner, Language Arts
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor

Brian White, Vocal Music
Lauren Wilson, Vocal Music Accompanist
Jo Wiseman, Social Science
Chris Wood, Language Arts
Guess Who!

How well do you know your teachers? In each lettered row, you will find a mystery picture of the teacher, a picture in that teacher’s room, and a picture of something they enjoy. Will you be able to pass this test?
Answers:

A. Dr. Makons
B. Mrs. Wood
C. Mr. Beck
D. Mr. Fauquet
E. Mrs. Schlicht
F. Mrs. Myers

Guess Who: 71
Rethink Relive

REPLAY

...the final seconds, the buzzer-beater shot, the last agonizing moment before the clock shows zeros.

Do not regret your time here, wishing you had been there or done that.

Recall the memories and reminisce on the good times.

From the record-breaking football season, the always entertaining basketball season, and the energetic swimming, tennis, wrestling seasons, always will we remember those moments.

The great musician Bob Dylan once said, "I replay the past. I know every scene by heart, they all went by so fast."

True that they do go by so fast. Slow down, watch them as they replay.
Clockwise from top: Lifting the district trophy at the football pep assembly, senior Byron Williams smiles at the crowd. Preparing to flip his opponent, sophomore Brooks Ballou competes at his second Dick Burns Mat Classic. Blocking the ball from the defender, senior Jessica Hoglund stops a steal. Passing the ball, senior Chelsea Crouch jukes to the right of her opponent. Basking in the glow of success, the varsity cross country runners hold up their regional championship runner-up trophy.
Surpassing all expectations, the Braves’ football team capped off one of the most memorable seasons in decades with an 8-2 record.

The Braves kicked off the season with three straight wins and then lost a heartbreaker to Lansing, 27-24, in overtime.

"The Lansing game was a real eye-opener," senior Tyler Jock said. "It showed that we could be stopped and something had to change."

Bouncing back, the Braves reeled off a five-game winning streak, clinching a district championship and earning the right to host St. Thomas Aquinas on Nov. 1.

Unfortunately, the Saints were a tough first-round draw, and they upended the Braves, 44-14.

"This was one of my most memorable years in my coaching career," head coach Lew Kasselman said.

"They need to keep their heads up because there is nothing wrong with an 8-2 season."

Statistically, the Braves put up some amazing numbers, outscoring their opponents 371-175. Jock led the team in scoring with 12 touchdowns and a total of 76 points. Defensively, senior Zach Cohorst led the team with six sacks and 34 tackles.

Chelsea Crouch

Senior Ryan Bush, #15  
Key Stat: Made 24 out of 26 extra-point attempts  
Season highlight: "My season highlight was when I got my first tackle in our win against Mill Valley."

Senior Angel Solano, #54  
Season highlight: "Just the thought of us having an 8-2 record was the best part about my season. Also, when we made it to the state playoffs."

Junior Luke Terrell, #89  
Season highlight: "I enjoyed the whole season. We were a close team, and we knew how to mesh well together. It worked for us."

Busting through Piper's defensive line, senior Tyler Jock gains yards for the Braves' offense. As the team's starting quarterback, Jock earned first-team All-KVL honors and was the team MVP. "I was expected to step up and play a role, and I did that to the best of my ability," Jock said. Focusing hard, junior Jonathan Walker prepares to face the tough Aquinas defense in the state playoff game. Walker also earned a spot on first-team All-KVL. Senior wide receiver L.T. Lee makes an outstanding catch against Sumner. "I was asked to step up and move around positions. I was willing to do whatever to help out the team," Lee said.

Senior Zach Cohorst, along with the Braves' defensive line, prepares to battle the Basehor Bobcats in the season opener. "Going into the season I felt pretty confident in our team," Cohorst said. Preparing to make a tackle, senior Blake Tuttle sets himself up on the line. As a captain, Tuttle had 16 tackles, 13 assists and second-team All-KVL honors.
Throughout the regular season, the Braves’ soccer team battled just to stay at .500; however, as they went into post-season play, the Braves made some changes and kicked their way to a regional championship.

With goals coming from seniors Kyle Toland and Clayton McCully, along with freshman Connor Harrington, the Braves upset Gardner-Edgerton 3-0 in the Northeast Regional championship game on Oct. 24 to clinch the title.

“The actual season wasn’t as good as we were used to, but winning regionals was a big highlight,” said senior Michael Bille, one of six senior team captains.

The Braves were directed by new coach Mike Moulin, who enjoyed his first season. “As a first-time head coach, it was an honor to coach players that worked hard and won regionals,” Moulin said.

Statistically, senior Alex Perica led the Braves with 17 goals, while junior Garrett Parker contributed eight assists.

“Winning regionals was a great way to end my high school career,” Perica said. “I will always remember this season.”

—Nancy DeLeon

Escaping from a defender, freshman Connor Harrington looks for an open teammate against Tonganoxie. "Playing with a strong group of seniors helped me improve my skills," Harrington said.

Moving the ball down field, senior Michael Bille makes a pass to an open teammate. Bille received All-KVL honorable mention for his defensive work.

With full concentration, senior Ryan Bush tries to pass the ball between two Blue Valley defenders in a home game. "The biggest highlight of the season was when we beat Lansing for the first time since I was a freshman," Bush said.

Skillfully making a move, senior Josh Cook tries to get past a Blue Valley defender. "Each day we came out and gave it everything in practice and in the end it paid off with a regional championship," Cook said.

Clearing the ball, senior Clayton McCully prevents an attempt on a goal against Perry-Lecompton. McCully was the only offensive player to receive first-team All-KVL honors.

Pushing the ball, senior Michael Ducey helps the Braves attack the goal against the Piper Pirates. "Playing tough schools helped us improve later in the season," Ducey said.

Fighting off a defender, junior Alex Soto dribbles down the field at a home game against Tonganoxie. "When we clicked during the games, we always came out with a win," Soto said.
Pulling Together

Bravettes show late-season spark

After losing their top three hitters, the Bravettes relied on leadership from their three returning seniors to help the underclassmen adjust to the varsity level.

"Having so many underclassmen move up was tough in the beginning, but in the end we started to play and communicate like a team," senior Wendy DeLeon said.

After battling most of the season, the Bravettes improved steadily and really pulled together at their own invitational tournament on Oct. 6.

In the opening round of play against Sumner, the team showed that play wasn’t over until the final point. After losing the first game to the Sabres, the Bravettes did the impossible and came back from an 0-15 deficit to win the second and third games and take the match.

"Coming back against Sumner was the highlight of the season. The girls just put everything together and showed what they can do," head coach Jo Wiseman said.

The Bravettes ended the tournament with a strong fifth-place finish.

Taking Baldwin to three games early in the season was another high point for the Bravettes.

Senior Holly Luke led the team with 43 kills while Wendy DeLeon had the most blocks with 19.

In their final match of the year, the Bravettes fell to Topeka-Seaman 13-25, 8-25, at regionals.

-Nancy DeLeon

BLOCKING A TIP, senior Holly Luke keeps an Immaculata player from scoring.

"We played as a team and really picked each other up when we needed to, and that wasn’t always the case in the past," Luke said. ■ Keeping an eye on her serve, junior Nancy DeLeon puts the ball over the net. DeLeon led the team with 138 successful serves. "During practices and matches, we all worked our hardest and still had fun at the same time, which made the season memorable," DeLeon said. ■ Putting up a set, sophomore Emily Herre helps the team try to score a point. Herre led the team with 42 aces. "This season the team really improved, and we had fun while we played," Herre said. ■ Jumping as high as she can, senior Wendy DeLeon blocks the middle hitter against Sumner. DeLeon was the team’s top blocker.
Spiking the ball freshman Chelsea Crawford attempts to put the ball over Eudora defenders. Crawford led the team with a hitting percentage of .89. "Being a freshman it was hard to adjust, but all of the upperclassmen helped me out, which made the season a lot of fun," Crawford said.

Perfecting a set junior Starian Porchia sets up a front row hitter. "I really wish we could have had a winning season, but next year will be great because we will be a closer team, and we will have five returning lettermen," Porchia said.

"I think we had a great group of girls who tried their hardest in every game and all of the practices, which gave us great opportunities to bond."

Janelle Lira, 12
Sprinting to the finish, junior Isaac Mills does his best to push past his Paola opponent at the season-opening meet at Topeka-Hayden. Mills finished 12th with a time of 18:28.

Running side by side, freshman Connor Harrington and junior Chance Crawford battle the extreme course at the Ottawa Invitational where the varsity team placed first for the first time ever.

Pumping her arms, sophomore Tessa Seaton fights her way up the hill at the Ottawa meet. "The Ottawa hills were intense but in the end I had a medal," said Seaton, who finished the race with a time of 18:31 and placed 12th.

The second-highest state finisher, junior Amanda Trent competes with fire. Building unity, senior Sadie Kelly encourages her teammates at Paola. Kelly missed most of the season with a foot injury.

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Leading the Braves, sophomore Brooks Ballou concentrates on keeping his pace at the regional meet at Wyandotte County Park. Ballou worked hard to help the Braves by placing eighth with a time of 17:30. Senior Alex Perica and junior Garrett Parker cross the famous bridge at Lawrence's Rim Rock Farm. This was second year in a row that Perica and Parker qualified to run at state. “There’s a lot of excitement at state because there are people everywhere cheering for you,” Perica said.

Reaching Goals

Braves fight to become a part of history

With a return trip to state, the boys sliced their twelfth-place finish from the previous year in half with a sixth-place finish this year at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence. This was their highest finish at state since 1978.

“It was nice to go to state and compete at a higher level. In the past, the team was happy to be there, but now they believe they can compete,” said head coach Bill Downing.

The boys’ cross country team also excelled in the league meet at Perry-Lecompton where the Braves captured the KVL Championship for the second consecutive year.

At league, sophomore Brooks Ballou (16:50), senior James Carter (17:30), and junior Isaac Mills (17:32) earned first-team, all-KVL honors. Second-team all-league selections included senior Alex Perica (17:59) and junior Garrett Parker (18:01).

The girls’ team also achieved a milestone by sending three runners, sophomore Tessa Seaton (18:39), freshman Erin Mills (19:39), and junior Amanda Trent (19:49), to the state meet—the most in school history.

“Going to state and sending more than one girl was a big accomplishment,” Seaton said.

Cali Hackney
Up against some stiff competition, senior Ashlee Espinoza prepares for the return at the Bonner Invitational. Espinoza was new to the team this year and did well enough to play on the varsity squad.

Serving the opening volley, junior Teran Holter reaches for the ball. This year, Holter played doubles with senior Kelsey Stanbrough, and they placed third at the Bonner Invitational. This was Holter's second year on the squad. Receiving the ball at the baseline, senior Felisha Leipard returns the ball to her opponent at the Olathe North dual. "Going to state this year was incredible. I had so much fun this season," said Leipard, a three-year letterman.

Smashing season

Bravettes prove strength through adversity

The Bravettes’ tennis team started the season well with a huge win against Bishop Miege on Aug. 28. It would only be fitting that they finish well with the doubles team of Felisha Leipard and Chelsea Crouch making their first trip to the state competition.

The dual, which was held on the Country Club Plaza, was the first time the Bravettes had beaten Miege in the 29 years that head coach Bill Scott has been with Bonner.

“This came as a complete surprise because we lost so many seniors last year. I guess this is why I keep coaching,” Scott said.

Making their finish even more spectacular, the Crouch-Leipard duo only started playing together at the Olathe North dual. “I was really surprised to be playing doubles, but it was fun playing with Chelsea,” Leipard said.

The duo more than exceeded expectations.

After losing to Arkansas City in their first match at state, the girls rebounded to beat Bishop Miege in straight sets, 6-4 6-2, closing out the day with a loss to Hutchinson.

The next morning the girls had to wait out a rain delay, which seemed to take a toll on them, losing to McPherson in their final match.

“This was the best part for me, playing good in time for a special senior season and a trip to state just capped it all off,” said Crouch.

The girls finished eleventh, just missing a state medal.

Kyle Toland

Keeping her eye on the ball, senior Chelsea Crouch takes a forehand to send the ball over the net. “This was my best season by far. It definitely exceeded my expectations,” said Crouch, a returning letterman. Waiting for the smash, sophomore Emily Randolph stares through the glaring sun. This was Randolph’s second year on the squad. Taking the groundstroke, senior Kelsey Stanbrough focuses intently on the ball. “Coach Loker made tennis a lot of fun for me and made me stay positive throughout the season,” Stanbrough said.
RePLAY

• Splitting the defenders, senior Tyler Jock makes his move towards the basket. “It was my first year playing, and I believe we meshed well and I fit right in,” Jock said.

• Taking it left, senior Chase McGhee dribbles past a Mill Valley defender. “Our season was inconsistent, and we had some struggles, but we overcame all that we could,” McGhee said.

• Taking it to the hole, junior Brian Newton rushes down the court for a layup. “This season started out a little slow, but we hung in there,” Newton said.

• Calling out the play, sophomore Martin Birch leads the team as a starting point guard. “We all had different roles on the team and we all had to step up,” said Birch. “It was a new experience that we had to get used to.”

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84 Boys Basketball
Knowing that they would have to fight their way through the season, the Braves stayed focused and worked hard.

"Even though this season was not successful in the record book, we all learned a lot and gained a lot of experience," senior L.T. Lee said.

One of the main highlights of the season came when senior co-captain Ariel Adger hit a buzzer-beater to beat Mill Valley in an away game on Jan. 22.

After a Mill Valley player missed a three-pointer to seal the win, Adger picked up the ball in front of the Braves' bench and hit the last-second shot.

"Not to be cocky but when I made my buzzer-beater it was a good time for us," Adger said.

In the final game of the season, the Braves battled hard throughout the game, but fell short of beating the Lansing Lions.

"They need to play like they play when they are down 10 points all the time," head coach Ryan Hull said. "I guess that is just how we roll. We do not do things the easy way."

Even though the season was a difficult one, the Braves were able to pull through with some great experiences and wins.

Senior L.T. Lee pushes the ball down the court during a fast break against Lansing. Lee earned first team All-KVL honors and was also selected to the all-tournament teams at the Basehor Bobcat Classic and the Metro Prep Classic held at BSHS.


Posting up, senior Aaron Hill gets ready to make a move.

"We put a lot of hard work into this year," Hill said. "It may not have shown, but we tried our best."
Taking the mid-range jumper, sophomore Lynsey Ostman pulls up on a Basehor defender. "There were some bumps in the road, but we pushed through and made the best of it," Ostman said. Making the lay-up, junior Starian Porchia scores two points. "The highlight for me was playing four quarters on varsity. This season prepared me for what is to come next year as a senior leader," Porchia said.

Taking a pick against a Basehor defender, senior Holly Luke clears a path for teammate Kelsey Stanbrough. "This year was a struggle, but it was a lot of fun. I have been playing with a lot of these girls for a long time, so we had a really strong bond," Luke said. Working her way between two Piper defenders, senior Chelsea Crouch breaks toward the basket. "The season was rough, but we worked through it as a team," said Crouch, a three-year letterman. Controlling the ball, senior Ashlee Espinoza breaks past a Bishop Ward defender. "We all worked hard and gave everything we had on the court," said Espinoza, a new varsity squad member.
With a lack of height, the Bravettes had to work harder than ever to achieve their goals. “We were undersized athletically, but not at heart or spirit,” head coach Clay Oakes said. “As a whole, the season was disappointing in aspects of our record, but was enjoyable in the aspect of having the opportunity to work with this team. They came to practice every day with a great attitude and a positive outlook.” The team had strong chemistry, which resulted in their positive attitudes.

“We had team dinners the night before games. They were always a lot of fun. This definitely added to our friendship,” senior Chelsea Crouch said.

This friendship was apparent when the Bravettes played Perry-Lecompton on Feb. 17. The Bravettes had a commanding lead going into the fourth quarter. Senior Kelsey Stanbrough had six three-pointers under her belt and was looking to tie the record for most three-point shots in a game, which she shared with 2006 Bonner grad Hilary Johnson.

With just over three minutes left, Stanbrough hit her seventh three-pointer and the chase was on for the record. Stanbrough finally got open just enough to put the shot up, and the crowd and her teammates went wild. She had finally broken the record that had eluded her. “Breaking the record was very special to me. Everyone was looking to pass me the ball, and plays were even drawn up for me in the huddle. That just shows I have some great teammates,” said Stanbrough, a four-year letterman.
• Trying to hold on, freshman Brian Callahan fights to gain points for the team. Callahan ended the year with a 6-21 record and competed in the 140-pound division. • Putting his opponent in a headlock, freshman Caleb Seaton earns a first-place finish at Blue Valley Northwest. Seaton led the teams in pins with 24 and in three-point nearfalls with 26.


• Struggling to pin his opponent, sophomore Brooks Ballou wrestles at Blue Valley Northwest. Finishing with a 17-19 record, Ballou competed at the state meet for the second straight year. • Looking up to find his coach, junior Tanner McCleary works to pin his opponent at an away meet. As one of the Braves' steadiest competitors, McCleary placed third at Wyco and fourth at the Kaw Valley League meet.
Qualifying four wrestlers for the 5A state tournament in Hutchinson, the Braves fought their way through the season.

“The team just kept improving each week by growing and becoming stronger together. Our best performances came in our last matches,” head coach Dan Burns said.

The Braves were led by freshman Caleb Seaton, who placed fourth at state in the 103-pound division. Seaton made school history by recording 38 wins, the most by a freshman.

Seaton placed in the top four in every tournament and also captured five championships, including league and regionals.

“Seaton was a great wrestler who led the team inside and outside of the practice room,” Burns said.

Other state qualifiers included sophomores Brooks Ballou and Collin Stirling and junior Adam Shirley.

Stirling spent most of the year on the junior varsity level and then placed fourth at league and regionals.

“Competing at state was the highlight of my season and something I will always remember,” Stirling said.

With youth on their side, the future is bright for the Braves.

—Cali Hackney

**Finding a good position to flip his opponent**, junior Adam Shirley fights at the state meet in Hutchinson. “It was an unexpected honor to get to go to state,” Shirley said. “Although it seemed like just another tournament, everyone clearly wanted to push their limits.” **Listening to his coach**, sophomore Collin Stirling grabs his opponent’s wrist at the league meet at Lansing. Stirling placed fourth at KVL, which pushed him to excel in the 5A regional meet and qualify for state.
Going down the final stretch, junior Matt Bille swims the 100-yard butterfly at the Wyco Championships where he captured a gold medal with a time of 1:20.38. "One of the highlights of the season was winning the team championship at the Wyco meet and taking second at the ICSC meet," Bille said. Swimming with intensity, sophomore Ryan Holcomb swims the 50-yard freestyle with his best time of 24.76 at a home meet. Holcomb finished the season second in points with 189.

Chasing Dreams

Braves show talent at Wyco Meet

With only nine swimmers and a new head coach, the Braves' swim team looked to their senior co-captains Josh Cook and Zach Holder to lead the way.

“We didn’t really know what to expect, but we stuck it out and Coach LaNoue turned out to be a great fit,” Holder said.

The Braves also added two new meets to their schedule.

“Adding the Wyco Championship meet and the Inter-Conference Swim Championships (ICSC) helped our boys compete against swimmers in our area,” said head coach Lynn LaNoue.

Both meets also gave the Braves a chance to chase their dreams.

At the Wyco meet held at Washington, the Braves dominated the competition and captured their first league championship with 90 points.

At the ICSC meet at Turner, the Braves brought home a second place and ended the season on a good note.

“Over the course of the season, every swimmer on the team stepped up to fill their role, and I’m proud of each swimmer who stayed through the whole season and improved in each meet,” Cook said.

Nancy DeLeon
Taking a big breath, junior Alex Sullivan swims the 200-yard individual medley at Lawrence Free State. “I think the season was awesome, and we finished strong with great leaders,” Sullivan said.

Dominating the competition, senior co-captain Josh Cook swims the 100-yard butterfly at the Blue Valley West meet. Cook led the team in points with 232.

Swimming his best, sophomore Jordan Kraus competes in the 100-yard backstroke at the Lawrence Free State Invitational where he finished tenth, with his season-best time of 1:37.12.

Going strong, freshman Tyler Johnson swims his leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay. “The season was fun and there were many highlights at every meet,” Johnson said.

Coming up for a breath, senior co-captain Zach Holder swims the 100-yard breaststroke at a home meet with a time of 1:28.15. “My highlight of the season was our second-place finish at ICSC because everyone put in the work to make it happen,” Holder said.

Boys Swimming. Front Row: Manager Vanessa Lugo, Sean Holley, Jacob Moulin, Tyler Kelly, Joe Sullivan, Mike Brown, Head Coach Lynn LaRue. Row 2: Tyler Johnson, Zach Holder, Josh Cook, Matt Bille, Alex Sullivan, Jordan Kraus.
Crowd pleasing

Dance team dazzles during halftime

Attending the UDA summer dance camp at BSHS helped to prepare the Orange Dazzlers for many half-time performances and stressful practices ahead.

The Orange Dazzlers started the year marching in the Tiblow Days parade and then danced afterwards to a hip-hop routine, choreographed by captain Shayla Meseke.

Starting off the season with ten girls, five more joined at mid-season tryouts to bring the season-ending total to ten different dancers.

Second-year coaches Whitney Mitchell and Krista Redlin gave the girls the choice of doing only one season at the end of October or staying on for a second one.

Some practices were fun, and some were extremely stressful, but the girls pushed through them and made every performance worth the effort.

"Dance team was a great experience, and it was fun bonding with the girls," freshman Brenna Hoch said.

With the coaches becoming more familiar with the squad, they cracked down and pushed the girls to their fullest potential, leading them to another great season.

Shayla Meseke


Performing to the school fight song, junior Amanda Couch, senior Chloë Williams, and freshman Brenna Hoch show their school spirit by cheering on the sidelines during a home basketball game against Tonganoxie.
With a small group performing, the Orange Dazzlers didn’t let formation changes affect their performance to “Ghostbusters.”

Strutting her stuff, junior Brittany Logan performs for her classmates at the fall pep assembly.

Starting the basketball season right, the Orange Dazzlers perform at the first home basketball game. “We were told this year that we looked the best we ever have. Any good team will tell you that it takes learning and messing up to get anywhere,” junior Samantha Zook said.

“Helping lead the team, I had a lot of responsibility. Sometimes it was stressful, but overall we had a great team and a great year.”
—Shayla Meseke, Captain

“This year was definitely the best one. I was able to be a leader along with Shayla, and we were all good friends.”
—Audrey Folk, Co-Captain

“Coming to a new school, it was really exciting to be a part of a team full of great girls.”
—Chloe Williams, 12

“I enjoyed being on dance team my senior year. It was a great experience, and it seems like we are all one big family.”
—Kasie Cook, 12

Recognized for excellence, freshman Brenna Hoch and senior Shayla Meseke were chosen for the All Star award at the UDA dance camp. Although freshmen are not eligible to participate, this award gave the girls an opportunity to perform at the New Year’s Day parade in Paris.

Boosting the boys basketball team, senior Brandi Ventura chants the cheer as loud as she can. "This year the squad really got along, and that was a nice change. We all hung out and talked together before and after games," Ventura said. Marching in the Tiblow Days parade, freshman Alyson Espy stays on beat with the rest of her squad. "Being a freshman on varsity was a great experience," Espy said.

Performing in an assembly, junior Aubree Miller dances. "It's not a fond memory, but a memorable moment was at a pep assembly when Brandi hurt her knee, and I carried her off the court," Miller said.
Huddling up, the Braves cheerleading squad gets ready to cheer the soccer team on. "All the girls got along really well, and it was a real fun season," freshman Lindsay Hunt said. Preparing for lift-off, sophomore Harley Ruszala trusts her stunt team to keep her up in the air. "Being the flyer was scary at times, but I always depended on my stunt team to catch me," Ruszala said.

Flying Braves

To build a stronger bond between the squad, the Braves cheerleaders traveled to Stillwater, Okla., for an NCA camp during the summer and brought home a couple of technique awards and a Spirit Stick.

"At camp we did some team-building that I think brought us together more," junior Aubree Miller said.

The year started off a little rocky when senior Brandi Ventura went up for a jump at the first pep assembly and landed wrong, tearing her ACL.

"Brandi was a base for the stunts, but when she was out the girls did a great job stepping up and taking her position," head coach Jennifer Schlicht said.

Ventura was told that she wouldn't come back this year, but she proved everyone wrong when she was able to cheer during basketball season.

An exciting addition to the cheer squad was new uniforms, which were made possible after the squad worked numerous concession stands.

With stronger team unity, there were many memories made along the way.

"Most of the memorable moments came from the bus rides home," senior Katie Kobialka said.

Nancy DeLeon & Cali Hackney
After fielding the ball, senior Chelsea Crouch looks to throw to first base for an out against Bishop Ward.

Hitting away, senior Wendy DeLeon watches the ball to find a good pitch. "This season was my favorite out of the four years because we came together and played very well at the end," DeLeon said.
Working hard

Bravettes build foundation for future

Adjusting to their fourth head coach in four years, the Bravettes softball team met the challenge with determination and positive attitudes.

"While we did not win as many games as we would have liked, we competed hard at times, and we played some very good softball," new head coach Roger Davidson said.

Inspired by four seniors, the Bravettes showed steady improvement and growth.

“Our record didn’t reflect our hard work and dedication,” senior Wendy DeLeon said.

Statistically, senior Chelsea Crouch led the team in doubles (5), RBI’s (9), batting average (.324), and on-base percentage (.426).

The Bravettes’ top pitcher was senior Sadie Kelly, who had four wins and 55 strikeouts. Kelly also scored eight runs and had a .263 batting average.

Season highlights included a 2-1 victory over Mill Valley and an impressive third-place finish at the Turner Invitational.

“This team has established a foundation for future teams to build on, and the girls should be proud of their accomplishments,” Davidson added.

Cali Hackney

Winding up, senior Sadie Kelly pitches to the Bravettes’ varsity catcher, junior Starian Porchia. “One of my favorite memories is playing Basehor because it was a well-played and very hard-fought game,” Kelly said. Scooping up the ball, sophomore Chelsea Parr prepares to make a play at third base. In addition to playing the infield for the Bravettes, Parr pitched 48 innings with 20 strikeouts and one win.
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- **With a full stride**, freshman Dalton Vitt pushes off the mound in a home victory while second baseman Chance Crawford, a junior, looks on. "Dalton had a great freshman year," Coach Rick Moulin said. "He pitched a compete game one-hitter in his first varsity outing against Wyandotte." Despite injuries, Crawford had 18 hits with a .333 batting average and a team-leading eight stolen bases.

- **Reading the pitch**, junior Luke Terrell gets ready to make contact in a home game. Terrell had 16 hits and was second in RBIs with 11.

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- **Huddling up**, the squad listens to last-minute instructions from assistant coach Butch Foster before taking the field against Holton in the opening round of the Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic.

- **Taking a rip**, junior Austin Anderson puts the ball in play against Tonganoxie. Anderson was the team's top offensive player and the team's top pitcher with a 4-5 record. "Austin was our MVP," head coach Rick Moulin said. "Any time he was on the mound he gave us a chance to win."
With just one senior, the Braves baseball team made great strides and gained valuable experience. After dropping a 2-1 season opener to Tonganoxie, the Braves reeled off three consecutive wins, including a double-header sweep over Santa Fe Trail, a team they had never defeated.

Other highlights for the young team included hosting the inaugural Butch Foster Memorial Classic Tournament at the Kansas City T-Bones minor league stadium at the end of April.

"It was a great experience for our kids to play on a professional field," head coach Rick Moulin said. "It’s something those players will never forget."

Moulin said the tournament was established to honor Butch Foster, a long-time youth baseball coach and the father of current assistant coach Butch Foster.

The Braves opened tournament play with a 8-1 victory over Holton and went on to finish fourth. Juniors Austin Anderson, Stephen Call and Luke Terrell were named to the all-tournament team.

However, the Braves saved their best play for the end of the year when they kicked off regional action with an impressive 19-8 victory over Washington.

“It was a real thrill to upset the No. 2 seed and to earn the right to compete in the regional championship game,” Moulin said.

Offensively, the Braves were led by Austin Anderson, who had a 21 hits and a .421 batting average. Anderson was also the team’s top pitcher with four wins, a 2.55 ERA and a league-leading 62 strikeouts.
Super squad

Braves fare well in tournament play

To cap off their high school careers, the doubles team of seniors Kyle Toland and Zach Holder earned the right to compete in the state meet at Wichita, becoming the third team in four years to do so.

"We always believed we could reach our goal of going to state," Holder said. "We would chip away at our opponents until they made mistakes."

The duo opened play against No. 1-seed Wichita Bishop Carroll and lost 6-2, 6-2. In the second round, they lost to Emporia 6-3, 6-1.

"The score didn’t reflect how close some of the games were," Toland said. "Everyone there is so good that it makes it difficult to do well. We could have played better, but we worked hard to get there."

Another highlight came at the home invitational where Toland and Holder battled unseasonably cold weather to win the championship. The No. 2 doubles team of senior Josh Cook and junior Ethan Isaacs also won their bracket.

The good fortune continued the next week at the Leavenworth Invitational where Toland and Holder stormed their way to another championship, marking the eighth consecutive year that a BSHS team has won the event.

"Kyle and Zach were great representatives for BSHS all four years. They worked so hard to qualify for state, and it was so rewarding to see them achieve their goal," head coach Bill Scott.

Adam Smith

• Taking a second serve, senior Adam Smith puts the ball in play. “Going to the Mill Valley Invitational was the season highlight for me. Matt Bille and I took second place in the tournament for doubles,” said Smith, a four-year member of the team. • Preparing to run up to the net, Kaleb Black sends a forehand to his opponent. Black, a junior, played varsity singles and doubles. This year’s squad had 26 players, the most in school history.

• Preparing for a powerful forehand, senior Zach Holder watches the ball intently. “We had a lot to live up to being the No. 1 doubles team, but I think we represented ourselves and our team well,” said Holder, an influential senior on the squad.

• With a slicing serve, senior Kyle Toland hits the ball over the net at the regional tournament which was held on the BSHS courts. “My goal for the season was to go to state. Zach and I accomplished that, so it was a pretty successful season,” said Toland, a returning letterman. • Using finesse on a backhand shot, junior Ethan Isaacs places the ball on his opponent’s side of the net. Isaacs ended the season with a regionals berth, playing doubles with senior Josh Cook.

• With a strong overhead smash, senior Josh Cook puts the ball away at the Bonner Springs Invitational. “This was my first year playing tennis, but I caught on pretty quickly. I had a lot of fun this season. I wish I would have gone out for tennis sooner,” said Cook, one of 14 newcomers to the team.

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Boys' track team races to second-place finish, new state record in 400-meter relay

The boys' track team had an exhilarating weekend at the state track meet in Wichita on May 23-24. In one of the most amazing performances in school history, five athletes—Ian Briggs, James Carter, L.T. Lee, Jonathan Walker, and Jeremy Walker—turned in exceptional efforts to finish second as a team. The 400-meter relay team of Ian Briggs, L.T. Lee, Jonathan and Jeremy Walker captured a gold medal and established a new state record at 41.64. This was the third fastest time in Kansas history and the fastest time in Class 5A history. Others earning medal were: James Carter, third, 800 meters; Jeremy Walker, first, 100 meters; second, 110 hurdles; first, long jump, Jonathan Walker, fourth, triple-jump, first, 110 hurdles, first, 200 meters.

Junior Jonathan Walker, left, finished first in the 110 hurdles while his brother, Jeremy, finished second.

The team stands proudly on the podium at the awards ceremony.

Jonathan Walker competes in the triple jump, where he placed fourth with a leap 44 feet, 10-1/4 inches.


Senior L.T. Lee competes in the preliminaries of the 200-meters.

By the Numbers
68 number of team points scored by the Braves at the state meet
62 number of points Jonathan and Jeremy Walker were a part of at the state meet
2 number of points separating the Braves and first-place Emporia

"State was just like a regular track meet; you only have one goal—to win, and it is very exciting." 
Jonathan Walker, 11

"There is no better way to go out your senior year than with a state title; this is my favorite memory of high school."
—L.T. Lee, 12

"State was really exciting. I don’t ever get nervous, but there is a first time for everything."
—Jake Barren, 10

"Competing at state was fun. My nerves really got to me, but I learned that nerves are a good thing, because it gets your blood pumping."
—Bridgett Bradley, 9
Golden season
Braves show total domination

When the track season rolled around, the boys’ team had high expectations for a strong season, but no one expected them to return with a second-place state trophy.

“It was amazing for such a small squad to achieve such a high finish,” head coach Jim Mitchell. “These athletes gave us everything they had, and they really made the climax of the season their best effort. This was the most fun I’ve ever had at a state meet.”

On the girls’ side, freshman Bridgett Bradley and junior Nikki Rittinghouse, also qualified for state in the discus and the shot put.

“It was a real achievement for Bridgett to qualify as a freshman, and we’re really proud of Nikki for coming on so strong at the end,” Mitchell said.

Other highlights included the KU Relays, where the boys’ team turned in their best performance ever and scored in all events they competed in.

In addition to a new school and state record in the 4x100 relay, junior Jonathan Walker established a new mark in the 110 hurdles at 14.22 and in the 200-meter dash at 21.97. Junior Jeremy Walker set a meet and a school record in the 100-meter dash at 10.3 at the Basehor Relays.

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With a smooth hand-off, senior Ian Briggs passes the baton to junior Jeremy Walker at regionals which were held at Mill Valley. The 4x100 relay team captured the gold medal with a time of 42.87.

Clockwise: Sophomore Meg Fowler clears the bar at 4-10 at the Bonner Invitational to place fourth. State qualifiers freshman Bridgett Bradley, above, and junior Nikki Rittinghouse compete with intensity.

Under the leadership of first-year coach Jacob Beck, the golf team improved steadily and achieved many team and personal goals.

Beck said the team played its best golf of the season at the league meet, where the top four golfers achieved their goal of all scoring under 100.

"It was definitely a new experience," Beck said. "It was huge to get to know these athletes outside of a school setting. We were a young team, and it was great to see some of these kids take hold of a new sport and learn the game."

The season kicked off on a bitterly cold March afternoon at Sunflower Hills with the Bonner Invitational. Senior Jerritt Barbarich had an outstanding performance, firing a 42 to win the tournament. "It felt good winning the tournament, especially since it was my senior year," Barbarich said.

Senior Cody Wallace also had a strong season, placing second at the KVL meet and qualifying for state for the second year in a row.

At state, Wallace battled the wind on a tricky Turkey Creek Golf Course in McPherson to fire an 83.

"Cody didn't play to his expectations, but he really played a quality round of golf," Beck said. "He had a couple of bad holes, but I'm really proud of the way he overcame that and played out of it."

"To improve his game, sophomore Steven Walker practices at the driving range before the home opener at Sunflower Hills. Walker's best performance came at the Ottawa Invitational, where he fired a 90. "I did better there because I came ready to go, and I was really in a groove," said Walker."
Reading his putt, senior Jerritt Barbarich prepares to complete Hole 6 at the Sunflower Classic on March 29. Barbarich shot a 96, which was below his season average of 99. Putting with concentration, senior Cody Wallace aims carefully while competing at regionals at Sunflower Hills. Wallace shot an 88 to qualify for state for the second year in a row. In his final season of competition, Wallace placed eighth at the Sunflower Classic, the Blazer Invitational and the Lansing Invitational. “Overall, it was a good season, but we could have done better,” Wallace said. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, Bonner Springs Chieftain)

Watching the ball carefully, freshman Jonathan Price tees off at the Kaw Valley Junior Varsity Invitational at Sunflower Hills on April 14. Price finished the day with a 136.

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Pushing her hardest, junior Laura Rink competes in the breaststroke. “We really kicked it up a notch for the last meet, especially since it was at home. There were a lot of good teams there, and it was intense,” Rink said. Holding her position, junior Kaley Withers competes in the 200-yard freestyle relay at the ICSC championships. The relay team of Withers, juniors Aubree Miller and Joyce Hilario, and sophomore Emily Herre established a new school record with a time of 1:57.18.

Switching roles
Bravettes compete in all events

Under the direction of new head coach Tierney Thompson, the girls swim team exceeded their expectations and showed growth in all events.

“I enjoyed getting to know the girls,” Thompson said. “Many of the girls had a good core of basic swimming skills and background of swimming, so we didn’t have to start from scratch. It was great to see them grow emotionally as swimmers as well as skill-wise.”

Thompson also challenged the team to “stretch out of their comfort zones” and to swim different events so they could see what they were best at. As a result, she enjoyed seeing how the squad “bonded and encouraged each other to swim these tougher events.”

All of the hard work paid off when the team won the WYCO Invitational behind numerous first-place finishes.

“It was our goal to do well at WYCO, and we definitely did that,” Thompson said. Sophomore Emily Herre was the team’s top performer, breaking records in all individual events and all relay events.

“Emily was a strong swimmer who started the season strong and in good shape. When you have that type of aerobic and skill base, your goals are easier to reach,” Thompson said.

Pulling through the water, junior co-captain Aubree Miller swims the backstroke with precision. At the WYCO Invitational, Miller took first in the event with a time of 1:17.48.
Competing in the butterfly, sophomore Emily Herre swims with intensity at a home meet. "We were way better than last year," Herre said. "I think we worked harder as a team, and Coach Thompson did a lot to encourage that growth." Moving through the water, junior Jaclyn Lira competes in the home opener on April 15 where the Bravettes finished third. Lira was also a member of the 400-freestyle relay team that established a new school record at 4:26.95. Other team members were juniors Teran Holter and Kaley Withers and sophomore Emily Herre.

Swimming the breaststroke, junior Monica Sorensen competes in the Inter-Conference Swim Championships (ICSC) which were held at the Bonner Springs YMCA pool. "It was fun to be able to host the championships and to end the season in our own pool. Everyone did really well, and it was a good meet to earn medals. Individually, I stepped out of my box this season and competed in events I've never done before and did better than I expected," said Sorensen, a team co-captain.

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- **Outrunning a Tonganoxie defender**, junior Julia Glenn breaks down the field towards the goal. "There was a noticeable improvement with each game, and we came together better as a team," said Glenn, a returning letterman.

- **Shielding the ball from a Gardner-Edgerton defender**, sophomore Alex Argudo attempts to clear the ball up the field. "A good player works at it until he or she gets it right, but a great player works at it until he or she never gets it wrong," said Argudo, who was primarily a forward.

- **Dribbling past a Tonganoxie defender**, senior Alyssa Kelly takes the ball down the middle of the field. "We improved a lot this year and got some young talent on the team. I was glad to be a part of the first two years of the program," said Kelly, one of the team leaders.

- **Stepping in on a Piper forward**, senior Jessica Hoglund prepares to clear the ball up the field. "We played well every game this year, and kept up with some pretty tough teams," said Hoglund, a two-year letterman.
Moving forward

Young program finishes season strong

Doubling their win total from last year’s inaugural season, the girls soccer team improved considerably and took important strides towards the future.

“Last year was really just a test run because we were a new program,” junior midfielder Olivia Waltermann said. “This year we had a much better knowledge of the game, and our play really improved.”

The team’s first victory came at home on April 10 against Maranatha, 1-0.

The team’s second victory came on April 28 when senior Alyssa Kelly buried a game-winner in overtime against Immaculata to give the Bravettes a 3-2 road win.

“I think the victory against Immaculata was definitely one of the season highlights because we never gave up, and we really gelled together as a unit in the second half,” head coach Mike Moulin said.

Another highlight came at the end of the season in a regional re-match against Basehor.

“I felt like we dominated that game, but we just couldn’t put it away,” Moulin said. “Even though we lost, the game really showed how much we had improved as a unit from the first time we played Basehor.”

Losing just two seniors, the outlook for the future is a promising one.

“If the girls continue to stick with soccer and to devote their time to it, we’ll have the experience to be successful,” Moulin said.

Kyle Toland


■ Turning the ball toward the goal, junior Tessa Seaton goes around a Tonganoxie defender. “I think the highlight of the season was when we beat our last year’s record,” Seaton said.


Freshman Boys Basketball. Front Row: Joe Hilario, Austin Laing, Coach Tyler Lare, Zachary Povlitzi, Austin Epp. Row 2: Camron Callahan, Zach Laver, Taylor Anderson, Tyler Dubin, Cordell Duncan, Juan Pichardo.


Fall Honors:

FOOTBALL: Tyler Jock: Team MVP, First-Team All-KVL, WYCO City Top Player, WYCO City First-Team. Jeremy Walker: Big Hit Team Award, WYCO City First-Team. Jonathan Walker: Offensive Player of the Year Team Award, First-Team All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. Zach Cohorst: Defensive Player of the Year Team Award, Second-Team Offensive and Defense All-KVL. Blake Tuttle: Second-Team All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. L.T. Lee: Honorable Mention All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. Jake Barren: WYCO City First-Team. Coach Lew Kasslemeyer: WYCO Coach of the Year. Team: WYCO Team of the Year. BOYS SOCCER. Clayton McCully: First-Team Offensive All-KVL. Michael Bille: Honorable Mention All-KVL. Alex Perica: Second-Team Offensive All-KVL. Garrett Parker: First-Team Utility Player All-KVL. Chance Crawford: Honorable Mention All-KVL. CROSS COUNTRY: Brooks Ballou, First-Team All-KVL. James Carter, First-Team All-KVL. Isaac Mills, First-Team All-KVL. Connor Harrington, Second-Team All-KVL.

Winter Honors:


Spring Honors:

Relive

RETHINK

...what you learned, where you went, and who you met. This was not just another year of school, this was an experience that recreated us and made us realize our potential.

From here on, we can look back and remember the great times we had with a pride that only this school could bring.

Ruth Davidson Bell once said, “Each time we rethink our values we reaffirm them or begin to change them.”

We all have that one teacher, that one experience, that one class that truly changed us and helped us grow.

What we learned, where we went, and who we met; this is the time stop the misconceptions and rethink.
Clockwise from top: ■ As her beaming mother looks on, senior Rachael Beckett signs her name at the NHS induction ceremony on April 2. ■ As part of a “Polynomial Pandemonium” project, junior Zach Gharst recreates his equation out of insulation tubing in Ann Decker’s geometry class. ■ After studying measurements and volume, junior Oscar Sanchez prepares to throw his kite into the wind in Cindy Ready’s Math Review class. ■ As the rest of the team prepares foods, junior Janel Mejia peels potatoes. ■ After listening to the procedure, junior Starlan Porchia prepares to give blood at the SADD-sponsored blood drive.
LEADING THE WAY
Stuco members go above and beyond

Whether it was making freshmen feel at home or transforming the commons into Hogwarts Castle, Stuco members were always busy.

To start off their extremely packed year, three of Stuco's leading members, seniors Adam Smith and Holly Luke and junior Monica Sorensen, attended the National Association of Student Councils conference at Blue Valley Northwest High School in July.

"I loved the excitement that everyone showed, and I also loved hanging out at KU and learning the 'Cup Game,'" Sorensen said.

The Stuco group soon had to transition back into school. Kicking off the year in style, Stuco members helped with Freshman Orientation by putting on skits and helping freshmen find their way.

"I really enjoyed introducing myself to the freshmen by putting my name out there so they knew they could come to me if they needed anything at all," senior Michaela Mortensen said.

Soon, it was time for the school's dances. Every year, Stuco decides the themes, decorates and hosts every dance except for prom.

"I really liked this year's themes. They were very original and made the dances a lot of fun," freshman Riley Mortensen said.

However, with this year's switch to 21st Century Scheduling, the group's meeting time was cut to only 20 minutes each week.

"I liked being able to meet every week for the 20 minutes regardless, but I think extra time would have been beneficial," sponsor Adrianne Law said.

Putting together decorations, sophomores David Katosh and Tyler Kelly help get ready for the WPA dance. Student Council is responsible for every dance except prom. "I enjoyed being one of the deciding factors for how the dances actually looked," Katosh said.
**Showing enthusiasm,** freshman Jake Nay walks through a tunnel made by Stuco members at the conclusion of Freshman Orientation. "I had a ton of fun at Freshman Orientation. It was great to be able to talk to the freshmen and to make them feel less anxiety about high school," said junior Seth Clements, who is shown greeting Nay. **Helping to decorate for WPA,** senior Alyssa Kelly makes balloon bouquets in the commons.

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**Racing to find his shoe,** sophomore Jake Barren participates in a team-building activity. Each week members met in the auditorium and participated in various activities to help build unity. **During Freshman Orientation,** seniors Adam Smith, Katie Kobialka and Michaela Mortensen participate in a skit. Upperclassmen created and performed the skits to help dispel misconceptions that freshmen might have about high school life.
"Going to the nursing home was a good experience because I enjoyed brightening their day."
—Sandy Gomez, 11

"I enjoy being a part of Kayettes because we do things to help the community.”
—Samantha Haas, 10

“My first Powder Puff was really fun, and it was cool to win."
—Chandler Clark, 9

Top: The freshman-senior team gets ready for action. Above: The sophomore-junior team shows their enthusiasm. During a November meeting, seniors Dynikah Brown and Aeriel Wells, along with junior Breanna Putnam, present an upcoming project idea with sponsor Linda Orangkadvi.
The Kayettes are an all-girls group doing their best to make a difference. Whether it’s collecting food for the needy or making crafts with residents at local nursing homes, it’s always all about the community.

“I like being able to do projects that help people,” sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

Because of the new bell schedule, meeting time was decreased, so the Kayettes didn’t get to do as many projects as they hoped. But even with the new changes, old traditions were kept intact. The annual Powder Puff game kicked off the year on Sept. 18, and the senior-freshman team won for the second year in a row.

“Playing in Powder Puff was really fun and a good experience even though we lost,” junior Ashley Nachbar said.

A few of the other activities included a trip to Crown Center with FCCLA, a holiday craft project which included caroling for residents at a local nursing home, and passing out pumpkins to local businesses.

To get the whole school involved, Kayettes sponsored the annual food drive in December. More than 3,000 cans were collected, which were all donated to the local Vaughn-Trent food pantry.

“The food drive is my favorite project because it helps a lot of needy families get food for the holidays, and I think that’s very important. All families deserve a nice meal on Christmas and Thanksgiving,” junior Olivia Waltermann said.

Kayettes also worked with an organization called Heifer International, which works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

“We thought we could have a larger impact by participating in Heifer International, which is a global organization,” Schlicht said.

To conclude the year, Kayettes made flower pens for teachers.
“Wood Tech is my favorite class and being able to teach the kids about it was fun but definitely challenging.”
—Ariel Williams, 10

“I loved working with the kids and teaching them about what I hope will be my future career.”
—Corey Hall, 12

“I like to teach about my hobbies so it was cool working with the kids.”
—Adrian Botello, 10

“Seeing the birdhouse after it was done was my favorite part because all the kids were really excited.”
—Justin Friend, 10
While working on the storage shed, sophomore Willie Nichols helps put together the structure's side panels. The shed was constructed outside of the Wood Tech classroom. Sophomore Katharine Sanders works with a student from Delaware Ridge Elementary on her birdhouse project.

With the energy of new instructor Kris Munsch, the Wood Technology department continued to move forward. Between new projects and goals, the year was busy.

As a first-year teacher, Munsch said his main goal was to operate an efficient shop, and he feels that was accomplished.

“Mr. Munsch knows almost everything about wood, and he’s always there for me when I’m lost and I really appreciated that,” sophomore Chris Jenkins said.

The year consisted of new ways methods and challenging projects. Munsch said his students built everything from bookcases to nightstands in varying sizes and designs.

A major new project for the Home Maintenance class included construction of an 8-by-10 storage shed.

Students created the plans, made a material list, estimated prices, and then built the structure outside of the Wood Tech lab.

“I liked seeing the final product when we were completely finished,” junior Alex Sullivan said.

The shed, which cost approximately $900, will be moved to the football field for extra storage.

“I think the students really liked working on something that was so big,” Munsch said.

Another major project consisted of constructing birdhouses with students from Delaware Ridge Elementary School.

“The main purpose of this project was to show my students a sample of mass production as well as give them a chance to interact with kids,” Munsch said.

After the project was finished, the elementary students were able to take their birdhouses home.

Preparing to hammer a nail, freshman Dustin Englehart helps to construct the storage shed in his seventh-hour Home Maintenance class. “Putting together the shed was cool, especially when it was all finished,” Englehart said. Getting ready for an upcoming project, Wood Tech instructor Kris Munsch helps freshman Charles Wagner plan accordingly before cutting his project materials.

After constructing his nightstand, junior Cody Sullivan sands his project before making final adjustments. “I enjoyed making the nightstand and putting my own touches on it,” Sullivan said.
Striving to make the world a safer place, SADD encourages wise decisions against drugs and alcohol. "I love SADD because it shows people the many consequences of drugs and alcohol, and it proves a safer and more enjoyable life without these influences," junior Sandy Gomez said.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of seatbelt awareness, SADD organized a safety seatbelt check during homecoming week. Students who passed the seatbelt check received free food prizes donated by different local businesses, making the event a huge success.

SADD also made its presence known by sponsoring the annual blood drive in February. With almost 100 donations, the chapter really took the lead in saving lives.

"At first I was a little nervous about donating, but it actually went quite smoothly, and I felt really good about saving lives when it was all said and done," junior Lindsay Johnson said.

■ Olivia Walteman

■ Donating for the first time, junior Anna Hutchison sits and waits calmly to have her blood taken at the blood drive. "Donating blood is an awesome experience, and I would definitely recommend doing it," Hutchison said. ■ Dressed as crash dummies, juniors Silvia Villaneda and Anna Hutchison ride through Bonner Springs on the SADD homecoming float while junior Irene Hernandez looks on. The girls wore the costumes in order to promote seatbelt awareness.

"In my opinion, the blood drive is an awesome way to get people involved in helping others by giving students the opportunity to save lives."

—Krystal Stanton, 11

"The biggest obstacle we faced was a decrease in meeting time due to the new schedule, but SADD continues to be a student-driven organization that encourages students to make positive choices."

—Sponsor Tim Ney

"I really enjoy being in SADD because I love helping people in whatever ways I can, and SADD is a good, fun way to help others."

—Stefanie Sprenkle, 11
During a work night, junior Krystal Stanton and senior Matt Johnson piece together the pit which was used to store the robot when it was not in use during competition. “Even though we didn’t place, we never gave up,” Johnson said. Making precise adjustments, senior Joe Bland extracts the cable from a nine-volt battery, so the power can be transferred to the robot. “We were a lot more organized this year, so that helped a lot,” Bland said.

“The most stressful part of being on the robotics team is all of the chaos throughout the building season.”
—Lindsey Johnson, 12

“I think my favorite thing about being in robotics is being able to work with others towards the same goal.”
—Tony Camp, 11

Designing for Success
Robotics team sets high standards for season

Under the direction of new sponsors Kris Munsch and Melissa Smith, the Robotics team moved forward in a positive direction.

The six-week building season kicked off on Jan. 5 and concluded with regional competition at Hale Arena in Kansas City, Mo., on March 6-8. This was the first year that the team had not traveled to Denver, Colo., for regionals.

“Staying closer to home this year was a plus and a negative. Going to Denver was so much fun, and I felt that we bonded together as a team more so than when we stayed here. On the flip side, though, if we forgot anything then we could run and go get it,” senior Lindsey Johnson said.

This year’s robot was affectionately named “Alfred” and was built to pick up a ten-pound ball off a six-foot rack and to then push that ball around a track.

Although the team finished 30th out of 55 teams, they won their last three matches by working together.

“The whole process was so out-of-the-box for me, but I think we exceeded our expectations because the kids learned so much. We should be very proud of these students because they took the time to participate and to be challenged,” Munsch said.
—Olivia Walterman

Enjoying a refreshment, junior Ashley Nachbar takes a short break after working on the team robot. The team often had work nights where they stayed late to get things accomplished, with the food provided by the parents of team members.
“Mrs. Nelson inspires me because I can tell that she really cares about her students. She’s always willing to talk to us about anything and she gives great advice. I haven’t always been the best in school, but she motivates me to do better and pass all my classes so I can get into a good college. What I like most is that she never gives up on her students.”

—Lyndie Kill, 10

“Mrs. Ramsey inspires me because she actually seems interested in how well I do in school and goes out of her way to make sure that I am successful in her class. She also taught me that what other people think doesn’t matter.”

—De'Andre Rudolph, 11

“Mrs. Jennings has inspired me because she made working out fun. I took her class all four years because it was a fun way to get in shape and become more healthy. We’ve also become really close over the years, and I can talk to her about anything and ask her for help if I need it. After high school, I hope to stay just as close with her as I am now.”

—Shayla Meseke, 12
If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. -John Quincy Adams

"Mrs. Schlicht inspires me to be myself and to be real. She shows empathy and understanding to all her students and to the world around her. Not only does she have all the traits of a great teacher, but she’s also a fabulous friend. She has great hair too."

-Robert Plumb, 10

"Ms. Berman inspires me because her enthusiasm and ability to keep her students interested makes me excited to come to class every day. She also inspires me to do better in my vocabulary and writing to better myself in the future. Not only does she have a great sense of humor, but her creativity is beyond amazing and she makes school a lot more fun."

-Amber Barnes, 11

"Mr. Fouquet taught us that it’s okay to have fun but still work hard. Even when he wanted us to work hard, he made it enjoyable and I actually looked forward to going to his class. He also told us to never give up and if we weren’t going to give 100 percent, you might as well give zero percent."

-Justin Padelli, 12

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Expressing holiday cheer, members of the Project X Choir perform at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Dec. 6. "I love Christmas music so it was nice to perform at the luncheon and spread my holiday joy to others through our music," junior Stefanie Sprengle said. During the fall concert, junior Hannah Burgess performs with senior Women's Ensemble ensemble members Amy Pino, Tanari Rios and Melissa Ruszala. The group closed the concert with an upbeat song titled "Witness."

Focused and serious, the A Cappella choir performs their holiday music at Crown Center on Dec. 3. "Performing at Crown Center is always fun because it sounds really cool in there and I like when all the shoppers watch us," sophomore Morgan Tinsley said.
Standing with pride, junior Tony Camp performs the national anthem with all the choirs at an Oct. 3 football game. “In choir we were able to be ourselves and have fun while performing at a high level,” Camp said.

**CHORAL DOMINATION**

Choirs work hard to sing their way to the top.

The vocal music department worked hard to continue their tradition of excellence and choral domination this year.

In addition to numerous local performances, the groups were also in high demand outside of BSHS.

“Even though we were really busy, we rose up to the challenge that was presented to us,” sophomore Ariel Williams said.

For A Cappella, the highlight of the year came on Feb. 29 when they were a featured choir at the Kansas Music Educator’s Association workshop in Wichita.

“It’s the pinnacle to be recognized as the best. The journey we took to get there wasn’t easy but was very rewarding in the end,” director Brian J. White said.

The group sent in an audition tape at the end of the last school year and was selected in the fall. Out of the entire state, only three high school choirs were featured.

Not only did the group work hard in class, they came in at 7 a.m. twice a week for a month and had various workshops to prepare them for the concert.

“The 7 a.m. practices were a challenge for most people but I think it paid off in the end,” senior Amber Vochatzer said.

The concert ended with a standing ovation and an invitation to perform at New York’s Carnegie Hall, which is something White hopes can become a reality.

On April 16, three of the choirs traveled to the state large ensemble festival.

Both A Cappella and Women’s Ensemble earned a “I” rating of superior and Concert Choir earned a “II” rating of excellence.

The choirs also excelled in state solo and small ensemble contest, bringing home 199 “I” ratings, which beat all school records.

Seniors Amber Vochatzer and Michael Cooper and junior Starian Porchia all received “I” solo ratings.

A Cappella, Women’s Ensemble and Project X all sent ensembles to the contest, where all three received “I” ratings.

Performing at their first high school concert, the Concert Choir sings through their set with shaky hands. “We were all really nervous, especially me. I was worried that I would mess up or my voice would stick out,” said freshman Persephone Hart, shown left.

“I love the fact that we’re pretty much awesome and I love that we got a standing ovation at KMEA.”
—Xavier Capalla, 10

“I’ve made a lot of new friends through choir and I also learned how to sing better and use my voice correctly.”
—Brenna Hoch, 9

Raechel Monn

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Keeping the beat, sophomore Ryan Holcomb [far right] marches in the Tihlow Days Parade. "Marching band was fun for me because I got to lead my section. It was also cool to see the students from our school out to support us," Holcomb said. Standing at attention, junior Anthony Pascazi awaits the downbeat of the second song. "I liked the halftime shows this year because the formations were unique and were more complicated," Pascazi said. "They gave the band a new challenge." Playing with the pep band, senior Ian Briggs entertains the crowd at a home basketball game. "Pep band is always a fun time for the band because we get to show a side that people don't usually see. The songs we play are always fun and exciting and get the crowd pumped," Briggs said.

"I believe that the best part of concert season was going to the large ensemble festival: it is always really fun."
—Katie Tisch, 10

"I liked concert band this year. The music was more challenging and more fun to play."
—Jeffrey Lynch, 9

"I enjoyed concert band because we played songs that I liked and we always had fun."
—Starian Porchia, 11

"The highlight of the concert season for me was getting to play Prairie Dances. I love that song and getting to play it was great."
—Adam Smith, 12
KEEPING THE BEAT

New uniforms highlight busy year for band

Although the Marching Braves had to wait longer than expected, their new uniforms were well worth it.

The band showed off their new style on Nov. 2, just in time for the regional football game.

After many years of the same look, the new black uniforms offered a more contemporary style and featured bib-style pants, a two-sided silver or orange cape, black gloves and embroidered sleeves.

According to director John Lefler, the district spent $41,795 for 100 new uniforms.

"I thought it was really great that the district helped the band with new uniforms," senior drum major Adam Smith said.

In addition to much stronger visual appeal, the new uniforms are much easier for student use.

"The new uniforms were a lot easier to use and it didn't take as long to get ready," senior Amber Schaber said.

Other highlights for the band included their performance at the Baker University Marching Festival in October and the American Royal Parade.

The band also competed at the state large ensemble festival on April 17 at Gardner High School, earning at "II" rating.

The year ended with changes in the future as director John Lefler announced his retirement.

"I have enjoyed working with the staff and students at Bonner. My plans in the future consist of working for a music store and teaching private music lessons," Lefler said.

Katrina Rollins

Preparing to perform, freshman Collin Henry awaits the beginning of the halftime show. The Braves performed a Beatles-themed show with selections that included "Hey Jude" and "Eleanor Rigby." Performing the halftime show, sophomore Natasha Serna plays her mellophone.

Leading the Braves, seniors Kyle Toland and Michael Cooper, center, prepare to march on to the field at the second home game against Lansing.
Both successful and talented, the Flag Team and Jazz Band are working their way to the top. Although neither one of them is very big in size, they show that it isn’t the size of the group that matters, it’s the people and the determination that counts. Either way you look at it, both of these outstanding groups truly bring out the meaning of music.

The BSHS Flag Team worked hard throughout the marching season to perform their best at home football games. Aside from playing at the halftime shows, the Flag Team also performed in various parades throughout the area.

The Jazz Band also participates during the marching season, but they work hard through the rest of the school year as well.

This group meets daily during fifth hour and performs in concerts throughout the year.

“I really like Jazz Band because it’s laid back compared to the other classes,” junior Garrett Parker said. ■ Olivia Walterman

“The one thing I will miss the most about the Flag Team is all of our inside jokes. Kind of like the Hippo Song; it’s a joke from my sophomore year.” —Kim Flick, 12

“Jazz Band has taught me to not give up on something because it is difficult—just give it time and it will come.” —Garrett Parker, 11

“What I will miss the most about Jazz Band is the time we had between songs when a few of us would jam out to the song ‘Clocks’ over and over again. It was really fun.” —Leo Sanchez, 12

“The flag team did an amazing job this year, and it was rewarding to be captain. I couldn’t have been prouder.” —Breanna Putnam, 11

■ During the Tihlow Days parade, Flag Team member Melissa Ruszala marches alongside the band. “Being a part of the Flag Team this year has been great. I have a lot of really good memories from the football games that I will definitely take with me when I leave,” Ruszala said.
While most students are tucked in bed at 6 a.m., members of the powerlifting team were hard at work, lifting in the football locker room.

The Braves traveled to Henderson, Ky., for the first meet of the year and returned with 11 first-place finishes, as well as first place as a team.

Four members also qualified for the 2008 USA Powerlifting High School National Championships, April 4-6 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Powerlifting is a great sport because it allows student-athletes to compete against other lifters their age, weight and ability level," Coach Justin Howe said.

The team also participated in the Heavy Metal Open in Hoisington, Kan. Ten lifters took home trophies and the team came home with yet another first-place finish.

Overall, this season marked a crucial benchmark in the program.

"I was really proud of all the hard work and dedication that the team put forth this season," sophomore Jake Barren said.

Olivia Walterman
COLLABORATING MINDS
Classes combine for increased knowledge

Along with all the policy changes, collaboration between teachers received increased attention this year. In and out of their departments, teachers put their heads together to extend learning opportunities.

For example, math teacher Ann Decker, art teachers Linda Horvath and Jason Romanishin, and technology teacher Kris Munsch worked together in a unique turkey pumpkin project.

Decker coordinated the project, which was designed to teach linear equations, the value of pi, and circumference in her Algebra classes.

After purchasing 50 pumpkins, Decker’s students measured them and calculated data. Munsch’s students cut the wooden feathers and heads while art students designed templates and painted them.

The Katyettes became involved by delivering the pumpkins to local nursing homes.

“I enjoyed delivering the turkeys because it gave me an opportunity to serve the community,” junior Randy Gomez said.

In another effort, English teacher Jennifer Stricherz and social studies teacher Justin Howe worked with the Any Soldier Foundation and had their students write letters to unknown soldiers in Iraq.

The Any Soldier Foundation is a program that enables soldiers serving overseas to sign up and receive letters from home.

“Mrs. Stricherz and I decided to start a joint letter writing project with our classes in order to lend support to soldiers and give our students an opportunity to practice their writing skills,” Howe said.

In yet another effort, math teachers Donna Sharpnack and Ann Decker combined Trig classes in a complex yet rewarding “bottle project.”

According to Decker, students were paired with those in another class to complete the project, which gave them the chance to use technology and a pop bottle to “actually witness the sine function happen.”

“I enjoyed the project because it showed how sound can be related to trig,” junior Michelle Hicks said.

Katrina Rollins
Pulling out the measuring tape, sophomore Stevi Scott takes a look at her pumpkin before tackling the circumference. "My favorite part of the project was doing something hands-on in math," Scott said. Students in Ann Decker's Algebra I class worked with three other classes to combine efforts for one project. ■ Working on their trigonometry project, juniors Sandy Gomez and Anthony Camp carefully make a sound into the bottle. "The project was fun because I actually got to see what I was learning," Camp said.

"This project was enjoyable for me because it was something hands-on, and we weren't reading out of the book."
—Tyler Walker, 9

"It was strange writing a letter to someone that I didn't know, but when we started to get letters back we got to know the people who we were writing to."
—Chelsea Par, 10

"I really liked this project because it gave me the opportunity to work with someone from a different class. It also let me see what I was learning."
—Ethan Isaac, 11

In November, students in Jennifer Strickler's English classes and Justin Howe's World Geography classes traveled to the Fort Leavenworth VFW to listen to a veteran speak about his experiences in Iraq.

"I enjoyed seeing the cemetery where the soldiers were buried. It made me think about their death and their sacrifice."
—Liz Hernandez, 9
Designing a creative costume, junior Brittany Logan helps senior Joe Sullivan with his leprechaun attire for the St. Patrick's Day premiere of Tee Pee Talk. "Having Joe dress up added a lot of comedy to the segment," Logan said.

Checking for errors, senior Matt Johnson makes all necessary corrections for a Tee Pee Talk clip. "Making sure that everything is accurate is a lot of hard work, but it is essential in producing the best," Johnson said.

Getting ready for a new issue, senior Britney Shipman sets up pages for the upcoming Pow Wow. In addition to technical work, Shipman was the opinions page editor and also wrote a column.

Deep in thought, sophomore Bailey Nairn and senior Alyssa Kelly scope out some ideas for the 2006 Totem Pole. "It's always fun looking through old yearbooks and making comparisons from previous years," Kelly said.

Sealing envelopes, senior business manager Holly Luke prepares to send bills to newspaper advertisers. "The hardest part of newspaper is getting something done with all the different opinions people have," Luke said.
MEETING A DEADLINE
Media staffs work hard to produce the best

Newspaper
Producing eight issues, the Pow Wow staff worked rigorously to finish every issue by each deadline date.
"Deadlines were crazy, but everyone always pulled through and even managed to have a little fun along the way," senior features editor Nicole Woods said.

With 12 pages per issue, the staff did its best to cover topics with strong appeal and focused on everything from tips for helping the environment to battling the holiday overeating bulge.
"I felt that story variety was a real strength, and I hope that we had at least one thing that appealed to everyone in each issue," senior editor-in-chief Chelsea Simmons said.

Yearbook
Recording the highlights of the year was a stressful yet rewarding challenge for the yearbook staff. Staff members spent time inside and outside of class to produce the best publication possible.
"It seemed like there was always a deadline to deal with, but we worked really hard and I had a lot of fun," senior Mandi Ontis said.

Often times, in order to meet major deadlines, students came in after school if they needed more time.
"We were able to get lots of stuff done on work nights without the distraction of school," senior editor-in-chief Adam Smith said. "We also had lots of fun and crazy moments."

Tee Pee Talk
Under the direction of new sponsor Melissa Smith, the Tee Pee Talk staff did its best to move forward.

The staff kicked off the year adapting to change and new equipment.
Senior Shawn Jones said he felt the strength of the staff was the teamwork and the story selection.
"I liked the fact that we did more school-related segments instead of random ones," Jones said.

Senior Andrew Foster said he felt that the staff's coverage of the football team's championship season represented its best work.
"We worked really hard on those segments," Foster said.

Olivia Walterman

Looking over a video, senior Shawn Jones reviews a clip for the St. Patrick's Day episode of Tee Pee Talk. Running a final proof, senior Chelsea Simmons prepares newspaper pages before they are sent electronically to the printer.
"Even though the deadlines are stressful, being in newspaper is a great experience," Simmons said.

Taking time to relax, junior Isaac Mills and senior Nathan Lynch chat at the newspaper holiday party. After a Secret Santa gift exchange, the staff played Taboo and enjoyed a little snack. Hard at work, seniors Adam Smith and Raechel Monn brainstorm for a yearbook theme with instructor Laura Widmer at the Herff Jones Summer Workshop. "The workshop taught me a lot of useful things which helped me throughout the year," Monn said.
While working on his project in painting class, junior Armando Herrera adds finishing touches. "I like art because it's a way to stop a special moment in time," Herrera said. 

Freshman Sarah Duckworth works on her scarf in her seventh hour Fibers class. Her scarf featured a multitude of floral prints and her sister's name. "Art is fun compared to other classes in school," Duckworth said.

During his fourth hour Ceramics class, junior Joseph Reynolds works on his bowl. "I like sculpting because I'm used to working with my hands," Reynolds said. Adding minor detail, senior Joey O'Hare concentrates on his project. "I love art because it relaxes me," O'Hare said.
Creatively Thinking
Students express themselves through art

Art is the quality, production, expression, or realm, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance.

Many students use art as a time to escape the pressure of school and other things going on in their lives. Art can be fun and interesting, but frustrating at the same time.

"I like art because I get to express myself in many ways. I'm currently taking ceramics and painting. Painting is my favorite because I like to be able to use a lot of colors," senior Allen Mellott said.

After taking courses in 2-D or 3-D concepts, many students continue their art through independent studies.

"I like independent studies because I can do whatever I want on my own time," junior Tanner McClean said.

This year the art department continued to improve the appeal of the outdoor lab adjacent to the classrooms.

Students in Linda Horvath's art classes began working on a sculpture garden to enhance the area last year, and Horvath added a cascading fountain, complete with goldfish and accentuated with flowers, over the summer. Her students then maintained the area as a lab project throughout the year.

"The students in my art classes learned how to maintain the ecosystems for the fountain and to complete preparations to place student sculptures in the area," Horvath said. "In the future, we plan to add a rain garden and artwork to the pond, a mosaic gravel path, and ceramic sculptures and paintings on the concrete walls," Horvath said.

The department was also energized by new teacher Jason Romanishin, who came to BSHS from California.

Romanishin's students will do their part to improve the school by creating a mural on the outdoor lab.

Romanishin also worked hard to give his students chances to earn scholarships for their artwork.

"I like my students to get recognized for their art," Romanishin said.

Junior Chelsea Allen works with teacher Linda Horvath on a ceramic project. "Sculpting is fun because it shows my character," Allen said.

Profile
Sadie Kelly

Number of years in art: "I've been in art since freshmen year."

Favorite class: "I really like independent studies because I like to be able to do whatever I want. I also like to work at my own pace."

Favorite type of art: "Painting is the most interesting to me."

Future plans: "I plan on going to the University of Kansas or St. Mary's University and majoring in art."

What do you like about art: "I like everything about art; it's fun and it's what I like to do."

Matt Bille
With only a few members this season, the Mock Trial team was stronger than ever. The team started off the season in January by practicing each week after school and during Connection Time on Thursdays. After hours of work, they were then ready to compete at the Johnson County Courthouse on March 1.

"I had a great time competing at the courthouse," junior Anthony Camp said. "It was an awesome experience, and I would do it again in a heartbeat."

Tony Camp, Kayla Zimmerly and Daniel Simmons were this year's returning members. "These three students were very helpful to the new members on the team, and we relied heavily on their experience and knowledge," sponsor Jenny Myers said.

Kicking off the season in October, the Academic Decathlon team spent most of its time preparing for the state meet at Kansas State University at the end of January.

"The best part of the state meet was when Blaine Lewis took second place with his essay because he had a very little time for preparation," freshman Jeffrey Lynch said.

The team was led by seniors Chelsea Simmons, Cassi Ward and Michael Cooper. Xavier Capalla was the team's top scorer at the state meet, with first place on his essay and second in Language and Literature. Michael Cooper placed second on his essay and first on his speech. Others who placed were Blaine Lewis and Chelsea Simmons.

• Seeing the trial for the first time, sophomore Kayla Zimmerly and junior Daniel Simmons look over the case affidavits. • Getting ready for competition, junior Tony Camp checks his notes one last time before he presents to the practice jury of his teammates.

• Taking a break, sophomore Xavier Capalla and David Katosh wait for the next category of competition. At each meet, students competed in ten different areas ranging from Super Quiz to Speech.

• Awaiting the action, senior Cassi Ward and sophomore Blaine Lewis take a break. "I really liked being a part of Academic Decathlon," Lewis said. "It gave me a chance to show what I know and that I always have room to learn more."
Even though the profits of recycling are relatively small, the rewards are priceless. With only a few members, the Ecology Club worked hard to recycle every chance they could get. “I like Ecology Club because it helps the environment, even if it’s just a little. We don’t get a lot of time to recycle, but we make the best of all the time we get,” said junior Kaley Withers. Ecology Club members took turns recycling papers throughout the school each week, usually during Success Time on Wednesday afternoons. “Ecology Club is a great thing for students because they get the opportunity to do something good for the school,” sponsor Jacquelyn Leib said.

“I like Ecology Club just a little. I don’t get a lot of time to recycle, but we make the best of it all the time we get,” said Kaley Wither’s.

Ecology club now takes turns recycling during Success Time each week, usually on Wednesday afternoon. “Ecology club is a great thing for students because they get the opportunity to do something good for the school,” sponsor Jacquelyn Leib said.

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Waiting for the correct answer, sophomore Robert Plumb keeps score at a home meet. “I really enjoyed working at the home meet; it was cool to get to see what other students do while we compete,” Plumb said.

Ready to answer the question, senior Michael Cooper taps the buzzer before his opponents do. Cooper was a four-year Quiz Bowl participant. Reading the questions, senior Raechel Monn works the Bonner Springs Varsity Invitational Quiz Bowl meet in November.

Helping out, senior James Prather dumps papers into the recycle bin. Dumping out paper from teachers’ boxes, junior Ethan Isaacs, left, does his part. “One of the benefits of Ecology Club is working to clean up the school and take care of the environment,” Isaacs said. Far left, junior Kaley Withers takes care of recycling in the basement area. “Recycling is a great thing to be involved in,” Withers said. “It doesn’t take much time, and it’s good for the school.”

Quiz Bowl

Led by seniors Adam Smith, Michael Cooper and Ian Briggs, the Quiz Bowl team earned thousands of points and competed at several different schools.

The Quiz Bowl team practiced weekly in sponsor Chris Wood’s room during Connection Time on Thursdays.

“I love Quiz Bowl because we all work really well together. Even when we don’t win, we have fun and are almost like a family,” senior Chelsea Simmons said.

“Quiz Bowl exists solely for the purpose of encouraging arcane knowledge, broadening cultural literacy and traveling to strange places to learn more. Winning competitions is simply icing on the cake,” Wood said.

Stories by Katrina Rollins
With 30 members, the Science Olympiad team was the biggest and perhaps one of the strongest in school history.

Under the direction of returning coach Tim Ney and new coach Carolyn Pearson, the squad worked hard at two practice meets to prepare for the highlight of the season—the regional tournament at JCCC.

Competing against 24 schools in 23 science-related events, seven squad members earned regional medals.

The highest finish came in Disease Detectives, where juniors Laura Rink and Monica Sorensen placed second. Sorensen and junior Syknese Fields also placed third in Forensics. Other medal winners were seniors Ian Briggs, Ashlee Espinoza, and Chelsea Crouch and junior Isaac Mills.

"It’s been thrilling to co-coach Science Olympiad. I’ve watched students put extraordinary effort into solving problems and preparing for events," Pearson said.

Katrina Rollins

"I really enjoyed Science Olympiad because it was something different that not everyone is involved in."
—Monica Sorensen, 11

"Science Olympiad was great to be involved in; it gave me a chance to do different things with science that we don't do in class every day."
—William Rhodes, 10

"The best part about Science Olympiad was being able to do what we enjoyed; we got to choose the events we participated in."
—Cass Ward, 12

"It's great to be a part of the team; it gives me a chance to get out and do something that I enjoy."
—Laura Rink, 11

Reading over the directions, senior Chelsea Crouch and junior Isaac Mills decide what the next step is in the Circuit Lab competition. "I enjoyed working on Science Olympiad. I got to participate in the events that I was interested in, and it was challenging and a great experience," Mills said.

Working on her model airplane for the Wright Stuff competition, junior Syknese Fields considers possible adjustments to improve the flight. "I really liked working on the plane. It was interesting and fun to build," Fields said.

Finishing a problem during the Physics Lab competition, seniors Ian Briggs and Ashlee Espinoza work to complete the test at a practice meet. Deciding how to best describe the object, sophomore Kayla Zimmerly tries to explain how to build the puzzle in the Write It Do It event.
Leadership Council

Leadership Council is dedicated to helping students develop and expand their leadership abilities while assisting freshmen during their adjustment to life at BSHS. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Jerry Bott, the group met on Friday mornings before school to discuss leadership strategies.

The group also went to freshmen classes to work with smaller groups and to pass on the traits of responsible upperclassmen.

“Leadership Council was a great thing to be involved in; it gave me the chance to get to know some of the underclassmen and to help out,” sophomore Emily Herre said.

Students active in Leadership Council are recommended by teachers on qualities such as responsibility, character and overall leadership.

Focusing on the lesson, juniors Monica Sorensen and Stephen Call and senior Ryan Bush, top left, prepare to discuss school leadership issues. Putting a stamp on fellow students, sophomore Tessa Seaton, far left, helps with Mix-It-Up Day in November. Listening closely at a meeting, sophomores Kayla Zimmerly and Emily Herre, left, take in the topic under discussion.

Peer Helpers

Beginning their activities in September, the Peer Helpers organization took part in an extensive training session and retreat at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, Kan.

Peer Helpers is an organization that gives students the opportunity to learn conflict resolution and other strategies to help a struggling peer.

“The best part about Peer Helpers is that students get to help other students. Teenagers most often feel comfortable confiding in other teens,” sponsor Lisa Terrell said.

In addition to helping their peers as needed, a major focus for the group comes in April when they sponsor the BSHS AIDS Awareness Day.

“Peer Helpers is a great thing to be involved in because you get to help the people around you,” junior Erika Busch said.

Stories by Katrina Rollins
TIME CRUNCHING
Students pressed to juggle busy schedules

Time, a noun, is defined as “a system of measuring the passing of hours in the past, present, and future.”

Out of the 24 hours there are in a day, you would think that time wouldn’t be a huge issue. So why do so many students find themselves pressed for time and always looking for more?

“It gets a little stressful every once in awhile, having to come home after a tiring game and still having to finish my homework,” said junior Starian Porchia, “but I stay so involved because I feel like I have the ability to handle it all.”

Making time for school work, sports, church, a job, and still setting aside time for friends can be a very difficult task.

Students stack their plates so full with extracurricular activities that they often don’t get much time to sleep.

“There are days that I don’t get home until after 10 p.m. due to sports and work, and I wake up so tired the next morning,” said junior Amanda Trent, who works at Dairy Queen and also runs track and cross country.

Although she didn’t have to juggle sports practices and late games, junior Brandy Hoover had to find time for after-school play practice, choir, weekend forensics tournaments, and a demanding job.

“When I first started working at a retail store at The Legends, I was pretty overwhelmed because I would get home so late. I just didn’t have time to do everything I needed to do, so I eventually found a job that would work with my busy school schedule,” Hoover said.

Olivia Walterman
Doing her studies, sophomore Jessica Brown tries to get her work done in class. "I always try to finish my work ahead of time, so I don't have to take it home," Brown said. Running down the field, seniors Clayton McCully and Josh Cook sprint to pick up the loose ball before the other team. McCully had to divide his time between soccer, a job, and his senior project.

"Managing my time was a little difficult especially towards the end of the year, but I was able to pull it all off somehow."
-David Link, 12

"I was really involved in my church, but I was able to manage my time between that and school by trying to schedule around the two."
-Katrina Rollins, 11

"It was a hassle to have to call my manager to reschedule due to extra-curricular activities, but it always seemed to come together."
-Kourtney Kraft, 10

"This year was definitely my toughest so far. I lost some sleep and I had to work my hardest, but it all fell into place on its own."
-Cindy Price, 11

Enjoying a light-hearted, stress-free moment, juniors Amanda Trent, Zandra Storms, and Ashlee Harding talk among themselves in the cafeteria. "Between school, sports, and work, I did get a little stressed out, but it all worked out to my advantage," Trent said.
Major changes were made to the BSHS chapter of National Honor Society this year.

The change process began in November after sponsors Marsha Nelson and Heather Campbell attended a national NHS conference in Wichita along with two officers.

Among other things, the group learned that the local chapter needed to make revisions to comply with national guidelines.

The process to be selected as an NHS member became more difficult, and students were asked to fill out an information form which would then be evaluated by a faculty council. In making their selections, the council reviewed the applications and the student's leadership and character ratings from other faculty members.

Juniors and seniors were then selected for membership, marking the first time juniors were accepted into the BSHS chapter. In the end, 32 juniors and 32 seniors were officially inducted into NHS on April 2, the most in school history.

"I think the new acceptance procedure was a good idea. It made it harder for students to get into NHS," senior Janelle Lira said.

There were also set requirements for being in NHS, such as a 3.2 GPA and participation in a certain amount of school and community service projects.

Katrina Rollins
Filling out paperwork, senior Kyle Toland gets ready to donate blood at the SADD-sponsored community blood drive in February. Students were able to donate blood to gain points for NHS. Working the Booster Club Boo Bash, junior Chris Smith gets ready to assist a youngster at the Mummy Bowling booth. Helping with childcare at Parent-Teacher conferences, junior Monica Sorensen watches Brynn Lowe, daughter of P.E. teacher Staci Lowe.


A Cappella Choir

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Women's Ensemble Choir


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Row 3: Adam Smith, Erica Newton, Katrina Rollins, Tyler Johnson, Cameron Summers, Anthony Pascazi, Luke Porras, Jacob Moulin, Brittany Foster.  
Row 4: Kyle Toland, Ethan Jenkins, Vernon Samek, John Jenkins, Ryan Morris, Joey Carl, Collin Henry, Jeffrey Lynch.  
Row 5: Ian Briggs, Brandon Clark, Michael Cooper, Jonathan Price, Natasha Serna.

Front Row: Michelle Hicks, Breanna Putnam, Destiny Moore.  
Row 2: Melissa Ruszala, Kimberly Flick, Hannah Reynolds.

Front Row: Krystal Stanton, Lindsey Johnson, Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Kayla Zimmerly, Logan Opat.  
Row 2: Stefanie Sprenkle, Adam Shirley, Brittany Winfield, Jesse Swan, Tony Camp, Chris Braswell, Chris Jenkins, Joe Bland, Matt Johnson, Stephon Crump.

Front Row: Leo Sanchez, Garrett Parker, Ashley Guggenheim, Brittany Foster, Collin Henry.  
Row 2: Ian Briggs, Ethan Jenkins, Vernon Samek, Kyle Toland.

Row 2: Xavier Capalla, Olivia Walterman, Brandy Hoover, Chantell Scevers.

Front Row: Cassi Ward, Xavier Capalla, Kayla Zimmerly.  
Row 2: Sponsor Jenny Myers, Olivia Walterman, Tony Camp, Daniel Simmons.
Hours upon hours of hard work go into creating a yearbook, and this staff was always ready to do what it takes to meet their deadlines. It was a privilege to work with such a talented group of students. Even though this was a very young staff, you all adapted very well and worked to make this the best yearbook this school has seen. This was the first year the staff had a designated Photography staff. Bailey, Meg (or Beg and Mailey, or Beg) and Matt all brought an amazing amount of talent this year and helped take some of the incredible shots you'll see in this book. Our Sports staff was always ready to adapt and cover wherever they were needed, even when one staff member (Cali) was out with back surgery. Nancy, Kyle and Chelsea were all willing to sub in and made their section a huge success. Our People/Student Life section was a very dedicated group who spent hours upon hours checking...
and rechecking names on the panels. They couldn't have been done without Mandi, Shayla, Janelle and Alyssa! Our Academics/Groups section worked very hard, even through adversity. The countless hours you all spent working on those groups pages didn't go unnoticed. This book wouldn't be anywhere near the level it would be without Raechel, Katrina and Olivia. Last but not least is our amazing Business Manager, Sandy. You embraced those ads and got them done faster and better than any of us could have imagined! Thank you for coming in on your Saturdays and getting so much done! I can't find enough ways to thank all of you guys! I hope all of the Chinese food and pizza somehow made it all worth it! Oh, and before you start asking questions... "NO!" Thanks for everything, guys! It's been... "magical!"

“Peace and Love 24/7! –Adam, AKA Adambot!”

“It's Oh So Brady!” –Mrs. Holder
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April 23, 2008 7:00 p.m. Bonner Springs High School Auditorium

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Megan,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You are a strong, smart, and beautiful person who can do anything you put your mind to. Always remember we love you, believe in you, and will always be there for you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Zach

Damian Duran

Damian,

You have had some obstacles this year, but we are proud that you have worked through them. With your exceptional capacities, kind heart and a little hard work you can accomplish whatever you desire. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Aña, Matt and Ruby

Alex Perica

Alex,

Believe in your dreams. Face your challenges and above all, never stop smiling. Our wish to you is that your life becomes all that you want it to. You made us proud.

We love you,

Mom and Dad

Katie Cheatham

Kate:

The day you were born was the best day of my life. You are fantastic—go let the world know. I love you

—Mom

Dear Katie:

I'm proud of you. You've always done well and I know you'll have a successful and happy future. I wish you the best and love you very much.

—Dad
Kevin DeVore

To our sweet little boy who has grown up to be a fine young man. May you always strive to be the best person you can be. We are very proud of you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Emily

Amanda M. Ontis

Mandi,
We are so very proud of you. You have brought so much joy to our lives and we adore the young lady you've become. The sky is your limit. Congrats, you did it!
Love always,
Mom and Dave

Lindsey Johnson

Lindsey,
You are such a caring and loving person. You work very hard and you are determined to achieve your goals and dreams. We are so proud of you and know you will succeed in anything you do.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Christopher & Hilary

Michaela Mortensen

From the first day your dad yelled "It's a girl!" you have brought laughter to our lives. Treasure the education and lifelong friendships made at BSHS and Nallia School of Dance — you get to take them with you — just leave a legacy.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Matt & Josh

John Blake Tuttle

Congratulations, Blake!
Thank you for giving us some of our very best memories. You amaze us with your kindness, talent, and wit. You are our star, our pride and joy. Keep reaching!

We love you.
Dad and Mom
**Alishia M. Grindel**

My "Boo Boo" is now a beautiful and intelligent woman! You will have a great life I know! I am so proud of you! Remember, life is what you make it! Congratulations! Love forever!

Mom

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**Adam Smith**

Adam,

From day one, you have been a constant source of joy. You were an adorable baby and have grown into a handsome, intelligent young man! You have accomplished so much already. We know your future holds only great things! Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,

Mom, Dad and Tara

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**Kimberly Kristina Flick**

Kimberly,

We are very proud of you! Your uniqueness has always kept us on our toes. You work so hard to accomplish your goals. You bring great joy to our life. We love you very much!

Love,

Mom and Dad

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**Danielle Meier**

Dani,

You are our shining star, a gift from God. May you always set your goals high and be true to yourself. We are so very proud of you.

Love you more, Mom and Dad

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**Matthew Ingenthron**

Congratulations, Matt!

Life is such an adventure—seize each moment and make it your own. The future has good things in store for you. We are sure proud of you.

Our love,

John and Heather
Jaime Jaskinia

Jaime:
We are so proud of you! We know you will make the right decisions in life. Set your goals high and follow your dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Melissa & Billy

Brandi Jo Ventura

It is hard to believe that our little "Ninnie" is all grown up! You have become a beautiful young woman and we are so proud of you!
We can’t wait to see what is next—the sky is the limit!
We love you!
Daddy, Momma, Jessica & Sami Sue

Ryan Christian Bush

Ryan—
From the day you were born we have been amazed by your abilities. Remember to never let the odds keep you from pursuing what you know in your heart you were meant to do. Your whole life is ahead of you; go out and "tackle it!"

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Spencer

Jessica Hoglund

Kjessica,
We’re so proud of you and all you’ve accomplished. The past couple of years have had their ups and downs, but sunnier days are ahead. You’re a wonderful girl and will go far if you put your mind to it.

We love you,
Dad, Ashlee, Miranda, Candace, Jenni and Josh

Ashlee Espinoza

You’re at the starting line of the rest of your life. The prize IS yours to win. Remember, the Lord will always guide you through. We’re proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Andy
Michael Bille

Michael,  
Only yesterday you were just our little boy. Now you have grown into a fine young man. We are very proud of you and will always be here when you need us. Follow your heart and nothing else. You will find success... just be yourself.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad & Matt

Shayla Meseke

Shayla,  
You are a beautiful and loving, young lady that deserves only the best. You have worked so hard and we are very proud of you. Have faith and great things will come your way.  
Love, Mom and Shane

Lauren Burgess

Dear Lauren,  
We are very proud of you—what you stand for as a young Christian woman, your belief in God and how He has molded you into the beautiful person that you are: kind, caring and a wonderful daughter who means the world to us!  
We wish you much love, happiness and success as you explore the world and search for your place in this life.  
With love and support,  
Mom, Dad and Broddy

Jason Evans Heskins

Thanks for all the great memories from your first day at Kindergarten to your last Senior soccer game. You’re my sunshine with a million dollar smile, I’m so proud of you. Congratulations, love you so much.  
Love, Mom, James & Janet

Cassaundra Ward

Our prayer for your future is that you will always place your kind and loving heart and your incredible dreams in God’s hands for he will take care of you forever. Keep singing, dancing and above all else cherish your powerful thirst for knowledge.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad,  
Christa & Abigail
Zach Holder

Zach: You have given us so many reasons to be proud, and we have been so blessed by the joy and laughter you have brought into our lives. Congratulations on your many accomplishments. We can’t wait to see what you will accomplish in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Andrew

Raechel Monn

Raechel,
It seems like just yesterday you were our little baby, but you will always be our little baby. We are very proud of you and know you have a bright future ahead. Good luck with everything in the future.

Love Dad, Mom, Justin, Blair, Chayce, and Grandma

Kaley Stoddard

Bumble bee stings and bruised knees and everything in between, thank you God for letting Kaley turn 18! We are blessed with such a precious, beautiful girl. Congratulations! We love you Kay, Kay!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Sheryl Dubin

Dollar—
I am so proud of you! You bring so many joys to my life. Thank you for being who you are, stay true to yourself and continue to make your dreams come true.

Love Always,
Mom

Chelsea Erin Simmons

I am SO proud of you! You have made great accomplishments in your short 18 years and now a new door is opening. Keep your open mind, follow your dreams, and BELIEVE!

Love ya, Mom

DREAM-BELIEVE-ACHIEVE
You Have and You Will, Chelsea!
Love and hugs,
Graddaddy and Grandmama

It has been said, “To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe.”

We believe in you, Chelsea. Uncle Terry, Aunt Kathy, Taylor, Brianna, Jordyn, and Jaidyn
**Holly Luke**

We are so proud of you. Always remember to believe in yourself and you can accomplish whatever you set your heart on.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Kristina

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**Amanda McClain**

We are very proud of you. Good luck with everything you do. We love you. AFFA
Mom, Duane, Jason, Terri, Cierra, Haden, Grandma & Papa, and Garrett

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**Chelsea Crouch**

You are a beautiful young woman that makes us proud everyday. Keep smiling and great things are bound to come your way.

Love,
Mom and Dad

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**Cody Wallace**

Bub:
I love you a lot and am very proud of you! Congratulations and good luck.

Love, CoCo

Code-man:
We had no idea that our quiet little boy would turn into such a big "swinger." Golf that is! Love you more than the whole wide world.
Mom & Dad

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**Taryn Sullivan**

We have watched you embrace life with the same determination and grace you exude in your dance. You are truly a beautiful and talented young lady. We are so proud of you!

Love you,
Dad, Mom & Alex
Alyssa Kelly

Baby girl! God's gift to us! Beautiful you! You color this world with your shining spirit! We cannot express our pride and love for you. Always appreciate life's obstacles and never forget your childhood dreams, for they are yours to keep and be!

Love you always,
Mom and Dad

Caitlin
Tinsley

One of the first words anyone used to describe you is "fun." You are that and so much more. We love the kind, thoughtful and beautiful young lady you have become. You are a true blessing in our lives and we hope all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom & Dad

Vernon Samek

Vernon,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Good luck in whatever you do. Your family loves you very much.

Love,
Mom and Ed
"Firebird Forever"

Anthony (L.T.) Lee

All our abilities come from God. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. Son, remember to use them wisely and to help others along the way. We are so proud of you and we love you.

Dad, Mom,
Grandpa & Grandma
Boswell & Lee,
Alisha, PJ
Katie Kobilka

Katie,

We are so proud of you! It doesn’t seem possible for you to be a Senior already. We have so many fond memories, I can’t even begin to tell you how much happiness you have brought into our lives. I really like your will power and determination. When you make your mind up to go for something, you give it your all and go for it. I know you will go far in life with these qualities. Hard work always pays off. Keep up the good work and remember we will always love you.

Mom, Dad, and Matt

Kelsey Stanbrough

Kels,

We can’t believe how fast you’ve grown up! You have been such a joy! You have made us proud in many ways. Keep up the good work!

We love you, Mom, Dad & Lindsey

Corey Hall

Corey,

Since the day we first met, I knew there was something about you. You are my miracle sent in disguise. Thank you for being you.

We are so proud of you.

Love,

Dad & Mom

Janelle Lira

Janelle,

The miles have separated us, but you are always in my heart.

"I carry your heart with me (i carry it in my head) i am never without it... here is the deepest secret nobody knows (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life which grows higher than the soul can hope or mind can hide) and this is the wonder that’s keeping the stars apart. I carry your heart (i carry it in my heart.)"

—ee cummings

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Clockwise from top: Adding chemicals to the tray, junior Joyce Hilario completes an experiment in Jacquelyn Leib's chemistry class. While nursing a broken hand, senior James Carter does a phone monologue for Chris Wood's World Literature class. Making the throw, freshman Dalton Vitt hopes for the out at the Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic at T-Bones Stadium. Cutting and pasting, sophomore Kelly Chastain works on a project in Heather Campbell's Geometry class. In the middle of her leap, freshman Erica Smith prepares for her landing and the inevitable next hurdle at the Bonner Springs Invitational.
The 2008 Totem Pole tells the story of a community and school evolving into a new era. After years of being just another small town school, Bonner Springs High School has risen to the top of this state in more ways than one. The stories, profiles and designs connect to explain how we have been redefined.

The staff first explored the concept of Redefined at the July 2008 Herff Jones Yearbook Workshop. We discovered that the theme perfectly defined what we had been trying to explain for years. The book was divided into three sections to help separate this book from past years by helping to change the design. It also helped save pages so we could have more content. The division pages showcase how this school has grown and developed.

This yearbook has strong graphic elements including the use of clustered squares, rules and a tilted group of three squares. The colors, including the orange, brown and blue, allowed us to redefine the color use of our book from a traditional orange-and-black to a new, contemporary feel. We elected to use AHJ Opus for body and caption copy, as well as some headlines and sub-heads. AHJ Mistral came into use as a specialty font.

We used 21 Dell Personal Computers equipped with Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop 7.0. The use of this powerful technology allowed us to create a professional-looking book. Using three Rebel XT digital cameras and two Canon 30-D digital cameras with a multitude of memory cards, we were able to capture those moments in time. We worked three 55-minute periods on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, in addition to a 93-minute period every Thursday, not to mention countless after school, weekend and summer work days to complete the book.

The guidance of our Herff Jones account representative Nancy Hall, our customer service advisor Julie Bogart and our technology service advisor Debbie King and countless other Herff Jones employees was invaluable, and we owe them an incredible amount of thanks. They were always there when we made those frantic phone calls near a deadline.

The Herff Jones plant in Edwardsville, Kansas printed 475 copies of the 176-page book on 8.5x11 inch B08 Gloss paper. The cover is a four-color Vista Litho, designed by Herff Jones artist Brett Gonterman with input by the entire staff. The endsheets are black and white and printed on White Vibracolor paper and were custom designed by Adam Smith. The binding specifications were Smyth Sewn and Squarebacked. The book included three flats of color, the most this book had ever seen. Students purchased the book for either $41 or $46.