Are you lost without your iPod?
Can you go a day without texting?
How about 24 hours without logging into facebook?
...We thought so. :)

Most of us cannot survive without touching a piece of technology or communicating through it. With cell phones, texting, YouTube, and social networking sites, we find our lives being updated and uploaded 24/7.

We text, we tweet, we post, we comment, we like, we message, we blog, we chat, we add friends, we are linked, we are wired...

...all throughout the world wide web.

We are, after all, the internet generation. But we still believe some of our favorite memories are gadget free.

It’s the craziness called float construction.
It’s Alan Smith doing his best Beyonce impression.
It’s a Friday night in your Orange Crush shirt.
It’s a three-day snow break.
It’s baking about a million cupcakes to help someone.
It’s the football team warming up to ‘Party in the USA’.
It’s a crispito or a Booster Dog.
It’s prom at the Lake Forest Clubhouse.
It’s the dreaded Senior Project.
It’s your first day of high school...or your last.

These are our memories.

This is our story. Told our way.
jubilation. After performing with A Cappella, freshman Jacob Sopher beams with excitement. Sopher was asked to play the rain stick in the grand finale piece of the winter concert.

fun and games. Freshmen Justus Seaton and Haley Hoffine along with senior Emily Herre pass a toilet paper roll while competing in a relay at the fall pep assembly.

passing the torch. Juniors Erica Smith, Zach Reed and Emily Pyles light candles as they are inducted into National Honor Society. “It was great to be honored for the things I’ve accomplished,” Reed said.

cash money. Gonzalo Pichardo, a sophomore, holds a “Ken Dollar” he received at the third-quarter Renaissance Assembly.

on fire. Science teacher Jeremy Beach and freshmen Gabe Jessie and Anna Deegan roast marshmallows in Earth and Space class. The lab was part of a unit studying density.

precious moment. Enjoying a moment with his mother Kim, senior Ryan Bartels dances the night away at the Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Dance. “My favorite part was the slow dance, and knowing that I’ll never get to do this again,” Bartels said.
clammy hands. Juniors Caleb Seaton and Jessica Hatchliff and senior Sabrina Adkins dissect a mollusk in Clay Oakes’ Biology II class.

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Justice Seaton
Haley Hoffine
Emily Herre
Erica Smith
Zachary Reed
Emily Pyles
Gonzalo Pichardo
Jeremy Beach
Gebe Jessie
Anna Deegan
Ryan Bartels
Kim Bartels
Caleb Seaton
Jessica Hatchliff
Sabrina Adkins
From the parade route to the announcement of royalty, homecoming featured new twists and turns.

As many students may not have realized, the construction on Kump Avenue would affect more than just the daily traffic in the student parking lot.

"Due to construction, we did have to make adjustments to this year’s parade route. While it was a different route, the community responded well and still came out to watch the parade and to support the high school," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said.

The parade route wasn’t the only thing that changed. A new tradition emerged when the homecoming royalty was announced at the fall sports pep assembly.

“I liked it because it was completely unknown who was chosen, so it was an anxious and exciting moment,” senior queen candidate Celicia DeLeon said.

In place of the car bash, a dunk tank was added to pre-game pep rally festivities. Students and faculty volunteered their time and dry clothes to raise money for Student Council.

“The water was really cold, but I think everyone that participated had a good time,” senior Bailey Nairn said.

Overall, homecoming may have been a bit different, but most students considered it a success, with a crowd of approximately 375 students attending the Saturday night dance in the commons.


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wired. Sophomore Trey May cuts chicken wire while working on his class float. “I enjoyed hanging out with my friends and being creative,” May said.

game time. While focusing on the action, senior Alyssa Scott watches the football team advance against Lansing in the first quarter. “Attending the game is always a highlight of homecoming,” Scott said.

just dance. A group of BSHS students enjoys the “Back to the Future” themed dance. “I always enjoy bustin’ a move with my friends,” said junior Riley Mortensen, shown second from right.

nerd day. Accessorizing her outfit with suspenders and oversized glasses, junior Lindsay Hunt displays her Nerd Day spirit. “I got a lot of funny looks,” Hunt said.
get down. Dancing to the music, freshmen Skyler Taylor and Loren Bergstrom enjoy their first high school homecoming.

dance the night away. Sophomore Sidni Sprenkle and senior Jordan MacDonald slow things down at the dance. "All in all, it was a super fun night," Sprenkle said.

strike up the band. Senior Drum Major Morgan Tinsley marches in time while leading the band in the parade. "The most rewarding part of being Drum Major is seeing the band grow into better musicians and knowing that it's partially because of you," Tinsley said.

big victory. Seniors Samantha Haas and Chris Stites celebrate the Braves' win against Lansing. "My favorite part of the game was cheering from the Orange Crush section with all my friends," Haas said.

glued to her work. While working on the Senior Class float, Emily Herre papier-maches the lion's head. "The best part of float construction was stealing and hiding the sophomores' lion and the paint incident," Herre said. in the groove. Junior Jostyn Nelson enjoys the DJ's music at the pep rally. The DJ played a mixture of new pop hits and dance favorites while students danced along in the parking lot.

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Trey May
Alyssa Scott
Kelly Chastain
Riley Mortensen
Victoria Porter
Lindsay Hunt
Alan Smith
Skyler Taylor
Loren Bergstrom
Jordan MacDonald
Sidni Sprenkle
Morgan Tinsley
Samantha Haas
Chris Stites
Seniors Ryan Morris and Elizabeth Grinter (top) enjoy their moment as Homecoming King and Queen. "I don't think I was breathing, let alone thinking when my name was called," Grinter said. Concentrating on the beat, Senior drum captain Da'Niko Brooks leads the drumline as the band makes its way down Morse Avenue. "The drumline had been lost from the band for awhile, and I'm glad to have helped to revive it and make it stronger," Brooks said. Social studies teacher Ryan Hull taunts the crowd with a Lansing sign to entice more participants to the dunk tank.
The Braves captured their first win of the season with a 44-21 victory over Lansing. "This was by far our season highlight. We hadn't defeated Lansing during my high school career and the fact that it was Homecoming made everything so much better," senior co-captain Jake Barren said.

**Drumline Debuts.**
The drumline returned with a bang! Freshman T.J. Kimbrough-French plays to the beat in his first Homecoming parade. Student commitment is what brought the drumline back. They all decided they wanted to do it," director William Turley said.

**Dunk Tanks Debuts.**
While pointing to the crowd, senior Teresa Seaton prepares to get dunked. "When I was asked to be in the dunk tank, I was extremely excited," Seaton said. The dunk tank was a new addition to Pep Rally festivities and was a major hit.

**Spirit Builds.**
Seniors Taelor Falconer, Jessica Mitchell, and Christeen Coon show off their Monster Monday attire. "It took forever to put our outfits together. We worked on them until about eleven the night before and before school the next morning," Falconer said.

**Bus Barn Bonding.**
Helping out the junior class, Samee Sprenkle assembles a lion paw during float construction. "I liked helping with the class banner, especially since it won first place," Sprenkle said. **Note to Underclassmen:** Next year, hold the bus paint!
it’s ‘cause it’s for a good cause

To reach the community and beyond, students really stepped up their giving abilities this year. Several new service projects were created for school-wide participation.

In October, the classes of Jay Romanishin, Lisa Lugar and Linda Orangkhadivi teamed up with students throughout Kansas City to paint pumpkins for Pumpkin Palooza, a fundraising event for the Sunflower House. More than $23,000 was raised to help fight child abuse.

In addition to the pumpkins, October also featured a fundraiser for the United Way that had some students and teachers kissing swine. “Kiss the Pig” consisted of students donating money to vote on which classmate, teacher, and administrator they would like to see kiss Babe, the pot-bellied pig. More than $1,650 was raised for this cause.

The end of the month brought “Cupcakes for Kicks,” where students donated various baking supplies in the name of their favorite club or group. Tara Kemp’s cooking classes then baked and frosted the cupcakes which were later sold at lunch to benefit the district’s Educational Outreach Fund to help local families in need.

December marked the return of “Coming Together For a Cure,” where students teamed up with Turner High School to raise money for the KU Breast Cancer Awareness Center. A variety of “pink” items were sold as part of the fundraising festivities.

Chelsea Crawford, 11

pucker up. (clockwise) Senior Jake Barren applies lipstick to teacher winner Barry Richards; sophomore Arlando Young prepares his pig, Babe, for her debut; senior Bailey Nairn helps administration winner Dr. Jerry Abbott with his makeup; Barry Richards plants one on Babe; surprise audience selection Jeff Fouquet dramatically prepares to kiss Babe; student winner freshman Justus Seaton unwillingly prepares for his face-to-face moment with Babe with a little help from senior Bailey Nairn.

Profile

754 people like this
Name: Babe
Owner: Arlando Young
Breed: Potbelly
Age: Two years old
Weight: Approximately 50 pounds
Interests: Sleeping
Favorite foods: Ice cream and chips
creativity. Sophomore Rebecca Peno works on her pumpkin in her drawing class. "I liked the fact that the proceeds from the project went to help abused kids," Peno said with pride. (below) Students in Jason Romanishin's third hour class show off their creations.

Pumpkin Palooza

artistic touch. Junior Jessie Kelly concentrates on painting her pumpkin accurately during her third-hour art class. happily painting. Junior Caitlin Hilliard created the winning entry in the pumpkin decorating competition. "I was really excited and surprised. I didn't think my pumpkin was that good, so I was glad to win. The next day I showed my Pumpkin Palooza plaque to everyone in I knew," Hilliard said.

Cupcakes for Kicks

frosting fun. Sophomore Logan Opal (far left) decorates cupcakes with an icing funnel in Tara Kemp's fifth-hour International Cuisine class. "There were so many cupcakes to frost, but it never got boring. I would definitely do it again," Opal said. The cupcakes were sold during lunch with all proceeds going to the USD 204 Educational Outreach Fund.

Pink Crush

unify for a cure. (clockwise) The "Coming Together For a Cure" banner was displayed in the commons throughout the week; the varsity boys basketball team huddles up before the big game against Turner; varsity cheerleader Ally Espy, a junior, pumps up the crowd. "The best part of the game was knowing that we were helping a good cause," Espy said.
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

This year's musical was a comic classic, featuring the good man we all know as Charlie Brown. The success of the small, but talented cast was their ability to work well together.

"They were really looking out for each other; you don't always see that in the arts," director Brian J. White said.

Snoopy (Robert Plumb) captivated the audience with adorable puppy dog antics while trying to please his master, Charlie Brown (Bradley Roush). Another dynamic onstage duo was the rivalry of Linus (Xavier Capalla) and Lucy (Emily Warren), who demonstrated the love-hate relationships of siblings at their finest.

The obstinate Sally Brown (Kayla Zimmerly) was commanding in her role. "My favorite part about my character was her stubbornness," Zimmerly said. Finally, we were serenaded by the songful pianist Schroeder (Tyler Walker).

As we grow older we often forget to appreciate the simple things in life. "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" reminded us of the blissful joy of simply being a child and the fun that can be had with a kite, a blanket and a few of your best friends.

"I channeled my inner rabid dog while pouncing around on stage!"

"I enjoyed working with the others because it brought a sense of closeness, like we were a little family."

tails of sibling rivalry

"She was confident even though everyone thought she [Lucy] was ridiculous."

comic one: Linus (Xavier Capolla) uses all his strength while fighting for his blanket with sister Lucy (Emily Warren)

"My dance routine for the blanket song was so corny it fit."

comic two: The cast gives a wonderful portrait of the youthful essence of the bond between a child and their blanket.

The idea of Beethoven Day, "It was like an epiphany!"

comic three: Lucy (Emily Warren) shows her innocent adoration while Schroeder (Tyler Walker) sweetly serenades her.
The Style Profile

Individuality: the particular character or assembly of qualities that distinguishes one person or thing from another. In fashion, individuality is an important aspect in determining one's sense of style.

Everyone views fashion in a different way, not always choosing what is in style in the magazines or on TV but what they personally like.

“I love taking ideas from what the celebrities are wearing, but it's nice to put my own twist on things. Fashion is how I express my personality,” senior Celicia DeLeon said.

Dressing to impress is important to some as opposed to dressing for comfort or self-expression.

“I think that fashion is an extension of who you are,” senior Taelor Falconer said. “Some people dress in comfortable clothes because they have a relaxed personality while others choose to make an impression.”

On the other hand, some people determine their style differently.

“When I go shopping, I look for things I don't think other people will own. I own many different things, and I don't think I have a stereotypical style,” senior Shelby Ney said.

From clean-cut sweaters to vintage shoes, many styles are available for students to choose from, but most like to give fashion their own twist to represent their individuality.

What makes your style unique?

“I think my originality and inspiration comes from the clash between the natural world and the post-industrial revolution.”

- Robert Plumb, 12

What’s your best fashion advice?

“Don't be afraid to wear what you want because of how other people will react.”

- Sydney Turner, 9
Who inspires your sense of style?
"Gwen Stefani has always been an inspiration because she tries outrageous things and pulls it off beautifully."

- Victoria Porter, 11

What is your favorite brand of clothing and why?
"My favorite clothing brand is DC because it's affordable but it's also cool."

- Shawn Jones, 10

Top five fashion fads

- Nike Dunks
  Cost: $109.99
  "I like Nikes because they are stylish and comfortable."
  - Haley Haffine, 9

- Flat-bill hat
  Cost: $40 to $60
  "You can never shine away the classics; it's old-school."
  - De'Niko Brooks, 12

- Scarves
  Cost: $9 to $12
  "They're a fun way to keep your neck warm and to add that extra pop to a plain outfit."
  - Term Stace, 10

- Studded belts
  Cost: $15
  "They keep my pants up and look great with an outfit."
  - Connor Harrington, 11

- American Eagle boots
  Cost: $40 to $50
  "These boots keep my feet super-warm, and they're cute."
  - Kaylie Hollar, 11
DJ, blow my speakers up!

dance: Women Pay All (WPA)
theme: Brave Rave
attendance: 200 friends
playlist: Techno

foreign exchange. Decked out in glow sticks, junior Deling Jiang enjoys the evening. "It was basically my first dance, so it was awesome," Jiang said. "I liked the music and the fact that I got to dance with lots of people. the dip. Juniors Santiago Garcia and Caitlin Hilliard show off their unique dance style. "We got our moves from Lady Gaga," Garcia said. "Caitlin was a nifty date because she wasn't afraid to get groovy."

laughter. Sophomores Dustin Gilbert and Erin Marx have a fantastic time dancing and cracking jokes. "Dustin was being a complete dork," Marx said. "The dancing and really bad singing were hilarious."

slowing it down. Junior Erica Smith and her date Taylor Reinsehl appreciate their time together. "I always sing the slow songs to him because he gets embarrassed," Smith said. "I love being goofy around him."

all smiles. Juniors Jordan Merino, Lucas Isaac and Chandler Clark share a candid moment. "I thought it was going to be awkward having two dates, but it turned out the three of us had a lot of fun," Isaac said.

"Kaylie walked into Twisters with a plain white T-shirt on and she turned around and it said ‘WPA?‘" Vit said.

Meg Fowler & Stefan Mbiyavanga

"I asked Stefan what he liked and he said ‘fish’, so we incorporated it into our shirts," Fowler said.

Lauren Graves & Toby Sullivan

"I asked Lauren an hour before it started, so we went to Wal-Mart for last-minute shirts," Sullivan said.
Mr. Bonner Springs

The Mr. Bonner Springs Pageant has become a successful way to kick off winter sports spirit. Since its debut in 2005, this memorable event has caused students and faculty alike to laugh, gasp, cringe, and shout as they watched the finest male representatives of the senior class don bright lipstick, colorful eye shadow, nasty wigs, and Thrift Store dresses. Each candidate picks one song to "strut their stuff to" in the hopes of capturing the crowd's heart. The judges share their thoughts by writing a short remark on a piece of paper, usually making fun of the candidates. "We had a great pageant this year," Suco sponsor Adrienne Law said. "Every year the contestants take it more seriously, and it's fun for the whole school to watch."

by Lauren Groves & Erica Smith

are you kidding me? Business teacher Bryce McFarland, one of the judges, shows his response to candidate Ryan Morris. "I just quickly wrote something down that I thought might make people laugh," McFarland said. enjoying the moment. Anastasia (Alan) Smith shows his pageant wave after being named Mr. Bonner Springs. "I always wanted to win a beauty pageant," Smith said. "It made me feel like the 'hot thing' in the gym."

Pageant Candidates

Steven Walker  Ryan Morris  Cameron Summers  Alan Smith

OluWole Imohome  Jordan Kraus  Kevin Beashore  Collin Stirling

pouting lips. Candidates portray what they think of as a lady's pose before the competition begins. "I got my dress from the Goodwill by McDonald's and my wig was from the old Halloween stuff at Wal-Mart on clearance," said Cameron Summers, on the second row, far right.
**BSHS presents...**

**Murder in Bloom**

When director Dan Streit read the script of "Murder In Bloom," he knew that it would be the perfect choice for this year's winter play.

"The play appealed to me for numerous reasons, but most of all it was a perfect fit for the number of students who typically audition each year," Streit said.

A vintage who-dun-it, "Murder in Bloom" focuses on a murder that takes place within a secret society. Cloaked in hooded capes, the members of The Daughters of the Earth meet regularly at Lavina Wesson’s home. The club was created in order to protect the family secret of Priscilla Stewart-Wayne (Scintilla Capalla).

However, the normally well-behaved club members face a challenge when the mysterious murder of Latitia Whetmore takes place during Priscilla’s initiation. The plot twist and turns as two investigators (B.J. Rhodes and Xavier Capalla) are called in to unravel the murder.

With five cast members making their stage debuts, it was a challenge for these new performers to understand how to become their characters as well as how to read stage directions.

"The whole cast was nervous because they had never had a perfect rehearsal," Streit said. "They just needed to realize that being perfect is not what a play is about."

**by erica smith & lauren groves**

cast and crew. front row: B.J. Rhodes, Mackenzie Lee, Kayla Zimmerly, Xavier Capalla.
back row: Riley Mortensen, Ariel Williams, Victoria Porter, Sidni Sprenkle, Cierra Sweeney, Savannah Lochert, Scintilla Capalla, Samee Sprenkle.

googly-eyed. Assistant investigator Hugh Travis (Xavier Capalla) watches with delight as Stephanie Dearborn (Sidni Sprenkle) and Melody Haydock (Samee Sprenkle) enter for a ceremony. "I liked wearing the big, shiny badge," Capalla said. "Flirting with Samee's character was fun because I got to pretend like she liked me."
Calling the shots...

Investigating the murder: Inspector Greene
Role: A respectful, reserved detective
Played by: B.J. Rhodes
Quote: "The hardest part about playing the detective was probably memorizing the lines because there were a lot of long paragraphs for me, and it was hard staying focused," Rhodes said.

Top three suspects

Suspect #1: Rachael Hodges
Role: The lazy, unlikable maid for Lavinia Wesson
Played by: Victoria Porter
Reasons for suspicion: In murder mysteries, there is a common theory that "it’s always the butler."
Verdict: This is not the killer.

Suspect #2: Stephanie Dearborn
Role: Quiet, shy best friend of Priscilla Wayne
Played by: Sidni Sprenkle
Reasons for suspicion: This character knew a lot of information about what actually happened.
Verdict: It wasn’t this person either.

Suspect #3: Melody Haydock
Role: Talkative, unmarried, middle-aged woman
Played by: Samee Sprenkle
Reasons for suspicion: She knew too much information about the deadly substance (arsenic).
Verdict: Ah! We found the murderer.

extending the membership. Lavinia Wesson (Kayla Zimmerly) explains to Priscilla Stewart-Wayne (Scintilla Capalla) that she will soon become a new member of the secret society known as the Garden Club. "It was very interesting to explain the procedures to Priscilla, so she could see what the club was all about," Zimmerly said. "Her membership is integral to the plot."

need my salts. Nervous hypochondriac Violet Cameron (MacKenzie Lee) begins to freak out and demands her salts from her nurse, Miss Sibley (Cierra Sweeney), when she’s accused of lying to the investigator. "I enjoyed this part because it was really different," Lee said. "It’s not every day that you get to pretend that you’re dying."
Junior Nicholas Carver and his mother, Giselle Bradley, dance the night away. “The dance was actually pretty cool, but I was afraid my mom would embarrass me,” Carver said.

“A grand time. The donee was actually pretty cool, but I was afraid my mom would embarrass me,” Carver said.

Top Three Dances

1. **Train**
   Juniors Kaylie Holloway and Cordell Duncan, alongside Cordell’s mother Deanna, lead the train around the commons dance floor. “I enjoyed the train because it brought everyone together, and I like to ride trains,” Duncan said.

2. **Electric Slide**
   A group of students and parents dance to the classic Electric Slide. The Electric Slide was one of the evening’s highlights, because when it comes on, everyone gets up and dances.

3. **Chicken Dance**
   Junior Samee Sprenkle and her father, Steve, rap their hands to the Chicken Dance. “It was really funny because my dad is very entertaining when he does this dance,” Sprenkle said.

swing dance. Senior Kaleigh Crider and her father, Craig, dance hand in hand. “I enjoyed this dance more than some of the others because of the added significance of getting to spend time with my dad,” Crider said.
Junior Kaylie Holloway and her father, Mike, dance to the Cupid Shuffle. "I liked giving my dad a good memory of us having fun while I’m still in high school," Holloway said.

taking a break. Senior Harley Ruszala and her dad, Mike, take a break from dancing and enjoy the refreshments. "The dance was a lot more fun this year because there were more people. I had a great time with my dad," Ruszala said. Hands up. Senior Shelby Ney and her father, Randy, dance to a classic song. "I had a lot of fun at the dance and really enjoyed going to one last event with my dad before graduation," Ney said.

slow dance. Junior Riley Mortensen and her father, Ken, slow things down. "I didn’t expect my dad to get so into it. He’s kind of a shy guy when it comes to dancing, but I think he really enjoyed himself, and I had a blast," Mortensen said. Waving away. Junior Stefan Mbiyavanga, and his host mom, Kim VanMaren, enjoy the dance. Approximately 100 people attended the second annual event.

"I felt like the dance was a really good bonding experience, and it was fun to act goofy with my dad and friends."
—Breanna and Scott Hoch

"My favorite part of the dance was where we all got in a circle and the parents did all their old school dances."
—Maya and Nathaniel Banks

"The dance was really fun, but kind of embarrassing because my dad is not a very good dancer."
—Lindsay and Dennis Hunt

"I enjoyed the music they played this year. I thought they mixed the old music with the new music really well."
—Brooks and Rhonda Ballou
steps to a perfect courtwarming

pick your royalty.
Front row: Meg Fowler, Melissa Garcia, Shelby Ney, Emily Randolph, and Taylor Reed. Row 2: Max Barren, Clarence Forshey, David Kotosh, Alan Smith, and Sam Walton.

show your spirit.
Freshmen Cassady Holloway, Tessa Newberry, Madison Epp, Amber Brillhart, Andrea Wigglesworth and Haley Hoffine dress up for 80's Aerobics Day. "I thought it was cool that so many people participated. I liked seeing everyone's outfits," said Wigglesworth.
select your king and queen.
Meg Fowler and Max Barren were honored as Courtwarming Queen and King during halftime of the Mill Valley game on Feb. 19. (left) Meg and Max enjoy their moment after the coronation ceremony. "I was really surprised when they called my name; I was basically shocked," Meg said. (below) Max embraces Meg in congratulations.

have a blast.
The dance theme was "Masquerade," and the first 100 students to arrive received masks. Overall, more than 300 students attended the dance. just dance. (clockwise from top) Junior Jordan Merino and her date Caleb Johnson; seniors Carly Turner and Ryan Holcomb; freshmen Megan McCullough and Cord Cannon; sophomore Jake Naim and freshman Kayli Bias; and freshman Derek Rodgers and his date Katie Wilhelm.
Working year round, the Wood Technology department always has something to keep their hands busy. For example, selected students spent part of their summer constructing new cabinets for the front office and the concession stand. The first quarter was devoted to helping complete Jacob Slattery’s senior project, a kiosk for the main entrance at David Jaynes Field.

Other highlights include numerous projects completed with the Computer Numerical Control Machine (CNC), a machine that allows students to create projects from a drawing.

“We backed up and spent more time on the computer-integrated component and that completely changed the opportunities for projects students can create,” instructor Kris Munsch said.
bird’s eye view. Senior Jacob Slattery works on the kiosk while sophomore Jose Contreras looks on. "The best part was seeing the reaction of everyone when the project was finally completed. I’m pretty stoked with how it turned out,” Slattery said.

concentrated effort. Sophomore Jesse Anderson paints a sign for Delaware Ridge Elementary school in his first-hour class. "I really enjoy the Wood Tech lab because it’s a great environment for developing a creative mind,” Anderson said.

Jessica Mitchell, 12

status: Currently working on a coffee table.

projects: I have completed many projects in the lab, mostly making plaques for the school sports.

reflection: My favorite part of Wood Tech is being able to make your plans and know what your final product is going to look like.

Korey Sanborn, 12

status: About to build an A-frame for a porch swing I made last year in Wood Tech.

projects: Five completed

reflection: My favorite part about Wood Tech this year was being able to build whatever I want.
hey, CRUSH...
hey, WHAT?

Show us how to get DOWN!
sign of commitment. While waving his sign, senior Clarence Forshey cheers on the Braves. "I show my spirit at games by screaming my heart out to give moral support to the basketball team," Forshey said.

Juniors Jakob Bailey and Austin Epp and sophomore Ryan Cook cheer on the Braves as they make their way towards the victory tunnel after a win against Lansing. "The football games are fun because we have such a strong student support group. I think we have a lot of energy, which the team feeds off of," Epp said.

"Crushing cheer." Senior Chris Stites (left) yells as the boys' basketball team advances against Turner. "I really enjoy cheering at basketball games because it gets really loud in the gym, and you can harass the other team's players," Stites said. Anticipation. Senior Tessa Seaton and juniors Erica Smith and Dalton Vitt (far left) cheer before a kickoff. "I really enjoyed having an influence over the crowd as a captain," Seaton said.

Orange Crush
status: to boost spirit
size: 297 members
new: Sponsor Tara Kemp
main cheers: Braves Coaster, Yo Baby, and Hey Burrito
freshmen fitting in

by cinthia ebertz & kaylie holloway

To help ease their transition to high school, all freshmen were placed in tribes for their core-area classes.

"Research shows that the first year of high school is the toughest year," said assistant principal Rick Moulin. "The freshmen tribes were put in place as a support mechanism."

The tribes have helped teachers to better understand student needs and to promote school involvement.

"The relationship between the teachers and the students has been the biggest benefit of implementing the freshman tribes," said Ryan Hull, who is the lead teacher for the Delaware tribe.

At Freshman Orientation, students met their tribe teachers, participated in a scavenger hunt to learn various school locations and also received a T-shirt representing their tribe.

"We hold competitions among the tribes, which includes community service, test prep, and school spirit activities," Hull said.

A sign hanging in the freshmen hallway shows the points each tribe has received throughout the year from the various competitions.

"I think the competitions were a lot of fun," freshman John Brantley said. "It encouraged us to support the school better."

Although some freshmen were initially disappointed to learn that they would be placed in teams, most found the new system to be beneficial.

"I didn’t really like the idea at the start because you don’t have classes with some of your friends. However, most of us warmed up to it by the end of the first semester," freshman Anna Deegan said.

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Delaware Top Five vs. Shawnee

Top Five Projects
1. Marshmallow lab in Science
2. Environmental debate in Science
3. Shakespeare posters in English
4. Letter projects in Social Studies
5. Individual plate tectonics in Science

Why our tribe is best:

"Our teachers really care, and we all get along. There are no major cliques and we all work well with each other."
—Mandy Ballou

"I like how all of the teachers treat everyone fairly and have the same expectations for all students. It doesn’t hurt to have a 149-year-old teacher either."
—Daniel Santana

Top Five Projects
1. Memoir project in English
2. Podcasts in Social Studies
3. Student-led presentations in Science
4. Movie trailer book reports in English
5. Car project in Math

Why our tribe is best:

"Our teachers work well together, and we work well together. We’re united as a tribe and we’re involved in many school activities."
—Skyler Taylor

"I think our tribe is the best because our teachers make class fun, yet we still learn everything we need to know."
—Chance Stites
Working Together. Freshmen Taylor Coleman and Dalazha Stokes work on an interviewing project in their fifth hour Introduction to Communications technology class, a new course specifically targeted towards freshmen.

"I learned the right and wrong questions to ask while interviewing someone," Coleman said. "It was fun to get the experience of recording different things." Cutting Loose. Freshmen Emily Ray, Sydney Shepherd, Shyla Mason, Samantha Ricci-Weller, and Ciera Sweeney dance to the "Cupid Shuffle" at the homecoming pep rally. "The pep rally was a blast," said Shepherd. "Everyone was out there having fun no matter who was next to you. It was one big happy group of people."

Focused. Freshman Troy Hull concentrates while making a clock stand in his Industrial Engineering class. "I definitely felt that I fit in as a freshman in this class," Hull said. "If I had the right equipment at my house, I would work on projects like these in my free time."

Excitement. Freshman Renae Maxey passes through a "welcoming tunnel" created by upperclassmen at the conclusion of Freshman Orientation. "When I was going through the tunnel, I was thinking about how much fun high school was going to be," Maxey said.
I'm a **Mac**

Technology is everywhere, and it has become an essential part of our daily lives. Whether we are texting, jammin' to music on our iPod, or typing a book report, our lives would not be the same without it.

The Apple and Microsoft companies continue to amaze us with new competing gadgets. Currently, the most widely discussed technology question centers on whether you are a **Mac** or a **PC** user. Answers range from those who would not touch a **PC** to those who like having both in their lives.

Senior David Katosh is a **Mac**. "It's like a perfect piece of technology and reflects the perfection in my life. It's simple, intuitive and high-end," says David of his **Macbook**. As for his **iPhone** and its wonderful alarm, "That's the reason I wake up in the morning."

The most common reason why a **Mac** user dislikes a **PC** is because of often-occurring viruses and errors. However, **PC** users dislike **Mac** because of the high prices, the unique operating system, and the display differences.

"I use dictionary.com and youtube on my iPod touch all the time," said senior Alyssa Scott.

From top, students taking advantage of Macintosh technology: Jared Clements, Tanise England, Tieler Douglas, Santiago Garcia, Cassady Holloway, and Ryan Cook.
"I’m a PC," says junior Tyler Johnson. He is loyal to his PC because of "how smoothly it runs."

There is a strong contrast between the land of the Mac and the world of the PC and that difference is usually a compromise of love or hate. However, Tyler loves his PC and its very distinct layout.

Our school day would not be the same without technology. We have the ability to create Power Points, movies and search the Internet for anything the mind can imagine. "Using computers makes a class more fun and helps us later in life," said freshman Derek Rodgers.

Technology not only helps us academically, but also socially. It is what helps us stay in touch and keeps us connected. Whether you are a Mac or PC, we all appreciate technology in our daily lives.

From top, students taking advantage of Windows technology: Madison Epp, Geena Harris, Mikayla Burgoon, Joseph Dooley, Caitlin Hilliard, and Derek Rodgers.
As senior Shelby Ney puts it, a middle school interest blossomed into a high school hobby. Art has been a part of her life since eighth grade, when she first took painting classes.

"I really enjoyed the art classes because of the environment and the encouragement of creativity," Ney said. "Everyone in the classes just did their own thing, and it's a very relaxed atmosphere that makes working on art a wonderful experience."

Ney has been painting ever since and although she doesn't plan on choosing a career in the art field, she has no intention of removing art from her life completely.

"I plan on taking as many art classes in college as possible, and if I can, I'd like to minor in art," Ney said.

"I was inspired to make this because I was annoyed with the media telling us [girls] that we are not good enough, to cover ourselves up and put on new faces. Although the idea of the chair came easily, the process was rather difficult. I had to clean out the make-up containers which I found to be disgusting and it made my hands super itchy. I enjoyed ripping the chair and stabbing the leather because I got to take out some of my anger. My true emotions on the subject came out during the creation."

"This is my first watercolor painting. I decided to paint a scenery picture because it was fall and I couldn't think of anything else to paint. As watercolors go, this is a very large painting with an extraordinary amount of detail. That's probably what I like most about it."

"I started this as a project for Mr. Romanishin's painting class. The assignment was to create something Andy Warhol-ish while using technology or an icon from the 21st Century. I decided to use Heath Ledger as 'The Joker' because of his recent death and Oscar win. The most unique thing about this painting is the way the colors are blended on his face; it's hard to get the colors to blend that way when using acrylic paint."

"This is actually based off a picture of me. People are amazed when I tell them I'm the girl in the painting, and that's what I like about this work. When I began this painting, I was just starting to experiment with oil paints. It started out as a side project, but came together really well, so I put more and more time into it. The final product is one of my best works."

"I was always watching my older brother, and I wanted to be just like him."

"My favorite part on the make-up chair is the mirror coming out of the ripped leather. I want people to look at themselves and think 'I am beautiful, I don't need all of this make-up.'"

"My wooden chair may just look like something that should be in 'Alice in Wonderland,' but it's one of the most meaningful pieces I have ever done. The inspiration for the piece came the summer after my junior year. I never really had a plan before I started, it just sort of happened. I felt like turning something ordinary into something that would really provoke a response."

"I like it when people take a second look because it is never just there; you have to look deeper," Paine said. "I usually bring out some sort of emotion, which I like, even if it's anger for turning a chair into something they can't sit in any longer."

Paine hopes to continue her passion by becoming an art teacher in the future.

by jake barren and meg fowler
staircase of dreams: "This image is portrayed as a dreamlike setting, with stairs leading to the unknown."

ascending (bottom left): "I hope it will portray an idea of what’s to come. How did he get there?"

Lauren (below): "I was trying to portray a wondering mood, but it could be deciphered as something different."

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Renee Dumler, 10

Renee Dumler has been drawing and painting since she can remember; however, her career in black-and-white photography did not start until her freshman year.

"Art has always been a form of expression, depending on the mood I’m in," Dumler said.

Inspiration comes easy to Dumler, who finds photographic possibilities everywhere.

"It is really hard to capture a decent posed photo, but when the emotion in the face comes without effort, that’s when the best pictures turn out," she said. "Motivations can come in a sunny day after weeks of rain, or just a simple object sitting in a room. If the subject in the picture has just the least significance, I’ll instantly snap a photo. Other times I find myself just turning in circles, looking for the shot that will make it."

Dumler is undecided whether or not she wants to include art into her future.

...or black and white.

Amelia Sheldon, 11

Black-and-white photography is a new art medium for Amelia Sheldon, but she has been involved with other types of art forever, and photography has been a part of her life for nearly two years now.

"I am motivated by the things I see and hear every day, whether it be something going on in my life, a friend’s life, or something on the other side of the world," Sheldon said. "I want to send whatever message I feel like and have that impact people’s lives."

Sheldon is also largely inspired by the works of other artists. When she sees a powerful and inspiring picture, she thinks to herself, "How cool would it be to create something like that?"

Sheldon does not foresee a future in art, but she does not plan to give it up as a hobby and a way of expressing herself.

"It’s such a great way to get feelings out and express myself," she said. "Why would I ever give that up?"

fairy way station (top left): "I’ve always liked the bench featured in this picture for the childhood nostalgia it creates."

burning (above): "I used a solarization technique to make the shoes seem burned into the image, kind of like a carbon footprint burned into the atmosphere."

behind the looking glass (left): "I liked the surreal impression it left in my mind, like looking through a mirror into another world."
sweet tooth.
Stuco sponsored many fundraisers to benefit BSHS and the community. Before winter break, Stuco sold cupcakes to help the district’s outreach fund. Ice cream, Starbucks muffins, and cookies baked by FACS classes were sold as well. Candy crushes and love matches were available before Valentine’s Day. Though many sweets were sold for fundraisers, others were given out as an incentive for great work at school. For example, as part of "Back To School Week," doughnuts were handed out before school.

freshmen orientation.
Stuco members stepped up to the plate and showed the upcoming freshmen around their new school. During the orientation, Student Council members shared advice that they had gained through their own experiences and helped out with other activities.

Write Something...
What was your favorite part of being in Stuco?

Bailey Nairn I really enjoyed helping to plan the dances and other events the whole school was able to participate in, but float construction will always be my favorite memory.
at 9:32 am May 10 · Comment · Like

Chelsea Crawford My favorite part was the Student Council conference since we got to meet Stuco members from other schools and hear what they had to say.
at 9:40 am May 10 · Comment · Like

Ashton Istas I enjoyed having a few parties during Connection Time and helping decorate for dances as well.
at 9:48 am May 10 · Comment · Like

Tessa Newberry My favorite part was getting to have a say in events or decisions when it came to school activities.
at 10:14 am May 10 · Comment · Like
party time. Senior Shelby Ney spends a portion of her Saturday afternoon preparing for the first dance of the year, Homecoming.

precise cut. Junior Brenna Hoch pitches in before the Courtwarming dance. "I love decorating for dances because I get to see the setup before everyone else does," Hoch said.

barbecue.

To show their appreciation to the staff, Stuco hosted a barbecue on May 9 during fourth hour. Teachers and other staff members were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, and all sorts of other goodies in this second-annual event. "We think it's important to let our staff know much their efforts are appreciated," Stuco sponsor Adrianne Law said.

fire up the grill. Senior Jarek Barren tends to the grill during Stuco's Teacher Appreciation barbecue on the patio area just outside the commons.

chilling. Junior Stuco member Caleb Seaton helps out at the barbecue by checking on the cold drink supply.

creative touches. Sophomore Kylee Timberlake works on the Homecoming class banner. "Float Construction is a great way to get together with your class and have some friendly competition with other classes," Timberlake said.

up and away. Sophomore Toni Stock holds down a bundle of helium-filled balloons while decorating for Courtwarming.

prepping. Sophomore Katelyn Smith works with hard-to-cut lengths of balloon ribbon before the Masquerade-themed Courtwarming dance.

float construction.

As a yearly tradition associated with the Homecoming festivities, Student Council adds their own twist on the parade by constructing class floats. Float construction is held each year in the USD 204 bus barn during the week previous to the homecoming game. Sophomore Brenna Tendick (above) does her part by painting a poster. "Float construction is a really good time for each class to come together and find a different way to build a stronger bond," Tendick said.

dance decorations.

Not only do Stuco members have to tend to their own dance details, but they also have to help out by getting together the materials needed to decorate the commons for each dance. Each Saturday a dance is held, Stuco members make their way to the school to spend some time working together to place and arrange the decorations, which can take up to two hours.

united effort. Freshmen Stuco members Chad Uhl and Tessa Newberry prepare to cut cardboard for their class float. All classes are given eight hours, the opportunity to have one pre-made item, and $75 to build their float.

Kris Munsch (left) and Don Burns enjoy the barbecue. "It's a great time. We are all in this together, and it's nice to see the giving and receiving of such a simple gesture," Munsch said.

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November Inductees

national honor society. front row: Katie Ellingsworth, Lauren Groves, Angelica Harris, Kaylie Holloway, Caitlin Hilliard, Persephone Hart. row 2: Chelsea Crawford, Kathryn Clark, Mackenzie Anderson, Brenna Hoch, Josie Freeby. row 3: Austin Epp, Tyler Dubin, Jacob Barren, Brian Callahan, Xavier Capallo, Miguel Acosta.


passing the light. Juniors Emily Pyles, Victoria Porter, and Riley Mortensen hold their candles tightly during the induction ceremony. "Seeing all of my classmates dressed up with their families was nice," Mortensen said. "I liked passing the flame, and I was glad I didn't catch myself on fire."

helping out. Senior Kayla Zimmerly reads to Kai Strichertz while assisting with the NHS-sponsored child care during Parent-Teacher conferences. "I like NHS because it forces people out of their comfort zone," Zimmerly said.

reflection. Senior NHS president David Katosh highlights club activities during the induction ceremony. "NHS has been on excellent opportunity for my peers and me to branch out and increase our community awareness by working to find solutions through our volunteer experiences," Katosh said.

making it official. Junior Kathryn Clark signs the membership registry during the November induction ceremony. "NHS so far has been a really great experience. It's so much fun to actually get out into the community to help others," Clark said.
National Honor Society

Helping out. Senior Xavier Capalla hand
d out T-shirts during the blood drive. "It
was really cool watching the blood and
needles from a distance," Capalla said.

Good deed. Junior Caitlin Hillard
gives blood to earn an NHS point.
"It was an easy way for me to
get a point, and I also got to help
people," Hillard said.

Playing trains. Senior April Umbenhower
puts a train track together with Allison
Campbell, daughter of math teacher Heather
Campbell, during the NHS child care
available at the February Parent-Teacher
Conferences.

What’s on your mind?

National Honor Society is a great way for students to help
the community. The club focuses on leadership, scholarship,
service, and character. Students must show all four traits to be
members. They must also have a GPA of 3.2 and be selected
to join. All teachers rate prospective members on character
and leadership, and a faculty council makes the final decision.
Those who are selected are inducted in November. Members
completed many activities throughout the year, including YMCA
help, a highway clean-up, babysitting, and tutoring freshmen.
Members also participated in many individual activities.

Pitching in. Junior Persephone Hart and senior Ariel Williams pick up trash
on K-7 during a large-group NHS project. "I wanted to help because of how
disgusting the road conditions up there are," Williams said.

Tagged:
Emily Pyles
Victoria Porter
Riley Mortensen
Kayla Zimmerly
David Katosh
Ariel Williams
Xavier Capalla
Caitlin Hilliard
April Umbenhower
big game. Senior Kaleigh Crider puts her game face on before the Powder Puff game. Crider led the way for the senior team, scoring both touchdowns. "It was the first game I had played in, and it felt really great to be the only one to score a touchdown," Crider said.

fantasy football. Junior Somee Sprenkle (center) runs towards the end zone as senior Alex Argudo chases her down in the hopes of grabbing her flag.

"It was the first game I had played in, and it felt really great to be the only one to score a touchdown," Crider said.

Junior Team

Senior Team

fired up. The senior cheerleaders show their enthusiasm before the game. "My favorite part was learning all the cheers that the cheerleaders do and realizing that cheerleading is not as easy as it looks," senior Michael Harman said.

sisterly love. Senior Sarah Freeby and junior Josie Freeby get pumped before the game at Kaleigh Crider's house. "It was a lot of fun, but I was disappointed that we lost," Josie Freeby said.

warming up. Getting help from a pro, seniors Chris Stites, Blaine Lewis, and Ryan Morris watch as a senior cheerleader shows them the right moves. "All of the cheerleaders who helped us learn the moves had some good advice, like how not to drop me," Lewis said.

getting ready. The senior team huddles together to figure out their next play. "I've never really played football, so it was interesting to learn some of the plays. It was a lot of fun playing since it's a boys' sport," senior Alyssa Scott said.
Being creative. Senior Emily Randolph makes a valentine for one of the residents at the Edwardsville nursing home. "I enjoyed the projects that we did to help others," Randolph said.

Listening closely. Senior Kayettes president Celicia DeLeon pays attention while sponsor Linda Orangkhodivi addresses members at the club's first meeting. "As president, I enjoyed the chance to help organize volunteer opportunities that directly benefited our community," DeLeon said.

Signing in. Junior Kelsey Leatherbury writes her name on the attendance roster at a meeting in the media center. "I joined Kayettes to get involved in the community and to help others," Leatherbury said.

first meeting: Junior Maya Banks signs in as fellow junior Bridgett Bradley looks on. Helping hands. Senior Samantha Haas (below) prepares to make valentines for nursing home residents and soldiers. "Making valentines for people had to be my best memory of Kayettes. It felt good to do something nice for the community. I like to help people in need, and I get to do that in Kayettes. It also looks good on a college application and that's why I joined the club," Haas said.

What's on your mind?

Devoted to making the world a better place, the Kayettes stay busy year round with a multitude of activities. Some of their activities include sending valentines to soldiers fighting overseas, collecting toys for battered families, and adopting a family. The goal of Kayettes is to provide opportunities for girls at the high school to help the community.

"I have been in Kayettes all four years of high school. My best memory would have to be Kayettes camp; I got to meet so many people from other schools. It was a lot of fun." - Dani Green, senior at 9:15pm October 19 • Comment • Like

"At first, I wanted to join Kayettes because of the Powder Puff game, then I realized the club got together to help people. It is a great way to meet and connect with other girls." — Christeen Coon, senior at 9:15pm October 19 • Comment • Like

"I joined Kayettes because it looked like a fun group, and they do a lot of service projects. My favorite memory for sure was the flag football game; it was so much fun!" — Lindsay Hunt, junior at 9:15pm October 19 • Comment • Like

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Garrett Kruger
Chris Stites
Michael Harmen
Clarence Forshey
Blaine Lewis
Cameron Summers
Ryan Morris
Sarah Freeby
Josie Freeby
Emily Randolph
Celicia DeLeon
Kelsey Leatherbury
"Nothing is more challenging than leading your peers, let alone leading them in front of a screaming crowd of fans."
—Morgan Tinsley, 12

"I think we become a lot more experienced this year. We played better as a group."
—Jordan Carter, 10

"Being a part of band through the years has been an exciting roller coaster."
—William Rhodes, 12

"I enjoyed helping the freshmen learn to march."
—Katie Tisch, 12

"The band has really improved this year."
—Collin Henry, 11

"It is challenging and you have to be dedicated."
—Joe Arnett, 9

"Seeing the band progress and grow is fun and exhilarating."
—Courtney Wheeler, 9

"Meeting new people and becoming better as the year progresses has been the highlight of band."
—Renee Maxey, 9

Sophomore Melissa Cisneros holds her clarinet with care before beginning to play. "I’ve enjoyed all the things we’ve had the opportunity to do, from pep band to football games," Cisneros said.
The Sound of Marching

by Victoria Porter

It causes you to turn your head and tap your feet. It is the sound of the band. They pump us up at football games and keep the beat.

The band represents some of the school’s most spirited students, cheering us to victory with their powerful sound. It takes a great amount of time and effort to be a part of this musical ensemble.

“We have a number of talented and dedicated players who work every day to improve. This drive to get better is what has rapidly improved the sound of the band,” director William Turley said.

Many students feel being a part of this group has given them a great sense of pride for their school and has challenged them to reach new musical horizons.

Small but ... Mighty!


Yes, they may be small, but looks can be deceiving. That is definitely the case of the BSHS Jazz Band. Their small appearance is just what you see. However, what you hear is the beautiful dynamics of an extremely dedicated and musical group.

“I enjoyed the variety of different styles of music; it definitely stretched my musical vocabulary,” said junior Jonathan Price.

Due to scheduling conflicts, students were not able to have Jazz Band as a class, so these students devoted their Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15 a.m. until school started to create their unique sound.

placed with precision. Students Ramey Hunt, Melissa Cisneros, Tyler Johnson, Jonathan Price and Collin Henry stand in alignment at a home game. One of the most challenging aspects of marching is staying in formation with your peers.

with eyes of intensity. Junior Tyler Johnson stands in preparation before proceeding to march at a home game. “I like playing songs that give me challenges,” said Johnson, who has played the alto and baritone saxophone in band for the past seven years.
Family focus paves the way for musical success

Students in the vocal music department not only focus on what comes out of their mouths, but what comes out of their hearts. "I treat them as if they were my own kids," director Brian J. White said. "There is much praise and tough love, but only when it's warranted. I give them suggestions on how to grow, and they appreciate that opportunity."

White said that it's the "extended family" atmosphere that fuels the program's success and has resulted in top rankings. At the State Large Group Festival on April 14, Women's Ensemble, A Cappella, and Concert Choir competed against other area vocalists and made school history with all three earning a "I" rating.

"It was a first for me," White said. "It was one of the goals Mrs. Canaday and I had, but we didn't tell the students so they didn't feel the pressure of that goal."

The success continued at the State Solo and Ensemble contest on April 24 where junior T.J. Walker earned a "I" rating as well as Project X, the select ensemble that meets before school starts on Thursdays.

Another performance highlight for the department came with the addition of a percussion section that performed with A Cappella at the winter concert.

"The students came to me with the idea," White said. "It gave the piece an authentic feel and added energy to the performance."

To build a foundation for his program's success, White said he sees his classroom as a "big, huge speaker system."

"I arrange the students to project a unifying voice. I place students who don't normally sing as loudly next to those who do. Through the social aspect of our family setting, they expand and grow together," White said.

**by the numbers**

| "I" ratings received at the State Large Group Festival for A Cappella, Women's Ensemble, and Concert Choir | 3 |
| estimated enrollment of students in all five choirs | 230 |
| "I" ratings received by Brad Brewer, Katie Burton, Xavier Capella, Daniel Hillard, Mackenzie Lee, Ashley Muldoon, Chelsea Peters, Morgan Tinsley, Emily Warren, and T.J. Walker at the KVL Solo and Small Ensemble contest | 10 |

"Singing a solo is an incredible feeling, like a shot of pure adrenaline to your system."

— Ariel Williams, 12

unified effort. (clockwise) Senior Brittni Littlejohn, junior Chelsea Crawford, senior Candace Hightower, and junior Kathryn Clark perform with A Cappella. Freshman Alex Martinez and sophomore Taylor Thoele sing with Concert Choir.

drumming a beat. Senior Tyler Kelly plays the djembe during the Winter Choir Concert. "I think it added a sense of originality because most choirs at our level do not perform with a percussion section," Kelly said.
What is your favorite part about Choir?

**Tyler Walker** That people from all cliques, races, places, faces, and all walks of life come together for a single purpose... to sing.

at 3:51 pm March 25 • Comment • Like

**Alexandria Vanderpool** Choir is a time that I get to unwind from the other, more stressful curriculum. I enjoy it because we have fun and are successful.

at 12:39 pm March 17 • Comment • Like

**Josh Oden** My favorite part about Choir was having to go on stage for the first time to sing.

at 7:16 pm February 8 • Comment • Like

“"It’s a fantastic experience being able to make the music we do and add all the little things to make it that much better.”

—Mackenzie Lee, 12

singing out. Senior Alan Smith and junior Dustin Ross (center) perform during the winter concert. "Choir is an easy and fun way of expressing yourself," Ross said. "It's a blast.”
While some compete on the athletic field, others fuel their competitive fires on the academic field. BSHS has three main competing clubs: Academic Decathlon, Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad.

Academic Decathlon participants brush up on their skills with practice meets and then gear up for the state meet at K-State.

"We had a really dynamic group this year, many of whom were very interested in the theme, which was the French Revolution," sponsor Sarabeth Sack said.

Quiz Bowlers practiced throughout the year with sponsor Chris Wood and then competed from October to January.

"My favorite part about Quiz Bowl was just going out, having fun and showing what you know," sophomore Devyn Hayes said.

With a young squad, the Science Olympiad team spent more time practicing than they had previous years.

"We were a team predominately made up of freshmen, so we hope this exposure to this activity helps us become more competitive in the future," new sponsor Jeremy Beach said.

"The best part about Quiz Bowl is that no one is overly serious."
—Junior Persephone Hart, shown testing the buzzers before a home meet.

**By the numbers**

- 40 individual medals won by the Academic Decathlon team at state
- 16 questions in a typical Quiz Bowl round
- 20 schools competing at the Northeast Kansas Regional Olympiad meet
Seniors Miguel Acosta and B.J. Rhodes prepare for a varsity meet. “The best part about Quiz Bowl is that you learn a lot and you discover you know more than you think,” Rhodes said.

Freshman Courtney Wheeler works on her mousetrap car at regionals. “It was a lot of work, but it really made us think,” Wheeler said.

Freshmen Brittney Huffman and Troy Hull pour water into their water-propelled rocket before competition begins.

Senior Alan Smith and junior Persephone Hart collaborate while answering questions in the Physics category.

Senior Blaine Lewis writes down some last-minute notes before competing at the state meet on Jan. 23.

Junior Amelia Sheldon and freshman Sierra Seacat compete head-to-head with other top schools in the Super Quiz competition. Contestants viewed Power Point questions on various categories.

Junior Jeffrey Lynch watches intently as area schools test their knowledge at the Academic Decathlon state meet. Lynch won four medals, including one silver and three bronze.

650 cookies baked and served at the two home Quiz Bowl meets

12 medals won by freshman Sierra Seacat at the state Academic Decathlon meet

5 medals won by freshmen Buddy Burnett, Zach Butner, Drew Clark, Troy Hull, and Courtney Wheeler at Science Olympiad Regionals

15 “serious” members who compete in Quiz Bowl
Solace found in the pages of books

Despite the world’s ever increasing reliance on technology, some skills—like reading—remain constant and vital to our lives. Whether you aim to be the next Bill Gates or a fry cook at McDonald’s, reading will always matter.

“Reading is a lifelong skill; it encourages thinking, reflecting and cultural literacy,” English teacher Nancy Baker said. “No matter what field you decide to go into, you will be required to read and be able to understand what you are required to read.”

Fellow English teacher Ann Smith agrees. “Students should read because it broadens their horizons and helps them to gain a better understanding of the world so they can make good choices in life.”

Students are reading not only to fulfill a homework assignment, but also as a way to escape to other worlds. With the popularity of the Twilight and Harry Potter series, many students are ditching the TV remote for a good book and are reading more than ever.

“Reading is something that I’ve always done,” senior Lynsey Ostman said. “I really enjoy peace and quiet and a good book.”

The renewed emphasis on reading inside and outside-of-class appeared to make a difference on state reading test scores, where students exceeded expectations and met AYP goals.

Write Something...

What’s your reading profile?

**SENIOR LYNDIE KILL**

*best book this year: The Morganville Vampires by Rachel Caine. It wasn’t generic like the other vampire books.*

*favorite bookstore: Borders*

*number of books read per month: Two*

*why reading is a passion: My life is kind of boring, so reading provides an adventure.*

**SOPHOMORE CHRIS WILLIAMS**

*best book this year: Witch and Wizard by James Patterson.*

*favorite bookstore: Books-A-Million*

*number of books read per month: 25*

*why reading is a passion: It takes me somewhere new every time I read a new book.*

**JUNIOR TAYLOR HUNT**

*best book this year: The Great Gatsby*

*favorite genre: Inner conflict or man vs. self*

*number of books read per month: Two*

*why reading is a passion: It allows me to see other places, watch conflicts unfold and put myself in different viewpoints without changing myself.*

**required reading**

**grade: 9**

“The Cay” by Theodore Taylor

“Romeo and Juliet” by William Shakespeare

“Lord of the Flies” by William Golding

“My favorite was Romeo and Juliet because I liked the storyline better than the other books.”

Miranda McCullough

Sydney Turner

**required reading**

**grade: 10**

“To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee

“The Tragedy of Julius Caesar” by William Shakespeare

“I preferred To Kill A Mockingbird because they face problems that are still relevant today.”

Nick Trischler

“I liked To Kill A Mockingbird because it had a good plot that I could actually understand.”

Ashlyn Swan
free read freedom. Freshman Haley Close takes advantage of reading time in Hannah Oberg’s English 9 class. Senior Taylor Swan focuses on the plot during “Free Read Friday” in Nancy Baker’s World Lit class.

role play. Freshman Sierra Seacat acts out a part in Romeo and Juliet in Jennifer Stricherz’s fourth-hour class. “I believe when students watch or act in the play they are participating in the dramas as Shakespeare intended,” Stricherz said.

required reading grade: 11
“The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald
“Anthem” by Ayn Rand
“Bless Me Ultima” by Rudolfo Anaya
“Tuesdays with Morrie” by Mitch Albom

“I liked The Great Gatsby because it was based on real events and showed the contrast between new wealth and old wealth.”
Taylor Hunt

“My favorite book we read was Bless Me Ultima because I liked learning about a different culture.”
Jacob Nay

required reading grade: 12
“Macbeth” by William Shakespeare
“Beowulf” by Unknown

“Macbeth was my favorite because I learned to interpret context clues and complex reading through Shakespeare.”
Ryan Holcomb

“Macbeth was my favorite because we got to act it out or watch others act it out in class.”
Kayla Loftiss

new writing club debuts
Reading was not the only thing that was emphasized more, but also writing. In fact, English teacher Jeff Fouquet established a club dedicated to up-and-coming writers.

“There were a lot of students interested in writing and wanted feedback on their work, so I wanted to get their work out there,” Fouquet said.

To be heard and to expand their skills, students learned they needed to help each other.

“Everyone in the club turns in their writing for Mr. Fouquet to make a packet so we can read each other’s work and give constructive criticism,” junior Erica Smith said.

providing feedback. Junior Jessica Brown shares her thoughts about sophomore Scintilla Capalla’s poem at an April meeting.

“I like that we have a set time to meet during school and that if we want to say something ahead of time, we can post it on the club’s main wall,” Brown said.

supportive audience. Junior Erica Smith and sponsor Jeff Fouquet listen intently as a club member reads a poem.

mulling her choices. Sophomore Beverly Moore skims a packet during a meeting. “I love to write, and I thought it would be a great chance to share my work with others,” Moore said.

Deadlines, headlines, and headaches

A staff dominated by seniors and experience guided publication of the 73rd volume of the Pow Wow.

"It was a real luxury to have nine strong senior leaders," sponsor Jill Holder said.

Led by editor-in-chief David Katosh, the staff pushed to create a paper dominated by visual appeal, solid storytelling and thought-provoking article topics, while avoiding cliches.

These elements, combined with a talented staff who worked well with each other, and the dedication of Katosh, Holder and junior Riley Mortensen created a unique publication unlike those of the past.

"Last year the paper was more about writing and the actual stories while this year we tried to make it more visually appealing and artistic by adding graphics and sidebars," features editor Kayla Zimmerly said.

The sports section also added visual aspects to the paper, including a sports pop culture grid and followed suit graphically with more cut-out action pictures.

"I felt the sports section was much improved from last year. We had a few issues regarding time and space, but overall the feedback from our readers was extremely encouraging," sports editor Brooks Ballou said. "They approved of our changes."

Evolution of an issue
- learning to work together
- making assignments
- reporting
- writing
- revising
- distribution

by THE numbers

12 pages per issue
7 issues a year
$44 highest price ad
750 press run per issue
17 staff members
3 KSPA state qualifiers

by Jake Barren

Q&A with David Katosh

How long have you been a part of the Pow Wow?

This was my second year.

What did you in particular bring as editor that was special?

It was more about what I didn't bring; I was adamant about avoiding cliches.

On average, about how many hours would you spend on an issue?

I spent about 20 to 30 hours outside of class editing stories and designing layouts.

What are you most proud of from the Pow Wow this year?

This year's newspaper staff was an assemblage of some of the most diverse and contrasting perspectives and interests I've ever witnessed in a classroom. This was essential for breaking out of cliches and offering fresh content for our readers.

Tagged: Steven Walker, Riley Mortenson, Kayla Zimmerly, Angelica Harris, Robert Plumb, Nic Beilman, Katie Tisch, Austin Epp, Taelor Falconer.
someone bring me the TP...Talk

Development through experience, independence

From commercial advertisements for community businesses to an independently run broadcast program, the Tee Pee Talk class does much more than ordinary video production.

"My philosophy has been to put students in real-life situations where they learn the ins-and-outs of video production from first-hand experience rather than by repetitive teacher instruction," new teacher Dan Streit said.

Led sparingly by Streit as part of a philosophy to foster responsibility, the TP Talk class has moved beyond the parameters of the past and now boasts several new services, including live-streaming of the basketball games and the manufacture and sale of commercials to the community.

"All of the profits of the commercials we made and sold were put back into the class in the form of equipment, software, or hardware," said Streit.

Looking ahead, Streit said he wants to expand the services the class offers by adding football to the list of live-streams and adding two working radio booths in his classroom to broadcast music into the cafeteria during lunch.

"By the time I'm done, this class will be where I want it to be," said Streit.

scripted screening. Sophomore Blaine Edmondson films the TP Talk game show "Rabble." This trivia game pits two pairs of students against each other in answering questions asked by Edmondson and is unique to TP Talk.

in other news. Smiling for the camera, juniors Santiago Garcia and Victoria Porter anchor an episode of TP Talk. "I liked being in TP Talk because it gave me freedom while allowing me to experience broadcasting," Garcia said.

the final cut. With his deadline approaching, sophomore Ryan Cook uploads his video and starts to edit the film. "Editing was not one of my favorite parts of TP Talk because it could be very tedious at times," said Cook.

What were you most proud of in TPT this year?

All of the great TPT staff. Everyone did a really good job this year, and I'm proud of all of them.

What was your favorite part of TPT?

I really enjoyed being able to work with computers day in and day out. It was a lot of fun.
Energized by new teacher Tara Kemp, the FACS department was busier and more creative than ever.

Whether it was making sushi or taking care of an egg for a week, students found that each day was different, and they were never sure what to expect.

"I always tried to switch class groups, so students were constantly working with new people," Kemp said. "In my foods classes, one of my goals was to get students to try different things they normally wouldn't eat.

In fact, it was the opportunity for variety that made Kemp's first year memorable.

"I really enjoyed working hands-on with students," Kemp said. "I love teaching because there is something different every hour. Students are always excited to come in and work," she said.

Like most first-year teachers, Kemp spent considerable time preparing for projects that would grab her students' attention.

"I was surprised by how much time I spent at school getting things ready," Kemp said. "I was often at school at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. getting things ready for block days."

Kemp's hard work clearly paid off with her students.

"Miss Kemp is really nice, and she relates well to her students," senior Kayla Lofthus said. "She let us cook individual things, and not everyone fixed the same stuff. I enjoyed her class."

adding final touches. Sophomore Cynthia Ebertz prepares to make "Chicken Cordon Bleu" in New Century Foods. "At first it was really messy, but it turned out delicious," Ebertz said.

constructing an Egyptian masterpiece. Seniors Edgar Diaz and Chelsee Peters create a "cake pyramid" in Tara Kemp's International Cuisine class. "We made a pyramid out of cake for a contest while we were studying Egypt," Peters said. "We could either do a pyramid or a mummy. It was graded on taste and appearance, and we received first in both."

ready to roll. Freshman Raphael Peña and Kemp roll up all the ingredients for sushi. "Raphael did a really good job making and eating the sushi," Kemp said.

Top 3 Dishes

1. **Sushi**

While studying Japanese culture, students made sushi. "It is a popular dish in Japan," Kemp said. "Most of the students had never tried it before, and it was fun to make."

2. **Orange Chicken & Fried Rice**

This was a popular request from Kemp's cooking students. "All of the students wanted to make it. It was one of the more difficult recipes, but everyone did a good job," Kemp said.
BBQ chicken pizza

Another request from the students was BBQ chicken pizza. "Kids were begging for it," Kemp said. "It was a good way for them to learn to make a homemade crust."
Projects add relevance to classes

From dissections and demonstrations to racing and bug catching, the science department was busy all year with exciting, hands-on projects.

“Our labs and projects bring relevancy to a topic,” department chair Rob Marriott said. “They give students a chance for important hands-on learning and creative ways to work through the Scientific Model.”

Marriott said this added relevance also helped to prepare students for state assessments in April.

“We were very pleased that 85 percent of our students passed the test with the ‘meets standards’ designation or better,” Marriott said. “I believe our projects and labs helped to pave the way for that success.”

working intently. Seniors Jordan Kraus and Jordin Brouhard study the inside anatomy of their cat. According to instructor Cindy Hayes, students who worked on this project were all fascinated by what was found inside the cats and by the opportunity to see everything in its place. “It’s always nice to see the change in students who complain about the lab at the beginning, but who really get into it as our work continues,” said Hayes, who uses cats because they most closely resemble the anatomy of humans.

with curiosity. Seniors Bailey Nairn and Elizabeth Grinter start their semester-long cat dissection project. “I was disappointed that I had to dissect on my birthday, but exploring the stomach cavity was cool because we got to see all the components and all the organs,” Nairn said. project pride. Senior Ryan Morris holds up the tie-died T-shirt he made in Jacqi Leib’s Chemistry II class. In the lab, students worked with covalent compounds and dyed the shirts with different chemicals.
Race to the finish line

down to the wire. Junior Christina Ward finishes some last-minute touches on her mousetrap car for Physics class as part of a unit on transferring energy from potential to kinetic. "It was difficult choosing the supplies but after that decision was made the car really came together well," Ward said.

Alexis Clark
project highlight: My favorite part was putting everything together.
biggest challenge: Getting everything to actually move and work!
distance: On my first trial, my car went about 12 centimeters.

On the second trial, it went about 23 centimeters.
quote: "It was difficult making the car, but it was funny to watch everyone else try to get their cars to go."

analyzing his capture. Sophomore James Klingele pins down his bug for analysis, so he can learn about its evolution. "Even though we had to wait until the rain stopped, I enjoyed going outside to collect bugs. It was a good hands-on project," Klingele said.

to the point. Sophomore Ashley Muldoon studies the interesting new bug she caught outside the school as part of science teacher Liz Hicks' unit on classification and taxonomy. "We do this lab because it's part of the general biology curriculum, and it helps with state assessment practice. Students enjoy it because it gets them outside and active," Hicks said.
A Cappella


Project X


Concert Choir

front row: Jacob Sopher, Cheyanne Miller, Tatiana Torres, Yessenia Lugo, Samantha Hobbs, Emily Ray. row 2: Alex Martinez, Shawn Stirling, Elliott Nickell, Montaro Tomlin, Breana Lynn, Ciara Turner.
Kayettes


Science Olympiad


FCCLA


Mock Trial

Quiz Bowl


Student Council


Academic Decathlon


Forensics

Ecology Club

helping out. Decked out in a Fritz’s that he got on a field trip, senior Eric Scarborough (left) and senior Chris Throckmorton (below) pick up paper during Success Time. “Our goal was to make our school a part of something that makes a difference,” Throckmorton said. “We did our best to make BSHS environmentally friendly by having meetings every Thursday during Connection Time, so members could volunteer for the days they wanted to pick up the recycling the next week.”

Throughout the year, students in the Ecology Club did their part to help the school and the planet by placing recycling boxes in classrooms and by going around to classes to pick up any recyclables.

“This club is a good way to raise awareness about recycling,” said Jacci Leib, who has sponsored the organization for four years.

During Success Time every Wednesday, students in the club pick up recyclables and then take them to the large bin in the parking lot. They also try to collect as much paper as they can during the final locker clean-out.

Peer Helpers

raising awareness. Junior Peer Helper Erin Mills pours a chemical mixture into cups for a demonstration on AIDS Awareness Day. To show how quickly and easily AIDS can spread among people, students poured their chemical mixtures into the cups of other students. If the cup contained the “infected” mixture, the solution turned pink. Senior Clayton Rhodes (left) takes cups to mix with other students. “I felt that this activity will open people’s eyes to show how easy it is to spread this disease,” Rhodes said.

Peer Helpers kicked off the year with a retreat at Tall Oaks. The purpose of the event was to train new Peer Helpers to deal with some of the issues they might encounter while helping their classmates. A large part of the day was also spent in team-building activities. In one of the games, “Walk the Line,” Peer Helpers were asked specific questions to learn about one another’s trials and tribulations.

“It’s a very liberating activity; it’s nice to be able to open up to others and to witness their humanity,” senior Robert Plumb.

A major project came in April when Peer sponsored “AIDS Awareness Day.” Activities varied by grade level. Freshmen viewed a presentation on AIDS performed by the Coterie Theater while juniors and seniors took a self-awareness test. All students participated in a chemical cup activity during Connection Time.

“AIDS Day is important because brings awareness to a topic that is sometimes not talked about enough,” said senior Steven Walker, the group’s BASE representative and event co-chair.

Anime Club

Sophomore Turner Crawford and freshmen Ashley Adams and Nicole Smith work on their sketches at a Monday afternoon meeting in art teacher Jason Romanishin's room. "I was experimenting with what shapes might go best with my character," Crawford said of his drawing. "I liked the club because anime is something I really enjoy."

Wanting to express their artistic talents, a group of students approached art teacher Jason Romanishin because they wanted to improve their drawing skills by forming an Anime Club. Romanishin agreed to sponsor the club, and the group met on the first and third Mondays in Romanishin's room.

"We started the club with others who shared some of our beliefs and interests," sophomore Turner Crawford said. "I think everyone who has attended a meeting has enjoyed it. It's free and offers you the chance for constructive criticism."

So why anime? "I think the students like anime because it seems current, in terms of style and subject matter," said Romanishin. "I think cartoons and comics in general are something that kids have an interest in."

SADD

speaking out. Pittsburg resident Amy Marrs speaks to students while holding a picture of her son, Brandon, at a press conference held in front of BSHS to kick off the Mobile "Eyes" program. Marrs' son died in a car accident in 2008. signing up. Senior Korey Sanborn (far left) signs a pledge card after the SAFE assembly. By signing the card, students agreed to wear seatbelts, to drive the speed limit, and not to drink and drive. safety first. Sophomore Bobbi Allred (left) buckles up after climbing in to the "Convincer," a simulator that allows you to feel the force of a car crash.

Building awareness and encouraging students to make good choices, SADD branched out beyond BSHS in several major projects. On Feb. 11, they sponsored a SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) assembly which featured an appearance by the crash dummies and short speeches by Highway Patrolman Howard Dickinson and Bill Cordes. After the assembly, students signed cards pledging to wear seatbelts. BSHS was one of six area schools chosen to participate in the SAFE program. On April 8, BSHS was the site of a news conference introducing a new youth driving safety campaign called "Mobile "Eyes" (Every Youth Exhibiting Safety). The campaign was a collaborative effort between highway safety departments in several midwest states and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Finally, members participated in "Act Out Loud," a campaign that promotes focused driving instead of distracted driving. In one of many projects, members created a Facebook page and posted safety videos that they created.

"Distracted driving is most definitely a destructive decision," said Courtney Wheeler, the Act Out Loud team captain. "Fifteen people per day are killed by distracted drivers, and we are committed to raising awareness to save lives."


communications classmates. Freshmen Hannah Novogradic and Hannah Reed pair up for a project in their Introduction to Communications Technology class. "We've been friends since preschool," Reed said.

smiling support. Freshman Logan Terrell takes part in a Peer Helpers meeting. "I liked how we encouraged students who weren't social to make new friends," Terrell said.

breakfast buddies. Freshmen Chance Siles and Miranda McCullough and sophomore Keith Lambie enjoy breakfast at Queen's Price Chopper as part of the Renaissance rewards program.

connected. Junior Nina Sablotny checks her phone. "It was easy making friends here because everyone was really nice and curious to learn about me and where I'm from," said Sablotny, who is from Germany.
Fantastic freshmen. (clockwise from top) Dressed in Elizabethan attire, Courtney Wheeler reads a portion of Romeo and Juliet in her English class; Britney Huffman and Buddy Burnett toast marshmallows as part of a lab experiment in Earth and Space class; Haley Close and Peter Swanson clip samples of strong photographs in their Introduction to Communications Technology class; Yesenia Lugo and Kalim Raza Khan work on notes in science; Elliott Nickell helps out with the class float at the bus barn; Dr. John Makona’s World Geography class throws him a party in honor of his 149th “birthday.”

Class breakdown: 114 males 93 females

President - Tessa Newberry
Vice President - Skyler Taylor
Secretary - Sydney Shepherd
Treasurer - Chad Uhl
Representatives - Sarah Catron, Lauren Culter, Madison Epp, Haley Hoffine, Cassady Holloway, Tyler Jenkins, Justus Seaton, Logan Terrell

Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen
Ashley Adams
Kelsey Addie
Jose Aguilera-Franco
Clifton Allen
Joseph Arnett
David Arnold

Stephanie Arnold
Gabriela Arzabala
Allison Augustine
Kendall Bailey
Patrick Ballard
Mandy Ballou

Caleb Bennett
Loren Bergstrom
Kaysi Bias
Jonathan Blackwell
Joshua Bonwell
Joel Brantley

Michelle Briggs
Amber Brillhart
Vanessa Brooks-Cobbins
Jordan Brown
Shawn Bryant
Collin Bulkley

Buddy Burnett
Devin Butler
Zachery Butner
Matthew Call
Cord Cannon
Nicholas Casteel

Sarah Catron
Drew Clark
Tanner Clark
Jared Clements
Haley Close
Taylor Coleman

William Collins
Allie Crane
Dante Crider
Lauren Culver
Anna Deegan
Paul Deeter
My name is Ryan Schuler
childhood ambition To be a pirate
wildest dream Sending a slinky down the world's biggest set of stairs
biggest challenge being someone great
perfect day Sleeping all day
favorite movie Full Metal Jacket
last purchase Aerosmith CD
inspiration Those who go from nothing to something

My name is Tessa Newberry
childhood ambition NBA player
wildest dream Truly touching someone's life and heart
biggest challenge Keeping my purity ring
perfect day The day I meet my creator
favorite movie The Prince of Egypt
last purchase KFC
inspiration anything
My life is one big struggle
Samantha Hobbs
Haley Hoffine
Taylor Hogan-Gooch
Cassady Holloway
Kayla Horn
Tyler Howell

Britney Huffman
Amanda Huggins
Troy Hull
Coleman Isacs
Austin Jamison
Tyler Jenkins

Rachael Jensen
Gabriel Jessie
Shelia Johnson
Christian Jones
Robert Jones
Aubrey Julo

Zachary Kennedy
Thomas Kimbrough-French
Zachery Kindred
Austin King
Nicholas Korosec
Jordan Lockner

Morgan Lafon
Keith Lombie
Joseph Lentz
Tyler Lentz
Aaron Lewis
Stephen Lewis

Savannah Lochert
Yesenia Lugo
Cheyenne Luth
Winter Luttrell
Breana Lynn
Alex Martinez

Alexes Martinez
Anna Martinez
Brooke Mason
Shyla Mason
Renee Maxey
Aspen Maxwell
My name is Sydney Bryce Shepherd.

childhood ambition...To be a princess.

wildest dream...To be a singer/actress.

writer all at once.

biggest challenge...Surfing with the drama and uncoordination of life.

perfect day...Having as much as possible with EVERYONE I love.

favorite movie...Pride & Prejudice.

last purchase...A hat.

inspiration...My ipod, friends, & life.

My life...My favorite roller coaster...the only one worth riding.

My name is Logan Terrell.

childhood ambition...pro basketball player.

wildest dream...I fell off a cliff and my stomach dropped while I was alive.

biggest challenge...ignoring K-state fans (Kyle S.)

perfect day...3 basketball games. Low Ailing Citizen.

favorite movie...32-ounce drink.

last purchase...My dad.

inspiration...My life...is awesome.
Kaitlyn Probasco
Aaron Puckett
Kalim Raza Khan
Dalen Reed
Hannah Reed
Micael Reed

Merrick Reiss
Samantha Ricci-Weller
Quinn Richert
Mason Roberts
Derek Rodgers
Stephanie Rose

Austin Ross
Ashlea Roush
Elizabeth Ruth
Jhonatan Sanchez
Daniel Santana
Ryan Schuler

Sierra Seacat
Kyle Sears
Justus Seaton
Timothy Sharp Jr.
Alex Shearer
Sydney Shepherd

Kyle Skinner
Madison Sloan
Marquette Smith
Kevin Smythe
Tomas Solano
Jacob Sopher

Anthony Steinbacher
Shawn Stirling
Chance Sites
Dalazha Stokes
Peter Swanson
Ciera Sweeney

Skyler Taylor
Beau Tedford
Logan Terrell
Harley Theno
Christina Thrash
Montaro Tomlin
My name is Hayla Fratzel
childhood ambition Be a Doctor
wildest dream To be a princess
biggest challenge Finding a way to be happy 24/7
perfect day A day on the beach in Hawaii
favorite movie Grease
last purchase Underwear
inspiration My Parents
My life is GREAT!!!

My name is Tylynn Glenn
childhood ambition singer
wildest dream travel the world
biggest challenge trying new things
perfect day having a credit card with no limit to shop with all day
favorite movie Johnny Depp movies
last purchase 3oh!3 shirt
inspiration my mom
My life is what I make of it!
super sophomores. (clockwise from top) Enjoying the buffet, Lauren Callahan and Katelyn Smith dig in during their Mardi Gras party in their French class; Tony Sanchez helps out by drying dishes during his FACS class; Forming a clay bowl, Ashlyn Swan begins the creative process in her Ceramics class; Joseph Dooley works on his packet as part of a biology lab; Searching for examples, Cheyenne Wilson works on a typography project in her Desktop Publishing class; Gary Knight, Allen Maness, Chase McClary, and Jordan Carter march along the street during the Homecoming parade.

class breakdown 120 males 98 females
President – Ashton Isjas
Vice President – Kylee Timberlake
Representatives – Lauren Callahan, Emily Hunt, Mackenzie Lofton, Trey May, Nate Mitchell, Haley Mostar, Katelyn Smith, Toni Stock, Breanna Tendick

Sophomores
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My name is **Anna Baker**

childhood ambition: to be a vet
wildest dream: to climb Mt. Everest myself
biggest challenge: studying for all my classes
perfect day: no school and plenty of sunshine
favorite movie: *Skeleton Key*
laster purchase: Kool-Aid
inspiration: Photography

My life is over the hill and through the woods, but what's next?

My name is **Devanti Finch**

childhood ambition: Martial Artist
wildest dream: to be as famous as Bruce Lee
biggest challenge: Training
perfect day: when there's no school, plenty of time to draw
favorite movie: *Avatar*
laster purchase: Lunch
inspiration: Bruce Lee

My life is challenging, yet fulfilling
Alyssa Buttaccio
Lauren Callahan
Scintia Capalia
Jessica Carroll
Jacob Carter
Jordari Carter

Steven Caswell
Kristy Chastain
Matt Chilson
Melissa Cisneros
Matthew Clair
Austin Clouse

Austin Cobb
Andre Cobbins
Matthew Coffman
Jose Contreras
Ryan Cook
Monte Cox

Jacob Crawford
Turner Crawford
Shane Crosby
John Davidson
Jairo Diaz
Morissa Diaz-Eastwood

George Docking
Joseph Dooley
Salina Duarte
Jessica Duckworth
Renee Dumler
Renada Durley

Cinthia Ebertz
Blaine Edmondson
Austin Edwards
De'Vanti Finch
Hector Flores
Krystina Floyd

Nicholas Franchetti
Daemon Franklin
Brittany Frentrop
Angelica Galvan
Chase Galvan
Alexander Garcia
My name is Joey Miles

childhood ambition To be a Cop
wildest dream To meet Bugs Bunny
biggest challenge Remembering to do my homework
perfect day Any day without school
favorite movie The Hangover
last purchase Barbie thing
inspiration My grandpa

My life is amazing

My name is Tyreka Johnson

childhood ambition Teacher
wildest dream to travel the world
biggest challenge acting Christian
perfect day The day I have no worries
favorite movie Our Family Wedding
last purchase lunch
inspiration anyone helping others

My life is fantastically fun

Christina Gee
Dustin Gilbert
Miranda Hackney

Malcolm Harden
Devyn Hayes
Victoria Haynes

Drew Hern
Yessenia Hernandez
Adela Herrera

Philip Holcomb
Ethan Hook
Katrina Houston

Emily Hunt
Ramey Hunt
Jenna Hutzel

Shane Hutzel
Ashton Iselas
JJ Jackson

Tyreka Johnson
Jonathan Jones
Shawn Jones
Alesha Tomasevic
Nick Trischler
Elaine Turner
Kyle Turner
Kenneth Tyson
Ricardo Urriola

Vincent Vaca
Sergio Valenzuela
Amber Wallace
Joy Wallace
Nicole Walters
Symone Warren

Dion Washington
B.J. Watson
Austin Wells
Nicholas Whalen
Brandon White
Steve Williams Jr.

Cheyenne Wilson
Emily Wilson
Erica Wilson
Jordan Wiser
Katin Woolridge
Arlando Young

JoVante Young
Michael Yuncker
Bradean Zamora
jammin' junors. (clockwise from top) Luke Porras takes a knee after pre-game warm-ups to listen to head coach Lew Kasselman; In the pink spirit, Christa Ward and Delling Jiang fold Pink Crush T-shirts so they can be passed out; Angelica Harris and Samee Spreankle hope for a safe landing in their egg drop project in Physics; Chandler Clark signs in at a Koyettes meeting in the media center; With concentration, Jeffrey Lynch hits all the right notes on his trumpet; Jessica Johnson complete a chemical mixing lab in her third-hour science class.

class breakdown
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Juniors Juniors Juniors
2011
Kaitlyn Addie
Laura Allbee
MacKenzie Anderson
Shirlle Anderson
Jakob Bailey
Angelina Barajas

Lindsey Bassa
Jonathan Bonnet
Briggitt Bradly
Bonnie Brown
Jessica Brown
Brian Callahan

Camron Callahan
Joshua Carlson
Nicholas Carver
Dustin Catron
Alexis Clark
Brandon Clark

Chandler Clark
Kathryn Clark
Kaylyn Colton
Aracely Correa
Christian Cote
Tyler Covington

Chelsea Crawford
Irene Crump
Tanner Cushman
Jhonathon Davis
Kyle Day
Randy Doty

Maria Duarte
Tyler Dubin
Cody Duncan
Cordell Duncan
Katie Ellingsworth
Austin Epp

Alyson Espy
Arika Franklin
Josie Freeby
Santiago Garcia
Savannah Glammeier
Lauren Groves
My name is **Alexiz Moore**

childhood ambition: Become a doctor

wildest dream: Travel with my friends around the world

biggest challenge: Running without hurting myself, doing math right

perfect day: Hanging out with friends

favorite movie: Across The Universe

last purchase: Candy

inspiration: Parents

My life is one big adventure

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My name is **Jacob Day**

childhood ambition: Learn every language

wildest dream: I could see the future and I was in my favorite book

biggest challenge: Learning Sign Language

perfect day: Skateboarding all day with friends

favorite movie: Twister

last purchase: Alice in Wonderland tickets

inspiration: My family

My life is full of variation
My name is Josie Freeby

childhood ambition: to be famous
wildest dream: to find the lost pharaoh's temple in Egypt
biggest challenge: planning for my future
perfect day: going to the lake with family and friends
favorite movie: Transformers
last purchase: school lunch
inspiration: My father

My life has just begun and is going to be amazing!

My name is Lucas Evans

childhood ambition: Become a racecar driver
wildest dream: live happy and healthy!
biggest challenge: Competing at the highest level I can and succeeding
perfect day: Hanging out with friends with NO worries
favorite movie: Talladega Nights
last purchase: Something racing related
inspiration: My Dad

My life: Live everyday to the fullest and do it with a smile.

Chantell Scevers
Stephan Schwab
Caleb Seaton
Amelia Sheldon

Erica Smith
Samee Sprenkle
Franklin Stoldt
William Storms

Lesly Sullivan
Jessica Throckmorton
Cecilia Trujillo-Villaneda
Allie Twombly

Tyrone Tyner
Megan Ussery
Alexandria Vanderpool
Karl Vaughns

Rafael Vazquez
Dalton Vitt
Charles Wagner
Tyler Walker

Christina Ward
Kathryn Wecker
Destiny White
David Williams

Ivyann Witzke
cook book. New FACS teacher Tara Kemp works with students in the kitchen. "The most memorable thing about my first year of teaching was having to fix all of the students' mistakes when we would cook," Kemp said.

frightening fun. Science teachers Elizabeth Hicks, Jeremy Beach and Cindy Hayes show their school spirit on the day before Halloween.

teachers in tiaras. Ann Smith, Kelly Hammond, Marsha Nelson and Susan Swabb dress up during Homecoming Spirit Week by wearing matching T-shirts and crowns. "We brainstormed together, and we decided to be the language queens," said Swabb.

starting young. Wood Tech teacher Kris Munsch works with Bonner Springs Elementary students as part of a collaborative bat-house project.
Jerry Abbott, Principal
Susan Anderson, Food Services
Lucinda Arnett, Paraprofessional
Nancy Baker, Language Arts
Jeremy Beach, Science

DiAnne Berning, Bookkeeper
Twila Bolton, Food Services
Diane Bonner, Success Center
Tom Borengasser, Paraprofessional
Dan Burns, Industrial Technology

Heather Campbell, Mathematics
Marsha Canaday, Vocal Music Accompanist
Carla Cline, Food Services
Gwen Dickinson, Special Education
Bill Downing, Language Arts

Debbie Foley, Student Services
Jeff Fouquet, Language Arts
Martha Gamble, Food Services
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
Jennie Hale, Food Services

Kelly Hammond, Foreign Language
Cindy Hayes, Science
Elizabeth Hicks, Science
John Hilton, Athletic Director
Jill Holder, Journalism

Joe Hornback, Assistant Principal
Linda Harvath, Art
Ryan Hull, Social Sciences
Brandon Jobe, Physical Education
Lew Kasselman, Physical Education

Tara Kemp, Family and Consumer Sciences
Sarah Kolle, Mathematics
Cheryl Lacer, Mathematics
Joe LaCicero, Business
Mary Lauber, Library Media Aide
Adrienne Law, Business
Lisa Lugar, Language Arts
Debbie Maddy, Library Media Specialist
John Makona, Social Sciences
Bryce McFarland, Business

Brett Misse, Guidance Counselor
Jim Mitchell, Special Education
Rick Moulin, Assistant Principal
Kris Munsch, Industrial Technology
Marsha Nelson, Foreign Language

Clay Oakes, Science
Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Education
Rebecca Plaschka, Guidance Counselor
Cindy Ready, Mathematics
Linda Reed, Food Services

Barry Richards, Mathematics
Crystal Richardson, Physical Education
Jason Romanishin, Art
Sarabeth Sack, Special Education
Jennifer Schlicht, Social Sciences

Katie Schumm, Special Education
Donna Sharpnack, Mathematics
Ann Smith, Language Arts/ESL
Kay Smith, Registrar
Tom Smotherman, Custodial Services

Dan Streit, Technology Education
Jennifer Stricherz, Language Arts
Susan Swabb, Foreign Language
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Bill Turley, Instrumental Music

Lynn Veatch, Mathematics/Science
Carolynn Welliver, Special Education
Brian White, Vocal Music
Chris Wood, Language Arts

Not Pictured:
Hannah Oberg, English; Monty Bechard, Physical Education;
Jacci Leib, Rob Marriott, Science;
Justin Howe, Jenny Myers, Social Sciences; Tim Ney, Substitute;
Kathy Harding, Food Services;
Shannon Pierce, Tracy Backes, Nursing; Linda Kesselman,
Secretary.
most athletic
Justin Howe and Crystal Richardson

best dressed
John Makona and Lisa Lugar

most talkative
Elizabeth Hicks and Barry Richards

most unique
Jason Romanishin and Chris Wood
funniest
Jim Mitchell,
Linda Orangkhadivi,
and Bryce McFarland

best friends
Jennifer Schlicht and
Adrianne Law

best ride
Tara Kemp and Rob Marriott

faculty fast facts

148
Combined teaching years of Mrs. Wood, Ms. Horvath, Dr. Makona, and Mrs. Nelson

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Teachers who graduated from BSHS: Bill Downing, Jenny Myers, Rick Moulin, and Lisa Terrell

9
Teachers who joined the staff in August

60
total number of instructional staff
burning brightly. Taylor Swan and Savannah Casteel observe the colors of the flame during a fourth-hour Chemistry II lab. "My favorite part of the lab was all the different colors that came from the flame," Swan said.

observation. Mixing chemicals, Bradley Brewer participates in a Chemistry II project. "I enjoyed the labs because you could do your own thing and work at your own pace," Brewer said.

homecoming spirit. Jordin Brouhard carries balloons to place around the football field. "I enjoyed helping Miss Low decorate for the homecoming game," Brouhard said.

pep talk. Captains Jacob Barren, Korey Sanborn, and Max Barren, pump up the crowd before the Homecoming game.

beginning to end. A group of seniors take a break after working on their class float at the bus barn. "Float construction was really fun. It was nice to see our class working together," said Taylor Reed, far left, back row.

senior support. Chris Stites, Joey Robertson, and Sam Walton watch the action closely in a home football game against Lansing.
1. **Couple Meant to Be**: Sam Haas and Chris Stites
2. **Always Texting**: Dani Green and Jordan Kelly
3. **Most Likely to be Famous**: Ryan Holcomb and Taylor Swan
4. **Life of the Party**: Jake Barren and Carli Turner
5. **Kid at Heart**: Blaine Lewis and Tessa Seaton
6. **Most Spirited**: Tyler Kelly and Bailey Nairn
7. **Most Athletic**: Max Barren and Emily Herre
8. **Nicest**: Sam Walton and Flora Nyakatura
9. **Best to Bring Home to Mom**: Emily Randolph and Ryan Morris
Senior Favorites
### Senior Favorites

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Starlight at the Lake

Juniors Kaylie Holloway and Dalton Vitt

Senior Jacob Slattery and his date Myranda Shannon
Senior Jordan MacDonald and sophomore Sidni Sprenkle

Senior Harley Rusza and her date Brendan Martin

Seniors Alyssa Scott, Blaine Lewis, Kevin Beashore, and Kayla Zimmerly

Senior Michael Fisk and sophomore Bobbi Allred

Senior Ryan Morris and freshman Madison Sloan

Sophomore Katrina Houston and senior Carlos Espinoza

Sophomore Mackenzie Lofton and junior Juan Pichardo
Juniors Caitlin Hilliard and Lucas Isaacs

Junior Savannah Glammier and senior Major Brooks

Senior Katie Burton and her date Austin Stone

Sophomore Morgan Simpson and Senior Da'Niko Brooks

Junior Angelica Harris and senior Steven Walker

Seniors Brandon Eastland and Meg Fowler

Senior Christeen Coon and junior Luke Porras

Juniors Allie Twombly and Tanner Cushman

Senior Eric Scarborough and junior Kelsey Leatherbury

Seniors Katie Tisch and David Katosh

Senior Emily Randolph and junior Jonathan Price
A Night to remember

by Shelby Ney

The month of April is a busy time for juniors, seniors and those underclassmen planning to attend Prom. Whether it be trying on dress after dress to find the perfect one, or picking out your tux, or overcoming the nerves to finally ask that girl you’ve had a crush on since the beginning of the year to go to Prom with you, preparing for the event can bring mixed feelings.

In keeping with tradition, Prom was held at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse on Saturday, April 17. This year’s theme, “Starlight at the Lake,” featured twinkling stars, light-up towers, and an archway.

“I felt like the decorations were really pretty, and I was very proud of the work that we accomplished,” said Erica Smith, who was one of the juniors selected to decorate.

After the doors opened at 8 p.m., students were free to get their pictures taken, vote for king and queen, enjoy the refreshments, and dance the night away.

One new twist on the evening involved the ever-important music.

“We chose to use a disc jockey from radio station 93.3 and that really added to the atmosphere,” sponsor Adrianne Law said.

Leaps and bounds.
Juniors Angelica Harris, Samee Spreenle, Kaylie Holloway, and Erica Smith jump with glee as they finish decorating for prom. Moving to the music. Juniors, seniors, and their dates enjoy Prom night.

enjoying the moment. Seniors Vanessa Lugo and Robert Plumb were crowned as king and queen during the dance.

royal court. front row: Savannah Casteel, Emily Herre, Vanessa Lugo, Tessa Seaton, Morgan Tinsley.
row 2: Zachary Hunt, Robert Plumb, Chris Stites, Cameron Summers. not pictured: Brandon Eastland.
It's your senior year. You are the top dog of the school, the upperclassmen, and ready to graduate. However, in your mind is that one thing we all dread: the Senior Project. It's something that all seniors must successfully complete in order to move on to their bright futures. Some do the project simply to complete it while others strive to create something great and to expand their minds and abilities.

Michael Harmon chose a project that not only taught him new skills, but one that also improved his home. He landscaped a portion of his front yard and built a brick retaining wall, which he said was the "most difficult" aspect of his project.

"The best part of my project was going in on the day of senior boards and talking to my judges," Harman said.

As part of his senior board presentation, Harman (shown right) demonstrated how he cut brick to create the retaining wall.

revving the engine. Justin Buehler rebuilt a 455 Oldsmobile motor and dropped it in a 1979 Trans Am. "My favorite part was finally getting it done," Buehler said.

"I wanted to write a song that would push me musically. I was lucky that this inspiration occurred right around the same time we had to choose our Senior Projects," said Ryan Holcomb, who wrote a song entitled "Light Emissions" for his project. The creation of this work totaled more than 60 hours.
Many students do not get the opportunity to play a sport during their time in high school, so Jordan Kelly hosted a softball game with those people in mind.

Giving students a chance to enjoy this team sport, Kelly battled the weather while planning his project. The event was rescheduled multiple times due to a wet softball field.

In the end, the project was a success and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated. At his senior boards, Kelly had softballs lightscribed (like the one on page 102) and gave them to his panel as a way to remember the project.
preparing, Dani Green assists Elizabeth Grinter with the adjustment of her mortarboard before the start of graduation. out the door, Members of the Class of 2010 make their way to the ceremony at the district PE Center. all smiles, Shaylene Mason, Priscilla Cerros, and Cara Brown visit with Wood Technology teacher Kris Munsch before going to their holding rooms to await the start of graduation. savoring the moment, Kevin Beashore finishes moving his tassel from right to left as a symbol of his graduation. addressing her peers. Kayla Zimmerly delivers the opening portion of the valedictory speeches.

Project Grad

Project Graduation was held at Finnegan’s Hall in Kansas City, Mo. Arriving before midnight, graduates enjoyed laser tag, bowling, arcade games and go-karts. Each graduate received a $50 cash gift and $50 Quik Trip gift card.

start your engines. Chelsea Peters gets ready to race her classmates at the go-kart track. taking aim. Katie Lansdown enjoys a game of air hockey. picture perfect, Max Barren, Justin Buehler, and Jordan Kelly have their picture sketched by a caricature artist.
The Class of 2010 had six seniors who were ranked at the top of their class academically. Valedictorians were Jake Barren, David Katosh, Shelby Ney, Katie Tisch, and Kayla Zimmery. The salutatorian was Ana Prado. The graduates teamed up for a multi-part speech that encouraged their peers to take risks and experience new things, while also reminiscing over the past four years.
Senior Collin Stirling puts forth maximum effort while competing in the KVL meet at Basehor. "Collin was a true leader. His work ethic and dedication were second to none," head coach Brandon Jobe said.

Freshman Aubrey Julo rushes the net in a singles match on the home tennis court. Julo had the team's only winning record at 12-11.

Sophomores Chase McCleary and Kris Scott quench their thirst during a home game.

The JV softball squad huddles up at the season opener at Perry. "It was a good first year of coaching at BSHS," coach Crystal Richardson said. "This squad really improved."
Taking aim. Freshman Jessica Moulin plants her foot in the hopes of scoring a goal in a junior varsity home game against Topeka Seaman.

Moving forward. Sophomore Philip Holcomb comes up for air in a freestyle event at home. "Philip has a way of bringing joy to practice just by being himself," coach Lynn LaNoue said.

Tagged:
Collin Stirling
Aubrey Julo
Chase McCleary
Kris Scott
Jessica Moulin
Philip Holcomb
Senior quarterback Brandon Eastland attempts to push the ball up the field and look for an opportunity against Basehor. Eastland executed 108 passes for a total of 1,312 yards.

drive. Shoving past the defense, sophomore Steve Williams advances the ball. Williams finished the year with 20 catches for 191 yards. shatter. The varsity team breaks through the cheerleader-constructed banner for the Bishop Ward game.

football: top five

HOMECOMING VICTORY
After a tortuous loss against Lansing the previous year, the Braves came back for a well-deserved 44-21 homecoming win. "We had to get back at them for all of the unfortunate penalties we suffered from the last game," senior Jason Cornett said. "It was our turn to run all over them." Running back Max Barren abused the Lions, rushing for a season-high 315 yards.

TAKE IT TO THE MAX
Senior Max Barren had a breakout, record-shattering season. Barren carried the ball 266 times, establishing a single-season record. He also rushed for 1,329 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history. "I had a pretty good year individually, but I would change all of those things for one more W," Barren said.

NO PENALTY,
To close the season against Topeka Seaman was another one for the record books. For the first time in team history, the Braves completed an entire game without a single penalty. It is a small statistic that is not well-known, but is a large accomplishment for the team.

UNDERCLASSMEN TALENT
Having a strong senior class isn’t the only thing that makes a team great. Often times, the mighty underclassmen contribute their fair share of athletic ability to bring in yards and tackles. Junior Joseph Hilario carried the ball 34 times for 129 yards along with sophomore Steve Williams’ three touchdowns. On the defensive side, junior Luke Porras had 31 tackles and three interceptions while sophomore Jose Contreras added 12 tackles.

 STELLAR SENIORS
The Braves said goodbye to a talented and athletic group of seniors: Jake Barren, Clarence Forshey, Jason Cornett, Jordan Chaney, Korey Sanborn, Jacob Slattery, Max Barren, Collin Stirling, Ryan DeMato, Garrett Kruger, Brandon Eastland, and Steven Walker. Most of these players showcased their skills on both defense and offense. "Having these 12 great seniors this year made coaching a lot of fun," head coach Lew Kasselman said. While Max Barren led the offense, Jake Barren anchored the defense with 60 tackles and 32 assists.

intensity. Junior Brian Callahan competes against a Basehor defender to capture the pass. "I thought we had an all right season," Callahan said. The expectations were high, but I thought we could have measured up to them better."

Notifications

Bishop Ward 16 37
Basehor 21 44
Lansing 44 21
Mill Valley 6 42
Piper 29 7
Turner 14 39
Highland Park 26 20
Shawnee Hts. 20 49
Topeka Seaman 0 51
Overall Record 5-4
a team full of talent

by emily herre

With four strong seniors leading the way, the Braves had a successful season, ending with a 9-8 record.

The Braves kicked off their year with a big victory over Tonganoxie. Coach Mike Moulin didn’t tell his team what position they were playing or the starting lineup until they set foot on Tonganoxie grounds. He wanted to make it a big mystery to help motivate the team to play their best. His strategy worked as the Braves returned home with a 2-0 victory.

While comparing this season to previous seasons, Moulin said, "I felt there was more skill on the field and knowledge and understanding of the game."

The top two season highlights for Coach Moulin came during impressive Braves’ victories.

"The Ottawa game where we went into overtime and Nate Mitchell scored the winning goal stands out along with the Mill Valley win because it was the first time as a head coach that I beat Mill Valley," Moulin said.

During regionals, the Braves fought hard at the beginning, but fell behind in the second half to the Gardner Trailblazers, thus bringing the Braves to the end of their season.

sprinting. Senior Tyler Kelly focuses on the ball against Turner. "My most memorable moment is when I scored my first goal of the season at the Mill Valley game and after the game I had to sprint to the choir concert in the freezing rain but I made it on time and everyone applauded me," Kelly said.

in celebration. From left, sophomore Spencer Bush, junior Deling Jiang, sophomore Shawn Jones, junior Jacob Moulin, senior Tyler Kelly, and junior Connor Harrington show their excitement after Jones scored the first goal of the season off a strong cross from Kelly. The Braves took home a hard-fought 2-0 win in the season opener.

pursuing the ball. Junior Connor Harrington works to take possession of the ball at an away game. "My most memorable moment this season is when we beat Mill Valley for the first time in three years," Harrington said. Harrington and teammate Deling Jiang, also a junior, earned All-KVL first team honors.

concentration. Sophomore Shawn Jones kicks the ball to one of his teammates while playing against Topeka Seaman at home. "One of the highlights of the season was when Shawn passed the ball over to Spencer Bush, and we won in overtime against Basehor," head coach Mike Moulin said. Jones was an All-KVL second-team honoree.

What are you going to miss the most?

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**Seniors**

**Ryan Holcomb** playing soccer on a regular daily basis is what I'll miss the most. I wasn't ready for our season to end. It was most unfortunate that it ended when it did.

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**Roger Smith** the team pasta parties that we had and playing with my teammates is what I'll miss the most.

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**Tyler Kelly** the coming together of 11 players on a field working together to achieve a common goal.

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**Justin Buehler** playing with the freshmen. They're the best to mess with and my fellow seniors.

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**Notifications**

- Tonganoxie 2 0
- Lawrence Free State 0 4
- SM North 2 1
- Mill Valley 0 2
- Bishop Ward 6 2
- Lansing 0 1
- Tonganoxie 4 1
- Gardner-Edgerton 1 2
- Topeka Seaman 1 4
- Ottawa 1 0
- Basehor 2 1
- Mill Valley 4 2
- Piper 5 2
- Perry 2 3
- Turner 0 3
- Basehor 5 2
- Regionals 0 1
- Overall Record 9-8
Emily Herre senior night when we won both games. It was awesome being the only senior. I also enjoyed warm-up games with Jessie.

at 9:15 pm October 19 • Comment • Like

Jessie Kelly when I got my first kill off of a slide. I also remember all of the crazy warm-up games before matches and competing in practice with Emily.

at 4:42 am November 23 • Comment • Like

Madison Scott our fourth place in the WyCo Tournament. I also enjoyed spiking against Turner. I wish we would have had more wins, but I think we took some steps towards improvement.

at 10:26 am November 24 • Comment • Like

Haley Hoffine almost beating Lansing because that was one of the best games we played. I wish we could have won more games throughout the season.

at 10:18 am November 28 • Comment • Like

digging deep. Sophomore Madison Scott (top) gets low in anticipation of a key pass against Schlage while senior Emily Herre looks on. dynamic duo. Sophomores Erin Marx and Madison Scott rise up to block a Turner front-row attack at a home game.

taking aim. Freshman Haley Hoffine awaits the ball in hopes of an ace. Hoffine was voted the team MVP by her peers and capped off her season with a team-leading serving percentage of 93.

ready to strike. Junior Jessie Kelly focuses attentively on her serve. Kelly ranked second on the team with a 91 percent serving rating. "Jessie really worked on her jump serve," head coach Heather Campbell said.

spiking with authority. Junior Jessie Kelly goes up for a kill, adding to her season total of 82 while senior Emily Herre and junior Erica Smith cover.

concentrating on the ball. Junior Erica Smith, playing libera, passes up a free ball to her setter at a home match against Harmon while freshman Haley Hoffine looks on. "Erica is one of the most athletic girls on the team and did whatever I asked whether it was to be a hitter and blocker or a back-row passer," head coach Heather Campbell said.

taking the helm, first-year head coach Heather Campbell created a strong foundation for her young team to build upon.

"It was a learning experience, and it was different being in charge of all the programs and not just the junior varsity team," Campbell said. "Although we lost five seniors from the previous year, I was excited to work with so much young talent."

Campbell said the team played its best at the WyCo Invitational where they went 3-3 and placed fourth.

Although the Bravettes finished on a high note, their record did not support their efforts on the court.

Leading the way was lone senior Emily Herre, who was named to the All-WyCo first team.

"I was very surprised to be mentioned for the award, let alone win it," Herre said.

Junior Jessie Kelly also made the All-WyCo first team with her extraordinary play while freshman Haley Hoffine earned honorable mention recognition in her first varsity season.

A time-honored tradition in many sports is the presentation of team awards. The recipient's names are engraved on a plaque, which is then displayed in the commons trophy case. Hoffine and Herre were voted MVPs by their teammates, while Kelly was voted the best offensive player. The best defensive player was sophomore Madison Scott.

Chelsea Crawford

**Yearbook:** What was your season highlight?

**Chelsea Crawford:** My highlight for the team was scoring 15 points against Immaculata.

**Yearbook:** What would you change about the season and what skill do you hope to improve for next season?

**Chelsea Crawford:** I wish we would have finished with a better record than we did. Next season, I would like to hit harder and improve my on-court communication.

**Yearbook:** What is your favorite position and why?

**Chelsea Crawford:** Outside hitter is my favorite position because I love hitting, and it fits my style of play.

**Yearbook:** What will you miss the most?

**Chelsea Crawford:** I will miss Emily the most because of all the many competitions that she and Jessie had throughout practice.
how about the ballous? by emily hunt

Dynamic duo leads the cross country team

With back-to-back trips to the state cross country meet under his belt, everyone knew senior Brooks Ballou was headed for a monster season. What they didn’t know was that there would be another Ballou—little sister Mandy—who would also make the trip to Rim Rock Farm.

“I was really scared,” Mandy said. “I wasn’t sure if I could take the pressure. It was very nerve-wracking going up to the start of the race with all those schools with full teams.”

However, Mandy shook off her nerves and settled down to finish 47th, the best state finish for a female runner in school history.

“I thought I would run well, but I didn’t think it would be good enough to place like I did,” Mandy said. Brooks also put his name in the record books by finishing the regular season with a perfect 6-0 record.

“I won because I could and because I knew I had it in me. I didn’t feel any pressure until the end of the season,” Brooks said.

Although it was his third trip to the state meet, Brooks was not pleased with his 11th-place finish.

“At first I wanted to throw the medal in the Rim Rock woods, but then I realized it was a state medal, and I should probably keep it,” Brooks said.

Team highlights included a WyCo Championships for the boys’ team and a second-place finish for the girls’ squad.

“We had a lot of really hard workers on both squads. Their efforts really surprised a lot of people at the league meet,” Brooks said.

determination in mind. Junior Erin Mills races towards the finish line at the Bishop Miege meet. Mills finished the race in 31st place with a time of 19:49. Mills ran her best race of the season at the Wyandotte County Championships where she placed 11th.

terrific trio. Sophomore Matthew Coffman, junior Austin Epp, and freshman Thomas Kimbrough-French stay together at the WyCo Championships where they finished first as a team. “It was a great race, and everyone ran really well. It encouraged everyone to try harder at the future meets,” said Coffman, who finished at 18:20, good for a second-place medal.

in stride. Freshman Mandy Ballou moves ahead at regionals which were held at the Wyandotte County Park. Ballou finished 18th with a 17:10.

along the line. Competing at regionals, senior Brooks Ballou leads the pack. Ballou captured his first regional championship with a time of 17:20.
brining home the hardware

with Brooks Ballou

status: 1st, Bonner Invitational

time: 16.31

“It was my gutsiest performance. I was down 100 meters late and came back to win.”

status: 1st, KVL

time: 16.46

“It was one of my better races from the standpoint that I felt well and I was ready to run.”

status: 1st, Regionals

time: 16.55

“I didn’t feel good that day. It took everything I had to hold off my Aquinas opponent.”

status: 11th, State

time: 16.57

“I went after the win because I didn’t want to look back with any regrets. I was upset that my placing wasn’t any better, but I knew I left everything on the course.”

cross country. front row: Irene Crump, Scintilia Capolla, Mandy Ballou, Kaysi Bias, Matthew Coffman. 
row 2: Xavier Capolla, Brooks Ballou, Tyreka Johnson, Philip Holcomb, Steven Caswell, Joshua Oden. 
row 3: Austin Laing, Thomas Kimbrough-French, Stephan Schwab, Zach Povitzki, Juan Pichardo.

Notifications

Girls Boys

Topeka Hayden NP 5th
Bishop Miege NP 5th
Bonner Springs Inv. 14th 7th
Ottawa 5th 4th
KVL 8th 4th
WyCo Champ 2nd 1st
Regionals 5th 6th
tennis: top five

by lauren groves & erica smith

STATE QUALIFIERS

The duo of senior Emily Randolph and sophomore Breanna Tendick earned the right to go to the state meet in Wichita in doubles. The last time this was accomplished was in the fall of 2007. "The tournament was fun, but it was pretty intimidating because there were more than 70 players there."

REGIONALS

Upsetting three seeded teams at the regional meet in Gardner, Emily Randolph and Breanna Tendick stepped up to finish in fifth place. This put them in the perfect spot to take advantage of a rule change that awarded state qualification to the top six regional teams. "They were heavy underdogs," head coach Bill Scott said. "Emily and Breanna made a great doubles team because you had one aggressive player at the net, and one very consistent backcourt player. They both really respected each other and became very close friends on the court."

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Dominating their own invitational, senior Samantha Haas and junior Caitlin Hilliard captured first place in No. 2 doubles. Also, in the same tournament, senior Emily Randolph and sophomore Breanna Tendick placed third in No. 1 doubles.

CHEERLEADERS

When four varsity cheerleaders decided to join the team, this normally quiet sport found new enthusiasm and energy. "It was really funny because you’re supposed to be quiet in tennis, but when someone did something good we would always scream and yell," junior Lindsay Hunt said.

RANDOM SILLINESS

There were many team traditions, including TPing the coach’s house and camping out on the tennis courts. The silliness sometimes found its way on to the court as well. "I can’t remember what meet it was, but I was so nervous when I was serving that I kept hitting my partner, Sam Ricci-Weller, in the head," junior Persephone Hart said.

complete focus. Senior Samantha Haas prepares to serve. "Keep your eye on the ball and you can never lose," Haas said.

hustle. Exerting extreme effort, sophomore Toni Stock returns the ball in a home doubles match. "I played doubles with a lot of different girls, and it was always fun," Stock said.

all smiles. Senior Emily Randolph hugs sophomore doubles partner Breanna Tendick after the duo won a regional elimination match that qualified them for the state tournament. (photo courtesy of Chris Wristen, Bonner Springs Chieftain).

drop shot. Sophomore Breanna Tendick returns a volley during regional play at Gardner. "I had no idea what State would be like, but it was a really good experience," Tendick said. "I wasn’t even expecting to go." (photo courtesy of Chris Wristen, Bonner Springs Chieftain).

domination. Junior Persephone Hart shows spectacular effort to return the ball. "The best part about the season was that we had a lot of new players who were serious about the sport, but who also liked to have fun—unlike past years where we would get yelled at by other players for messing around," Hart said.

concentration. Junior Riley Mortensen serves with intensity while trying to get an ace at a home match. "Before every game I ate three red grapes and listened to Ice Ice Baby," Mortensen said of her pre-meet ritual.

Danielle Duarte

Yearbook
Hey girl! How was tennis this year?
Danielle
I thought it was fun. It was a pretty good season. I got to play more than last year.
Yearbook
Awesome! How did you finish the season?
Danielle
Hmmm... I got bageled a lot! Then I bageled someone for the first time.
Yearbook
Nice work. Do you have anything to say to your teammates before leaving high school?
Danielle
Practice a lot so you can do your best. I hope everyone has fun. Good luck next year! :)

Notifications

Bishop Miege 2 9
Olathe North 6 2
Baldwinwest 2 10
Lawrence 3 3
Maranatha Academy 8 10
Leavenworth 4 2
Lawrence Free State 0 4
Mill Valley 3 11
Baldwin Inv. 5th
Bonner Inv. 4th
DeSoto Inv. 6th

Overall Record
3-6-1
The Bravettes' performance was streaky this season; they started off the season with three losses and went on to win their next three games before falling to Perry, 36-38. "Defeating Mill Valley 57-36 on Courtwarming night after losing to them by 19 points two weeks earlier was my proudest moment," head coach Clay Oakes said.

The young talent of the Bravettes proved to be the deciding factor in many games this season, and Oakes used his young players more and more as the season continued. Freshman Haley Hoffine ultimately earned the starting point guard position and ended up leading the team in assists. Hoffine won two team awards: the Top Newcomer Award and the JV Coaches' Covenant Award. Another young talent, sophomore Yessenia Hernandez, was named to the all-KVL honorable mention squad.

On the other hand, the Bravettes had to depend heavily on the aggressive veteran leadership of senior Lynsey Ostman.

"Lynsey contributed as a leader on the floor through her actions and the way she played. She was the most aggressive player on the team and was our best defender," Oakes said.

Senior Meg Fowler was selected Most Inspirational Player by her teammates and also received the Varsity Coaches' Covenant Award, for her efforts.

Write Something...

What made your senior season stand out?

**Lynsey Ostman** My biggest memories include all the times I spent with the team. We always laughed so hard when we were together, which made for a happy team. On the game side of basketball, many memories jump out, but the one that stands out the most was when we defeated Tonganoxie with my last-second layup to beat the buzzer.

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**Meg Fowler** My favorite memory on the court was when we beat Mill Valley. We have been trying to beat them for four years now, and we finally accomplished it! I love my girls so much, and I will always remember the time we spent together on and off the court. I especially enjoyed team dinners, where we usually got a bit wild and laughed a lot.

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Penetrating to the basket, senior Meg Fowler looks for an opening. "I was never a selfish player, and I always tried to play to our strength, which was our posts," Fowler said. Sophomore Emily Wilson pushes the ball into the post against Basehor in a home loss. Wilson led the team in rebounds with 4.1 per game.

Sophomore Emily Wilson pushes the ball into the post against Basehor in a home loss. Wilson led the team in rebounds with 4.1 per game.

Freshman Holey Hoffine looks for an open teammate. Hoffine led the team in assists with 1.4 per game.

Senior Lynsey Ostman anticipates her game winning drive into the lane; her layup gave the Bravettes the go-ahead point as time expired in a 48-47 win over Tonganoxie. Ostman was selected team MVP and Top Defensive Player by her teammates.

Junior Erica Smith dribbles around a defender. Smith led the team in scoring with 6.6 points per game. Chelsea Crawford fights for position against a Lansing defender. Crawford had 49 rebounds for the season.
fear the freshmen

Young squad qualifies five for state meet

With a new, passionate coach who possessed a fierce hatred for losing, the young and highly experienced wrestling team returned to its spot among the top KVL powers.

"I really believe we are one of the most improved teams in the state because of the focus and work ethic of the team," new head coach Brandon Jobe said.

This improvement was evident as the team progressed from a seventh-place finish at the KVL Match-Up to an impressive third-place finish at the KVL Tournament.

Jobe attributes his team's desire as inspiration for improvement.

"They really want to win, and it shows in their training," Jobe said.

The Kaw Valley League isn't the only place where the Braves shined: five wrestlers placed at regionals and secured a spot at state. Justus Seaton, Caleb Seaton, and Aaron Puckett were all regional champions while Brian Callahan and Jon Blackwell earned third-place finishes.

Out of the five state qualifiers, three were freshmen. "They have wrestled since they were little kids and have devoted many hours to becoming better wrestlers," Jobe said.

Three Braves came away with medals at the state tournament, including a second-place finish by freshman Jon Blackwell. Junior Caleb Seaton and freshman Aaron Puckett both placed fourth.

"This is Caleb's third state medal in three years and that's impressive," Jobe said. "He now has over 115 wins for his career."

Notifications

KVL Dual 7th
Lee's Summit Inv. 9th
Dick Burns Classic 4th
Bobcat Classic 18th
BVNW Inv. 11th
WyCo Tourney 2nd
KVL Tourney 3rd
Regionals 5th
State 16th

Dual Record
7-6
victory bound. Competing in the 171-pound division, junior Brian Callahan uses his strength to defeat Fort Scott's Dane Cummings in the championship round of the Dick Burns Mat Classic.

Jonathan Blackwell
Status: freshman
KVL meet: second
Regionals: third
State: fourth
"It was an overwhelming experience, but I plan on going back next year."

Justus Seaton
Status: freshman
KVL meet: third
Regionals: champion
State: One match from placing.
"I couldn't have been any prouder on how I finished."

Aaron Puckett
Status: freshman
KVL meet: second
Regionals: champion
State: fourth
"It meant a lot to qualify and so much more to place. It was great to set a goal and then achieve it."

with strength. Freshman Jared Clements holds his opponent to the mat with no way to escape at Basehor. Clements posted a 14-1 record in his first high school season. determination. Junior Caleb Seaton refuses to give up while battling his Sante Fe Trail opponent. Seaton finished the season with an amazing 43-4 record. ready to shoot. Freshman Jon Blackwell (far left) studies his opponent while competing in the state finals. "I never expected to make it to the finals," Blackwell said. "I felt like the spotlight was on me, and I didn't really like that. Overall, though, it was a great experience." (Photo Chris Wristen, Bonner Springs Chieftain)
YOUTHFUL TEAM SHINES

With only two seniors, the Braves have a great advantage for years to come. This season there were six sophomores who lettered, along with five juniors. "We took a step in the right direction this year, and with almost everyone returning, next year will be huge for us," Hull said.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

With new players there came a renewal of something that hadn't been around in years. Before every game the team gathered in a circle with sophomore Jourdaine Smallwood in the middle leading his teammates in an energizing chant. "What we were doing was boring, and it didn't pump us up," Smallwood said, shown below. "We needed something new and awesome."
Junior Austin Laing keeps his dribble after being tripped by his opponent. "Our team relied heavily on Austin to score in the beginning of the season since we were down so many players," head coach Ryan Hull said.

taking it strong. Junior Juan Pichardo drives hard to the basket, looking to score a lay-up. "Any shot, no matter how tough, is just another shot to me. I try not to worry or get nervous about making it," said Pichardo, who often took last-second shots for the Braves.

Senior Ryan Morris "My favorite part of the season was winning the Baldwin Tournament because it boosted our team's confidence. I thought it was really cool that my friends made signs to cheer me on. They really fired me up."
clear waters. Junior Tyler Dubin swims the 100-yard backstroke, competing against five other teams. "The two things that I hoped to accomplish this year were to place first at meets and to go to state. Since I didn't make state, I hope to accomplish that next year as a senior," Dubin said.

going strong. Senior Alan Smith (far right) takes a breath during a freestyle event at the last home meet. "The year went pretty well, and my two years of swimming have been a good experience," Smith said.

fighting forward. Junior Jonathan Price races in the 100-yard butterfly at Turner. Price's best time in the butterfly was a 1:10.54.

coming up for air. Sophomore Ryan Cook competes in the 100-yard breaststroke at the second home meet. "Breaststroke is my favorite stroke, and I have gotten better at it so it has made swimming more fun. I took nine seconds off my time since the beginning of the year, and I worked hard to accomplish this goal," Cook said.
Sophomore Blaine Edmondson races to the finish at the WyCo Championships where he earned four silver medals. Edmondson was very strong in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing the season with an individual top time of 24.98.

**CROWD FAVORITES**

According to Head Coach Lynn LaNoue, Jacob Sopher’s 100-yard freestyle at Lawrence Free State was a strong memory. "The whole crowd was cheering him on by name, and it started with our swimmers and soon the whole crowd picked it up," LaNoue said. Sopher’s best time in the 100 freestyle was 3:09.28.

**IRONMAN**

The Ironman is the toughest challenge to take on at a swim meet. This year, senior Jordan Kraus was brave enough to give it a try. The Ironman is where you swim every event at one meet, and Kraus became the second swimmer in school history to take on the Ironman. "We allowed the seniors to do this last year at the last home meet of the year. J.K. did it at the beginning of the season with a total individual time of 19:00.45," LaNoue said.

**THERE’S ALWAYS A FIRST FOR EVERYTHING**

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, LaNoue got to host the Inter-League Championship meet for the first time. The squad ended up placing fourth which LaNoue didn’t expect at all. This was the highlight for his season because he was one of three coaches who put the meet into place. The team placed fourth at ILC out of eight teams. LaNoue didn’t think they would finish that high due to absences. Many of the Braves swimmers swam their best times at this meet.

**TAKING A BEATING**

A huge victory for the boys’ swim team was beating Bishop Miege. "The best thing about beating Miege was the fact that the meet was at home," LaNoue said. "We beat Miege because of their depth."

**ALUMNI**

Another huge highlight for the team was the support of the swim alumni. The boys from last year would swim with the team at practice and cheer for them at both home and away meets. Their support was a great source of encouragement for the Braves. The swimmers and LaNoue were very appreciative of this extra burst of support.

**Yearbook:**

**Yearbook:** Why did you decide to do the Ironman event?

**Jordan Kraus:** To make my school proud and to show off for the ladies.

**Yearbook:** What responsibilities did you hold while being a captain?

**Jordan Kraus:** Making sure everyone swam and getting rid of all the shenanigans.

**Yearbook:** What are you going to miss the most?

**Jordan Kraus:** My swim trunks and LaNoue.

**Yearbook:** What is your favorite stroke and why?

**Jordan Kraus:** The butterfly because it reminds me of the song "I Believe I Can Fly."

**Notifications**

- Bonner Springs: 4th/7th
- Oseawatomi: 2nd
- Turner: 3rd
- Lawrence Free State: 5th
- Leavenworth: 3rd
- Shawnee Mission West: 2nd
- WyCo @ Turner: 2nd
- Bonner Springs: 4th
- Manhattan Invite: DNF
- Inter-League Championships: 4th
sisters of dance

by ashton istas

Orange Dazzlers enjoy strong bond

From crack-of-dawn practices to sharing numerous meals together, the dance team spent a great deal of time bonding and forming a sisterhood under the direction of new head coach Tara Kemp.

"The team was really close this year. We spent so much time together it's hard not to be like family," said sophomore Ashley Muldoon.

The dance team showed spirit through crowds and worked hard sharing experiences with each other. Chemistry on the team played a major role in the success of the season.

Dance team was not always fun and games, though, and it was stressful at times. Knowing that it would all pay off come performance time, the girls stayed positive during practice to succeed in the dance.

"Practices are stressful but like everything else you work through it and make it work," junior Emily Pyles said.

strutting her stuff. Junior Jordan Merino starts off the halftime performance during one of the last home games of the season. The performance featured selections from Lady Gaga, Black-Eyed Peas and Jeremiah. "I was very proud of this dance, and we accomplished a lot in a short amount of time," said Merino.

taking it back. Sophomores Cinthia Ebertz and Ashley Muldoon performs an 80's dance at Senior Night. "Believe it or not, we didn’t have to purchase anything special. We just mixed-and-matched random clothes and accessories from our closets," Ebertz said. "The hair was the trickiest part, but we had two moms and our coach to help."

holding the pose. Freshmen Sammy Ricci-Weller and Ceasar Diaz relax at the conclusion of the guy-girl dance. "It was our first and only dance with partners, and it was a lot of fun," Weller said.
with much pride. Junior Kathryn Clark represents the dance team in the first showing at the Tiblow Days Parade in late August, show time. The dance team kicks off its season at the fall pep assembly with many more performances to come.

How do you think your first year of coaching went?
“My first year coaching here has been great. I really pushed the girls and in the end they were able to go further than they even imagined.”

What are your thoughts about the girls this season?
“I couldn’t have asked for a better group of girls. I completely changed the team from day one. I would throw a lot at them, and they were always able to handle it with grace. They would get frustrated sometimes because I was constantly making changes to their routines, sometimes even minutes before their performance, but they were always accepting and had amazing performances.”

What’s the hardest part of being a dance coach?
“The hardest part of being a dance coach would probably be the end of the season when you have to say your goodbyes to the girls.”

Did you have dance already in your life before this year?
“I started dancing when I was three and then stopped when I was in high school and became a cheerleader. In college my sorority competed in dance competitions so I got back into it.”

top 5 dazzler essentials

bobby pins.
“When you’re a dancer, bobby pins are a must. We have probably used hundreds.”
—Angelica Harris, 11

facials.
“You have to fake it until you make it; if you look like you’re having the best time, then people will believe you and make your performance look better.”
—Emily Pyles, 11

makeup.
“I can’t dance without a large amount of eyeliner. It’s pretty much like a part of the uniform for me!”
—Brenna Hoch, 11

certainty.
“Confidence is a big part of dancing because the crowd realizes if you are nervous or not.”
—Lauren Culter, 9

hairspray.
“In every dance we used so much hairspray, I HATE HAIRSPRAY; I’m still washing all of it out of my hair.”
—Kathryn Clark, 11
New coaches bring new energy to squad

The BSHS cheerleading squad began a new chapter when they welcomed two new coaches. However, Whitney Mitchell and Liza Vize were not entirely new to coaching. Mitchell had previously been the Orange Dazzlers' coach and was also a cheerleader in her high school days at BSHS.

A new year meant a new team, and an away camp at Rockhurst University that helped the squad to build friendships and trust.

The squad also attended a day-long cheer and dance festival at Mill Valley on Nov. 14 to show off their spirit like so many other teams. They finished the day with a second-place rating.

"Camp was a major beginning to a new season full of unexpected twists," said senior cheerleader Kelly Chastain. "By the time the Mill Valley festival came around we had found our strengths, which enabled us to work around them."


varsity cheer squad. front row: Brittany Frentrop, Alyson Espy. row 2: Kelsey Leatherbury, Eliza Scott, Mandi Ballou, Kaylie Holloway. row 3: Emily Hunt, Lindsay Hunt, Brittani Littlejohn, Kelly Chastain, Ashton Istas, and Lauren Callahan.


sky high. Junior Alyson Espy keeps up with the intensity of a home basketball game. "I really enjoyed being one of the flyers for the varsity cheer squad since not many people can do it and it's exciting," said Espy.

Mid-season try-outs

There were many changes to this year's cheerleading squad and having mid-season try-outs was definitely something new. The team was expanded when three new varsity cheerleaders and one new junior varsity cheerleader were added.

Having these new girls was a very helpful addition in talent. Two of the new members who joined the varsity squad had some cheer and dancing experience in outside-of-school activities. Junior Brittany Frentrop was already a part of a competitive cheerleading squad that had attended many rewarding competitions. Freshman Madison Epp had experience performing with the Kansas City Ballet, along with a background in gymnastics. Blending new talent with existing talent was a winning formula for the varsity cheerleading squad.
Brayton Frentrop: "Having gymnastics gives me experience and that helps out in cheerleading in many ways.

peppy. (clockwise) The varsity squad pumps up the crowds while tossing out necklaces at the Homecoming parade; sophomore Brittany Frentrop claps for the Orange Crush at a basketball game against Santu Fe Trail; sophomore Eliza Scott performs to the fight song at a home game.

Kelly Chastain: There really weren’t any benefits as a senior. You have a voice like everyone else, but you also have more responsibility than others.

Malia Williams: Being older didn’t make an honest difference. As a squad, everyone had to do their part. Age didn’t have anything to do with that.

Brittani Littlejohn: I definitely enjoyed being one of the oldest. There were certain benefits, but at the same time we were treated and given the same opportunities as everyone else.

role model. Sophomore Ashton Islas gives a few tips at the Kids’ Clinic during the last home football game. "Being a part of the clinic makes you realize how much young girls look up to us and how important it is," said Islas. "It’s great knowing that someday they will follow in our footsteps."

Madison Epp: "Being a dancer, I have to pick up on choreography quickly, so learning cheers and dances comes easily to me. Also, the strength I have gained from gymnastics and dance has helped me with jumps and stunting. I was a gymnast before and that’s when I learned how to tumble."

pump up the crowd. (clockwise) Senior Brittani Littlejohn and junior Lindsay Hunt keep the Braves’ spirits up against Basehor; sophomore Emily Hunt carries out a perfect extension at a basketball game against Santa Fe Trail; senior Malia Williams and sophomore Lauren Callahan support breast cancer at the “Coming Together For a Cure” game in Turner.
MAKING IT TO STATE
For the first time in school history, four swimmers earned the right to compete at the state meet. Senior Emily Herre reached state qualification in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard freestyle while sophomore Toni Stock hit state consideration times in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley. The Braves also hit a consideration time in the 200-yard freestyle relay which consisted of Herre, Stock, and freshmen Kaysi Bias and Cheyanne Miller. "I was excited for the girls," coach Lynn LaNoue said. "They all worked hard, and it was wonderful to see their efforts recognized with a trip to the state meet."

BREAKING RECORDS
Seven records were broken during the season. Emily Herre established new marks in five events: 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 500 freestyle and was also a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay team which set a new record at 1:55.67. Toni Stock broke the record in the butterfly with a time of 1:09. "I was excited and happy that I improved. It was a lot of work to get faster," Stock said.

SECON D AT WYCO
As the season progressed, the team worked harder and became stronger, which paved the way for strong season-ending performances at the WYCO and ILC championship meets. Although they were one of the smallest squads at the WYCO meet, the team turned in an impressive second-place finish with all swimmers recording personal best times.

NEWCOMERS
The team was led by five seniors, including two who were first-time swimmers. "Having several senior swimmers always makes the whole group more focused and responsible," Coach Jaye Shaer said. "I sometimes have mixed feelings about seniors who join us as first-year swimmers because we can see the potential they would have had if they had swum with us all three years. However, we feel lucky to have had Danielle and Liz with us this year. They really added strength to our team."

On May 22, four swimmers traveled to Topeka to compete at the state meet. Emily Herre finished 8th in the 50 freestyle and 10th in the 100 breaststroke while Toni Stock placed 18th in the butterfly. The 200 freestyle relay team also competed.

pulling away. Freshman Kaysi Bias swims the breaststroke at one of three home meets. Her season best time in the event was 1:34.46. "This was my first year swimming and it was really hard at first, but everyone on the team would always do whatever they could to help us," Bias said.

making waves. Senior Emily Herre swims the butterfly as part of the 200-yard individual medley at a home invitational. Herre's best time was 2:32.06.

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"State was exciting at first, but then nerve-rocking before you swim and finally a huge sense of relief when you’re done swimming. I tried to treat it like it was just another meet and that calmed my nerves a lot."
—Emily Herre

"State was the most stressful thing I’ve ever gone through in my whole life, but it was exciting at the same time."
—Toni Stock

"I’ll miss all the friends I made and the nicknames that they gave me (Lindo, Leonard, Lidia)."
—Lyndie Kill

“I really enjoyed the camaraderie you experience with such a small team. I’m really going to miss it next year.”
—Bailey Nairn

“I really enjoyed having a personal bond with all of the girls and watching as all of our hard work paid off.”
—Elizabeth Grinter

“I loved learning how to swim since I never knew how and going off the diving board for the first time in my life.”
—Danielle Duarte

“The one thing that I’m going to miss the most is beating teams twice our size.”
—Emily Herre
ready to go the extra mile

Small, but talented group has successful state trip

Although it didn’t last long, the boys 4x400 relay team tasted the sweet success of a state championship while competing in Wichita.

The team, which consisted of senior Clayton Rhodes, juniors Camron Callahan and Nick Carver, and sophomore JJ Jackson, finished the race in second place at 3:24.23, just behind the Shawnee Heights’ team. However, the Shawnee Heights team appeared initially to be disqualified for a lane violation, so the Braves were awarded first place.

“We knew what it was like to be first for about seven minutes,” Callahan said. “However, after they reviewed the video, they decided that there was no disqualification, and we were asked to hand over our medals.”

Returning the medals was a tough realization for the team. “Clearly, they got first and got the better time, but it was highly upsetting. The fact that we had our first place taken away from us hurt. We had our glory snatched away,” Callahan said. “Ultimately, though, being a runner-up was okay with me. It gives us motivation for next year and something to look forward to.”

The team also placed third in the 400-meter relay with a 43.76.

Other state competitors included Brooks Ballou, who placed sixth in the 3,200 meters; Carver, who took 8th in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 9 inches; and senior Jake Barren, who took 9th in the shot put. Junior Bridgett Bradley was the only girl to qualify, and she finished 10th in the discuss.

“We were really happy with the performances and the attitudes of our athletes. We weren’t in that many events, but we knew we had a chance to medal in every event where we qualified,” said coach Rob Marrott.

Earning state medals was a great ending for the three senior competitors. “This year’s track team was special because I got to bond with the same four guys. We started out not winning and grew together into champions,” Rhodes said.

leader of the pack. Senior Brooks Ballou cruises to the finish line at the Bobcat Relays where he won the 1,600 meters and the 3,200 meters in the second meet of the season. Ballou went on to earn a sixth-place medal in the 3,200 at state with a time 9 minutes, 52.20 seconds. “It was pure determination to win my third state medal,” said Ballou of the strong surge that enabled him to move from eighth to sixth place in the final lap. “I was happy I had enough left to finish strong.”

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4x400 relay team

second place • 3:24.23
Camron Callahan • Nick Carver
JJ Jackson • Clayton Rhodes

4x100 relay team

third place • 43.76
Camron Callahan • Nick Carver
JJ Jackson • Clayton Rhodes

“Our second-place state medal makes me want to work harder next year for first place.”
—Nick Carver

“I think our hardest-earned medal was from the KU Relays because we were up against the best of the best from 1A all the way up to 6A teams.”
—Clayton Rhodes
toss up. Junior Josie Freeby competes in the shot put at the Bonner Invitational where she placed third. handing it off.

Sophomore Emily Wilson passes the baton to sophomore Maryssa Peterson in the 400-meter relay at the league championships at Mill Valley. The team placed fourth with a time of 54.04.

lift off. Junior Nick Carver competes in the long jump at regionals in Topeka. Carver finished in first place with a season-best leap of 21 feet, 8 inches. “My finish was really surprising because I only got one jump that day and it was raining, so that might have been a factor,” said Carver. “Overall, I think I could have done better, but for my first year as a long jumper I believe I did pretty well. Before each meet, I would make sure I was stretched out, had my techniques down, and most of all that I was mentally prepared.”

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teamwork. Sophomore Tyreko Johnson receives the hand-off from junior Irene Crump while competing in the 4x100 relay. The team recorded its best time at regionals where they finished at 51.9. “In every other regional that time would have been good enough to qualify for state,” coach Rob Marriott said. “That relay was a real focal point for that group of girls.”
Write Something...

What was your favorite memory while playing on the softball team?

**Spotlight**

**Kaleigh Crider** Finally having two coaches that actually knew what they were doing and who were willing to help players improve their game.
Senior # 7 - Comment - Like.

**Kaylie Holloway** Taking second in the Turner tournament and spending time at the team dinners with my teammates.
Junior # 8 - Comment - Like

**Breanna Tendick** My favorite memory was our game against Lansing when we had the bleachers full of fans.
Senior # 4 - Comment - Like

**Geena Harris** Being with the girls and hanging out with them all the time. I also enjoyed knowing that I would get a strikeout when I pitched.
Freshman # 3 - Comment - Like

**Geena Harris** taking aim. Freshman pitcher Geena Harris hopes for a strike in a home game against Ward. "I thought it was a blast and an honor not only to play but to pitch at the varsity level as a freshman," Harris said. lifing the ball. Junior Breanna Tendick takes a swing during a home game against Tonganoxie. "Bre leads by example, and she is one of the most talented athletes I have ever coached," Wardlow said. "She is the type of player that coaches cherish."

strikeout in mind. Senior Kelly Chastain pitches to a Lansing opponent at home while junior infielder Kaylie Holloway looks on. "Kelly did a great job on the hill," head coach Kara Wardlow said. "She went 5-5 and did absolutely everything I asked." making the play. Sophomore Kylee Timberlake keeps her eye on the ball in the hopes of recording an out in a home game. "Kylee transitioned from third to first this year and made some great plays," Wardlow said. "She saved my infielders on a not-so-great throw or a ball in the dirt."

intense. Freshman Cassidy Holloway takes a rip at a fastball in a home game against Ward.

looking for a steal. Junior Kaylie Holloway studies the action after reaching first base safely during a home game.
Starting off with an impressive 13-4 win over Turner, the girls softball team knew that they were poised for a breakout season.

After a 2-19 record last year, the squad worked hard to meet their goal of finishing better by going 9-12. Head coach Kara Wardlow said the turnaround was the result of teamwork and dedication.

"We executed better this year," Wardlow said. "When the game was on the line, the girls stepped up and approached the challenge head on."

Sophomore shortstop Breanna Tendick was the team leader on offense with a .475 batting average and a .662 slugging percentage. Defensively, Tendick had only seven errors in 80 attempts, a feat which Wardlow called "unheard of with the competition in our league."

Not far behind was freshman third baseman Cassady Holloway, who posted a .346 batting average and a .882 fielding percentage in her first varsity season.

Two other freshmen, pitcher Geena Harris and rightfielder Sam Ricci-Weller, also turned in strong efforts. "Geena stepped in this year and did a fantastic job on the mound, and Sammy did a fabulous job transitioning to right field, a position she had never played," Wardlow said.

The outfield was anchored by seniors Chelsea Parr and Carli Turner, who returned to the team after not playing the previous year.

"Chelsea and Carli made a great team in the outfield and made some amazing plays for us," Wardlow said.

With youth and talent, the Bravelettes look to the future with confidence.

focused. Sophomore Shelbie Thornton catches a strike in the first game of a double-header against Bishop Ward. "Shelbie transferred in from Leavenworth and was a welcome addition," coach Kara Wardlow said. "Shelbie called all the pitches and kind of put us [coaches] on cruise control, because she has so much knowledge of the game that you have complete and utter trust in her behind the dish," said Wardlow.

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new coach, 
new team

Braves baseball takes on a new style of play

With a change in coaches, the baseball team began a new chapter.

"It was a whole new experience having a new head coach because we did things differently, and we played the game a different style," junior pitcher Dalton Vitt said.

There were seven new players added to the varsity roster, including two seniors, so it was a challenge to learn to play together at first.

According to new head coach Barry Richards, the squad played its best in a doubleheader against Christ Prep. The second game ended dramatically when junior Luke Porras hit a walk-off home run to seal the victory and the sweep.

"I wasn't even excited until I saw my teammates surrounding home plate," Porras said. "I started to smile then and was happy."

Richards also liked the team's play against Tonganoxie in the Butch Foster Memorial Classic.

"We lost 7-4, but we made no physical mistakes," Richards said.

Although they finished with 6-12 record, Richards was pleased overall.

"I saw a lot of improvement," he said. "They were a great group of young men with high character."

row 2: Joseph Robertson, Joseph Dooley, Brandon Eastland, Ryan Morris, Brian Callahan.

lefty. Sophomore Shawn Jones concentrates on throwing his best pitch in a varsity game. "Jones was the only crafty lefty on staff," Richards said.
sliding in. Senior Joseph Robertson makes a big push as he slides into the base safely. "The best part of baseball was just how fun we made it," Robertson said. "It was by far the best season of my four years."

pitch. Junior Dalton Vitt stretches out for a fastball. "Dalton is a great role model for young baseball players," Richards said.

t-bones action. Sophomore Sergio Valenzuela pitches in the Butch Foster Memorial Classic for three innings against Perry-Lecompton. "I think Sergio is a star in the making for the baseball program," Richards said.

behind the dish. Sophomore Joseph Dooley catches a pitch at a home game. "It was fun playing varsity as a sophomore," Dooley said. "I caught all single games and switched off on doubleheaders. On the offensive side, my season highlight was hitting a triple, a double, and a single at the T-Bones stadium."

concentration. Senior first baseman Brandon Eastland stretches to catch the ball while playing in the Butch Foster Memorial Classic. "Brandon’s defense at first base saved us from lots of runs being scored against us," Richards said.

you’re out. Junior third basemen Luke Porras fields the ball cleanly, so he can make a strong throw to first base. "Luke was our most competitive player and our best leader by example," coach Barry Richards said.

Senior Joseph Robertson makes a big push as he slides into the base.

Senior first baseman Brandon Eastland stretches to catch the ball.

expected. Junior Brian Callahan fields the ball in hopes of a ground out at first. Morris tied junior Brian Callahan with three home runs, which made them the team leaders in this category.

Senior Joseph Robertson makes a big push as he slides into the base.
battl e. Sophomore Madison Morris pushes the ball forward in a home game against Tonganoxie. "We did pretty well. There is always room for improvement, including me, but the season went well overall," said Morris. willpower. Focusing on the ball, senior Tessa Seaton takes on a defender during a home match. "Being a senior on the team really made me feel like a leader. I was able to help out the underclassman and be a role model," said Seaton. one step ahead. With a strategic play in mind, senior Silvia Argudo takes advantage of the space that separates her from a Tonganoxie defender. Argudo was one of five players to earn All-KVL recognition at the end of the season.

"There were ups and downs, but we learned a lot. We were young and we will be even better next year."
—Chelsea Crawford, 11

strength. Sophomore Mikayla Burgoon protects the ball from a Tonganoxie forward. “This year we moved together well and talked more, which helped us get the ball down the field better,” said Burgoon, a left defender.

**BIG OVERTIME WIN**

The Braves didn’t go down without a fight over Tonganoxie. With a score of 1-1 through regular play, senior Silvia Angulo scored after an excellent cross from junior Alexis Clark to give the Braves a victory during the first home game of the season. According to head coach Mike Moulin, this was an early season highlight. “It was a huge relief when Silvia scored. I was also excited because we did everything correctly and it paid off,” Clark said.

**STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Not only was it Anna Deegan’s first time playing as a forward, but she was also a freshman. Yet Deegan, alongside junior Alexis Clark, held the title of the team’s leading scorers. The duo helped lead the Braves to their multiple victories. Deegan and Clark were benefited by the strong play of junior Chelsea Crawford, who was the team leader in assists. “It felt good. I didn’t realize how many goals I scored until the season was over,” Deegan said.

**A LEAP FORWARD**

Although the Braves finished with a 5-11-1 record, there was still reason to be optimistic. “Our record does not indicate a successful year, but this young, energetic group of ladies learned the game of soccer quickly,” Moulin said. “They were able to score against KVI opponents that in the years past didn’t allow us to take shots.” With this improvement, the Braves have proven they are a force to be reckoned with.

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**Overall Record**: 5-11-1

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**Yearbook: What was the highlight of the season?**

**Yessenia Hernandez**: When I blocked over a hundred shots taken by DeSoto.

**Yearbook: Which position do you like best?**

**Yessenia Hernandez**: Right wing, only because I am faster than most of the defenders.

**Yearbook: Do you have any significant pre-game rituals?**

**Yessenia Hernandez**: I do my own warm-ups right when I get to the field and then do warm-ups with the team.

**Yearbook: What is one thing people don’t realize about the goalie’s job?**

**Yessenia Hernandez**: It’s more difficult than people think. Mental toughness is a must!
finishing up. Senior Steven Walker taps in a putt at the Sunflower Classic, where he medaled with a 12th-place finish. Walker said he played his best round of golf at the Gardner Invitational where he fired an 83. "I came into the tournament more focused and ready to play, and it didn’t hurt that the weather was nice for a change," said Walker, a four-year letterman.

fore. Junior Johnathan Price tees off at the Bonner Springs Invitational where he shot a 45 to lead the team, despite very windy conditions.

stellar. As the team’s only state qualifier, junior Logan Opat enjoyed a breakout season. (above top) Opat concentrates on his putt at the Bonner Springs Invitational where he shot a 46. (right) Opat studies the greens before taking a shot. (above) Opat chooses a club at the Sunflower Classic where he fired a 94, good for a 15th-place medal.
keeping it simple

Braves adapt to a new head coach and a simplified approach

When basketball coach Ryan Hull became the new golf coach, he knew he would need to keep things simple as he adapted to the sport. "Golf is a complicated sport, and there are so many things that can go wrong in your swing," Hull said. "The KISS method was our approach to making a difficult game of golf easier to learn."

Hull was not a complete newcomer to the sport. In fact, he began playing as a teenager and used his experiences to ease the transition. "The challenge of learning to coach a new sport while at the same time seeing the development of the new golfers was a great experience," Hull said.

Hull took a "cross country" approach and encouraged his athletes to aim for their own personal records every time out.

Reflecting on the season, Hull said he was particularly pleased at the Gardner Invitational where junior Johnathan Price medaled with an 82 and the team finished in the middle of the pack with three golfers in the 80s.

The Atchison Invitational was another bright spot. With three guys again in the 80s, junior Logan Opat led the way with an 87 while Price and senior Steven Walker both finished with scores of 88. The team placed fifth, their best finish of the season.

At the KVL meet, Opat medaled in seventh place after shooting 9 holes. Walker was right behind with a 44.

A significant team highlight came at regionals where Opat fired a 94 and became the team's lone state qualifier.

"Making it to state and being the only one to go was pretty cool," Opat said.

Unfortunately, Opat ran into some bad luck at state meet, which was held in Winfield.

Opat did well on the front nine, shooting a 47, but when he started the back nine, he began cramping and had to withdraw from play.

"He had some good holes and some bad ones before he had to withdraw, and I know he was disappointed," Hull said. "Logan got progressively better throughout the season and has a lot of great golf ahead of him."
concentration. Junior Lucas Isaacs focuses on keeping his toss up in the hopes of a strong serve while playing No. 1 doubles with sophomore Spencer Bush. "Spencer is better at keeping the ball in play from the back of the court while I'm a better net player. Our season highlight was beating a Mill Valley 6-0." rise up. Junior Cordell Duncan reaches up to return a volley on the home courts. Duncan finished the season with an overall record of 13-14. "The toughest part of the season was having to play multiple matches in a single week. The best part of my season was the opportunity to play No. 1 doubles at regionals with Lucas," Duncan said.

What did you improve upon the most this season?

Trey Mey This year I hit my ground strokes harder and put more top spin on them. Sadly, I was at the peak of my game at the end of the year. Overall, though, it was a fun season.

at 12:30 p.m. May 21 • Comment • Like

Ryan Cook I felt like I improved on all aspects of my game. I had some fun and disappointing matches, but it was a year when I learned a lot.

at 11:10 a.m. May 24 • Comment • Like

Tyler Johnson I worked to improve my drop shots by focusing on my footwork, and I also developed more power on my forehand and my backhand. I finished with a winning record, so I felt my season was successful.

at 11:15 a.m. May 24 • Comment • Like
Senoor Danoel Hilliard returns a volley with precision while playing at home against Mamantha. "The best thing about my senior year was playing better than in previous years. I felt like this was the best I played in all four years," Hilliard said. "The thing I will miss most is the satisfaction you get after a really good game."

In his 32 years as the Braves' head tennis coach, Bill Scott never envisioned a day when he might have to make cuts. "We had the largest number ever go out with 40 at tryouts the first week," Scott said. "I was thrilled with the enormous interest, but then reality set in and we had to cut the squad down to 25 so it was manageable."

Traditionally, the Leavenworth Invitational has been a meet where the Braves turn in their top performances, and this year was no different. Junior Jacob Moulin captured the singles championship in No. 2 singles, while juniors Spencer Bush and Lucas Isaacs finished third in double. Another junior, Cordell Duncan, added a third place in No. 1 singles.

The week before the squad hosted its own two-day invitational where they also typically perform well.

Bush and Isaacs led the way with a second-place finish in No. 1 doubles. In singles play, senior Jacob Slattery and sophomore B.J. Watson both went 1-2 with victories against Leavenworth opponents.

With a varsity squad dominated by underclassmen and a junior varsity squad that posted a best-ever 8-2-1 dual record, Scott said the team's outlook is very bright.

"We should have a very experienced varsity squad next year, and we should do well. The guys were great to coach. It was a satisfying year," Scott said.


reporter. Sophomore Spencer Bush returns a shot with intensity while playing in a home dual. Bush played No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles with junior Lucas Isaacs. "I prefer to play singles because I like to play baseline to baseline. My season highlight was taking second in doubles with Lucas at the Bonner Invitational," Bush said.

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BSHS Inv. Doubles 2nd
Mill Valley Dual 1 6
Olathe North Dual 7 5
Lincoln Prep 4 5
Leavenworth Inv. Singles 1st 3rd
Leavenworth Inv. Doubles 5th
Overall Record 17-28
freshman football


freshman volleyball


freshman boys basketball

front row: Jason Van Maren, Manager Amber Brillhart, Logan Terrell. row 2: Edwardo Flores, Mason Roberts, Dante Crider, Shawn Bryant, Kalim Raza Khan. row 3: Derek Rodgers, David Arnold, Thomas Kimbrough-French, Jose Villaneda-Rivera, Christian Jones.

freshman girls basketball

front row: Jessica Moulin, Marquette Smith, Amanda Huggins, Brooke Mason. row 2: Jene Williams, Loren Bergstrom, Micaela Reed, Skyler Taylor, Hannah Novogradic, Tatiana Torres. row 3: Coach Monty Bechard, Hannah Reed, Anna Martinez, Tiara Harden, Cheyenne Luth.

junior varsity football


junior varsity volleyball

front row: Arika Franklin, Megan Scott, Kylee Timberlake, Jene Williams. row 2: Maryssa Peterson, Emily Wilson, Erica Wilson, Miranda Hackney, Coach Crystal Richardson.

SOCCER. Connor Harrington: All-KVL First Team Midfielder. Deling Jiang: All-KVL First-Team Utility Player. Shawn Jones: All-KVL Second Team Forward. Ryan Holcomb: All-KVL Honorable Mention Defender. VOLLEYBALL. Emily Herre: WyCo Champs Magazine All-County First Team, Team MVP Award. Jessie Kelly: WyCo Champs Magazine All-County First Team, Team Best Offense Award, Team Most Improved Award. Chelsea Crawford: Team Most Inspirational Award. Haley Hoffine: WyCo Champs Magazine All-County Honorable Mention, Team MVP Award, Team Top Newcomer Award. Madison Scott: Team Best Defense Award.


"Despite the nerves, it was definitely a night I will never forget."
—William Rhodes

"It was fun and a great way to end the year with people you might not see again."
—Kelly Chastain

"I had a blast throughout the whole thing. It was a good night for the whole team."
—Max Barren
Athletes of the Year
Lynsey Ostman and Jake Barren

KHSAA Citizenship Award
Ryan Morris

2010 Kansas Board of Regents
Jacob Barren, Xavier Capalla, Timothy Clark, Jason Cornett, Elizabeth Griner, Emily Herre, Zachary Hunt, David Katosh, Vanessa Lugo, Christopher McKinney, Ryan Morris, Bailey Nairn, Shelby Ney, Emily Randolph, Joseph Robertson, Tessa Seaton, Jacob Slattery, Collin Stirling, Katerina Tisch, Kayla Zimmerly

Kansas City Football Coaches Association Scholar Athlete
Jacob Barren

2010 Kansas City Star Scholar Athlete
Jacob Barren, Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman

Governor’s Scholars Award
Jacob Barren, Kayla Zimmerly

Kansas Designated State Scholars
Jacob Barren, Xavier Capalla, David Katosh, Katie Tisch, Kayla Zimmerly

Wendy’s Heisman Award
Jason Cornett, Emily Herre

State Forensics Qualifiers
Dustin Gilbert, Lesly Sullivan, Rose Marie Brooks, Xavier Capalla

Valedictorians
Jacob Barren, David Katosh, Shelby Ney, Katerina Tisch, Kayla Zimmerly

Salutatorian
Ana Prado

Academic Excellence Awards
(GPA 3.5+)

John Philip Sousa Award
Morgan Tinsley

Dale M. Dennis Excellence In Education Award
Tessa Seaton

University of Central Missouri Foreign Language Film Contest
Second Place
Ivette Briones, Devlin Caldwell, David Katosh, Daniel Lopez, Heather Peters, Katie Tisch

KSTL MACE Student Technology Competition Winners
First Place
Victoria Porter and Zachary Reed

KSPA State Journalism Contest Qualifiers
Angelica Harris, Alyssa Leihning, Riley Mortensen, Zachary Reed, Kayla Zimmerly

JEMKC Spring Contest
David Katosh and Riley Mortensen
First Place in Editorial Writing
David Katosh
Third Place in Newspaper Overall Design
Riley Mortensen
Honorable Mention in News Photography
"It's a hoodrat Mama Holder."-Momo "What's that? Oh, a rat with a hood!"-Mama H+ "Shelby, you've grown since the last work night!"-Mama H+ "Are the whales real?"-Emily Herre+ "Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition..."-
and they were great at cranking out spreads quickly and creatively and were not early. 11

THANK YOU!

Many people do not understand the amount of work that goes into a high school yearbook. The Totem Pole might not be the biggest book around and it’s not full color, but our yearbook was definitely made with lots of love. As editor of this fine publication, I’m more than proud of our work and the staff we had this year. First, I’d like to thank Erica, Lauren, and Cinthia. Even though these girls were assigned to a specific section, they often did crossover work into the other sections. Basically they were our jacks-of-all-trades. It was a pleasure having staff members who didn’t mind branching out. Secondly, I’d like to thank Jason. As a first-year senior staff member, it’s really difficult to learn the ropes, but Jason jumped right in and combined his talents and hard work to produce wonderful pages. Next, I’d like to thank Zach and Victoria. They both came into yearbook willing to learn anything and everything, and they were great at cranking out spreads quickly and creatively and were not afraid to take risks. A special thanks to Zach for quickly becoming our go-to guy for cutouts. My next thank you goes out to Ashton and Emily Hunt. As first-year staff members, these girls worked diligently and patiently and learned the ropes as well as producing great pages. Alyssa, thank you for taking on the daunting task of handling the business section solo. You did great work and always finished early: it was great to have one less thing to worry about. Emily Herre and Lynsey, thank you for tackling the sports section for the past two years. Through all the scoreboards, sports honors, and the begging for photographers, you two have really pulled together a sports section we can be proud of. Andrea, thank you for your constant and steady leadership presence. You never complained about all the work you had to do; you simply did it. Jake Barren, thank you for organizing the millions of pictures that were taken weekly and helping anyone who needed a little help. Meg, thank you for coordinating the photo assignment schedule: it was definitely a thankless and frustrating job at times. Kaylie, I know checking names can be really aggravating because it’s so tedious, but thank you for stepping up and taking on the task. Jake Carter, you were a more-than-welcome addition to the staff. You added energy and creativity to our academics section, and your work with the many corrections towards the end of the year was a HUGE help. Thank you for bravingfall :) Shelby, thank you for taking pictures whenever needed, producing wonderful spreads, and for all your creative ideas. You really helped me during several times when I was having trouble with ideas or an overload of work, and I appreciated it.

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**Sports. Emily Hunt, Erica Smith, Lauren Carpentree, Lynsey Ostman, editor; Jason Carnett, and Emily Herre.**

**Academics and organizations. Jake Carter, Cinthia Ebert, Victoria Porter, Zach Reed, and Andrea Marx, editor.**

"Sprinkles are everywhere! No more sprinkles!" -Mama H *"No pumpkin, no treat. Definitely no pumpkin." -Bailey *"It’s only an ex-Victoria. *I gave my grandpa a foot massage with lotion..." -Erica *"Grouping is the devil!" -Mama H

**Top 5 yearbook essentials**

1. **Caffeine.** With all the after-hours work put into the yearbook, sometimes we needed a boost. This led to the addition of the newest member to the yearbook family: Mr. Coffee, our beloved coffee machine.

2. **Whales.** Any great yearbook staff has to eat! Third hour was a time for work, but was often accompanied by food and fun, including our favorite cheesy snack: Walmart Whales. We consumed more boxes than we could count.

3. **Computer savvy.** All aspects of the yearbook are digital and require skill and creativity to work with the computers to produce interesting, eye-popping pages. Yearbook also takes the patience to learn new things and to get everything just right.

4. **Fiesta Fridays.** After meeting big deadlines, the staff relaxes with a Fiesta Friday. Chips and salsa, doing the Macarena, and playing the game Taboo are musts!

5. **Mama holder.** No yearbook staff could be complete without an all-star adviser. We couldn’t get all this done without Mrs. Holder.

"...2007. They even have a specific issue!" -Jake B *"Must be someone who swims then." -Emily Herre *"If you act like a cat, then she won’t be scared!" -Meg *"Bailey, I am dealing with the chocolates right now. You’ll have to wait." -Mama H **

**...**
Jenna Caquelin

Congratulations
Jenna
We love you!

Mom and
Matthew

Jordan Kraus

Thanks for all
the joy you have
brought to our lives.
The sweet baby
has grown into a
wonderful, young
man.
We are proud
of you! God bless
you. Live, Love, and
Laugh!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jacob

Bailey Nairn

"May you grow up to be righteous, may you
grow up to be true. May you always know
the truth and see the lights surrounding you.
May you always be courageous, stand upright and be strong..."
– Bob Dylan

No words can describe our love for you.
We are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Jake

Cameron Summers

Cameron:
We are so proud
of you! You are an
outstanding person, an
awesome son, and a loyal
friend.
Can’t wait to see what
the future has in store.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Kelly Chastain

Kelly, (Keli)
We are all proud of
you and wish you
all the best
for the future.
You will go far!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Becky,
Amanda, James,
Kristy & Angel
Emily Herre

Emily,
We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished. You have brought so much energy and joy into our family. Continue to work hard and believe in yourself and remember that God's plan is always best.
We Love You!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lindsay

Tyler Kelly

Son,
Your earthy spirit and generous heart will serve you well. Work diligently and with pride. Judge slow, love much. With confidence, you will change the world for the better. Appreciate and accept all the knowledge the journey of life has to offer.
With love & pride,
Mom & Dad

Ryan Morris

Ryan,
What a joy you are! We couldn't be prouder! Always be true to yourself, follow your dreams, and work hard. Your life is going to be AMAZING!
Be Safe.
Love you,
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Grinter

Lizzie,
You have always been such a JOY to me. You will always be "my favorite little, blonde haired girl."

Love ya,
Dad
William Baker

William,
You have grown into a wonderful young man. Whatever endeavor you choose to pursue, you will be successful. I am very proud of you and will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom

Kaleigh Crider

Sis:
It seems like yesterday you were watching Barney and now you’re graduating High School. We are so proud of you. Life has just begun so take it all in and ENJOY! Always remember you will forever be our Punky Angel Girl!
We Love You
Mom & Dad

Andrea Marx

Andrea,
Where did the time go, you grew up so fast. You have accomplished so much and we look forward to watch you move ahead to your next venture.
We are so proud of you and wish you luck.
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Erin

Alyssa Leihsing

Alyssa,
We are so proud of you! Live your life to the fullest. Don’t let anything get in the way of you succeeding in life. We all wish you the best of luck in your future.
Love you!
Mom, Dad and Kim
Amanda Adams

Mandi,
We are very proud of you. We love you very much. You have a bright future ahead of you, we trust you will choose your path wisely.
Love, Mom, Wayne, T.J., Dad,
Angie & Christopher

Jake & Max Barren

Jake and Max,
It has been a joy to watch the two of you grow up. Through good times and bad you continued to persevere. I cannot be more proud of you. Best of luck on the journey called life.

Love,
Dad, Dana, and Carmen

Meg Fowler

Meg,
"You are filling those boots nicely with your exuberant and compassionate nature, your drive, sense of humor and infectious love of life.
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

-Henry David Thoreau

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, Juls & Jenny

Lynsey Ostman

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished in your 18 years. You are a great role model and the best daughter a parent could ask for. We can't wait to witness your next accomplishments.
Congratulations!
We love you,
Mom & Doug

David Katosh

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela
Take hold of your future, follow your dreams, make a difference!

Love, Mom, Dad, Joseph, Lauren
Morgan, we are very proud of the beautiful and talented young lady you have become. May all your dreams come true and remember that you will always be our Boo.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Garrett: We're so proud of your accomplishments in school and in sports. You never give up and have become quite the man. Continue to aim high and be strong.

Love, Mom and Dad

Ryan, from the day you were born, you had that sparkle in your eyes and a true zest for life. You have grown into an amazing young man. Your creative talents and determination will take you anywhere your choose. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Philip

Joey, congratulations! You have given us such joy in our lives. We are so proud of you. You have many gifts that will take you far in life. You have a bright future ahead and we wish you much love, happiness and success.

We love you,
Dad, Mom and Jon

Our sweet, silly boy has grown into a sparkling, young man. Keep on smiling, Mark!

Love,
Mom & Joey
Bradley Roush

Brad,
We love you and are so proud of you. We wish the best for you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Courtney

Danielle,
You're a great person with a fabulous future ahead. Set goals, work hard and be confident. Don't give up! Remember...
"There are no elevators in the house of success. You have to take the stairs... one step at a time." Step one accomplished! Yeah!
Love you,
Dad, Sharon & Bobbi

Brooks Ballou

Brooks,
Thank you for being the best son/brother anyone could ask for. You've given us such joy watching you grow. We're sure you'll be successful in anything you do.
Love, Mom, Dad and Boo

Eric Scarborough

Eric,
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished so far in your life and of the person that you have become. We wish you the best of luck in your future.
We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Amy and Grandma

Taelor Falconer

Taelor,
Our beautiful inside and out "Brown-Eyed Girl." We are so incredibly proud of you and know that you are just going to soar! You are not just a blessing to us but to everyone who is lucky enough to know you. Stay true to who you are and always.

Love yourself. We Do!
Mom, Dad, Darrin & Dana

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Shelby Ney

Shelby,
You have already achieved great things
in such a short amount of time, far surpassing
any expectations. You could not possibly
make us any prouder. This has been a small
window of time in the big picture of your life...
you have even greater things to come!
To our little girl who always believed in
Fairy Tales... and lived one.
To our little girl who believes in Happy
Endings... you will have one.
Just don’t forget to stop and smell the roses!
We love you,
Mom & Dad & Summer

Landon Yeager

Landon,
It’s people like you with the boldest
dreams that awaken the best in all of us.
Be who you are and say what you feel,
because those who mind don’t matter and
those who matter don’t mind. You have our
love and support now and forever.
“Cowboy Up”
Love,
Mom, Grandpa, Grandma and
the whole family

Jake & Max Barren

Believe in your dreams
Don’t settle for anything less
Than what you truly desire.
Believe in your strengths
In the courage to go on
When it would be so much easier to quit.
Believe in life
In how much you have to offer
In how it can be everything you want it to be.
Believe in your future
Follow where your heart takes you
And never forget the path home to those who love you.
Congratulations to both my babies!
I couldn’t be more proud!
All my love,
Mom (& Loki & Macy)
Clarence E. Forshey III

Trai,
Our baby boy made it! The world is at your feet. Through it all with a smile on your face, you make life fun. You make studies look easy. We envy your vigor, your happiness, your lust for what life brings. Now is the time to jump into the real world with the same strong will and desire we all know you have.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Alicia, Greg and Paris
Go Trail, Good Luck!

Blaine Lewis

Blaine:
"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

--Peter Drucker

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Emily Warren

You've always had style! Born the precious humming princess, you have grown into a beautiful talented diva. All of the gifts and wisdom you need to succeed are within you. So don't worry, just be happy, and cherish the journey. I'm bursting with pride.

Love,
Mom

Justin Buehler

Life will "always" be full of challenges and you have survived many so far. You have shown us there is no mountain too big for you to climb. Whatever you choose for your future, we wish you the best!

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Leaving so soon?

Can you remember who you sat next to in Algebra 2?

How about your locker combination?

...We thought so. :)

Though some of our biggest concerns may have been how we dressed or who had the coolest phone, we hope that you will look back and appreciate the bonds you’ve created, the skills you’ve gained, and the memories you’ve made along the way.

In the words of Albert Einstein:

“Memory is deceptive because it is colored by today’s events.”

Because most people live in the moment, it’s easy to forget the events and people who have shaped our lives and experiences. For those of you who have permanently logged out of BSHS, we wish you luck and hope that bravebook will help you to recall defining moments. For those of you logging in next year, we look forward to telling your story again.

These are your memories.

This is your story. Told your way.
a night to remember. Jake Slattery and Jordan Chaney celebrate their graduation with silly string.
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