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From the moment you first walked in freshman year to the many days you spent preparing for college, you’ve received lots of advice telling you a few different things:

be INVOLVED.
be FOCUSED.
be POSITIVE.

The response, of course, was different for everyone.

Maybe it was wearing your orange every Friday to support the Braves or maybe it was the countless hours you spent filling out tedious lab reports for Physics or possibly it was stepping out of your comfort zone to become a Big Brother for a middle school student.

Above all, you had to be true to yourself. Did you take chances? Did you make a difference? Did you have to...

be BRAVE?
"We had a good season due to all the work and training we put in during the off-season. We all got very close and considered ourselves a family. I enjoyed carrying the flag; I feel it added a little more excitement before the game."

Alex Povlitzki »12
First outdoor pep assembly features twist

It was a wet summer, not just here in Bonner Springs, but nationwide as the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge hit social media in full force.

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a disease of the nerve cells that affects the brain, spinal cord and other voluntary muscles. Patients are given two to five years to live. There is no cure.

The craze began with Pete Frates, a former collegiate baseball player who was diagnosed with the crippling disease at a young age in 2012. He posted a letter online asking for support and challenged others to participate in the small and rather unknown bucket challenge.

Donations reached $15 million dollars for the year 2014.

In August, the fever spread throughout Bonner Springs when Clark Middle School vice principal Lisa Krone challenged the volleyball team. They then went on to challenge all fall sports.

The fundraiser peaked when principal Joe Hornback accepted a challenge set forth by a rival high school, Lansing. Hornback then challenged his entire staff to participate in the challenge at the fall pep assembly.

“We thought it would be fun to raise awareness as a group and involve more people,” Hornback said.

Students bought tickets the days prior to the event for a chance to dump water on their favorite, or least favorite, staff member.

In honor of senior Shelby Taylor’s grandfather, $246.85 was raised in an effort to find a cure for ALS.

“It was important to raise awareness,” Hornback said. “Hopefully, since it had an impact on one of our students they felt supported by our entire school.”

"I participated in the challenge because I wanted to support ALS and it was fun to interact with the students in a positive manner."

Adam Loecker » Staff

"I did it to help raise money for a good cause and nothing is better [for students] than pouring ice cold water on your teachers."

Samuel Rhoades » Staff

"When I did my solo challenge, I wore a dress made of polyester so the water ran off of it. The second time, I brought an umbrella."

Jennie Strichers » Staff
Taking a breath, English teacher Bill Downing reacts to the cool stream of water being poured over his back by juniors Shelby Sneed and Kali Chatmon.

Kicking it off, members of the volleyball squad respond to the challenge after practice. "I loved how the coaches and players participated," junior Alazia Stanley said.

Enjoying the moment, senior Felicia Monroy dumps one of many buckets of water over new Wood Technology teacher Ryan Mellick to the delight of sophomore Hayli Spencer.

All for a good cause, Dr. Joe Hornback receives a shower courtesy of senior Hannah Fehlhafer. Hornback spent the days prior to the event encouraging students to purchase raffle tickets.

How big was YOUR BUCKET?

JENNY MEYERS, Government teacher

ALLEN HOLDER, English teacher

JUSTIN HOWE, social studies teacher

The faculty Ice Bucket Challenge was a close and personal event for me to be a part of. Just eight months prior to the challenge, I lost my grandpa to ALS. In August, when the challenge was in full swing, my family created Team George in honor of my grandpa. All the money raised for Team George went to the ALS Association. It was amazing to see the amount of people who willingly took part in raising money to help others who suffer from this horrible disease.

Shelby Taylor » 12

"It was cold, but we were all pretty sweaty after volleyball practice. It went to a good cause, so it was worth it and to do it as a team made it even better."

Monica Stimac » 12

"I did the Ice Bucket Challenge in my front yard using the bucket of a tractor. It was important for me to participate because it's for a good cause."

Alex Eickoff » 10
Q&A with Jordan Thaxton

How did you get involved with float construction?
I was asked by some members of Student Council if I would come and help. They told me what they wanted and I created what I saw. I painted a Broadway billboard poster to fit the theme. It took me about four hours.

Are you passionate about art?
Yes, I do a lot of art work in my free time, mostly portraits. The poster I created for the float was one of my first paintings, so that was a new experience for me.

"The rule change for the five store bought items made it easier to build the float. Overall, it went well. We got everything done in time and there weren’t any fights this time."
Sydney Sprague = 10

"The rule changes made it a lot easier to work on the floats. It helped that we could do some of the work during class. I had have to go dumpster diving for boxes because we didn’t have any."
Eli VanWinkle = 10
the show must GO ON

Rainy weather creates setbacks

With rain looming in the forecast, the stress of homecoming became even more strenuous. The day looked gloomy and by 10 a.m. the rain showed no letting up, giving rise to the question, “Will the parade go on?”

“Weather setbacks were hard. It was rainy and cold, and we had to make last-minute adjustments while making sure students, staff and community members were aware of the changes,” Stuco sponsor Adrienne DeLeon said.

By late afternoon, the rain let up and the 5 p.m. parade went on without a hitch. With all other pep rally festivities moved inside, the Project Grad car bash was the only activity to remain outdoors.

“Having everything inside created congestion and separation, yet there was a really good turnout,” said DeLeon. “Community members still came out to show support for the parade, despite the weather conditions.”

RISING STAR » Tiffany Houghton

After receiving a mass email from GoMovie.org about the possibility of having Tiffany Houghton sing the national anthem at a home football game, journalism teacher Dan Streit jumped at the opportunity.

“We were the first to respond and it happened to work out since she was on a radio tour,” Streit said.

So what did Streit do to keep the star performer happy once she arrived?

“I had to go through the process of finding out what foods she likes since she only eats gluten-free. We also had to find the perfect green room for her to relax in before the performance,” Streit said.

Streit also had a gift in store for Tiffany, but when the plan of giving the star a key to the district fell through, Streit and wood tech teacher Ryan Mellick came up with a new idea. After getting crafty with an old vinyl record, BSHS gave Tiffany her first gold record.
"We danced to everything while we were there. We showed up a little late because we have to show up 15 minutes late to everything."

Crystalyn Ford, with Scott Nevill

"The dance was pretty cool. We went to IHOP before and arrived to the dance just a few minutes late, we like to show up on time."

Emily Barger, with Devyn Robben

"Our whole dance group thought it would be fun to wear sunglasses to the dance. We went from group to group and danced with people we didn't even know."

Faith Seaton, with Taner Shipman

"We ate at Longhorn before the dance with Austin Willmon and Lexy Burnett. I think the best part of the evening was just being able to dance with my date to any song we wanted."

Dakota McKeehan, with Jessica Willmon

Enjoying the evening, junior Lucy Florez and senior Shawn Perryman dance hand in hand. "I had a fun time taking pictures and getting dressed up because that doesn't happen too often," Florez said.
Dancing the night away, senior Alyssa Driskill and date Walker Graham get down on the dance floor. "After eating at Red Fortune we arrived at the dance fashionably late. We had an interesting time and I was glad he got to meet some of my friends," Driskell said.

"Flying solo, freshman Tyrell Harris shows off his dance moves. "I went with me, myself and I. Oh, and my phone," Harris said. "I was late on purpose, so everybody could see me when I walked in."

"Spirit Week brings the school together and lets everyone express their school spirit."
- Stephanie Best » 10

"Sometimes it depends on what type of spirit I will participate in. Football is my favorite thing to go all out for."
- Devon Jackson » 11

"I think it's fun to be silly and dress up. It's better than any other normal day at school because you get to be fun."
- Gage Herron » 10

"Spirit Week is the best. It's a whole week where students and faculty can get excited and show how much we love our Braves."
- Lauren Gallagher » 9
Helping a customer, senior Aaron Ashford attempts to sell a rabbit while working at GoLizards in Bonner Springs. "Working at GoLizards is unlike working anywhere else because it is a lot of hands-on work. My favorite part of working there is being able to teach people about animals that they have never heard of," Ashford said.

working at the
MOVIE THEATER

Where do you work?
I work at Legends 14 Theatres.

Craziest story from work?
My craziest story is when I kicked out my first few people. I gave them a warning for being too loud, but they ignored me. So I kicked them out and while they were leaving they were cursing me out and threatening me. Typical weekend at the movie theater.

Best benefit from working at the movie theater?
I try to take advantage of my free movies from time to time, and I sometimes get giant bags of popcorn to bring home and share with my friends.

J.T. Johnson » 12

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Craziest story from work?
The craziest thing that has happened to me was that our credit card system shut down on a Saturday.

Best benefit from working at the movie theater?
My favorite thing about working at a theater would be getting into the movies for free.

Why did you choose to work at the theatre?
I chose the theater because it gives me something to do on the weekends and it breaks me from my shyness.

Daija Mashak » 12

what do you spend your money on?*

Food - 67%

Clothing - 17%

Technology - 16%

*out of 67 responses
Serving a customer, freshman Megan Nolan works in one of the many food booths at the Renaissance Festival on Oct. 10. “My favorite part about Ren Fest would have to be working with all the people,” Nolan said. “It was great when the fire breather would walk past because it was cool.”

With a smile, junior Alyissa Mendoza helps a costumer at the new Jose Peppers at the Legends. “I really enjoy my job at Jose Peppers. The managers and everyone I work with are awesome,” Mendoza said. “I’m there six days a week, so it’s kind of like a second home to me.”

Joe Casteel » 12
Where do you work?
I work at JavaLand inside of Nebraska Furniture Mart.
What was your best experience at work?
I met Tech N9ne at JavaLand twice. The first time he came in and got a sandwich and left because there was too much attention. But the very next day he came in again and I thought to myself, ‘How could I live with myself if I didn’t make him a drink?’ So I quickly thought about making a mocha; everyone loves chocolate, right?
So I made it and ran over to give it to him and he took it and said thanks as he was eating his lobster sandwich that Colton Quigley had made for him. I was unable to get a photo with him due to him not wanting to be swarmed by the public, which is understandable for me.

Colton Quigley » 12
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"Food vs. Retail"
Mikayla Young » 11
Where do you work?
Bonner Springs Pizza Company
What do you like about your job?
I like to learn about the history of Bonner through the customers that I serve.
Do you receive any perks from working where you do?
I get pizzas discounted.
Why do you like working in the food industry?
I really enjoy the flow of a restaurant; it becomes routine and as a server, my hours are flexible.
What is the downfall of working in the food industry?
The flexibility goes both ways. While I could get off early sometimes, when I’m the only server, there are huge rushes.

Kayla Willis » 10
Where do you work?
Converse at the Legends.
What do you like about your job?
I like the people that I work with; they’re pretty fun. There is also a lot of interesting people to see.
Do you receive any perks from working where you do?
I get 40 percent off anything in the store and 30 percent off at Nike.
Why do you like working in retail?
Food is too complicated. There are so many protocols to follow when handling food.
What is the downfall of working in the retail industry?
I meet a lot of people and there is always a 50/50 chance of them being nice or very rude.

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BABIES & BLANKETS

New classes spark student interest

From a new instructor to new classes and equipment, the Family and Consumer Science department has expanded.

These new courses offered intriguing hands-on activities. For example, in the year-long Early Childhood Development class, students wore fake baby bumps to see what a pregnancy might feel like and also cared for a baby simulator for a weekend. For sophomore Alysa Carpenter (right) that meant taking her baby to a Friday night performance of Bravo.

"Having to care for the baby during the performance was super annoying," Carpenter said. "I had to keep walking out of the auditorium when I thought the baby was going to cry, because I didn't want to bother anyone."

"Keeping up with her responsibility," senior Tori Dunn feeds her simulated baby. "The first day it was fine and I enjoyed it. By the end of it, I was ready to quit," Dunn said.

"With care," sophomore Sabria Zlitni changes a simulated baby's diaper. "When I put on the baby belly for the first time, it was really heavy and it instantly made my back hurt," Zlitni said.

"Working intently," sophomore Kennedee Meier puts the finishing touches on a baby toy she created for children who are six months to a year old.

"We had to make a toy that helped develop their hand-eye coordination," Meier said. "I decided to join this class because I wanted to learn more about kids and how they act. My favorite part was helping the kids at the district daycare. It gave us more interaction with the kids, and it helped us to understand more than the books can teach us."
Precisely, junior Adrienne Alder (top) separates fresh cookies on the pan. “I actually got put in the class, but I’ve been cooking since I was six,” Alder said.

With concentration, junior Marissa Akins rolls out the cookie dough. “I decided to join this class because I didn’t know how to bake and I’m learning skills I will need in the future,” Akins said.

“Making a mess,” junior Antonio Roark enjoys playing in shaving cream with a student in the district daycare center at McDaniels School. “Some kids are a pain, but all in all they are lovely to hang out with,” Roark said.

Providing instruction, freshman Isabella Cavanaugh works with Cece Powers on a block-day trip to the daycare center. “It was a really good experience playing with the kids and teaching them new things,” Cavanaugh said.

Baking and Pastry

Two sections of a new Baking and Pastry class were offered in the spring. New teacher Robyn Studebaker taught one of these courses. “This is my fifth year teaching this class. I taught Culinary Essentials and Baking and Pastry when I was at Wichita West,” Studebaker said. To prepare for these the FACS department received much-needed new equipment.

Q&A with Loren Ford

In one of many projects, students in the Essentials of Interior and Textile Design class got the chance to make blankets for kids in hospitals. “We did it when my own kids were little,” instructor Dawn Sommers said. “I thought it was a neat project. It makes you do something to give.” This new class sparked senior Loren Ford’s interest, as she has been sewing for about four years.

When did your interest in fashion start?
I remember all the way back to fourth grade when I wanted to be either a breakdancer or a wedding dress designer. I wanted to own my own wedding dress shop. My main goal was wanting to make women feel beautiful and more confident through the expression of clothes.

What did you start out sewing?
I started out sewing a jacket, but I never finished it. Then, I started a skirt and an older lady helped me finish it. I still have it in my closet.

What have you enjoyed most about this class?
I’ve learned a lot. I knew a bit, but I’ve definitely broadened my knowledge. I’m also learning a lot about the fashion industry, from the very bottom of it to the very top and from a simple sketch to the outfit you see in the store windows.
Broadcasting live, seniors Sam Nelson and Jacob Kraus support the Braves in a new attire. After sophomores Sabria Zilni and Alayna Dooley saw the idea on Twitter, they contacted Nelson and Kraus to be broadcasters. “It was a lot of work but really rewarding, fun and awesome,” Nelson said.

Pointing downfield, senior Mikaela Bennett leads Orange Crush in the “Which Way” cheer at a home game. “It was fun being a senior in Orange Crush,” Bennett said. “I finally got to start cheers and stand in the front row.”

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Football VS Basketball
Eric Valenzuela ‏ ‏ ‏ ‏ 10
Adam Burdolski ‏ ‏ ‏ ‏ 12

Why do you prefer this sport?
The Orange Crush section was more hyped during the football games. It was more fun than the basketball games.

What is your favorite cheer?
The ‘Do It’ cheer because everyone would participate. It got all the grade levels involved.

Who is your favorite rival team?
Basehor, because we’re always competing against them in every sport. It’s a close competition.

What was your favorite game of the season?
The Basehor game. The student section was really big and it ended up being a blowout.

Why do you prefer this sport?
The atmosphere makes it more exciting and the games tend to be close.

What is your favorite cheer?
My favorite cheer would be the roller coaster after a three is made.

Who is your favorite rival team?
Mill Valley, always. Every time we play them, I want our team to beat them.

What was your favorite game of the season?
My favorite game was the boys basketball win in double overtime against Mill Valley. We only had five rows of students that were way louder than Mill Valley’s 15 rows of students. That was one of the reasons we came out with the win.

Which sporting event do you like to attend more?

Football - 76%
Basketball - 24%

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*out of 78 responses
It was a Blue October in Kansas City as the hometown Royals swept their way into the World Series for the first time in 29 years. The phrase "Take the Crown" became reality when catcher Salvador Perez hit a walk-off single to win the wild card game that sent the Royals deep into the postseason. The halls of Bonner Springs soon became blue, with students and staff supporting the team throughout the month.

"I was pretty excited when the Royals made it into the World Series; it was something new for a change," senior Logan Shearer said. "I was doing laundry quite often to keep my Royals gear clean to wear."

Shearer wasn’t the only one excited about the Royals’ success. The teachers were equally as enthusiastic and had to juggle watching the game that would send the Royals to the World Series with Parent-Teacher conferences.

"We were trying to keep up with the game while conferences were going on," English teacher Allen Holder said. "For dinner break we went to the Brave Cave to watch the game. You knew the exact minute they won, whether you were watching or not."

"The ninth inning when they were down, I would go to my parents’ room to sit in the 'lucky' chair. Well, I thought it was lucky at least. It worked up until game seven."

Charles Shively » 10

"My mom has a T-shirt from 1985 when the Royals won the World Series. I wore it for every game."

Megan Nolan » 9

"I wore a Royals shirt the entire postseason, which was four weeks. I also sat in the same spot on my couch. I had all my Royals jerseys and a Royals flag hung up in my living room."

Preston Landers » 10

"It was all about going to Mr. Holder’s class. Every day I went to his class they won and when I didn’t go to his class they lost. Game seven."

Aaron Jones » 12
Ahoy, mates. This might have been the motto for the marching band as they developed and performed a halftime show built around Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean."

"I thought it would be fun for the students and a nice change of pace. The music is also very recognizable for the audience," said director Bill Turley.

The band begins learning their show during band camp in early August. They got feedback on the show from visiting conductors when it was performed at BSHS Marching Festival on Sept. 25.

"The students put a lot of effort into our show and improved every time we rehearsed. I was pleased that we worked so hard this year," Turley said.

With the drum majors decked out in pirate attire, the band took their show on the road and performed at marching festivals at K-State and Baker University, earning a "ll" rating at both events. This was the first year the band has attended the Baker festival.

Turley found plenty of reasons to be pleased with this year's group.

"My favorite moment for the band this year was every time we played something really well. It's so exciting for the students to be really solid during rehearsal or performance," Turley said.

It should be smooth sailing ahead for the band.

"As we continue to grow and improve, I am excited to see what we can do even better."

Kelsey Wheeler

"Setting to conduct and run across the field in my pirate costume was the best and most challenging part about being a drum major.

Hannah Martin » 11

"I have never been a drum major before; learning to conduct and how to be a leader was the hardest part of being a drum major."

Griffin Mareske » 11

"Being a drum major can be challenging. Getting the band members to trust you is the hardest part. The best part of being a drum major is getting to watch the band."

Rachel Johnson » 12

» Dressed as James Bond, freshman Mason Harris plays the baritone in the Oct. 31 football game. Band members were given the option to wear whatever Halloween costume they wanted.

"Getting to do the show at every football game was my favorite part of the marching season. I think we did well at contest," Harris said.
This year was an amazing experience. I love trying new things and this year was such a blast. I made new friends, had a good time, traveled, and also got to learn how to throw flags.”

Alexis Sechrist » 11

Color guard is something I tried for the first time this year and it’s been one of the best choices I’ve made. I’m going to miss learning tosses and the band. I’m also going to miss our coach, Jenna, she’s a really awesome teacher.”

Maddy Kempf » 12

My favorite part of color guard was that we would pump each other up and act goofy to help get rid of the nervousness before every performance. The best part of the season was competing at K-State.”

Tate Stites » 11
BRAVO!
Vocal music department's fall show dazzles and delights

From solos and dance numbers to glow-in-the-dark performances, Bravo had something for everyone.

Every other year vocal music students come together and spend extra hours in practice to create a "must see" performance.

"We started some of the music the first week of school," choir director Brian White said. "But we dedicate three sold weeks to the performance."

The show featured numbers by A Cappella, Project X, Chorale and Women's Ensemble, who incorporated choreography in many of their performances.

"The challenge is getting a group of non-dancers to dance. It's fun to step outside our comfort zone," White said. "I've learned we need to keep an open mind about it and be willing to change things as we go."

To close out the night, all of the choirs joined together for "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

"I liked all of the pieces but the finale this year was so special because I had the whole family up there with me," White said.

BE CALM & CARRY ON

"I have been playing piano for nine years. I don't get to do a lot of piano in school, so this was a great opportunity to show what I could do. I try to distract myself before a performance, so I don't psych myself out. During the performance, I always end up getting really nervous and I have to try hard not to mess up."

Lucy Florez 11

"Stage fright is a big issue for me. I pray before every performance, and I have to keep breathing in order to not throw up. I have to keep in mind how fun the show can be and how much people will love it; I can't doubt myself. When I hear the crowd screaming and the encouragement, I feel like I can be myself and do it. I love it when the crowd vibes with me."

Darius Sheppard 11
Cool and collected, senior Caitlyn Khatchadourian performs the duet "Say Something." "I actually tried to do things to keep calm with others backstage, but in the end I just had to breathe and trust myself," Khatchadourian said.

Blending together, sophomore Michael Murphy and junior Hannah Scheck perform "The Prayer." "We had an idea of doing a duet together and Mr. White encouraged us and pushed us along," Murphy said.

IN the SPOTLIGHT

Amber Lies 12
Performed: "Crazy" by Patsy Cline
"I really liked it when the crowd applauded because I knew I had pulled it off. The comments after the show made me feel so much better about what I had done."

Aariona Holliday 12
Performed: "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perry
"I love Christina Perry, and I had fun with the instrumental version of the song we used; it had violins and it was really majestic. Overcoming my stage fright was a big deal for me."

Devyn Robben 11
Performed: "Say Something" by A Great Big World
"Actually, Mr. White chose this song for me and Caitlyn. He thought it would work well for our voices. I just love being on stage; I get a real rush from it."

Staying in step, junior Heidi Rodgers dances to "Stop in the Name of Love." "I had been on dance teams when I was younger, but it was really hard. The whole class had to practice my shimmy with me. I couldn't get it for anything," Rogers said.

One last time, senior Madison Stumbough sings with the A Capella choir in her last Bravo performance. "My favorite song was 'Home' because we got to stand in the audience and sing right to the people. It was different and I like different," Stumbough said.
SAVORING his FINAL SEASON

Senior Joe Casteel is lone state qualifier

With just 14 runners on both squads, success for the cross country teams was accomplished by hard work, concentration, training and determination.

Both squads stepped it up at the WyCo meet where they continued their first-place domination.

"This meet was fun because we did not think we would win," junior Taylor Vanden Hull said. "To be a full team, you must have seven runners, and we only had five."

The boys built on this success to finish sixth at regionals, but no one had a more impressive day than senior Joe Casteel.

With WyCo Park packed with 3A and 4A runners dreaming of a chance to qualify for state, the starting gun pierced the balmy air at precisely 3 p.m., telling the runners it was time to go.

"I made sure not to go out too fast and kept a good pace for the rest of my race," said Casteel, who battled heat exhaustion on an unusually warm October day.

Once the race was over, Casteel's fifth-place, state-qualifying performance had everyone jumping in excitement. He finished the race with a time of 17:40, cutting close to a minute off his personal best.

"I've been searching for the words to describe Joe's performance at regionals," coach Bill Downing said. "His placing was pretty remarkable. I've had some really big moments where kids stepped up and did some really big things, but this has to be one of the top ones."

Casteel was equally pleased.

"When I realized I qualified for state, it was one of the best feelings because I hadn't done as well as I hoped during the regular season," he said.

Casteel competed a week later in Wamego but got off to a rocky start when he fell down and hit his head. He quickly got back up and finished the race in 74th place with a time of 18:38.

making HISTORY

The girls' team hosted the first-ever 5K girls race in the state on Sept. 20. Kansas is one of seven states that does not allow girls to run the same distance as boys. Girls' coach Rob Marriott pushed for the race to take place. "We were trying to enact change," Marriott said. "It's an antiquated rule. Girls can do the same distance as guys."

"I think the 5K was a great thing to be able to do this season. It was more challenging, but I think it gave us a chance to say that we're capable of racing a 5K too. It made me feel more accomplished."

Taylor Vanden Hull » 11

"Personally, I am better at going a longer distance than a shorter distance. I think that the girls should keep the 5K; it shows that girls can do just as much as the boys can do."

Kennedy Bacon » 11
Fighting to complete the race, sophomore Alex White runs his season-best time of 19:24 at the team's home course at Wyandotte County Park. "I thought the season was great. We had fun trying to reach our goals," White said.

Finishing strong, junior Bobby Crowley runs his season-best time at Topeka West, where he clocked in at 19:34. "Running is fun, but my season didn't go as planned," Crowley said.

Giving it their all, juniors Riley Ballou-Lyngstad and Bobby Crowley push ahead in the WyCo meet where the team finished in first place. The two battled it out all the way to the finish line where Crowley finished at 19:44 and Ballou-Lyngstad checked in at 19:45.

"My season was actually altered in the spring when someone landed on my leg during a soccer game. You could actually hear the crack of the bone when my ankle snapped. I broke my tibia and fibula, and the doctors thought I cracked far into my growth plate, which would've made things much worse, but luckily I did not. My season was hard. I wanted to be where I was at the end of my junior season. I was in the pool a lot of the time, building my leg muscles back up. It was also a season full of shin splints. My race time wasn't exactly what I wanted, but at the end of the last race when I looked at my time, I was proud of the progress I made."

Faith Seaton # 12

be STRONG
Post their best record under fourth-year head coach Lucas Aslin, the varsity football team marched into the post-season after a 13-0 win against St. James.

The finish was significant for Aslin because the senior class was the first group he had coached all four years.

Aslin felt the squad's best game came on Sept. 19 with a 53-14 victory over Basehor, who was undefeated at the time.

Junior quarterback Connor Byers completed 18 of 22 passes for 266 yards and was perfect in the second half against the Bobcats, throwing nine completions.

Another highlight of the season came during a 34-27 overtime win at Piper High School.

“I think the game changer was when Tyrese Bolton had a pick-six in the second quarter,” Byers said. “Our defense won us that game.”

“It was a closure from our overtime loss there two years ago,” added senior center Jacob Wylie.

The Braves finished the regular season by defeating KVL opponent Tonganoxie before taking on Turner, Mill Valley and St. James in districts at the 5A level. Winning two of the three, they advanced to the playoffs for the second time under Aslin.

Unfortunately, the season ended Nov. 7 against St. Thomas Aquinas, their final record standing at 7-3.

“I thought we had a very quality season,” Aslin said. “The kids played hard and at a high level the entire year. Senior leadership was key.”

be BOLD » Darryl Terrell

Senior outside linebacker Darryl Terrell recorded one of the biggest plays of the season with a key interception during the final round of districts against St. James Academy.

What was the team's best game?
The St. James game because we advanced to the playoffs for the first time in three years.

The St. James interception?
The interception was something that just happened. I saw the play before it started with the route combination showing the inside receiver was running. I just wanted to make a play on the field and it so happened that I did.

What did it mean to be a senior?
To be a senior, I felt like there was a lot expected of me from a leadership standpoint. I tried to set an example for some of the underclassmen. I had to step out of my personality a lot and become a more vocal person.

One thing you will miss?
One thing that I will miss is being on the field with my friends. I think that I have built a lot of friendships with some really great guys.
Giving it all, a group of defenders work together to take down a Eudora player in the first game of the season. The defense recorded 650 tackles and ten sacks.

Pushing on, senior receiver Thaddeus Glenn (far left) protects the ball during the home opener. "It was exciting to make the playoffs," Glenn said. "It really showed our leadership as seniors."

Pumped up, senior Preston Pyles leads the post-game celebration after the Braves earned a trip to the playoffs.

On the run, junior wide receiver Michael Amayo tries to maneuver past a Piper defender. "My favorite part about football was being a part of a really good team, along with having a good group of receivers," Amayo said.

Making his move, junior Marcell Holmes moves the ball past a defender during a win against a rival school, Basehor-Linwood. Holmes finished the season with 864 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns.

first team:
Marcell Holmes
second team:
Jonah Freese
Jacob Wykie
Tyrese Bolton
Darryl Terrell
Thaddeus Glenn
honorable mention:
Connor Byers
Jacob Freese

Football
Serving the ball, freshman Skyler Ochoa concentrates fully while competing at home. Ochoa and freshman Hope Seaton went 4-12 in doubles play. “I will never forget being on varsity my freshman year,” Ochoa said.

At a home dual, freshman Hope Seaton returns a volley. Seaton posted the third best overall combined varsity record at 12-20.

Returning the volley, sophomore Sayra Serrano gets to the ball in time while playing doubles with senior Michaela Mock in a home match against Lansing. Serrano and Mock finished their season with a record of 3-6.

Hoping for a win, junior Lilly Lackner serves the ball at the Bonner Invitational. Lackner and her doubles partner, sophomore Kaitlyn Rose, won their match, 6-0. Lackner placed third at the KVL tournament in No. 2 singles.

DOUBLE TROUBLE » Alexis Tendick & Kynnedey Shepherd

At the beginning of the season, juniors Alexis Tendick and Kynnedey Shepherd were paired together in the No. 1 varsity doubles spot. While there were adjustments to be made, the duo eventually found success.

“It was a little weird at first because last year I mostly played singles, but I was really happy with how the season went,” Shepherd said. “Lexi had a lot more varsity experience than I did, so I definitely learned a lot from her. She taught me to be more aggressive at the net and to be confident with the shots I was taking.”

On Oct. 3, the duo placed first in the Bonner Springs Invitational.

“At that point in the season we had really learned to play well together, and we knew how to keep each other up when one of us was getting down,” Shepherd said.

Unfortunately, the duo encountered bad luck and bad weather at regionals, ending their season.

Despite the weather, sophomore Kaitlyn Rose returns a serve with determination. Rose finished with a 2-12 singles record in her first full varsity season.
Strong bonds push team past difficulties

Although the wins were tough to come by, the bonding shared by the girls tennis team was irreplaceable.

For example, after the Lawrence Dual, they held an impromptu pizza-eating contest where sophomore Marissa Saterfield put away 22 slices.

"I was trying to beat the record established by the boys' tennis team," Saterfield said. "It was fun, but I felt a little sick afterwards."

There were five or six others, head coach Bill Scott added, who ate over 15 slices.

Juniors Kynnedy Shepherd and Alexus Tendick were the team’s top doubles team. The duo placed first at the home invitational and finished second at the KVL tournament.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Rose took third at the KVL tournament as the No. 1 singles player.

"This was my first year in the No. 1 slot," Rose said. "I felt like I improved after every match."

Freshman Hope Seaton led the team in victories, winning seven out of 11 singles matches.

Another freshman who made an impact was Skyler Ochoa, who was paired with Seaton at the league tournament where they placed third.

"Those two freshmen, two years from now, we'll be talking about those two," Scott said.

#alysacarpenter
Mixing things up, senior Jacob Kraus uses his fancy footwork on the field. The Braves opened up their season with a 2-1 win against Tonganoxie. "My favorite part of the season was probably the first game when I scored the game winning penalty kick in overtime," Kraus said.

On the run, senior Roman Glenn takes the ball down the field at a home match with two defenders on his side. "I'm usually the fastest, so I tried to show it off by outrunning and being faster than the others," Glenn said.

On the run, freshman Kaleb Hightower doesn't hesitate to take on big competition against a Heritage Christian Academy defender. The Braves won the game 1-0. "I just knew that I had to work hard and prove to myself that I was varsity worthy," Hightower said.

With focus, senior Taner Shipman is determined to stop his Bishop Ward opponent in a 3-0 loss. "It's always fun playing with the guys. All of my four years playing was a blast," Shipman said.

How did you prepare as a goalie, coming in as a freshman?
I trained hard and did goalie camps during the summer with a personal goalie trainer.
Were you confident taking over a big role?
Yes, I was. I have been playing for a long time.
Best memory for the overall season?
Getting Athlete of the Week against Hill Valley and the win against Tonganoxie our first game.
What was the adjustment to the varsity level like?
It was a hard adjustment being a freshman, trying to win over the trust of your teammates and trying to adjust to the varsity level of play.

With all the right moves, senior Rodrigo Alvarado was a highlight at a home match. "My favorite part of the season was scoring my first goal against Turner and being able to play with the seniors for one last season," Alvarado said.
Young team rises to the occasion

Despite the hardships of a tough season, the Braves' soccer team still saw many good things under head coach Mike Moulin.

"We have a lot of boys that enjoy soccer and have fun," Moulin said. "They just don't have the skill level or the knowledge of the game yet. We were young."

With three starting freshmen and two who came off the bench, Moulin said his team kept pushing and always worked hard on the field, during games and in practices. They were still dedicated, despite their 2-14 record.

"We were working really hard, but just not scoring. We just couldn't connect," said senior Taner Shipman, who was a top scorer for the Braves. "It wasn't that we weren't working hard. We were just so young and not always ready for the challenges of the varsity level."

Moulin said Shipman and fellow seniors Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado, Roman Glenn, Jacob Kraus and Sam Nelson brought a lot of leadership, hard work and dedication to the squad.

The Braves also found joy in bonding and going out to eat after games. Sometimes they would even grab a bite before matches.

"We went out after every home game to McDonald's or Twisters and hung out after away games," junior Tyler Campbell said.

Moulin is encouraged by what the future has in store for the program.

"I'm very excited. I have a great group of freshmen who work hard and are dedicated to soccer. That's what I'm looking forward to," Moulin said.

"It was nice seeing the young players improve. I learned to be patient and persevere."  
— Sam Nelson, 12

"Practices were torture. I didn't think it was possible to run an unhealthy amount. Towards the end of the year I got used to it."
— Alvaro Romo, 11

"Practices were a lot of running and drills. Overall, it was relaxed and we had fun, except for the running."
— Cameron Smith-Poe, 11

"Overall, the practices were good, but we did a lot of running and it was tiring. Our limits were tested and we worked a lot harder being on the varsity level."
— Alex Schuler, 9
first team:
Julianne Jackson
Mikaela Bennett

honorable mention:
Caitlin Reed

"The season didn’t go as I planned. I was having problems with my wrist, so it made it hard to set. Then I sprained my ankle. Even though it wasn’t the best season for me, it was a good season for the team."

Shelbey Taylor » 12

"It was a great experience playing on varsity. It helped me grow as a player. It was an overwhelming feeling knowing you have a big part in the program. It was a good season overall."

Emily Nelson » 11

"There wasn’t one thing special about my senior season, the whole experience was great. I love the team and the coach I got to play with for my senior season."

Amber Cox » 12

"It was an honor to play on varsity at substate. I got to serve which messed up Bishop Miege’s defense and helped us out."

Payton Sechrist » 11

"Setting up her teammate, junior Alazia Stanley does a backward set to one of her hitters. “I had so much fun playing this year. We bonded a lot and had great chemistry,” said Stanley.

Up and over, junior Julianne Jackson gets the ball over the net during a home dual. Jackson led the Lady Braves with 335 kills, 36 aces and 315 digs."

Quick out of the middle, sophomore Paige Krone goes up for a hit against Schlage. “This volleyball season was by far one of the greatest times of my life,” Krone said. “I became close to amazing people and made memories I will never forget.”

PROFILE » Lauren Murphy

What were the highlights of your first varsity season?
Being able to bond and have fun with my teammates.

What was it like knowing this was your final season?
It’s really bittersweet. I’m glad that I could call this my last season, because it was a great one.

How do you stay focused when you serve?
I take a few slow breaths, look over to see what spot coach is giving me, and then I just serve.

What goes through your mind before you serve?
Don’t mess up.

be UNITED

At the beginning of the season, the Lady Braves were given a link and asked to decorate it with motivating words or a special color.

“They were asked to carry the link with them at all times because this is representative of them being a part of the team wherever they are,” coach Jan Madlock said.

On game day, the team would chain them all together when the words “link up” were spoken. This was to show the strength of the team and that everyone has a part.

“The team is only as strong as the weakest link,” Madlock said.
"Flicking her wrist," freshman Natalie Klotz reaches high to get the hit across the net during a home game on Sept. 23. "My freshman season was definitely one I will never forget," Klotz said.

"Standing strong," senior Mikaela Bennett puts up a block against Lansing at home. Bennett led the team with 65 block assists and 21 block solos.

"Diving on the floor," senior Caitlin Reed gets the ball up against Piper on Sept. 16. Reed ended the season with 247 digs for the Lady Braves.

Team finishes over .500 but falls to Miege in substate

Finishing at 28-18 overall, the Lady Braves completed their first winning season under third-year head coach Jan Madlock. "We beat some teams that we hadn't beaten in the past like Paola and Gardener Edgerton," Madlock said. "We have had good competitive matches with them in the past and were thrilled to finally beat them. It was a sign of improvement."

The girls played with a lot of chemistry as a whole, which led them to the final round of substate, where they lost to eventual state champions Bishop Miege. "I was very proud of how my players played against Miege," Madlock said. "They were competing on every point, working hard and truly believed that we could win."

One of the highlights of the regular season came when the girls squared off with Tonganoxie, their summer scrimmage partner and KVL rival. In an intense contest, the Lady Braves beat the Chieftains in four games during their senior night. "The JV and freshman teams were cheering us on like we had our own Orange Crush," Madlock said. "Beating Tonganoxie has become a tradition," senior Mikaela Bennett added. "We always have close, high-intensity games with them."

Madlock is definitely looking forward to the future. "Being over .500 this year was a step in the right direction and serves as another indication of the growth of our program," Madlock said.
"My favorite Orange Crush moment was the Mill Valley game that we won in double-overtime because it was very exciting. Even though there wasn’t a big Orange Crush, we still were loud and hype.”

Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado » 12

WINTER
Using teamwork, seniors Alyssa Driskill and Josh Coffman work together in their second-hour Kickboxing class. “I’m glad I choose this class because it is a good workout and challenging,” Driskill said.

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Pushing it to the limit, sophomore Trey Whetstone squats a total of 418 pounds. Whetstone plans to increase all of his maxes by 75 pounds by his senior year.

Getting down, junior Andrew Bryant works to improve his squat. “Clean is actually my favorite max, but I also enjoy squats,” Bryant said.

Going forward, junior Hayden Hoffine hopes to beat his 40-yard dash max in weights class. “Dropping one second was my goal, might as well set your goal high,” Hoffine said.

Team Sports VS Racquet Sports

Did you choose to be in Team Sports?
Yes, because I wanted to have another elective that I could have fun in.

Favorite activity?
Basketball

Least favorite activity?
When the Marines came to our school and made us do the fireman carry.

What did you learn in this class?
How to properly play assorted team sports and to be a team player.

Did you choose Racquet Sports?
No, but I didn’t hate the class, so I was cool with it.

Favorite activity?
Tennis

Least favorite activity?
When we would go down to the track and just walk laps.

What did you learn in this?
I didn’t really learn anything new because I already knew how to play everything.
«With precision, junior Blake McMahan takes aim for his team during a Competition Wednesday activity while sophomore Davon Williams waits his turn. "It wasn't hard for me to get the ball on target because I'm one of the quarterbacks," McMahan said.

«Participating fully, sophomore Tobias Womack drags junior Antonio Roark while a Marine recruiter coaches him through a drill. Marine Corps representatives visited all P.E. classes on April 28 to give students the opportunity to experience military fitness drills.

«Pumping iron, senior Preston Pyles tries to beat his bench max. "Bench is my favorite max because I think it requires all of your strength," said Pyles, who had the second-heaviest max in bench.

«Getting better, junior Tristan Foster pushes his body to the limit while doing his squat in his third-hour weights class. "I tried to get better every day," Foster said. "I wanted to be able to break a record, but I'm just not there yet."

MAX out

MARCELL HOLMES
What was your max goal?
My goal was a 445. I think this is a good goal because I am a running back.

What was your favorite max activity?
Bench, because I get to show off how strong I am upper body wise.

How important is it to you to be in great shape?
It is very important because I want to avoid injuries.

What was your favorite third-hour workout?
Bench, because I can feel it strengthening my triceps and chest.

SHAUNIE LANNING
What was your max goal?
200 is my bench max goal because it would be good to go to college at a 200.

What was your favorite max activity?
Bench, because I'm really good at it—better than my other maxes.

How important is it to you to be in great shape?
It’s really important to be in shape because bench is the hardest activity, so you have to be in shape.

What was your favorite sixth-hour workout?
My favorite workout was upper body; our little activities on Thursdays are probably the best.

BE FIT » water sports

"Learning how to swim was my favorite thing about swim class because I didn’t know how to swim before. I liked free swimming the best; we just swim around and jumped off the diving boards."

Imani Bye » 11

"My favorite thing about swim class is being able to swim every day. I’m on the swim team, so I just stay over there after school and don’t have to change for practice. I loved playing water volleyball; it’s the best thing in the world."

Jayden Ziegler » 9

"Getting to hang out with my friends and not having to change before swim practice was the best part of seventh-hour Water Sports. I spent about 3.5 hours in the pool every day, and I just loved it."

Hayli Spencer » 10

"I liked to swim laps during class because it helped me get my exercise. I like free swimming because we get to swim in the warm pool."

Kellsee Marlowe » 11
Ready, set, launch

"Checking the final details, senior Felicia Monroy gets ready to launch her catapult during her sixth hour Physics class. "I learned a lot about the catapult because it was a hands-on experience," Monroy said.

"Smiling with success, junior Dalton Joyce (right) and senior Jon Nay enjoy working on the catapult project. "Building the catapult helped me further my knowledge of Greek engineering and torsion tension," Joyce said.

To understand the odds of heredity traits, sophomores in Clay Oakes' biology class were given the chance to pick their dream celebrity and test the outcome of their offspring. Students flipped coins to determine their offspring's traits and then they had to draw their offspring with the determined physical traits.

"I chose Carrie Underwood because she's good-looking and an amazing singer."
Josh Ray '10

"I chose Charlie Dunham because he is very good-looking and I feel like he looks closest to my boyfriend."
Megan Willmon '10

Letting loose, senior Steven Barnes launches his catapult. "I enjoyed the creativity of building the catapult and finally seeing it launched," Barnes said.

Math vs Science
Aaron Vaughn '9
Maryam Zlitni '9

Do you prefer math or science? I prefer math.
Why do you prefer math? I enjoy math because each problem is like a puzzle. In math, I learn things that I will use more in the future.
What is your favorite part of math? My favorite section of math is algebra.
Do you plan on going into a math career field? No, I do not. I enjoy learning about math now, but I do not wish to pursue it as a career.

Do you prefer math or science? I prefer science.
Why do you prefer science? I prefer science because you can always prove it and there is always a right answer.
What do you like most about science? I like Earth and space science, but I like learning about space better.
Do you plan on going into a science career field? Yes, I want to go into medicine. I want to be either a surgeon or a psychiatrist.
a real whodunit

Training to become the next detectives, students in the new Forensic Science class learned many valuable skills. In their first lab on Sept. 3, students had to draw the crime scene to scale and take eyewitness accounts from Elmo, the Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch to determine who killed Big Bird.

"Forensic Science was very fun and interesting to teach. I think the kids had fun, and I had fun teaching it too," instructor Trisha Elder said. "When the students get excited over what's being taught, it is very rewarding and makes for a positive learning environment."

when curiosity killed the cat

As a tradition, students in Jan Madlock's Anatomy and Physiology classes have held their breaths and dissected cats during a dissection unit.

"I thought the year went very well. I learn new things every year," Madlock said. "The students were very excited every day and that keeps me excited. We were able to explore body systems that we haven't in the past."

Each year, the reactions from the students varies.

"I really haven't had anyone that refuses," Madlock said. "I require that all the students be involved. They could be in charge of the lab manual or they could take notes. They have to be right by the cat."

With a look of shock, senior Jeremy McDonnell (far left) reacts to seeing the cat for the first time. "Dissecting the cat was really interesting, and I think we should do more dissections," McDonnell said.

With careful precision, senior Vince Roult participates in the lab. "At first it was pretty gross, but like anything else you get used to it," Roult said. "It turned more into a learning experience rather than just cutting something."

Exercising the cat closely, senior Sarah Czirr participates in the lab. "Once we started, I enjoyed seeing what was inside and realizing that's we look like on the inside," Czirr said.

Gathering evidence, senior Shawn Perryman analyzes the crime scene that was set up in the auditorium for the Big Bird lab.

Capturing clues, seniors Alyssa Driskill (left) and Megan Laughlin enjoy collecting evidence. "I liked the Big Bird project the best because it was the most fun and we got to act like real investigators," Driskill said.
small squad and BIG CHANGES
Different coach, new dancers, same spirit

With a new coach, a new attitude and several new dancers, the Orange Dazzlers evolved into a stronger and better performing squad.

New sponsor Ginny Yewell said she learned a lot while working with a dance team for the first time.

"I learned so much," Yewell said. "First off, I learned coaching is hard, and I learned that coaches need to be flexible and willing to work with each individual person while keeping the best interest of the team at heart."

Expanding the size of the squad was one of the many things the group did to become better.

"We had mid-season tryouts because we went down to four girls in October. It is difficult to have a team of four and do the kind of routines we wanted. We wanted to open the team up to fresh faces and start building a stronger dance team," Yewell said.

The outlook for the future is bright for the Dazzlers, with 20 showing up at spring tryouts.

"I wanted a team where the girls could have fun and be proud of their hard work. I wanted the girls on the team to support each other and show the school that dance team is an activity worth joining," Yewell said.

> abicottrell

DANCE squad


> With emotion, freshman Cheyenne Logue dances at a home boys basketball game. "My favorite performance was our last one to the song "Yeah" by Usher," Logue said.

> Busting a move, freshman Adiayah Lowe performs in the halftime show at a home varsity football game on Sept. 19. "I liked basketball season more than football because I didn't have to run out and get my instrument to play with the band," Lowe said.
With her little sister on her back, sophomore Abbre McKelvin enjoys the Feb. 17 dance clinic performance. "My favorite part was working with the little kids, but the hardest part was keeping all of them focused," McKelvin said. The clinic is a fundraiser for the Dazzlers. They made approximately $500 and worked with 50 little dancers throughout the week.

Dancing with the Little Dazzlers, junior Haylie Moeschler performs to "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. "I loved this event," Moeschler said. "It was all about having fun with the kids. I loved watching them get sassy."

Q&A with the captains

AARIONNA HOLIDAY 12
What is your favorite part of dance?
Being the music mixer was pretty great along with being captain. I'd have to say my favorite part would be the practices, juoking around and having fun.
Did you enjoy being captain?
I did. It wasn't as serious as other schools with captains and such, and we all took each other's input and made the best decisions for dances and other things. Just having the title of captain was cool.
How has dance enhanced your life?
Dance made my senior year a lot more enjoyable. The bond that I shared with all of the girls and the coaches really made it a bittersweet experience since this was my senior year.

JENNA HAMMOND 12
What made you want to join dance?
I have been dancing freestyle hip-hop most of my life and I like to choreograph. I wanted to see dances come alive from my visions. I honestly just love dancing; I didn't join to become popular or captain, but so that I could dance.
What is your favorite dance memory?
Even though I had to sit out for a couple of performances for medical reasons, I was able to watch the new dancers perform for the first time as a team. This year the group was more of a family and team than just dancers.
How has dance changed your life?
I think it brought out the more sassy side of me, but it didn't change anything for my high school career because school and activities are separate.

» doubleDUTY

Sophomores Sally Crabtree and Jordan Shiao took advantage of a new rule that allowed students to be a part of the dance and cheer squads at the same time. Crabtree was a former dance member who decided to try out for cheerleading. She then convinced Shiao, a cheerleader, to try out for the dance team with her.

Sally Crabtree » 10

Sometimes it was really hard balancing out cheer and dance, but it was fun getting the best of both worlds. The trickiest part was changing uniforms from cheer to dance during basketball season and juggling practices between both teams. It made life really hectic, but I'm glad I did it."

Jordan Shiao » 10

"Sally convinced me to try out, and I was thrilled to make the team. A challenge I had while juggling both was the fact that the games overlapped with dance practices. It was also hard having to miss all of the second quarter of the game to change and practice for basketball performances."
claiming
the THRONES
Coronation highlights spiritless week

Unpopular spirit day choices gave rise to a rebel agenda for the Courtwarming celebration. The girls’ basketball headed a campaign for new spirit days to combat the Stuco-sponsored days. Unfortunately, there was minimal participation in both sets of spirit days.

Despite the spirit wars, the game was well attended, with the highlight being the coronation of seniors Jacob Dobbs and Faith Seaton as King and Queen.

"I was shocked when they announced me as the winner. I didn’t expect to win," Seaton said.

Seaton went on to explain that many members of her family had been a part of the Courtwarming court but had never been crowned as King or Queen.

"Winning was cool," Seaton said. "It was really special to be the first in my family to actually win."

Compared to years past, the dance did not draw a big crowd. However, Dobbs and Seaton did attend and shared the traditional royal dance together.

"It was my first high school dance," Dobbs said. "I enjoyed myself at the dance, and if I had to rate it on a scale from one to ten, I would rate it as average."
Where does YOUR SPIRIT stand?

- **Siding with the rebels**, sophomore Alayna Dooley dressed for Tourist Tuesday, a spirit day sponsored by the girls basketball team. "I didn’t mean to break the rules. I thought it was the real day; it was on Twitter," Dooley said.

- **Taking a stand**, junior Michaela Augustine participates in Teacher Look-alike Day, a day planned by Stuco. "I picked the better spirit day of the two, plus, I wanted to imitate my role model, Mr. Downing," Augustine said.

- **Having a ball**, senior Richard Skaggs and date Britnee Ketcham, (far left) swayed with the music. "There wasn’t a lot of people there, but the music was good. It was a lovely night," Skaggs said. Sophomore Joshua Mullins and Ashlyn Ziegler (left) dance to a slow tune. "The dance was awesome. It was my first dance and it was everything I hoped it would be," said Mullins.

- **Dancing the night away**, juniors Miyah Hightower and Kennedy Bacon shuffle their feet to "The Cupid Shuffle," a popular line dance. "The dance was enjoyable," Bacon said. "Going in a small group was great, but I still wish we would have had dates."

- **Tanya Hernandez » 11** vs. **Seyra Serrano » 10**
  - **What spirit days did you participate in?**
    - Tourist Tuesday, Workout Wednesday and TV Show Thursday.
    - Neon Tuesday, Twin Wednesday and Teacher Look-alike Thursday.
  - **Why did you change and/or stand by the Student Council Spirit Days?**
    - I didn’t like Student Council Spirit Days.
    - I am part of the Student Council class that planned the spirit days.
  - **Did you like Homecoming or Courtwarming better?**
    - Courtwarming.
    - Homecoming.
  - **Where did you eat?**
    - Olive Garden at The Legends.
    - We ate at Sabrina Zikri’s house. The food was catered.
  - **Who did you go with?**
    - I went with Kennedy Bacon and Miyah Hightower.
    - My date was Isaiah Singleton.
competitive EDGE

"Everyone says I'm really good at math, but I had to study a lot to get faster. I competed in the KVL math competition on the geometry team with Abi Cottrell and Alegia Simpson and we placed third."

Marissa Young » 10

"I spent a lot of time after school in Mrs. Stricherz's room studying the Mock Trial case and preparing to be on the stand. It was worth it in the end, because I had a lot of fun and made some new friends."

Brenna Holt » 10

"Quiz Bowl is fast-paced. You have to think quickly and just go for it. If you mess up, that's just too bad."

Wyatt Hall » 10
Switching roles, freshman Andrew Christensen keeps score at the Scholars' Bowl home meet on Oct. 21. "It was different facilitating the meet instead of competing," Christensen said. "But I enjoyed it just as much."

Getting it right, senior Rayna Weibrecht counts the M&Ms for the Science Olympiad fundraiser to raise money for competition fees. Students and teachers paid to guess the amount of M&Ms in the jar, with the winner receiving a gift card. "We didn't raise as much money as we would have liked," sponsor Katrina Martin said. "But it was great seeing all the support from the students and staff."

"Putting in the time, junior Tyler Campbell draws up the plans for the Science Olympiad bridge-building activity. "I participated in a lot of events," said Campbell. "But that one required the most work."
be the change,
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

School honor societies work to better BSHS

Whether it was washing dishes until midnight for the Rotary Club Speakeasy event as part of a National Honor Society group activity or mixing up ingredients to make the perfect tortilla at a Spanish Honor Society after-school event, there were many options for students who chose to join one of two honor societies.

“Making tortillas was really interesting,” senior SHH member Danae’ Banks said. “It didn’t quite come out as planned, but I would definitely do it again.”

Some students, like Annie Carpenter, participate in both.

“I have improved in both my school involvement and time-management skills by being in both NHS and SHH,” said Carpenter, who is a junior. “It’s going to help me in the future because I’ll know how to handle multiple tasks and meet deadlines.”

Sabria Zlitni — 10

What was it liked to be inducted?
It was pretty cool, but nerve-wracking because I spelled my name wrong in the book.

What was your favorite activity?
I enjoyed child watch because I love children, but a kid puked one time, which was gross.

Best memory?
Baking cupcakes for firefighters with some close friends of mine.

Worst memory?
Highway trash pickup in the freezing cold.

Why do you like National Honor Society?
I feel good helping people and knowing that I’m making a positive influence.

Michaela Augustine — 11
Welcoming the new members, senior Sam Nelson, who is the president of National Honor Society, speaks at the induction on Oct. 22. "It was an empowering experience to speak to such a quality group of peers," Nelson said.

Getting ready to pledge, junior Brittney Clark walks in with her mentor. "My grandma was my mentor," Clark said. "She has always been by my side and is my biggest influence."

Making it official, senior Frankie Banuelos writes his name in the National Honor Society's member book. "I chose Mrs. Kolle as my mentor because she is always very motivating and has been with me throughout high school," Banuelos said.

Passing the flame, junior Emily Nelson lights her candle off of fellow junior Hannah Martin at the NHS Induction. "Being inducted was a very cool experience because you got to be with your sponsor," Nelson said.

Assisting young students, juniors Miyah Hightower (left) and Julianne Jackson work at the Body Venture event on Feb. 8 at Bonner Springs Elementary School. "It was a fun experience," Hightower said. "Every kid had something to say and it was nice to help them learn something new."

DANCING divas

Favorite Move? "My favorite SHH activity was salsa dancing. I liked learning something new that I had never done before. I didn't really have a favorite move. I liked it all."

Natalie Sexton, with Alex Povlitzki

Favorite Move? "I liked spinning around while salsa dancing; it was really fun. I also enjoyed getting to dance with Mrs. Hoopes."

Solomon Young, with Lauren Murphy
justDANCE

Parent dance draws biggest crowd ever

Six years ago, principal Joe Hornback introduced the Parent Dance as a new winter event. But the turnout was never what Hornback hoped for. That is until this year, when a record-breaking crowd of 80, packed the commons on Jan 17.

Stuco sponsor Adnanne DeLeon was pleased with the turnout and what the event represents.

“It’s three hours solely spent with your parents,” DeLeon said. “Parents don’t often get that time with their kids before they go off to college.”

Senior Jeremy McDonnell and his mom, Judie, attended the event for the first time.

“My favorite part was teaching Jeremy how to two-step,” Judie said.

Jeremy said the opportunity to gain a lasting memory with his mom made the night special.

For junior Bobby Crowley’s mom, Sarah, the event marked her first dance ever.

“It was my first dance because I went to a private school that didn’t allow dancing,” she said. “It was a memory I will treasure forever.”

>emilynelson
Slowing it down, senior Tori Dunn and her dad Terry Dunn share a memorable moment. “My favorite part of the evening was the emotional father-daughter dance,” Dunn said.

Dancing the night away, senior Amber Lies and her dad, Donald, enjoy their time together. “It was our first time to attend,” Lies said. “I had a blast watching my dad’s crazy dance moves.”

Never breaking a smile, junior Gwen Barrett watches her dad, Steve Nelson, break a move. “My favorite part of the night was going with Robyn Lewis and her dad on a double date,” Barrett said.

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picking up a

NEW MOVE

If you could dance like anyone else, who would it be?

"Chakira, because she feels the music when she dances. She just moves so naturally.”
— Mikaela Bennett » 12

"I never knew my dad could...
Pick me up and swing me around.
— Issac Bolton » 11

be LIVELY

Q&A with Sumer Spenkle
What was your favorite part of the dance?
The fact that my dad went out to the dance floor with out me and kept dancing.
Did you go anywhere before?
No, but we went to a movie after.
When did you get there?
Fifteen to 20 minutes after 7. We never want to be right on time.
What do you think is so special about the dance?
Not everyone takes time to be with their parents and this is the perfect way to do that. For me, it was just spending time with my dad.
I never knew my dad could...
From Orange Is the New Black to Grey's Anatomy, students couldn't seem to put the remote down or keep their eyes off the Netflix library.

"I'm obsessed with Netflix," sophomore Kaitlyn Rose said. "I've watch the entire Grey's Anatomy series three times now. I love that I don't have to watch commercials and that I can just keep clicking and keep watching. Everyone says that I have no life because I do nothing but watch Grey's."

Students watch Netflix anywhere and everywhere, from school to the airport, and they just can't get enough.

Rose says she's even watched Netflix in the shower, while fellow classmate sophomore Lexi McCleary says she's watched it while tanning and during bus rides.

It's not just the locations that are crazy, but also the time spent watching.

"I think I've spent 12 hours watching Netflix at one time. In the spring I watched Gossip Girl and 90210 for the second time. There have even been times when Netflix has checked on me with notifications," McCleary said. "I would probably have nothing to do if it weren't for Netflix."

"I watch each episode at different times, I can't remember what's going on the next time I watch. I prefer to watch as much as possible in one sitting."

- Kiana Hickmon » 12

"They're not just the occasions at all; I was just watching Grey's Anatomy when I turned on the TV."

- Adam Burdolski » 12

"My favorite snack is popcorn because the butter makes everything better. When I watch movies, I have to have popcorn."

- Adam Burdolski » 12

"I watch Netflix five to ten hours of Netflix a week. I would watch more if we didn't have school."

- Clayton Shields » 10
Trivia Addicts
are you addicted to Trivia Crack?

"I am addicted for a couple of days, but I had to go cold turkey. It was putting a strain on my relationship with my boyfriend."
Haley Lampson » 10

"I am used to be addicted to Trivia Crack. I like winning and the game makes me feel smarter than the people I play against." Morgan Reed » 11

"Android because I've always used Android products. For me, they're easier to use than iPhone products. Plus, I don't have to buy a new iPhone every year."
Michael Smalley » 10

"IOS because I use Apple just because it's Apple and I conform. Never had an Android, so I wouldn't know but it seems more convenient."
Aaron Vaughan » 9

Android VS iPhone

Twitter Idols
I follow ___ because...

KING BACH
King Bach because he can make anything funny in an instant. He makes his own skits and I think he's kind of cute. He also hangs out with a lot of famous people.
Exavier Ford » 10

CHER
Cher because she seems very unstable. Her tweets are very funny and weird. She overuses emojis and the structure of her tweets are very Funky. But her replies back to people are always funny.
Francisco Banuelos » 12

STEPHEN CURRY
Stephen Curry because I look up to him. He is my favorite basketball player. He's a good leader on and off the court. He does a lot of things for the community.
Devante McGee » 11

ROB GRONKOWSKI
Rob Gronkowski, the tight end for the New England Patriots, because he is someone I look up to. I hope to be that good at football one day.
Tanner Hanson » 9

GAMING PROFILE » Hunter Murphy

How long have you been playing video games?
I don't know, really, it's been awhile. I always used to play the Atari at my aunt's house. Then I got my first video game console, a Playstation 2, when I was six or seven.

How many different video game consoles have you owned?
I've had the Playstation 2, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, Xbox One, and the Playstation 4.

How many hours do you spend playing video games?
I spend about four or five hours a day playing, but it depends on the day.

Who do you play with?
I play with my cousins and friends from school.

What is your most played game?
Grand Theft Auto 4. My cousin and I would play for hours. I liked exploring the city.

What is your favorite game to play? Why?
The Batman Arkham Series. They have very intricate storylines and immersive environments.

Would you say you're addicted to video games?
No, I could live my life without them, but they sure are fun to have.

Do you plan on playing video games into adulthood?
Yes, of course. Video games to me are just like interactive movies.
Not afraid to fly

"I feel like I'm able to be myself in a way. When I'm flying, it just feels normal to me."

Baleigh Shearer » 12

"I'm so short and with flying you get to be really high up; it's fun to see everything from such a different point of view."

Paige Rowan » 11

"I think it's really cool to get to go up in the air and get the crowd pumped and also have a little fun myself."

Faith Seaton » 12

Front Row: Hannah Davis, Brittny Clark, Anna Dutton, Paige Rowan, Bailey Shearer.
Row 2: Brianna Shively, Briqai Haskell, Jordan Shiao, Kelsey Wheeler, Sally Crabtree, Faith Seaton, Michaela Augustine. Row 3: Jasmin Ruiz, Hannah Dade, Madison Hanson, Shelby Sneed, Cyara Mills, Skye Brown, Emily Rose.

"Feeling the rush, sophomore Anna Dutton enjoys being tossed into the air. "Flying can be scary but nothing can replicate the feeling; I love it," Dutton said."
Starting the season off with a new head coach, this year’s cheer squad had a new feel to it. Reaching their highest number of cheerleaders in a while, this squad was bigger and better than ever. "It was stressful working with such a big squad, and it is hard to get everyone organized," said head coach Sarah Peterson. "But with a bigger squad, you can do better and more advanced stunts and be super loud."

This year marked Peterson’s first year as head coach with Robyn Studebaker alongside as assistant coach.

“"My first year as head coach was interesting. I really ended up loving practices, which is unusual, but you really get to know the girls individually and watch them grow,” Peterson said. Although the season was a big success, it is always tough to say goodbye to the seniors.

“I loved all four seniors; they did such a great job of being leaders and keeping up their grades,” Peterson said. “They had so much integrity. You could say they were always ‘on point.’”

At their clinic fundraiser, junior Michaela Augustine helps a little cheerleader learn the basics. “It feels so good to make an impact in someone’s life and to give them skills they might use later on,” Augustine said. With a big finish, the entire squad hits an impressive stunt at the fall pep assembly.

fresh beginnings & bittersweet

» GOODBYES

Big squad welcomes new coaches

beSPIRITED

This cheer season was my first year cheering, but I have been dancing since I was eight. I made a lot of new friends and gained insight on what it's really like to be a cheerleader. Stunting was the most challenging part of cheering, but it helped us come together as a team. I'm really going to miss all of the underclassmen because they were so much fun. Overall, this season was a blast and I would do it all again if I had the chance.

Kelsey Wheeler » 12

summerney
In deep thought, senior Kailey McCorkendale works on an architectural perspective drawing for art. "I really enjoyed the challenge, but getting the lockers just right was hard," McCorkendale said.

Through new eyes, freshman Vanessa Roult creates a 3D representation of a piece of fabric. "It wasn't that hard for me to draw in 3D, but I'm a perfectionist, so I never felt like it was good enough," Roult said.

Into the light, sophomore Marisa Young works on a replica drawing of a skull. "Light plays a big part in art because the light has to be exactly the same to keep the shadows in the same place," Young said.

What is the design of your bracelet?
A seashell.

What inspired the design of your bracelet?
I decided to use a shell because I love the beach and sunny days.

Why did you take jewelry class?
I thought it would be fun and I wanted to try something new.

Will you wear/keep your bracelet?
I will keep it, but I'm not sure if I'll wear it yet.

How hard was it to make the bracelet?
I'm still in the process of finishing it, but it has been pretty challenging because every step has to be so totally accurate.

What was the design of your bracelet?
Butterflies.

What inspired the design of your bracelet?
I love butterflies so much; I think they are beautiful and elegant.

Why did you take a jewelry class?
I enjoy making things and I'm pretty creative. I also love to wear jewelry.

Will you wear/keep your bracelet?
Yes, I'm actually really proud of it. It turned out better than expected.

How hard was it to make the bracelet?
It was pretty hard to come up with an idea and hand sawing was definitely a challenge.

Making her mark, sophomore Alvina Crouch works on a mural in the science hallway. "Art is the only thing I'm good at. I like expressing my ideas on paper," Crouch said.
Sophomore Lacey Dean had a tough choice when choosing electives for second semester. Ultimately, she enrolled in a sculpting class because she had done it last year and “completely fell in love with working with clay.”

As part of the course, Dean was presented with the challenge of choosing a fictional character to recreate with her own hands.

“I chose Pooh bear because my mom used to read me the books and I still love him,” Dean said.

So what did Dean do to create her perfect project. “First, you sculpt the structure, next you underglaze or color it. Finally, you overglaze to make the colors more vivid,” Dean said. I had fun because this is something that I will keep forever.”
what is your **STYLE**?

“We share each other’s clothes and both of us like 1970s fashion. Our wardrobe is inspired by that time period.”

Senior Georgia Thaxton and sophomore Jordan Thaxton

“I like flip flops and T-shirts. My style would be beach theme. It’s just comfy and easy to wear.”

Junior Cody Cox

“I would describe my style as classy, fancy and cute. I really like pearls, which is my choice in jewelry when I dress up.”

Sophomore Santaja Logan

“I like to wear casual clothes. I shop mostly at Pacsun. Easy is my inspiration; I buy straight off the mannequin.”

Junior Alvaro Romo

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In February, social media was in a frenzy as many began to debate the color of one simple dress. After arguing with her mother about the color of the dress, Caitlin McNeill from the Scottish Hebridean island of Colonsay posted the picture on tumblr asking for help. Was the dress blue and black or white and gold? The debate soon spread to people all over the world, making many believe that what they saw was the correct color of the dress. Experts weighed in to explain this phenomenon, suggesting that it had to do with psychology and visual issues.

"I saw the dress on Twitter. Originally, I saw gold and white, but every other time I looked at the dress the colors changed. I didn’t know if this was because I am colorblind," sophomore Kayla Willis said.

what colors did you see?

Blue & Black - 66%

White & Gold - 44%

*out of 67 responses
"Down for the count," sophomore wrestler Thomas Fehlhafer attempts to pin his opponent at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Fehlhafer wrestled in the WyCo Championships and placed second in the 126-weight class.

"Going up strong," junior Tae'Lor Graves attempts to shoot the ball in a JV game against Turner during the Coming Together for a Cure fundraiser.

"Returning the serve," sophomore Marissa Satterfield sends the ball over the net to an opposing player during a home match. "Being able to play with a friend was the best thing about playing doubles," Satterfield said.

going BIG with freshman Caden Henley

Did your season live up to your expectations?
My season did live up to my expectations; it actually exceeded them. I had a great time this year. I started JV but got a few varsity reps.

What were your first thoughts when Coach Aslin put you into the substate game?
I had way too many thoughts. It was definitely a special feeling.

How many varsity games did you get to play in?
I got to play in about five varsity games.

What teammate do you look up to the most?
I look up to Thaddeus Glenn the most because he was a senior and he was the player in front of me on the depth chart. He is also a good role model on and off the field.
With great force, freshman midfielder Roberto Marquez Banuelos kicks the ball up field in a 3-1 home loss to Lansing.

At a home game, freshman Jamison Jackson plays defense for the varsity team against Lansing. Jackson played both varsity and JV for the Braves.

Finding the perfect spot, freshman Tiarra McGee takes a strong hit against the Tonganoxie freshman volleyball team. "I loved playing freshman volleyball and plan to play next year," said McGee.

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pushed UP

How did you feel when you got moved up to play your first JV game?
I was excited and glad I was given the chance to prove myself.

How long have you been playing?
I've been playing since the fourth grade. I started playing club in the fifth grade.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make when you were moved up?
Playing just back row and getting adjusted to the players.

What was the hardest thing you had to learn/do this season?
Patience. I had to learn to work with a different group of girls.

Who would you say you most look up to on the team?
I look up to Emily Nelson. She is also a libero, and she helped me a lot during the season. She gave me helpful advice and was just overall nice to everyone.

“Good motivates me to be a leader on and off the field. I won’t forget our team having a winning record and the Mill Valley game. I like playing on a home field because the crowd is cheering you on and giving you good energy.”

Mason Dobbs

“Nothing motivated me the most was trying to get on varsity because it made me push myself more. The thing I won’t forget about this season was when we were at the Perry Tournament where we got there early, so we sat on the bus and sang until it was time to start.”

Morgan Reed

“Coach Jobe motivates me because he doesn’t care about records; he just wants you to go out and wrestle the best you can. I definitely won’t forget the time I wrestled a kid in the 195- weight class because I normally wrestle in the 145.”

Cole Clifton

Junior Varsity
EVERYTHING has CHANGED
Freshmen take over the record books

With the addition of two wildly talented freshmen, Ryan Downing and Nick Passinese, the boys swim team exceeded all expectations by rewriting the record books.

“Their impact was huge,” said coach Preston Williams. “Ryan and Nick are probably the best swimmers who have competed at BSHS. It was fun to see them succeed over and over all season long.”

On multiple occasions, Downing and Passinese would set new records at one meet, only to break them again the next time out.

Both swimmers qualified for the state meet in Topeka. Downing earned a second-place medal in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:52.74 and was fourth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:49.49.

“Ryan is a fantastic all-around swimmer. His times put him in the best position to place at state,” Williams said.

Passinese competed in the 100 backstroke where he placed 15th with a time of 1:01.72.

“Nick had an amazing season,” Williams said. “In every individual event he competed in, he had a state-qualifying time.”

All three relay teams also earned the chance to compete at state.

“It was huge to send all of our relays,” Williams said. “We broke the school records in two of them and came darn close on the 200 free relay.”

“Freestyle was my best stroke and my best time for it was 28 seconds. I’ll never lose the memory of how much we goofed off at practice.”

Caleb Brungardt #1

“Breaststroke is a difficult stroke. It was the hardest one for me to learn, but it’s my favorite now. My best time was 1:20. The team would always lift weights during practice and that’s memory that will stick with me.”

Steffan Mefferd #1

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Ryan Stumbough #1
What did it mean to be team captain?

Being a captain is not about being the best player or swimmer. It's about keeping the team together through your own leadership.

What was your best memory with high school swimming?

Breaking the school record for the 200 medley relay was awesome.

What was your favorite stroke?

Butterfly. Once you get your rhythm down, it's a great stroke to race.

Did your first season meet your expectations?

Yeah, completely. Although practices were a lot harder than expected, it was worth it.

What's a first-year memory that's going to stick with you?

All the hard practices and getting up in the morning to swim.

Swimming forward, freshman Nick Passinese swims the butterfly. "Butterfly is my best stroke; it just comes natural to me," he said. Passinese broke the butterfly record at the Blue Valley West meet only to then have it broken by Ryan Downing in the next heat.

Reaching back, sophomore Preston Landers swims the backstroke while taking a breath at a home meet on Jan. 3. "I was six when I learned how to do the backstroke. It wears me out, but it's my favorite," he said. Landers was a member of the two relay teams that set new school records.

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For the first time in Bonner history, freshman Ryan Downing and his Lansing opponent finished their legs of the 400-yard freestyle relay at the exact same time, down to the millisecond.

Even coach Preston Williams said he had never seen this in all his years of coaching.
Playing with my brother Brenden was a great experience. I’ve learned a lot from him and I hope it carries on to my play next year.”

JaDon Pouncil » 10

“We seemed to work together better than we did the last couple of years, particularly at the Mill Valley game. We had better leadership this year.”

Michael Amayo » 11

With eyes on the basket, senior Jonah Freese takes a leap through the Augusta defenders to get to the basket. Freese ended the season with 84 points, 63 rebounds and 18 steals.

Using a pump fake, senior Brenden Dotson works for an open shot at a home game on March 9. Dotson and junior Aaron McGee were selected to the Topeka Capital Journal all-state honorable mention team.

Up on his toes, junior Aaron McGee guards his Mill Valley opponent at an away game on Jan. 9. “That game was my best memory because I got the shot that put us into overtime and then we came back and won in double-overtime,” McGee said.

Pushing forward, junior DeVante McGee makes his way to the basket in a game against Bishop Ward. “My role on the team was to be one of the leaders,” McGee said.
Bending over backwards, junior Connor Byers fights to keep the ball on hand during a 34-22 victory over Augusta in the Baldwin tournament on Jan. 22. “The highlight of my season was beating Mill Valley. It was the first time since my freshman year that we beat them,” Byers said.

With a tight grip on the ball, junior Joshua Adams looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to in an away game. “I feel like we were more of a team this year than last year,” Adams said.

program shows great PROGRESS

Teams end with a successful season

Moving from 7-14 the previous year to 13-8 this season, the varsity boys basketball team showed great improvement.

“We had many goals, but the most important one was to compete and be better than the year before. We did that and more,” coach Dan Streit said.

Other goals included strong performances at the Eudora and Baldwin tournaments.

The team achieved those goals as well, finishing fifth at Eudora and walking away with the first-place trophy at the Baldwin tournament.

Streit had other reasons to be pleased in his third season at the helm.

“I am most proud of how the guys came together. We had consistency, continuity and cohesion. They finally showed signs of what they are capable of when they work hard and play together,” Streit said. “We lost two games by a combined three points, so we could have easily finished at 15-6.”

Statistically, junior Aaron McGee led the team with 288 points, including 30 three-pointers and 128 rebounds. Junior Antonio Roark was right behind McGee with 253 points while junior DeVante McGee had 227 points.

Streit also pointed out that this was the first time in five years that all three teams had winning records: the JV squad was 13-8 while the freshmen posted an impressive 18-1 mark.

“That shows you not only the talent we have but the hard work these young men put into the season,” Streit said.
Moving the ball up court, senior Mikaela Bennett pushes past a defender to make it to the basket in a 45-28 home victory over Basehor. Bennett finished the game with seven points and seven rebounds.

First team:
Julianne Jackson
Miyah Hightower

Honorable mention:
Mikaela Bennett

Shooting past the defenders, senior Allie Ledbetter goes up for a shot during a win against Bishop Ward. Ledbetter assisted the team throughout the season with a total of 32 points.

Switched Ball

Although the casual fan might not know the difference, the basketballs used for the boys and girls games are not the same. Before each game, it is the referee's job to check the ball for the one-inch difference in size, but at the home game against Lansing, the ball used wasn't a girls ball—it was a boys. Playing most the game with the wrong-sized ball, the Lady Braves still managed to pull out a 40-35 Senior Night win.

"I was wondering why everyone was having a bad shooting night. I thought the ball seemed weird, but I guess I didn’t really dwell on it. I just figured I was losing my mind."

Morgan Lawrence » 12

"No one was focused on the ball. We were focused on the game and since we generally have the correct ball, we weren’t thinking anything of it.”

Kennedy Bacon » 11

Passing two defenders, senior Caitlin Reed goes in for the lay-up during the Coming Together for a Cure game against Turner. Reed averaged six points per game.
Facing Challenges TOGETHER
Chemistry leads team through season

When Kaw Valley League rivals Mill Valley and Bonner Springs met for the first time on Jan. 9, it was a game with high stakes.

"Before the game, Oakes told us about the celebration they had planned that night for their coach's 500th win," senior Mikaela Bennett said. "I think that made us all pretty mad and we were determined to not let that happen."

The Braves won the game 38-28, handing Mill Valley their only league loss of the season.

"It felt great winning because they thought they were going to beat us," said junior point guard Tanya Hernandez. "We played well, we played like a team and we helped each other get motivated."

The team went on to win four of their next five games before losing in the championship game of the Top Gun Tournament to Baldwin.

"I feel like the Baldwin game was our best game," said junior Miyah Hightower, who is a guard for the Braves. "Even though we lost, we came out ready to go and put up a good fight."

The Lady Braves finished second in the KVL with a 14-7 record. Junior Julianne Jackson led the team in scoring with 263 points and in rebounding with 129 boards.

Getting Back into the Game

Senior Kaleigh Taylor knew there was trouble when she came down on her knee wrong in attempt to block a shot during a summer tournament game. "I felt a popping in it. I had torn my ACL."

The injury meant the end of her senior season and a long road to recovery.

"I never got the chance to play in any actual games," Taylor said. "When I saw my team out there playing, I just wanted to give up and stop going. It was difficult to handle."

On Feb. 24, Taylor's chance to be a part of the action came when head coach Clay Oakes made an arrangement with Lansing.

"When I was finally able to get on the court for Senior Night it felt great," said Taylor, who scored the first two points of the game. "I miss it still. I'm going to miss playing with the same people for four years. It's going to be hard to have that changed."

Taylor plans to play next year at Avila University.

Prepping to Pass, junior Miyah Hightower protects the ball against a Mill Valley defender before passing it off to a teammate in a 38-28 road win. Hightower was the team's top outside shooter, leading the way with 31 three-pointers.

Driving into the Basket, junior Tanya Hernandez goes up strong against a Bishop Ward defender in a 60-43 home victory. "I wish we would have won league, but other than that we played really well," Hernandez said.
Sophomore Tanner Hitchcock captures a State title

With a final varsity record of 36-5 while wrestling in the 113-pound weight class, sophomore Tanner Hitchcock powered his way to a state championship with a 4-2 overtime victory against Augusta senior Jake Goldenstein.

"State was pretty exciting and loud," Hitchcock said. "In the hotel at state, I tried to rest, not do a lot and go to bed early. After winning the final match, I was really excited with adrenaline and felt happy."

Head coach Brandon Jobe was thrilled with Hitchcock's performance all season long.

"He definitely stepped up to the plate at the state tournament and won some close matches," Jobe said. "He put in so much work and he's coachable. That's the reason why he won. It's not just because of the way he wrestled; he won because of the way that he goes about his business and the way that he works day in and day out."

PROFILE » Bryan Lanning

How did your regular season go?

My regular season went pretty well. I finished at 33-12, the best record I had all throughout high school.

What were your feelings walking out to the mats and crowds at state?

It was fun, exciting and a good experience.

What did you do off the mat at the hotel?

I pretty much just chilled in bed and rested up.

What was your favorite match this year?

My favorite match would have to be getting my 100th career win on Senior Night.

"wrestled varsity in the 106-pound weight class. I learned that not everything in life is going to come easy, so you're going to have to work hard to get what you want. My best match was probably at regionals where I reached the semifinals and lost by a couple points. It made me mad, but I got over it."

Jacob Sullivan

"wrestled in the 145-pound weight class. I learned how much hard work can really change how good you are. I started off not being very good, but I kept working hard. I got better, and I ended the season with a winning record. My season highlight was taking second at WyCo."

Gage Herron

"wrestled in the 120-pound weight class. I learned a lot, but I think the biggest thing I learned is how to be a better person. To stay focused, I set goals. My best match overall was going against Corbin Nirsch in the finals of the Bobcat Classic."

Collin Wallar
With determination, sophomore Sean Singleton takes on his opponent at state.

Young team sends five to state meet

With many athletes new to the varsity level, the young Braves wrestling team found success in a season of changes. "We had a lot of freshmen and sophomore guys that stepped up and did some really good things," head coach Brandon Jobe said. "It was good to see some of the younger guys get some good, quality wins."

Helping new wrestlers make adjustments wasn't the only difficulty that Jobe faced. "This was a season full of challenges in every different way: weights, keeping guys healthy, and just trying to get our best lineup out there every week was just a huge challenge," Jobe said. "We could never just get our whole team and put it all together."

Team highlights included sending five wrestlers to state: Tanner Hitchcock, Kolbe Seaton, D.J. Ballard, Sean Singleton and Bryan Lanning. Behind state champion Hitchcock, the Braves placed 18th.

The squad placed fourth at regionals with two champions and fifth in the KVL.

Jobe was pleased with his two senior leaders, Ballard and Lanning.

"They brought experience," Jobe said. "They have been with our program for six years."

Wrestling 65
Becoming Prom King was one of the best moments of my senior year. The nomination was a complete surprise to me. It feels good to know that many people care about me.”

Brian Gray #12
Going through the motions, sophomore Marissa Satterfield, junior Ciara Dornbrack, and senior Madison Stumbaugh and others perform the choreography to an African-styled piece of music at the Dec. 11 concert. "I always enjoy getting to experience different cultures in choir; it really felt like I was taking a trip," Satterfield said.

With rhythm, junior Lucy Florez plays the drum alongside the A Capella choir at the winter concert. "I always love bringing new elements to concerts and this was a great way to do that," Florez said.

“T” ratings at state music contest
Darius Sheppard
Lucy Florez
Taryn Remigio
Heidi Rodgers

“T” ratings at regional music contest
Darius Sheppard
Lucy Florez
Taryn Remigio
Heidi Rodgers
Hannah Scheck
Scott Nevill
Juan Vela-Olare
Michael Utton

Focusing intently, freshmen Jada Neu (right) and Megan Wyatt watch director Brian White for their cues on stage at the winter choir concert.

Raising the roof, junior Chelsea Fletcher and fellow choir members sing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," the traditional close to BRAVO. "I loved getting to say goodbye for the night with my big choir family," Fletcher said.
Oh, say, can you SING?

To boost spirit and to showcase the talents of the vocal music department, athletic department secretary Dawn Jackson suggested a beneficial change for everyone.

Starting in the fall, choir members took turns performing the national anthem for games other than football and basketball.

Before this year, teams such as volleyball, wrestling and swimming weren't included in the tradition of starting out the game with the anthem.

Overall, this change has had a positive response from athletes, students and parents. It is a great opportunity to intertwine athletics with the arts and include different students.

"Celebrating a job well done," sophomore Jessica Willmon receives a high five from junior Julianne Jackson after singing the national anthem before a volleyball match. "Usually the girls don't have anyone to sing for them and they were really appreciative of me," Willmon said.

"Showing her patriotism," senior Azianna Holliday performs at a horror volleyball game. "I was really scared at first, but in the end it made me more confident in my singing," Holliday said.

LYRICS

What song lyrics currently depict your life?

"I'm Mix-aLot's 'I like big butts and I cannot lie' from Baby Got Back. I like these lyrics because booty is life." — Will Tyndall » 11

"About a Week Ago" by Bobby Shurmuda because when I don't turn in an assignment the teacher is always like, "That was due a week ago, A'Leigha." — A'Leigha Simpson » 10

"Drake's 'I was runnin' through the 6 with my woes' because it sounds like something I would want to experience." — Stephen Young » 9
Going for the goal, sophomore Shaunie Lanning runs towards the end zone in hopes of scoring another touchdown for the Lady Braves. "It was fun. I loved switching teams," said Lanning. "The seniors and freshmen wanted me, and they knew I was a good player."

Standing tall, sophomore Gage Herron stands atop a pyramid. "You're able to see everything and see everybody cheering. It's kind of fun to be the center of attention," Herron said.

Turning the corner, sophomore Carletta Hill moves the ball down the field for the Orange Crush team, which fell to the Lady Braves, 30-0. "I think we could've worked harder as a team, run faster and done better on defense and offense," Hill said.

Rising to the top, the cheerleaders perform for the crowd. For the first time, cheerleaders had to be members of KAY club if they wanted to cheer.

Front Row: Lacey Dean, Hayli Spencer, Peyton Capehart, Angelica Harding. Row 2: Carletta Hill, Logann Sites, Kaitlyn Rose, Megan Willmon, Cheyenne Willmon, Brendan Orahood.

the bigger, the BETTER

KAY club expands membership

With the addition of male members for the first time, the KAY (Kansas Association for Youth) club nearly doubled in size.

"We went from about 40 members to around 70. We felt that boys could be just as active and participatory and learn just as much as the girls—gender equality," said club sponsor Jennifer Stricherz.

Another change came with the traditional Powder Puff game, which was held in the spring instead of the fall due to a rainout.

"I was very upset that it got moved, but I understood the reason it got moved," said senior Jennifer Hammond. "I love Powder Puff because I rock it."

The purpose of the KAY club is to promote leadership and community service locally and around the world. With service projects that consisted of everything from food drives to remodeling buildings, the group was always busy.

"We have continued and made the local Vaughn-Trent food bigger than ever. We donated money to buy a water filter for the Heifer Organization in Africa. We also went to the VFW in Leavenworth and completely redid their common living area, cleaned everything up and reorganized," Stricherz said.

At the Regional KAY Conference in the fall, the club received the Blue Award for service points earned. Next year, they hope to advance to the gold level of service.

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"I thought it was pretty fun being able to act like real cheerleaders and experience how cheerleading goes."

Brendon Gray » 10

"Cheerleading deserves a lot of credit because it's actually harder than people would expect. Most people don't count cheerleading as a sport or something big, but I learned that it should be considered a sport because it's a lot harder than it looks."

Christopher Broome » 10

"It was a really weird experience having to cheer. It was really fun. I tried to be a flyer, but I couldn't stay balanced."

Michael Duxbury » 10

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With lots of spirited onstage chases and plenty of intrigue, the spring play, "Maid to Order," gave the audience plenty to smile about.

The drama focused on wealthy widow Marcy Malliger, who was played by Mikayla Young, and her womanizing son, Gerald (Tyler Dill), who hits on the newest house maid, depicted by Sumer Sprenkle.

To complicate matters, the maid’s brother, James, played by Darius Sheppard, comes to the house seeking protection from a loan shark. The plot thickens when Malliger’s beau (Hunter Amego) ends up being the notorious loan shark.

Malliger then calls the cops (Gabby Bennett and Hannah Scheck) to find a mysterious intruder who was really James, the maid’s brother.

Even though “Maid to Order” wasn’t his first choice, director Dan Streit thought the play offered “lots of movement and humor.”

“Not enough kids tried out for the original play we chose, but in a pinch I matched it up to what we had actor wise,” Streit said.

The play marked the end of a 16-year run for Streit at BSHS.

“I will miss the sheer fun of being around those types of kids who enjoy acting,” Streit said.

The best part of his directing career, Streit said, was “getting kids to understand what true acting is—not copying somebody but developing the character.”

In desperation, junior Darius Sheppard (James) pleads with his onstage sister, Sarah (Sumer Sprenkle). “Above all, I think I enjoyed the family-oriented environment we had. We weren’t just a cast; we were family,” Sheppard said.
»Cosying up, sophomore Rachel Mauk (Winnie) shows her affection for Gerald (Tyler Dill). "I definitely made some friends I wouldn't have made had I not been in the play," Dill said.

»Answering the phone, junior Emily Barger (Janice) plays her part as an anxious personal assistant. "This play was a lot better than last year because people remembered their lines and it went smoothly," Barger said.

»With emotion, junior Mikayla Young (Mrs. Malliger) talks to her onstage son, (Tyler Dill) Gerald. "We were all concentrated on having fun, so that made it the best play that I've ever been in," Young said.

»Getting into character, senior Gabby Bennett interrogates the others in her role as a cop. "My favorite part was that if we forgot a line, we would make it up and still be able to go along with it," Bennett said.

»I got to meet amazing people and I fell in love with acting, something that I had never done before."
Lacey Dean • 10

"My favorite part of the play was getting to know people I hadn't met before."
Hunter Amego • 10

"My favorite part of the play was just being in a production that I know people will come to and watch."
Hannah Scheck • 11
"My first ticket was for racing on I-35. After church I ended up racing my sister, Abi Cottrell, home. I was going about 120 mph, and after taking the Edwardsville exit, a cop pulled up behind us. He followed us and we were eventually pulled over on south 94th street. Ab was pulled over first, but I kept going and ended up making it all the way home. The cop ended up coming to the house. I received a $225 ticket for going over 100 mph and a $90 fine for no turn signal. I had to go to court and got diversion for a year. I’m only allowed to drive with parent permission."

Blake Faucette » 10

"I got my first ticket on the way to Riley County. I was heading to cheer on the wrestling team when I got pulled over for going 23 mph over the speed limit. It ended up being a $230 ticket."

Kennedy Bacon » 11

"I got pulled over twice by the same cop. The first time was for going 70 mph on K-7 and the next time was for a headlight that was out. He also ended up asking for everyone’s ID’s."

Roman Glenn » 12

what’s in your trunk? Joshua Adams » 11

beDRIVEN Colton Quigley » 12

"I became interested in cars after I met my friend Kevin, who at the time was working on a 1968 Camaro. After taking interest in cars, my dad began to tell me stories of all his cars in high school. I started to push him to get another car to work on. In May of 2012, we bought a 1966 Mustang and began work on it. With the help of Kevin, we restored the Mustang in time to show the car in Branson. Then in May of 2014, needing an idea for my Senior Project, I bought a 1968 Ford pickup. I began the restoration process, doing most of the work on the truck myself. In my future I do plan to work on cars, mostly as a hobby, but if I can’t find a career I enjoy I will most likely work on cars as my career."
Growing up around cars, it was destined that junior Austin Purduski would take interest and soon work on cars himself. “My dad used to own his own body shop. When I was little, I would sit in the shop with him and sometimes help. About seven years ago, I started working on cars myself,” Purduski said. “Right now I’m restoring two cars, a 1980 Camaro and a 1967 Chevy pickup.”

Besides restoring his own cars, Purduski also works on other people’s cars whenever they need to be fixed. His hobby of working on cars is one he plans to continue throughout his life.

“I plan on working on cars for as long as I physically can. It’s a great hobby to have. It’s very rewarding to see your final product when it’s all done.”
ROARING 20s

Prom 2015
April 18 at Lake of the Forest Clubhouse

Juniors Alexis Odell and Kacey Ryser
Juniors Alexis Tendick and Austin Purduki
Sophomore Abi Cottrell and senior Vincent Rout
Seniors Gabrielle Bennett and Steven Barnes

Junior Hayley Butler and senior Ryan Clouser
Senior Dylan Clark and date Katrina Miller
Senior Steven Shonkwiler and date Madison Lawrentiew
Senior Joshua Brown and date Kylie Stancer

Senior Dorian Williams and date Reggie Hollinshead
Senior Caitlyn Khatchadourian and sophomore Alec Mooberry
Senior Ashtyn Wells and sophomore Gage Herron
Freshman Mavay Kempf and junior Bobby Crowley

Teacher Jennifer Stricterz with seniors Bailey Presler, Cheyenne Cook, and Rayna Weibrecht
Prom Couples ~ 77
Enjoying their prom, seniors Richard Skaggs, Aaron Ashford and Taner Shipman dance to Katy Perry’s “Roar” on the Clubhouse stage. “Getting up on stage was probably the highlight of the whole thing. In doing it, we brought everyone together to dance,” Ashford said. “It was a great way to end high school.”

Kicking to the beat, senior Amber Lies, and sophomores Abbrei McKelvin and Sally Crabtree dance to the Cupid Shuffle. “I think this prom was better than last year’s because of the boys going up and dancing on stage,” said McKelvin.
Dancing to the best, seniors Morgan Lawrence and Adam Burdalski enjoy the evening. "This dance was bittersweet, mostly because I had that moment where I realized that this was my last dance with my friends," Lawrence said.

Senior Brittany Spencer and date Grant Hensley

Junior Katie Carpenter and date Weston Vitt

Seniors Kelsey Wheeler and Sam Nelson

Senior Alley Washburn and date Michael Bounmiswong

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INTERESTS

"...started spinning fire in December, and I’ve been spinning regular poi for about a year now. (Poi is the art and performance of swinging weights tethered to a rope or chain).

I like spinning because it is unusual and makes people curious. When I first saw it, I was like ‘Wow, this is awesome and I have to do this.’

When spinning, I can feel the heat, but I’m focused on making it look cool and making sure I’m doing it right. If I don’t, I’ll burn myself.

My parents support me but we both, also, know the dangers. They always make sure I’m being careful.

My favorite thing about poi is that it is a way for me express myself. I also like to see people’s reactions when they first see it.

I plan on doing this for as long as I can. I don’t see myself doing this as a profession, but if that’s where it takes me, than that’s even better."

Cody Wilson » 10
PROFILE » Christopher Hayes

What is geocaching?
Geocaching is a worldwide game where people search for treasure hidden by other players. The goal is to share what you find and find as many things as possible. The birdhouse (lower left) is something I made for other players to find.

What is your favorite geocaching find?
It would probably be when I was with my stepdad and my mom and we found Easter eggs with geocoin in them under a fake bird.

How many hours do you spend geocaching?
I spend about five to six hours a week geocaching.

You also collect movies. Why do you collect them and how big is your collection?
I collect movies because I believe one day the world will only have digital movie copies, and I will have existing copies that people can hold in their hand. I currently own 250 movies, and I am about to purchase 25 movies from another collector. These are two of my newest movies (top left).

How long have you been collecting movies and where did this hobby come from?
I've been collecting movies since I was in the eighth grade. Everyone in my family had a collection of their own, and I wanted one. I thought, "Why not movies?"

Will you continue to collect movies and do geocaching throughout your life?
I will continue to collect movies until they stop making them. I plan to keep on geocaching until I get tired of it.

PROFILE » Megan Laughlin

What kind of boxing do you do? Can you describe it?
I do straight-up boxing, just simple moves like jab and uppercut.

Why do you box and when did you start?
I started when I was six because I was always hitting things. My mom suggested boxing, and I just kind of stuck with it.

How often do you have boxing matches or practices?
I have boxing matches two to four times a month, and I train six days a week.

How do you prepare for a match?
I have a prefight ritual with my sparring partner. We play hacky sack and listen to hard-core rock music.

Are you ever scared going into a fight?
No. I am always hesitant when I go up against someone I've never boxed before, but I go in with confidence.

What is most people's reaction when they hear you're a boxer?
They are usually surprised, mostly because I am really short. They always ask, "Are you going to hit me?"

Have you ever been badly injured as a result of boxing?
I had a broken jaw last year. It was about eight months before I was cleared to box again.
With an artistic touch, Jon Heck works on the mural he created between the two art classrooms in the basement. Heck spent 38 hours and 50 minutes working on his project. "My favorite part was how it helped me want to explore more with art and take it on as a career," Heck said.

PROFILE » Alex Povlitzki

What was your Senior Project and how many hours did you put into it?
I ran a future Braves conditioning program and I spent 24.5 hours on it.

What advice would you give to underclassmen about the Senior Project?
I would advise them to do something they enjoy because the more fun it is for you, the easier the project will be.

What was your favorite part of your project?
My favorite part was meeting and getting to know the kids and seeing them grow.

PROFILE » Lauren Murphy

What was your Senior Project and how many hours did you put into it?
I held a skating event to raise money and awareness for skin cancer and I spent around 25 hours on it.

How much money did you raise?
I raised a total of $1,313.

What was the most important thing you learned from your project?
Personally I learned how to interact with people, but raising the money for the cause was a more rewarding experience for me than gaining the knowledge that I did.

Making a difference, Jon Nay teaches sign language to Cece Powers, daughter of Media Center Manager Iva Powers. Nay, whose parents are deaf, originally kicked around the idea of teaching sign language to an elementary school class, but later chose to work with Cece. "My favorite part was being able to teach another person sign language, especially since it helped her so much and the fact that I was able to see the changes that came with it," Nay said.

Having a blast, Layne Warner makes the most of his dodgeball tournament project on Sunday, Feb. 8. "At first I wanted to make a comic book, but my mom suggested that I do something hands-on and I'm happy with how it turned out," Warner said.
Presenting her project, senior Gabrielle Bennett tells about her experiences working at Ani-Pals Pet Resort in Edwardsville. "I spent 32 hours on my project and my favorite part was being able to hang outside with the puppies on the nice days," said Bennett, whose project led to a part-time job at the resort.

Q&A with Tyler Rhodes

What was your Senior Project?
I helped with Relay for Life. I did everything from setting up tents to going from door to door to get donations. I chose this project as a memorial to my grandfather, who passed away in 2011.

How many hours did you put into it?
I put in 48 hours.

What was the best part of your project?
Knowing that people were there to support me and my family and all those who suffered the loss of someone who had cancer.

Q&A with Gabrielle Rye

What was your Senior Project?
I shadowed a nurse practitioner at the Bonner Springs Providence Clinic on Nettleton.

How many hours did you put into it?
I spent 30 hours on my project.

What was the most important thing you learned?
That I'm better suited to be a pediatrician than a family practice doctor.

Why did you choose your project?
I'm going into the medical field to be a doctor and this related to my career and future.

Q&A with Jordan Williams

What was your Senior Project?
I renovated the outside of a house.

How many hours did you put into it?
I spent a total of 37.5 hours on the project.

What was the most important thing you learned?
I definitely learned better work ethics, like working harder and longer in general.

Why did you choose this project?
I chose to do that project because carpentry related work has always been interesting to me. It just sounded like it would be fun.

Project Honors

Hall of Fame
Mikaela Bennett
Lauren Murphy
Madison Stumbough

Gold
Mikaela Bennett
Jessica Christensen
Hannah Feidhafer
Rachel Johnson
Sam Johnson
Caitlyn Khatshadounian
Morgan Lawrence
Lauren Murphy
Caitlin Reed
Madison Stumbough
Kaleigh Taylor
Shelley Taylor

Silver
Francisco Banuelos
Jordan Castro
Jennifer Hammond
Aarionna Holliday
Alex Povilotski
Bailey Presler
Colton Quigley
Skyler Roach
Baleigh Shearer

Senior Projects 83
first team:
Thaddeus Glenn

The Art of Pitching

My best pitch was my change-up, but I threw the fastball the most because it was the easiest pitch for me. I only really throw the fastball, change-up, and curveball. The hardest pitch to throw was the palm ball because it was difficult to grip the ball. I threw heat.

Bobby Crowley » 11

"My easiest pitch this season was a change-up, but it was dirty. On some days my curve ball wouldn't want to work with me and on other days it was my best pitch. The hardest pitch for me to throw was the split-finger because you have to have big hands."

Eric Valenzuela » 10

"My favorite and easiest pitch was a fastball just because I try my best and I have the most control on when it goes. Sometimes it will tail off if I throw it just right. The hardest pitch to throw is a curve ball because it's a different type of grip and requires a little more emphasis on flicking my wrist."

Connor Byers » 10

Do you like pitching or catching better?
Catching, because I am the captain on the field.

What goes through your mind while playing?
When I'm catching, I'm thinking that I can't let the ball get past me and if someone steals, I have to throw them out. When I'm pitching, I'm just thinking about throwing strikes and letting the defense work.

Who is your favorite pitcher to catch for?
My favorite pitcher to catch for is Thaddeus because when he's throwing strikes, it's faster than anyone else on the team.

What is your favorite pitch to throw?
My favorite pitch is a slider because it breaks a lot and it confuses the batter.

Making the play, senior Roman Glenn prepares to throw to first base for a possible double play after getting a force out at second against Tonganoxie. Glenn had 11 singles, nine doubles and scored 10 runs for the Braves in his final season.

Throwing strikes, senior Thaddeus Glenn pitches at a home game. Glenn pitched 25 innings with 39 strikeouts. "He was our go-to guy on the mound," head coach Adam Loecker said. "He gave us the best chance to win."
Junior Collin Sechrist takes a swing in an April 7 game against the Lansing Lions. The team’s first baseman, Sechrist had 74 put-outs and a team-leading fielding percentage of .976.

Although they finished 3-17, the baseball team worked hard to get better each time out.

“It was a tough season and it didn’t go the way I wanted in terms of wins and losses,” head coach Adam Loecker said. “But the guys put forth their best effort every time they stepped on the field.”

Loecker said one of the season highlights came when senior Thaddeus Glenn tossed a one-hitter against Eudora in a 1-0 home victory.

“When he’s on, Thaddeus is one of the league’s top pitchers,” Loecker said.

According to Loecker, the team’s most improved player was sophomore Andrew Stephan.

“Andrew really improved his approach at the plate, and he developed as a pitcher too,” Loecker said.

Loecker was also pleased with his six seniors and said they helped him to “grow as a coach.”

“Thaddeus and Roman Glenn were our captains and leaders,” Loecker said. “I feel like Jordan Castro was one of our silent leaders, someone who did a lot of the little things right.”

Loecker also had praise for versatile senior Jeremy McDonnell, who turned in another solid season.

“Jeremy was a great utility player that we could put anywhere on the field and he would have success,” Loecker said.

Offensively, Thaddeus Glenn was the team’s top hitter with 18 hits and a .303 average.

> Making contact, sophomore Solomon Young drives the ball at a home game. In his first varsity season, Young had the second-best batting average at .312 with four doubles.

> Leading off, sophomore Andrew Stephan is ready to steal second base. “I like diving when I steal bases more than sliding. The only downside is how much more scraped up you get,” Stephan said.

> Ready to go, sophomore Preston Landers prepares to catch a pitch during a home game. “I like catching for Jeremy McDonnell the best because I’ve caught for him the most. I like catching his fastball,” Landers said.

> With deep concentration, junior Collin Sechrist takes a swing in an April 7 game against the Lansing Lions. The team’s first baseman, Sechrist had 74 put-outs and a team-leading fielding percentage of .976.
Q&A with Jose Almeida

What were your strengths and weaknesses?
I have a really good serve and backhand. My weakness is playing at the net.

What's your favorite stroke?
The slice because it makes it harder for the other player and gives me more time to decide what I want to do next.

Who was your favorite partner to play with?
My favorite partner is Aaron Ashford because he's a nice guy and we would help each other during games.

Had you ever played for a school team?
In Portugal, I never played competitive tennis.

* Returning the ball, sophomore Noah Wyant stays aggressive at the net while playing at home on April 16. In his first season of varsity action, Wyant had a 2-4 record in singles.

* Making contact, senior Taner Shipman volleys the ball back over the net at a home meet on April 6. Shipman and teammate Aaron Ashford had a 3-5 record in doubles.

* Following through, senior Aaron Ashford serves the ball aggressively across the court. Ashford finished the season with a total record of 12-17, including both doubles and singles.

* Focused on the game, junior Peter Klingele returns the ball with a strong forehand on the Braves home court. "My favorite match was the one at Lincoln Prep," said Klingele, who won that day by a score of 8-2
With the entire varsity team graduating last year, spots on this year's varsity tennis squad were wide open.

"We were a very young team, so we had a lot of room for improvement. Overall, we had a great group of guys who were well-rounded and genuinely good people," said assistant coach B.J. Congleton.

Senior foreign exchange student Jose Almeida was the only player with a combined winning record, ending the season at 13-11 in both doubles and singles.

"It was quite the experience having Jose on the squad," Congleton said. "He easily had the best tennis strokes on the team, and he could really hit the ball well. Mentally, he would struggle at times because he would expect to hit the perfect shot every time."

Off the court, Congleton continued, "it was really neat to learn about Jose's life in Portugal and we all benefited from being around him this season."

In addition to Almeida, Aaron Ashford and Taner Shipman were also senior leaders.

"Our senior leaders were so good. Our young kids looked up to them and listened to their advice," said head coach Bill Scott.

Unfortunately, none of the players advanced to state.

"This was the first time we haven't done that in many years, so that was a disappointment for me and for them," Scott said.

Congleton said the play of sophomore Noah Wyant and freshman Coleton Nelson was a team highlight.

"I think one of the best tournaments came from Noah and Coleton, who finished second in No. 2 doubles at our invitational. They beat a couple of solid teams and then competed well against a tough Paola team in the finals," Congleton said. "They'll continue to get better."

»alazia stanley
pushing THROUGH

Team overcomes obstacles

Coming off a fourth-place finish at state last year, the Lady Braves soccer team headed into the season with high expectations.

"The team knew what was expected coming into the season," head coach Mike Moulin said. "But the team would need to find a way to build team chemistry, it's the chemistry that would matter."

The team kicked off the season on a high note, winning their first four games, including a 3-2 win against a tough Shawnee Heights squad.

"Our win against Shawnee Heights was a very proud moment. The year before they beat us, so some believed the result would be the same this year," sophomore defender Paige Krone said. "But we went out on the field and worked our butts off, coming off the field with the win in double overtime. It was a great way to start."

But the schedule got tougher and the Lady Braves struggled to stay above .500 as the season progressed. However, they went into the post-season with confidence and earned an 8-0 win against Basehor in the first round, giving them the chance to avenge a previous loss to Spring Hill and a return trip to state.

Unfortunately, the season ended with a tough, controversial 2-1 loss.

"We had a slow start, but once second half came around everyone picked up their game," said senior captain Shelbey Taylor. "We had an unfortunate call against a goal Hope Seaton made, which ultimately changed the outcome of the game."

The team still had many reasons to be proud of their 10-8 season.

"We lost a few players and we had to rebuild, but overall we competed really well as a team," said junior Miyah Hightower.

»mikaelabennett

be POSITIVE

"It was hard to stay positive towards the end of the season, but we knew we had to pull through and try our hardest."

Tanya Hernandez • 11

"Overall, the practices were good, but we did a lot of running and it was tiring. Our limits were tested and we worked a lot harder being on the varsity level."

Gabi Parada • 10

"Despite the losses and the tough practices, we never put our heads down. We're a pretty well-knit team and we always gave it our all no matter the circumstances."

Kaylan Roberts • 11
With focus, junior Miyah Hightower does her best to move the ball past the Shawnee Heights defenders in a 3-2 home win. Hightower was the team's top offensive player with 22 goals.

Waiting for the ball to drop, senior Faith Seaton, who plays wing, anticipates the action in a 8-2 home victory over Basehor-Linwood on April 13. Seaton helped the team out by scoring one of the eight goals.

On the move, freshman Hope Seaton runs to the ball to stop the Shawnee Heights offense. Seaton was not only a forward player, but also played mid and wing. In her first season of varsity action, Seaton scored 12 goals.

Looking towards the ball, junior defender Kennedy Bacon (far left) prepares to make a move in the last regular game of the season against Mill Valley while right back defender sophomore Paige Krone looks on.

PROFILE » Shelby Taylor
What does it mean to you to be a team captain?
Being a team captain means leading by example and doing what's expected of you.

How did the team do this year?
We had a few problems with communication on the field, but every team has their problems that they face. I felt like we began working better towards the end of the season.

What was your best memory this year?
There were so many great memories, but some of the best were the jam sessions on the bus ride back from games. Although the ending of the season was saddening, it was a great year.

What was a big win that meant a lot to you?
The double overtime win against Shawnee Heights was the highlight of my season. Everyone was on the same page and giving their full effort. We moved the ball really well.
Individual growth makes for a great year

With a variety of experienced and new swimmers, the girls swim season was highlighted by self and team improvement. Everyone on the team improved their times in at least one event.

Junior Robyn Lewis beat her own school record in the 500-yard freestyle and also set a new mark in the 100 butterfly mark at 1:07.

“Going into the season I knew I wanted to beat the fly record and get my name on the record board,” Lewis said.

Senior captain Madison Stumbough also bettered her times in many events.

“I brought my time down in the 200 free from a 2:40 at time trials to a 2:28 at the KVL meet,” Stumbough said. “I was super excited because I dropped quite a bit of time for one meet.”

Leading up to the state competition, the girls took first as a team in the WyCo meet, beating Piper, Turner and Washington.

State qualifiers included Lewis in the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, the 200-yard medley relay team of Stumbough, Julianne Jackson, Amber Lies, and Alayna Dooley, the 200 freestyle relay team of Lies, Jackson, Dooley, and Lewis, along with the 400 freestyle relay team of Lies, Stumbough, Dooley, and Lewis.

“It was really exciting because we qualified for three relays. Even though we didn’t do our best, I had a lot of fun,” Dooley said.

> Cutting through the water, junior Robyn Lewis swims the 100 yard butterfly at the first home meet. Lewis finished second but set a new school record.

> Nearing the finish, junior Bailey Pierce swims the 50 free at a home meet. “The 50 free is my favorite race. I’ve been swimming it since sophomore year when my time was 50 seconds,” Pierce said. Dropping 18 seconds, Pierce finished with a best of 32 seconds.

> Swimming the longest race, freshman Jenna McDonnell perseveres for 15 more lengths of the pool while freshman Karly Brungardt counts her laps. “I don’t like sprinting and the 500 yard freestyle is something different,” McDonnell said.
Gliding across the pool, junior Julianne Jackson swims the 100-yard breaststroke. "My breaststroke pullouts have always been hard for me, but I've learned to really pull with my arms and use my one dolphin kick to my advantage," Jackson said.

Diving off the block, senior Madison Stumbaugh kicks off the second leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay. "I've been scared to relay start since my freshman year when I fell on someone," Stumbaugh said. "But this year, my coach challenged me to try to relay start again, so I did."

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"Watching their teammate, freshmen Jayden Ziegler and Emily Rose show looks of disappointment as their teammate doesn't get her wanted time. "I feel it's important to always support your team, no matter what happens," Ziegler said.

"Pushing off the wall, sophomore Marissa Satterfield starts the last length of the 100 yard backstroke. "I just started swimming this year, so everything is new to me," Satterfield said. "With the help of my team, I've dropped a lot of time in all of my events. I have been working on my flip-turns and my dives a lot and those have gotten better too," Satterfield said.

"Joining the swim team, junior foreign exchange students Selina Renk and Sirarat (Bonus) Chaisumritcho participated in a school sport for the first time. "We didn't have swimming at my old school in Germany, not even sports," Renk said. "Swimming was not what I expected, but I like it." Chaisumritcho felt the same way. "I like swimming a lot. I didn't swim at my old school because I needed to focus on my academics. School is easier here, so I thought I would try it out."
Young squad faces high expectations

After watching senior Marc McClain capture the 4A individual title last year, the golf team knew it would be a challenging season.

"There’s no way we could have replaced him [Marc]. Everyone knew they needed to step up," coach Steve Miller said.

Not only did McClain qualify for the trip but so did the team, making the goal this year the same thing.

“We didn’t know how attainable that was, but I was fairly sure that we could get one or two guys to qualify for the trip," Miller said.

The young squad kicked off the season at their home invitational where they finished fifth.

After that, the team pushed past some pretty harsh spring conditions and had their best meet at the Atchison Invitational where they again placed fifth.

Senior Steven Greer led the team with a fourth-place finish while Caleb Malone, also a senior, placed 12th.

The boys kept their hard work up to regionals which was hosted at Sunflower Hills, their home course.

“The conditions were better than we expected,” Miller said. “The course got six inches of rain prior to the meet, so the course was very wet and muddy, but it was a beautiful day.”

Greer went out and played a solid round, but was two strokes short of qualifying for state scoring an 88.

Malone was right behind him with a 91. The cut for state was an 86.

The end of the season meant the team had to say goodbye to Coach Miller, who had guided them to success the past two seasons.

“Coach Miller was the best coach I’ve ever had. He taught me a lot and was a funny guy,” junior Tyler Hale said. “I’m going to miss his commentary on and off the course.”

be REFLECTIVE >> Steven Greer

Seniors Steven Greer and Caleb Malone were the team’s leaders. “It was their job to step up, and they did a great job doing that,” coach Steve Miller said.

What was your favorite golf memory?  
Going to state my sophomore year because it was my first time going to state for anything.

What is something you learned about yourself while playing golf?  
I learned that I am not very patient.

How did you feel when you knew you missed qualifying from state by two strokes?  
It felt awful missing it by two strokes, especially with all the work I put in trying to come back from an injury.

What is one thing Coach Miller taught you?  
He helped me out a lot with my social skills through out the tournaments.

Marking the spot, junior Collin Wallar prepares for his turn at the home junior varsity invitational on April 20.

Following through, junior Tyler Hale finishes his first season with a personal best of 106. “I improved a lot on my swing,” Hale said.
Hoping for the perfect shot, senior Caleb Malone takes a practice swing before teeing off at Hole 9 at Sunflower Hills. Although Malone did not do as well as he had hoped, he “felt good” about his last season, in particular his season-best at the league championships.

Doing his part, freshman Michael Williams looks back at the next golfer who will putt on Hole 2 at the Bonner Springs Invitational on April 2. “I wanted to break 100 before the season ended and I did it with a 95 at the Atchison meet,” Williams said. “I’m going to work hard over the summer to improve my game significantly so that I have a chance of representing Bonner Springs at the state tournament next year.”

Lining up the shot, junior Mason Hurla sets up a tee at regionals on May 18. “I just like the overall game of golf, but I really can’t think of anything in particular that I like about it,” Hurla said. “My biggest improvement was hitting my driver.”

Concentrating intently, freshman Chris Dolinar chips the ball while playing in his first varsity match at Sunflower Hills. “I feel like I improved on my swing and my mechanics,” Dolinar said. “My goal was to get a good swing down and to be consistent and I feel like I achieved it,” Dolinar said.
Celebrating a third out, the outfield of junior Morgan Reed, senior Caitlin Reed and junior Katie Carpenter hustle off the field. "The outfield bond is great," Carpenter said. "I loved working with all of them. It's different than the infield bond because there's only three of us and it makes for a closer connection."

Taking a lead, senior utility player Monica Stimac watches the pitch carefully. "My team is like my family," Stimac said. "We share ups and downs, bicker and laugh uncontrollably but at the end of the day, we play for each other. Win or lose, we are still a team."

What's the advantage to playing three sports?
Playing three sports always keeps me busy. An advantage is that I'm always in shape.

Would you recommend this to others?
I definitely would. I just advise them to also stay focused on their studies and not get lazy because it's a lot of work to maintain both.

How did your first home run feel?
It was such a great feeling. That week I was really confident in my hitting and while warming up for the game I remember telling the team I was feeling a diger.

What was the highlight of your season?
Our last couple games when the team came together. We had fun and played really well.

What will you miss about high school sports?
I'll miss the overall atmosphere and getting to build relationships with other girls.

Any advice to underclassman?
Don't take anything for granted because it goes by so fast.

Hoping to drive the ball, senior Mikaela Bennett swings at a pitch during home game. Bennett hit .379 with 22 hits and seven RBIs in her final season.

Aiming for a strike, junior Annie Carpenter strides off the mound while pitching at home. Carpenter pitched 16.1 innings for the Lady Braves and recorded 13 strikeouts.
saving their best FOR LAST

Late-season surge highlights season

With the loss of just one senior last spring, the Lady Braves returned a core group of veteran players.

"We had a wealth of experience compared to years past," head coach Denise Chowning said. "There were 11 athletes who had varsity time."

With all that experience, the team took on a new "look" that placed players in different spots. Senior Megan Laughlin, for example, shifted from catcher to third base.

"We had to move ladies that had played positions from years past to new positions because that was what was best for the team and they were able to perform well," Chowning said.

Unfortunately, the Lady Braves got off to a slow start, losing four of their first five games to finish at 8-13.

The team kicked off regionals with a dominant 15-0 win over Sumner and then held their own in the nightcap against No. 1 seed Basehor for five scoreless innings before losing 7-1.

"Although the game ended in a loss, we came together and played as a team," Chowning said. "Everyone supported each other and gave it their all. We made some great plays and executed some great plays."

Going for the out, junior shortstop Alexus Tendick throws to first during a home win against De Soto. Tendick finished the season with 17 hits and seven RBIs along with a batting average of .321.

For senior catcher and third baseman Megan Laughlin, the chance to play softball at KCKCC is one she's excited about. "It's a whole different atmosphere than high school or competitive ball," said Laughlin of the transition. "I'm excited to make life long friendships."

One of these friendships, however, she has already found in teammate and pitcher Hannah Fehlhafer, who also committed to playing softball at KCKCC in the spring.

"Being able to play with Megan again was always a factor," Fehlhafer said of her decision. "We get each other when we play together, and we know what makes each other tick."

Laughlin shared the same thoughts. "We're basically sisters on the field," Laughlin said. "It's an even stronger bond when she's pitching and I'm catching."

Down and ready, sophomore first baseman Kennedee Meier anticipates the ball. In her first varsity season, Meier hit .375. She also scored 10 runs and led the team in steals with 14.

Making the play, junior Brandy Brouhard scoops up the ball while playing second base. "I feel like we learned that we need to have fun and enjoy ourselves in order to win and that even though we might not win, it's okay because we had fun doing it," Brouhard said.

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Flying high, junior Michael Amayo competes in the long jump at the Bonner Springs Invitational. Amayo placed first with a leap of 21 feet and 1 inch. He was third at regionals to capture a return trip to state. “He jumped well all season,” said coach Rob Marriott. “He’s a consistent jumper.”

Up and over, freshman Kainen Allenbrand competes in the high jump at the team’s home invitational where he finished 11th.

A RACE FOR CAKE

The Bonner Invitational was filled with running, throwing and surprisingly, cake. If the throwers, Michaela Mock, Shaunie Lanning, Alexis Sechrist and Kaitlyn Rose, got first place in a race only designated for throwers, coach Rob Marriott would get them a cake, which only increased their desire to win.

“It felt good to win, but the cake was the best part. I had so much adrenaline running through me and plus I really wanted that cake,” junior Alexis Sechrist said. “Put a prize in front of my face and I’ll run a little bit.”

Not only did they win the cake, but they also got the chance to work as a team under the watchful eye of their “coach,” Marcell Holmes.

“Throwing is an individual sport and doing something together and getting first really felt good,” Sechrist said.
Giving it his all, freshman Coleton Oakes works his way past an opposing runner at the Bonner Invitational. Oakes participated in the 800 meter run with a seventh-place finish and a time of 2:21.45. "He had a great first season and ran the varsity 4x800 relay all year," coach Rob Marriott.

Ballou-Lyngstad, Amayo finish in top ten

For the second year in a row, the boys track team placed first at its home invitational, scoring 100 points to take the title.

"Everyone just enjoys running at home," said coach Rob Marriott.

To conclude the regular season, both the boys and the girls finished seventh at the KVL meet. Junior Jonita Francis led the way for the Lady Braves, finishing third in the 100 meters and fifth in the 200 meters.

The boys also finished seventh at regionals the next week, with juniors Michael Amayo and Riley Ballou-Lyngstad and senior Jonah Freese qualifying for state in individual events, along with the 4x100 relay team of Freese, Christopher Broome, Alonzo Hokes and Marcell Holmes and the 4x400 relay team of Ballou-Lyngstad, Freese, Hokes and Scott Nevill.

Ballou-Lyngstad had the team's top finish at state, earning a fifth-place medal in the 800 meters while Amayo was seventh in the long jump with a leap of 20-10.75.

The 4x100 relay team qualified for finals but had a dropped baton and did not place.

"They worked really hard all year and had a lot of success and medaled in almost every meet and would have medaled at state," Marriott said. "The 4x400 team missed qualifying for finals by three-tenths of a second."

With a strong start, junior Jonita Francis leaves the blocks while competing at home. Francis' best meet was the Red Bud Classic at Baldwin where she was first in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and third in the 400 meters to score 26 of the team's 34 points.

Attempting to stay ahead, junior Riley Ballou-Lyngstad runs a relay leg at the Bonner Springs Invitational. "He's a gifted athlete with a lot of drive and determination. When you put those things together, there will be a lot of success," coach Rob Marriott said.

Scott Nevill » 12

Aarionna Holliday » 12

Jonah Freese » 12

Track & Field
**dear YERDS,**

We would like to thank all of you for your hardwork throughout the year on this book, it turned out amazing! We couldn’t have done it without each of you, because you all brought different and very important skills to the staff.

**Kiara, Lexi and Kaitlyn:** You guys are true go getters. Your content is always new and fresh just like you guys. Not only were you able to juggle everything we threw at you, but you also exceeded our expectations. Most importantly, thank you Lexi for taking over the index. That is a huge task to take on and you did it so well. Thanks to all three of you for supplying food and fun. #swag

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**Mama Holder:** To sum up everything you have done for us into a mere single paragraph would be an injustice. A million “thank you’s” would never be enough but here is a few: thanks for giving us this opportunity, I hope we didn’t let you down. Thanks for late nights and early mornings (specifically donuts) and finally, thanks for believing in us and in this book. Like Miley Cyrus once said, “life (this book) is a climb, but the view is great.”

**simply put,**

...thanks for being BRAVE.
Speaking to his classmates, senior Sam Nelson gives his part of the valedictory address. "Being a valedictorian was an honor," Nelson said. "Giving the speech, I was very nervous, but I'm glad I got to speak to my class one last time."

With a smile, senior Shelby Taylor finishes presenting the senior class gift of an electronic scoreboard. "It was a bittersweet moment, as I knew it would be the last time I would be speaking to my classmates," Taylor said.

Chosen by the Class of 2015, English teacher Jennie Stricherz and senior Logan Shearer (left) and science teacher Jan Madlock and senior Jacob Krauss (above) give congratulatory hugs after presenting the diplomas.

Showing off her diploma, senior Allie Mulich is all smiles after the graduation ceremony.

Singing with the choir, senior Ashley Woodford preforms "You'll Never Walk Alone/Climb Every Mountain" with the A Cappella Choir. "Although I didn't join the high school choir until my junior year, I enjoyed it as much as any four-year members did. Concerts were a blast and having Mr. White as our choir director was really the best. Without him I would not have received the music scholarship through KCKCC," Woodford said. "The choir department will be sorely missed by me."

Moving her tassel from left to right, senior Grace Bennett formally completes her high school education. "High school was fun but I'm excited to start the next chapter of my life," Bennett said.

For the last time, senior Sam Johnson preforms "Rondo" by David Holsinger with the band. "I was thinking about how crazy it was that I was the one graduating," Johnson said.

After accepting her diploma, senior Maddy Kempf walks back to her seat. "Graduation is the moment you realize that everything you've worked for has finally paid off and that all the problems and difficulties you've faced during that time won't matter anymore," Kempf said. "It's the moment you know you can move past it all."

Memories are the things you hold on to as you grow up and without attending Bonner, I wouldn't have such great ones."  
Jacob Wylie '12

High school went by too fast, so make every moment count and don't second guess yourself. Always keep your head up and never lose faith in yourself or your abilities."  
Jacob Neu '12

Elementary school and middle school were rough times for us all, we were still trying to find ourselves. High school will not be forgotten with the memories and friends made. Graduation is just the next step in our lives."
Gabrielle Rye '12

While at Bonner, I was extremely fortunate to have numerous teachers who were beyond amazing. They were kind, funny, and playful mentors who expected nothing but our best. They encouraged us to look beyond high school, at life's bigger picture."

Bailey Presler '12
144 People in the senior class as of March 1

NINE
Seniors speak a language besides English at home
"At home I speak Spanglish. It's a mix between English and Spanish. It works because I'm not that great at speaking either."

23 Seniors have a part-time job at the Legends
"Working at Nike is pretty chill. I've worked there for about a year and a half. I get free stuff and discounts from other stores along with Nike, and I also get paid well."

32 Seniors completed their senior project hours over the summer
"My project really opened me up and now I'm more comfortable speaking in front of people. I really learned a lot."

51 Seniors have been in this school district since kindergarten
"Being in this school district is fun because it's small and you know everyone. If I hadn't gone here, I wouldn't have as many friends as I do."

People in the senior class as of March 1

THIRTY-TWO
Seniors completed their research paper the night before it was due
"I cried for four hours before I started on the paper. After working on it for 16 hours, I was finally able to finish it. That was a terrible experience. Don't write your paper the night before it's due."

Seniors completed their senior project hours over the summer

15 Largest Shoe Size
» Aaron Ashford

65 Seniors plan to attend a community college or trade/vocational school
"I chose community college over a four-year school because it has a smaller community and is less expensive."

Girl with the most letters in her last name
» Sudarat Alongkornvila

18 Seniors have early release second semester
"It's awesome because you don't have to fight traffic. Also, I have more time to do the things I want to do."

Guy with the most letters in his last name
» Rodrigo Fernandez Alvarado

104 Seniors
BE THE CEO OF A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY

"I'd like to be the CEO of a global pharmaceutical company. Money is good; I'd like to be financially stable."
Rachel Johnson » 12

APPEAR IN A COLGATE COMMERCIAL

"It was nice to be selected for this award. I had to get orthopedic surgery as well as spend four years in braces."
Shelbey Taylor » 12

Yasmine Diaz
Jacob Dobbs
Brenden Dotson
Alyssa Driskill
Tori Dunn

Hannah Fehlhafer
Loren Ford
Jonah Freese
Madison Fritz
Maressa Garcia

Zach Gilbert
Roman Glenn
Thaddeus Glenn
Edgar Gomez
Brian Gray
Where do you see yourself in a decade?

"After four years of medical school and college, I see myself being a doctor that specializes in oncology because my grandmother died from cancer. I don't want anyone else to go through that."

Morgan Lawrence » 12

"I have two ideas in mind. Either go into law so I can go into politics later or go into music and theater so I can eventually perform on Broadway. I want to be in musical theater."

Darien Stogner » 12

"I can see myself being a mechanical engineer. My dream is to work at Black & Veatch. I may work on getting my master's degree as well."

Colton Quigley » 12

"Hopefully, I'll be married with kids after getting a degree in baking and pastries. I would also like to have a house but I'm not sure where. I would like to live in the country but the city seems nice as well."

Ashtyn Wells » 12
APPEAR IN A GATORADE COMMERCIAL

"It was an honor to be chosen. I've played sports since I was four and I've been drinking Gatorade since I was five."
Mikaela Bennett » 12

TO RETURN TO BSHS AS A TEACHER OR COACH

"I was chosen because I'm pretty much a coach for the offensive line. I can see myself being a coach later in life."
Jacob Wylie » 12
TOP PERKS
of turning 18?

"Feel like people take you more seriously because you're an adult. Also, you can get into cool concerts like Afenre's Prom and you can buy Sharpies and spray paint."  
Skyler Roach '12

"Just having the freedom to do or buy whatever I want. It's nice noting having to ask my parents before I buy things."  
Jonah Freese '12

"Being able to buy lottery tickets because I could possibly win all that money—at least that's what I hope."  
Bridget Rittinghouse '12
most likely to...

SURVIVE THE HUNGER GAMES

"I wouldn't use a weapon, just my fists because I can box. I'm not trying to be cocky or anything; I'm just confident. Everyone needs a little bit of confidence."          
Steven Barnes » 12

BE ON THE COVER OF GQ OR VOGUE

"While I feel like it's an honor, I wouldn't say that I'm fashionable, I just dress how I want to dress. I don't really care what other people think and I think that's how everybody should dress."          
Loren Ford » 12
Juniors have bought pizza in the Brave Cave
"I buy pizza from the slice probably every other Friday."
» Jonita Francis

Juniors don't use their locker
I didn't know where my locker was all first semester. During second semester, I had to start using it.
» Dalton Joyce

People in the junior class
"The junior class is the most interesting group of people you will ever meet."
» Hannah Martin

Sets of twins

Hunter & Hanna Wenzel
Katie & Annie Carpenter
Devante & Aaron McGee
Steffan & Madelynn Mefford
Jacob & Joshua Pressley

Paige Paikowsk

Juniors have gone to school in the USD 204 district since kindergarten
"I went to BSE and then DRE. My favorite teacher was Ms. Kennedy at DRE, but I don't think that's her name anymore. I'm pretty sure she got married."
» Alexis Duncan

Juniors speak a language fluently besides English
"Spanish is my first language. It's what I speak at home."
» Ruth Smith

Juniors have gotten their phone taken away from a teacher
"Mr. Schiltz took my phone away like every day during the first semester. Ms. Peterson has taken it a couple of times too."
» Paige Paikowski

Juniors are Orange Crush club members
"I prefer football games more because when the game gets intense we get hype and loud."
» Alyissa Mendoza

Juniors have their own car
"My parents paid for my car. My favorite thing about it is how fast it goes. I can't wait to beat Austin [Purduski] in his 1980 Camaro."
» Blake McMahan

Juniors have never had braces

Set of triplets
Peyton, Alexis, & Collin Sechrist
THE YEAR IN REVIEW...

If you could get front row seats to any concert, what concert would you choose?

"I would choose Taylor Swift because she's flawless. Really."
Emily Barger » 11

"The Zac Brown Band because they're really good and I would have a really great time."
Cody Cox » 11

"I would go to the Bo Burnham show. It has insanely well put together music and comedy."
Dalton Joyce » 11

Tyler Dill
Ciara Dornbrack
Alexis Duncan
Arthur Eichhoff
Kendall Ellis
Andrew Felix

Michael Fenzi-Davidson
Caitlin Fine
Lisa Chelsea Fletcher
Jacob Flores
Lucy Florez
Jacob Folsom

Crystelyn Ford
Tristan Foster
Jonita Francis
Jayne Fratzel
Victoria Frecks
Jamison Freese

Brett French
Carlos Galindo
Kasey Gilbert
Carlos Gonzalez
Kayla Gott
Tae'lor Graves
LOOKING FORWARD

Senior year, I want to be voted most likely to...

"I would want to be voted Most Likely To Succeed."

Tyler Hale » 11

"Senior year, I want to be voted Most Likely to be a Comedian."

Jacob Mellott » 11

"I would like to be voted Most Likely to Be famous. I want to be the next Bill Gates."

Alexandria Burnett » 11

Dalton Joyce
Peter Klingele
Lilly Lackner

Katelin Lake
Julia Lamendola
Ethan Lemon

Robyn Lewis
Zoe Lofton
Jennifer Maness

Mercedes Gray
Joey Groce
Erica Haas
Tyler Hale
Shayne Hand
Madison Hanson

Randall Harris
Odin Hart
Brajai Haskell
Christopher Hayes
James Helm
Mayra Hernandez

Tanya Hernandez
Miyah Hightower
Elyah Hinson
Hayden Hoffine
Marcell Holmes
Victoria Hoover

Mason Hurla
Devon Jackson
Julianne Jackson
Shane Jackson
Trasani Jackson
Lacey-Jo Jones
Griffin Mareske
Kelisee Marlowe
Hannah Martin
Tomoyo Matsuoka
Aaron McGee
Devante' McGee

Blake McMahan
Madelynn Mefford
Steffan Mefford
Jake Mellott
Alyissa Mendoza
Benjamin Moore

Raven Murillo
Emily Nelson
Nicholas Nickell
Jason Nilges
Trenell Nowden
Alexis Oden

Jeremiah Orr
Caelen Ottig
Paige Pakowski
Meghan Patino
Caleb Patrick
Carlie Peugh

Kevin Pichardo
Bailey Pierce
Micayla Pierce-Thomas
Jacob Pressley
Joshua Pressley
Austin Purduski

David Quezada
Morgan Reed
Taryn Remigio
Antonio Roark
Devyn Robben
Kaylan Roberts

Heidi Rodgers
Alvaro Romo
Priscilla Rosales
Paige Rowan
Cassandra Rye
Kacey Rye
Austin Sams
Hannah Scheck
Alexis Schultz
Kolbe Seaton
Alexis Sechrist
Collin Sechrist

Payton Sechrist
Kynnedi Shepherd
Darius Sheppard
Brianna Shively
Hunter Smith
Ruth Smith

Cameron Smith-Poe
Shelby Sneed
Sumer Spenkle
Alazia Stanley
Leitha Stites
Alexus Tendick

Linda Thao
William Tyndall
Taylor Vanden Hull
Rebecca Vela
James Wagner
Collin Wallar

Gabriel Ward
Hanna Wenzel
Hunter Wenzel
Morgan Wilhite
Zachary Willey
Kristina Williams

Haley Wright
Quinton Wright
Riley Wyatt
Mikayla Young
Sophomores wear contacts or glasses
“I’ve worn glasses since first or second grade. It depends on the weather which I prefer. In the winter I wear glasses, but I wear contacts the rest of the time.”
» Hayle Moeschler

THIRTY-SIX
Sophomores have their restricted license
“I felt immense amounts of freedom. It was very exciting. My car was a hand-me down from my dad. It is a 2005 Hyundai Elantra. We call it the ‘Red Rocket.’”
» Lacey Dean

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Students in the sophomore class
“We may all be different on the outside but on the inside we are all just trying to get through high school.”
» Harrison Ricci-Weller

21
Sophomores have a job
“I work at KCRC Raceway. I sit behind a computer and when people show up they sign up to race on a piece of paper. Then I go up to people and I announce who’s in the lead.”
» Brendan Orahood

24
Sophomores are currently in a relationship
“Aubrie Fredrickson and I have been together for three years. It has its ups and downs but when you’ve been with someone for a long time, you know how to overcome them.”
» Christopher Broome

10 things about the Class of 2017

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Sophomores wear contacts or glasses

21
Sophomores have a job

THIRTY-SIX
Sophomores have their restricted license

6’2” Tallest Sophomore
Cameron Buck

4’11” Shortest Sophomore
Morgan Sands

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» Harrison Ricci-Weller

FIVE
Sophomores named Alex

80
Sophomores have fallen asleep in class

Sophomores
THE FEAR OF...

What is your biggest fear?

"My biggest fear is clowns and slugs. I don't know why I'm scared of clowns. Maybe because my siblings always made references to the movie 'It.' That really freaked me out. I just don't like things that crawl and leave slime so I'm absolutely terrified of slugs."

Peyton Capehart '10

"My biggest fear is being left alone or not getting into a good college and not being able to do what I want in life which is be a writer and a tattoo artist."

Alexandria Broderick '10

"Kayte Gibson has no fears."

Kaytlyn Gibson '10

Jacob Freese
Emilio Garcia
Antonio Garcia-Duarte
Kaytlyn Gibson
Rachel Graham
Brendon Gray
Charlie Gray

Joshua Grimm
Keaton Guggenheim
Carlos Guillen
Dayton Gulley
Skylar Hammer
Angelica Harding
Macy Hart

Dakota Hendrix
Cierra Henry
Lauren Herrera
Gage Herron
Carletta Hill
Nathan Hinton
Tanner Hitchcock

Thomas Hodges
Brenna Holt
Dustin Hopkins
Alisha Hutton
Isaiah Jeffries
Brooke Keitner
Dolan Kile

Michael Duxbury
Alexandria Eickhoff
Jonathan Ellis

Blake Faucette
Thomas Felshaf
Elijah Flores

Exavier Ford
Paris Forshey
Aubrie Fredrickson
CELEBRITY SWAP

If you could be any celebrity for one day...

"I would want to be Andrew Talbot because he's a really good bass player and I want to be able to play bass."

Megan Willmon » 10

"I would want to be Justin Verlander because he's dating Kate Upton."

Parker Capehart » 10

"Khloe Kardashian because she's flawless and carefree."

Brooke Keltner » 10
YEAR IN REVIEW

What was the best TV show of the year?

"Scandal is the best TV show of the year because Olivia Pope is awesome and I want to be just like Olivia Pope."

Mackenzie Maxey = 10

"The best show of the year was NCIS-Los Angeles because it's fast-paced and has a lot of action."

Nathan Sprowl = 10

"My favorite show would be The Bachelor. You never know what's going to happen. It's so dramatic and scandalous. It's something to do on Mondays."

A'Leigha Simpson = 10

Grace Pennington
Laura Perez
Summer Pestock
JaDon Pouncil
Joshua Ray
Harrison Ricci-Weller
Estefany Rodriguez Ramirez

Kaitlyn Rose
Kevin Rowan
Morgan Sands
America Santos
Marissa Satterfield
Sayra Serrano Villegas
Jordan Shiao

Clayton Shields
Charles Shively
Sean Shonkwiler
A'Leigha Simpson
Sean Singleton
Michael Smallley
Conner Smith-Poe

Mikayla Snodgrass
Hayli Spencer
Sydney Sprague
Nathan Sprowl
Andrew Stephan
Logann Stites
Ryan Stumbough

Savannah Newell
Summer Ney
Brett Nichols

Jewell O'Neill
Erin Oots
Brendan Orahood

Ceria Orr Parra
Gabi Parada
Derrick Pennington

Sophomores
9 things about the Class of 2018

FIFTEEN
Freshmen claim to have been shoved in lockers
"I've never been intentionally shoved in one, but it wouldn't bother me if I had. I fit in places most people can't."
» Tyler Scott

53
Freshmen have had their phones taken away by a teacher
"Coach Aslin took my phone away all the time. If it was visible, he would take it."
» Emmalee Givens

211
People are in the freshman class
"The freshman class is the perfect mix between nerds and sports addicts."
» Emily Rose

6'7"
Tallest Freshman
» Cole Hockaday

4'8"
Shortest Freshman
» Daniel Monroy

86
Freshmen have received a first-semester detention
"I got a detention for being tardy to health. I had to go to the ISS room twice during lunch to make up for the time."
» Aneska Radcliff

SEVENTY-SEVEN
Freshmen have dyed their hair
"I dyed my hair because I've always wanted to have red hair; a lot of people think it's natural but it's not."
» Vanessa Roult

FORTY-FIVE
Freshmen are a part of the band or choir
"I was part of the drum line. I liked our unique cadences and that everyone enjoyed our performances."
» Bella Lawrence

"I was in Women's Ensemble, and we're basically like a big family. It made me feel I was part of something special."
» Kelsey Driskill

FIFTY-THREE
Freshmen have braces
"I've had them for a year, and the worst part about it is having them tightened. It takes me a day and a half to recover."
» Ryan Villarreal

"I hate them so much. I can't wait to get them off. I have a year left and it's moving by too slowly."
» Missy Kempf

"I can't wait to get them off this summer. They are a pain in the butt and I hate them with a passion."
» Gracie Myers
Kainen Allenbrand
Damian Amayo
Alexander Anderson
Mathew Apel
Tyler Arnold
Blaise Barnes
Kai'Lesha Barnes

Robert Barrett
Larissa Bell
Cameron Bellm
Kirsten Bizzell
Omar Brantley
Basil Broome
Skyye Brown

Shae Bruch
Karly Brungardt
Austin Bussell
Karina Calderon
Miguel Calderon
Lauren Cannon-Gallagher
Michaela Carmack

Alexandro Carrillo
Rafael Carrillo
Isabella Cavanaugh
Arianna Chastain
Andrew Christensen
Faith Cipelle
Drey Clayton

Kathy Cleveland
Cole Clifton
Logan Clouse
Dakota Cook
Dawson Crouss
Josiah Crowley
Miranda Cubbage

Anjelina Davidson
Seth Davidson
Hannah Davis
KeAndre' Davis
Samantha Davis
Tyra Davis
Sheila Deal

Alyssa Deeter
Shelby Denning
Kierstyn Dixon
Mason Dobbs
Chris Dolar
Ryan Downing
Katelynn Drydale
IF YOU GIVE A KID A COOKIE

What's the right way to eat an Oreo?

"You have to twist the two cookies apart, leaving the filling on only one cookie. Eat the cookie without the filling first, then eat the filling on the other cookie before eating the last cookie."

Larissa Bell #9

"You have to take the Oreo apart, eat the filling that was on one of the Oreo pieces and then dunk the Oreo cookie into milk and eat it."

Zach Nichols #9

"just like Oreo's. If you give me an Oreo, I'll eat it any random possible way that I can. What's the point in having a plan? It's not a complicated cookie."

Haley Carmack #9

Bradlee French
Cruz Garcia
Dakota Gibson
Jeffrey Gilbert
Emmalee Givens
Martina Glenn
Laura Gonzales

Taylor Gray
Nicolas Gregg
Destiny Grier
Wyatt Samuel Hall
Christian Hamm
Tanner Hanson
Mason Harris

Sam Harris
Tyrell Harris
Matthew Heck
Caden Henley
Edgar Herrera
Kaleb Hightower
Cole Hockaday

Luke Hoque
Alonzo Hokes
Jacob Houston
Sarah Hunt
Sydney Hunt
Hunter Hurley
Colton Istas

Anna Eddy
Jack Farnsworth
Emily Ferstl-Davidson

Luis Flores Duarte
Isaac Florez
Michaela Ford

Madison Frank
Makensie Frank
Samantha Franz
MYTH BUSTERS

What myths were busted your first year of high school?

"Myth: If you didn't have classes with someone in middle school, you won't have classes with them in high school.
Busted: I have classes with some of my best friends now, even the ones that I hardly saw at school before."

Dakota Cook #9

"Myth: Spirit Week is a big deal. Everyone gets dresses up and gets excited.
Busted: Only a few people actually dressed up for Courtwarming. I thought it was hard to find something to wear for most of the days."

Jenna McDonnell #9

"Myth: Freshmen will be hazed. I expected big seniors in the hallways yelling "FRESHMAN" and pointing fingers.
Busted: No one picked on me for being a freshman. I'm loved by everyone.

Martina Glenn #9
Hope Seaton
James Selleck
Juan Serrano Villegas
Kelsi Shiao
Lauren Shumate
Ashton Sickman
LeVoide Simpson

MacKenzie Singleton
Sherice Singleton
Veronica Smith
Amy Sowers
Fred Steele
Kristina Steinbacher
Amaya Stice

Bryant Stimac
Brittney Stovall
Arturo Suarez Ramirez
Jacob Sullivan
Piper Swartz
Halie Thompson
Osvaldo Rafael Torres

Paige Torset
April Triplett
Jonathan Trout
Michael Urtton
Justin Van Buren
Aubrey VanWinkle
Aaron Vaughn

Meliyah Venerable
Ryan Villarrreal
Trai Warburton
Stephon Warren
Logan West
Alexander Wheeler
De' Marques Whistfield

Joshua Williams
Mallory Williams
Michael Williams
Megan Wyatt
Jrias Xiong
Stephen Young
Jayden Ziegler

Maryam Zlitni
• Getting it right, freshman Zach Nichols works with Wood Tech teacher Ryan Mellick on a table he made in his sixth hour class. "It was fun class in that you could build anything you wanted," Nichols said.

• With all smiles, Science Olympiad sponsor Katrina Martin and juniors Micaela Pierce-Thomas and Griffin Mareske and senior Rayna Weibrecht look to see who had the closest guess in their M&M counting competition. "Science Olympiad was very challenging; you had to think of solutions really quickly, especially in competitions," Mareske said.

• Helping out, art teacher Jessica Connor assists junior Tristan Foster with a pottery project after school. "Helping students who put forth the effort is really what makes teaching worthwhile," Connor said.

a FAMILY matter

Freshman Brendan Marriott's father is Science teacher Rob Marriott
Freshman Ryan Downing's father is English teacher Bill Downing
Freshman Jamison Jackson's mother is secretary Dawn Jackson
Freshman Coleton Oakes' father is Science teacher Clay Oakes
Freshman Gracie Myers' mother is Government teacher Jenny Myers
Freshman Jenna McDonnell's mother is paraprofessional Judie McDonnell
When freshman Kaleb Hightower caught a glimpse of social studies teacher Samuel Rhodes' new hall pass, he couldn't believe his eyes.

"I remember thinking that the pass was bigger than me," Hightower said. "I thought, 'How am I going to carry this?'"

Rhodes' 4-foot by 3-foot hall foamboard pass cost him about $40 and took two days to make. Now you might ask why a teacher would spend so much money and make such a big deal about a hall pass?

"The fact that my students lost my previous bathroom pass," Rhodes said. "I needed something that was difficult to lose."

Rhodes said he saw a big difference with this new hall pass. Fewer students wanted to leave and they tended to hurry back. This pass met his goals and he didn’t regret creating it.

Rhodes has no idea that his pass would start a mini revolution—something he never intended. A good number of teachers joined in and created their own unique passes—ranging from a pumpkin bucket to another good-sized foamboard from the art department.

These passes created laughter throughout the halls as teachers and students enjoyed them. Rhodes may have started a tradition that will last for a very long time.
Lauren Anderson, Foreign Language
Dustin Arnett, ISS Supervisor
Lucinda Arnett, Paraprofessional
Lucas Aslin, P.E.
Parker Ast, Special Education
Nancy Baker, English
Monty Bechard, P.E.

Leslie Bergmann, Accompanist
Marla Betzen, Paraprofessional
Samantha Beve, Guidance Counselor
Stephanie Billet, Guidance Counselor
Kimberly Boleski, Nurse
Dan Burns, Industrial Technology
Heather Campbell, Mathematics

Denise Chowning, Social Worker
Crystal Coleman-Richardson, P.E.
Jessica Conner, Fine Arts
Anthony Davis, School Resource Officer
Julie Deason, Special Education
Adrienne DeLeon, Business
Matthew Dow, Business

Bill Downing, English
Trisha Elder, Science
Martha Gamble, Cafeteria
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional
Cheryl Henley, Cafeteria Manager
Jarrett Hernandez, Paraprofessional
Michelle Hickey, Science

Samantha Hinkle, Cafeteria
Douglas Hitchcock, Athletic Director
Allen Holder, English
Jill Holder, Journalism
Anne Holt, Secretary
Kelly Hoopes, Foreign Language
Joe Hornback, Principal

Justin Howe, Social Studies
Ryne Huff, Social Studies
Clint Jackson, Mathematics
Jared Jackson, Vice Principal
Brandon Jobe, P.E.
Jacob Johnson, Mathematics
Lewis Kasselman, Paraprofessional

Christina Kilgore, Vice Principal
Sarah Kolle, Mathematics
Adam Loecker, Mathematics
Lisa Lugar, English
Katrina Martin, Science
Judie McDonnell, Paraprofessional
Ryan Mellick, Industrial Technology
Stephen Miller, Special Education
Jim Mitchell, Special Education
Sarabeth Morgan, Special Education
Connie Mosher, Cafeteria
Jenny Myers, Social Studies
Clay Oakes, Science
Linda Orangkhadivi, English

Karen Parsons, Paraprofessional
Linda Pennington, Registrant
Rachel Peterson, Mathematics
Sarah Peterson, Foreign Language
Iva Powers, Media Center Manager
Terese Quenette, Social Studies
Herman Randle, Paraprofessional

Samuel Rhodes, Social Studies
Mary Riley, English
Jason Romanishin, Fine Arts
Cindy Rose, Director of Nutrition Services
Mark Schiltz, Social Studies
Dawn Sommers, FACS
Renee Stanley, Bookkeeper

Cindy Stephens, Secretary
Shawna Stevenson, Special Education
Jessica Stolte, Cafeteria
Dan Street, Journalism
Jennifer Stricherz, English
Robyn Studebaker, FACS
Jimmy Taylor, Custodian

Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor
Tierney Thompson, Special Education
Bill Turley, Instrumental Music
Brian White, Vocal Music
Jake Wike, English
Yolanda Williams, Cafeteria
Kelsey Willis, English

Kerry Wixon, Instrumental Music
Chris Wood, Quiz Bowl Sponsor
Ginny Yewell, Success Center

Not Pictured:
Jan Madlock, Science
Rob Marriott, English
Jermaine Slay, Paraprofessional
Stuco

Front Row: Anna Dustin, Peyton Capehart, Brittney Clark, Alexis Tendick, Sydney Sprague, Jordan Shiao, Kayla Willis, Emily Nelson, Maressa Garcia, Brandy Brouhard

Academic Decathlon


Science Olympiad


Brave Cave

Friendship Group


A Boy’s Life


A Girl’s Life


Drama Club

Front Row: Michaela Carmack, Jasmine Neu, Jewell O'Neil, Brendan Gray, Michael Murphy. Row 2: Mikayla Young, Anesk Radcliff, Savannah Newell, Hunter Amego, Marisa Young.

FCCLA

Band


French Club

Front Row: Ashley Worley, Heidi Rodgers, Rachel Johnson, Sumer Spreinkle, Carlie Peugh, Sponsor Lauren Anderson. Row 2: Rayna Weibrecht, Raven Murillo, Dakota Cook, Michaela Augustine, Emily Beach, Alexis Duncan. Row 3: Lillian Kaus, Madison Hanson, Cheyenne Cook, Morgan Nichols, Kendall Ellis, Zoe Lofton. Row 4: Amanda Miranda Dier, Joe Castle, Tanner Hanson, Courtney Rosoff, Parker Capehart, Francisco Banuelos.

French Honor Society

Front Row: Rachel Johnson, Rayna Weibrecht, Emily Beach, Michaela Augustine, Sponsor Lauren Anderson. Row 2: Kendall Ellis, Griffin Mareske, Francisco Banuelos, Cheyenne Cook, Taylor Vanden Hull.
Green Team

Scholar's Bowl

PowWow - Newspaper Staff

TeePee Talk - Broadcast Journalism

NHS Seniors

NHS Inductees
20/20 Leadership

Spanish Club

Spanish Honor Society

Peer Helpers

Mock Trial
VARSITY FOOTBALL
Eudora L 27-35
Chanute W 32-30
Basehor W 53-14
Lansing W 27-13
Piper W 31-24
Tonganoxie W 48-0
Turner W 48-15
Mill Valley L 0-42
St. James W 13-0
Aquinas L 15-23
Record: 7-3

CROSS COUNTRY
Ottawa 2nd 1st
Topeka West 5th 6th
Bartlesville 2nd 2nd
Ottoe 6th 6th
Perry 5th 7th
Wyco 1st 1st
KVL 6th 6th
Regional 6th 12th

VARSIY SOCCER
Tonganoxie W 2-1
SM North L 2-5
Leavenworth W 1-0
Heritage Academy L 0-10
Bishop Ward L 0-3
Lansing L 0-1
Perry-Lecompton L 0-1
Louisburg L 0-4
Spring Hill L 0-4
Topeka L 0-7
Ottawa L 0-10
Piper L 0-3
Turner L 2-7
Basehor L 0-8
Mauro H L 2-3
Record: 2-14

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Baldwin L 0-2
Basehor L 0-2
Eudora W 2-1
Achison W 0-2
Bishop Ward W 2-0
Christ Prep W 2-0
Basehor L 1-3
Immaculata W 2-0
Turner W 2-0
Washington W 2-0
Piper W 2-3
Blue Valley SW L 0-2
Gardner Edgerton L 1-2
Spring Hill L 1-2
Lansing L 0-3
De Soto L 0-3
Tonganoxie W 2-1
Turner W 3-0
Bishop Ward W 3-0
Schlagle W 3-0
Mill Valley L 0-3
Record: 28-18


Boys Soccer


Girls Tennis
Varsity and JV Football


Cross Country


Freshman Football


"Being a Brave to me means being humble in moments of triumph and being strong in moments of defeat." 
Hunter Murphy » 9

"My favorite memory of the season was when Lilly Lackner and I were playing doubles, and the other team hit the ball over the fence and a moving car. We all died laughing." 
Zoe Lofton » 11
Wrestling

Boys Swimming

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
Basehor-Linwood L, 46-67
Eudora L, 55-57
Paola W, 60-49
Parker W, 65-54
Tonganoxie W, 70-60
Piper L, 78-83
Mill Valley W, 72-64
Bishop Ward W, 69-64
Lansing L, 49-50
Anderson County W, 77-47
Augusta W, 79-66
Baldwin W, 54-53
Turner W, 56-52
Basehor-Linwood L, 58-66
Tonganoxie W, 78-59
Piper W, 56-45
Mill Valley L, 43-49
Bishop Ward W, 73-43
Lansing L, 63-69
Turner W, 69-55
Record: 13-7

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
Basehor-Linwood W, 54-39
Eudora W, 47-17
St. James L, 33-37
Parker L, 50-57
Tonganoxie W, 61-36
Piper W, 40-37
Mill Valley W, 38-28
Bishop Ward W, 73-44
Lansing L, 48-49
Piper W, 36-32
Anderson County W, 36-33
Turner W, 54-28
Baldwin L, 45-54
Basehor-Linwood W, 45-30
Tonganoxie W, 52-27
Piper L, 37-64
Mill Valley L, 36-48
Bishop Ward W, 60-43
Lansing W, 40-35
Turner W, 60-21
DeSoto L, 18-30
Record: 14-7

WRESTLING
Riley County Dual 3rd
Sabetha Tri-State Inv. 5th
Lee’s Summit Inv. 8th
Dick Bums Classic 2nd
Bobcat Classic 16th
BVNW Husky Inv. 10th
WyCo Championships 2nd
Kaw Valley Championships 5th
Regional Tournament 4th
4A State Tournament 18th


Boys Swimming

Front Row: Griffin Mareske, Bryan Morfin, Brandon Pedroza, Christopher Hayes, Dolan Kile, Coleton Nelson.
Row 2: Coach Preston Williams, Nickolas Passimise, Preston Landers, Sam Nelson, Caleb Brungardt, Fernando Arzabala, Steffan Mefford.
Row 3: Nikolai Christoff, Isaac Bolton, Ryan Downing, Peter Klingele, Jacob Kraus, Collin Sachrist.

Varsity Boys Basketball
Front Row: JaDon Pouncey, Connor Byers, Coach Dan Streit, Antonio Roark, Brendan Dotson.
Varsity Girls Basketball

From Left: Shaunie Lanning, Caitlin Reed, Allee Ledbetter, Kennedy Bacon, Morgan Lawrence, Coach Clay Oakes, Mikaela Bennett, Julianne Jackson, Abriec Sims, Miyah Highcower, Tanya Hernandez.

JV Girls Basketball


Freshman Girls Basketball


JV Boys Basketball


Freshman Boys Basketball

Girls Soccer

Front Row: Tanya Hernandez, Madison Frank, Montserrat Lopez, Mia Munoz, Gwenn Barnett, Larissa Bell, Lauren Shumate, Sydney Sprague, Jacky Burnett.  

Golf

Front Row: Austin Purduksi, Caleb Malone, Tyler Hals.  
Row 2: Coach Steve Miller, Christopher Dolinar, Collin Waller, Edgar Gomez, Logan Clouse.  
Row 3: Steven Greer, Joshua Grimm, Mason Hurka, Brendan Ohahood, Michael Williams.

Boys Tennis

Front Row: Randal Harris, Mason Dobbs, Edgar Herrera, Peter Klingels, Noah Wright, Nathan Campbell, Aaron Ashford, Jose Almeida, Isiah Jeffries, Elijah VanWinkle, Summer Ney.  
Row 2: Marissa Akins, Alex Wheeler, Cody Cox, Coleton Nelson, Jarod Mortensen, Alex Schuler, Samuel Harris, Coach B.J. Congleton, Coach Bill Scott, Tanner Shipman, Parker Capehart, Caleb Knapp, Armando Miranda Diaz, Nathan Sproll, Christopher Hayes.
Track and Field


JV Softball


Girls Swimming


Varsity Baseball


JV Baseball

what does BE BRAVE mean to you?

"To not sweat the small stuff and to treat the big stuff like the small stuff. To not let fear bring you down or hurt you. Take everything with ease and grace."

Kynnedy Shepherd » 11

"Be Brave means to try new things and take your life to the biggest measure; never give up and don’t let any obstacles get in your way."

Kelsey Driskill » 9

"Being Brave is not being afraid to do what you can do. It is doing what you couldn’t do before. Being Brave is facing your fear without being afraid to do it. I have stepped out of my comfort zone and faced my greatest fear. I love being a Brave, and I hope everyone does too."

Alyssa Murphy » 9

"Never give up. To me, that’s what it means. No matter what happens in your life, no matter how bad you think you are, never give up."

Michael Murphy » 10

"The phrase Be Brave means that no matter who you are, push yourself forward to reach the goals you want to achieve. Nothing is impossible."

Madelynn Mefferd » 11
be OPTIMISTIC

The Braves varsity basketball team

be REFLECTIVE

Jon Nay, Joe Casteel & Brittany Spencer

Brian Gray, Thaddeus Glenn, Roman Glenn, Maressa Garcia & Madison Fritz
SAM AND RACHEL JOHNSON

We are so proud of everything you both have achieved and we look forward to seeing what the future holds. The joy you've brought to us is beyond words. We love you so much and wish you the very best this life has to offer.

Love and hugs,
Mom and Dad

AARON JONES

Aaron,

We are proud of the young man you have become and can't wait to see what your future has in store for you. Find something you love and work hard at it.

Love,
Mom and Dad

VINCENT ROULT

Dear Vince,

We are so proud of you. Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go. To infinity & beyond. We are so proud of you.

Congratulations, Bubba!
We love you!
Momma, Dad & Vanessa

PRESTON PYLE

Preston, we are so proud of you! Through hard work and determination you have completely turned your life around. We are so excited to see what the future holds for you. We love you.

Mom, Emily, Blake, Chandler, Gary, Ashton, Harper and Merritt

J.T. JOHNSON

J.T., you have brought so much joy into our lives and we’re so proud of the young man you’ve become. We know you'll achieve all you set out to do, so dream big.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Grandma G.
»SAM NELSON«

We never could have imagined time would fly so fast. Remembering your thirst for knowledge as a young child and how it has grown, along with you, is awe-inspiring. Although we do not like how fast your childhood went, we cannot wait to watch the man you become. We know you will have a great impact on this world with your positive outlook, sense of humor and genuine caring nature. Keep thirsting for knowledge.

We love you very much and are so proud of you. Congratulations, best wishes and all our love!
Mom, Dad, Gwen, Rob, and Coleton

»JOSHUA BROWN«

Bubba,
I am so very proud to call you my son. You have faced many challenges and come out on top. Not everyone can say they were privileged enough to raise their hero, but I can. The world is yours...
I love you SON
- mom -

»JAKE WYLIE«

Jake,
Words can’t express how proud we are of you. We know your dad would be proud of you too! We love you very much. We are so excited to see what the future brings. It is yours for the taking!
Love your two biggest fans,
Mom and Carter

»KELSEY WHEELER«

Kelsey,
Congratulations. We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. We know your future will be bright and that your hard work will pay off. Best of luck.
Love, Mom, Dad and Courtney
»JORDAN CASTRO

Words cannot express how proud we are of you. You are such a smart, caring and humorous person. We can't wait to see what you accomplish in the future.

Love,
Dad and Mom

...You have given me the best years of my life! "You'll be in my heart...always. I love you!
Mom

»DARRYL TERRELL

Darryl,
"If you can't fly, then run
If you can't run, then walk
If you can't walk, then crawl
But whatever you do.
You have to keep moving forward.
—Martin Luther King

Love,
Mom, Grandma, 'Big Bro'
Dorian and Devin

»AARON ASHFORD «

Aaron,
You are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem,
Smarter than you think,
And loved more than
You'll ever know.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicole,
Emily & Autumn

»CAITLIN REED

Caitlin,
Imagine with all your mind.
Believe with all your heart.
Achieve with all your might.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

»JONATHAN NAY «

Congratulations on your graduation. We are proud of you and hope you'll continue the path of success.

Love you,
Mom, Dad and all of the family.
MORGAN NICHOLS

Whether it be in school, derby, or life, you bring your fun spirit into all that you do. We can't wait to see what's in store for your future.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Brett

"I'm baby stepping. I'm doing the work. I'm baby stepping. I'm not a slacker."
—Bob Wiley

COURTNEY ROUSH

Courtney,
We have watched you become a beautiful young lady. We love and are so proud of you. We wish the best for you. Remember, you are enough.

Love, Mom, Dad and Brad

CALEB MALONE

Caleb,
We are so proud of who you have become! Always remember — strength doesn’t come from what you can do, it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Emma

NATALIE SEXTON

Natalie:
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Always Be Brave.

Love, Mom and Dad

MONICA STIMAC

I've watched you grow into a beautiful, creative, strong young woman. Every day you are more and more AWESOME!!

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
—Maya Angelou

We Love You!!

SAM NELSON

What a joy you are to Grandma and Grandpa Liles!

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We love you and are so proud of you. xoxo

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ADAM BURDOLSKI

Adam,
We are proud of you! You have brought us great joy watching you grow into a wonderful kind man. Keep pouring your heart and soul into everything you do and strive to be the best version of you! We wish you much happiness in this next chapter of your life.

Love – Live – Laugh.
We love you, always!
Mom, Dad, Zach

MADISON STUMBOUGH

Madison,
Wow! Never thought we would make it through you learning to write numbers and now you are graduating. We are so proud of the person you have become. Keep your faith in yourself and in God and you will do amazing things. Thanks for being the best daughter and sister in the world.

Love you more than pudding!
Mom, Dad & Ryan

BAILEY NICHOLS

Bailey,
You have accomplished so much the past 18 years and we are so proud of you! You are the bravest person we know and we are honored to be your parents.

Love;
Mom, Dad and Zach

MEGAN LAUGHLIN

Megan, first of all we are so proud of you, and all of your accomplishments. These last four years have gone by so fast, as you move on to college always know we’re behind you.

Love, Mom and Dad

MIKAELA BENNETT

Every day since you were born, we have been blessed.

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It is difficult to put into words just how proud we are of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad
HANNAH FEHLHAFER

Hannah:
As we have watched you grow up, your love for life and heartfelt personality is such a blessing. We wish you so much happiness as you move forward with the next chapter of life. We will continue to pray for you every step of the way.

We are so thankful for your bright spark for life. May God continue to bless your journey.

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Thomas & Blaize

MARESSA GARCIA

Maressa,

You have bloomed into a beautiful, strong, intelligent, caring young woman. No words can ever express how proud you make us!

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.”

—Albert Einstein

Love,
Dad, Mom
Emilio & Cylysce

ROMAN AND THADDEUS GLENN

Thaddeus and Roman,
The love and joy and pride I feel because you are my sons give me rewards that cannot be measured.

You both make me so proud to be your mom.

With all my heart,
Love Mom
»LAUREN MURPHY

Lauren,
Congratulations! We are so proud of your accomplishments and the beautiful young lady you have become. We are so excited to see what your future holds. You will always be our little pumpkin head.

Love, Mom, Dad and Hunter

»ABRISE SIMS

Abrise,
You are loved for the little girl you were then. The special woman you are now. And the wonderful big sister you have always been. Keep smiling and never stop believing in yourself. We hope your dreams take you to all the places your heart has ever known. Baby girl always, always keep the Lord first in all you do.
"In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him and He Shall Direct Thy Paths..."

Love You Always,
Mom and Jasmin

»SHELBEY TAYLOR

We always thought... this is our problem child
But thank goodness, we were wrong.
You are so bright, beautiful, strong, yet mild...
Though sometimes a little too head strong.
But, that is why we don’t have to worry
And know that you will be successful in every way
You will be whatever you desire to be
And we will always love you more than words can say.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Skyler

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Bridget, we are so proud of you beautiful girl. It has been a sweet journey watching you grow into a young woman. Always keep the smile on your face and love in your heart.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Brad and Nikki

Jeremy, always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. Congratulations, Bubba, we are so proud of you! And remember to let your dreams be bigger than your fears.

Love Always,
Mom & Jenna

We love you and we are so proud of the man you have become. We can’t wait to see what amazing things your future holds.

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

Jacob: You are an amazing, talented man. Your abilities demonstrate you will be successful; focus on becoming a man of compassion, faith, and integrity! We are so proud of you and love you! You have blessed our lives with laughter and joy. May God bless your life’s journey!

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Jordan
Jessica,

You have grown from a shy girl into a beautiful young lady. You have had many adventures in Girl Scouts and Venturing, helping you to be a good leader.

We are very proud of all you have accomplished through Music, Scouting and School. Keep following your dreams!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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