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Board and Administration

They do everything from discussing important issues to handing out diplomas at graduation. The Board of Education works hard to keep USD #425 on its feet and “exceeding the limits.”

Above: The Board discusses topics ranging from the school budget to contracting new teachers at their meeting. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Right: BOE member Bill Hargis and grade school principal Conrad Clary wish the graduates good luck after the graduation ceremony. Mr. Clary is retiring after 27 years of being an elementary school principal. Photo by Angie Stewart.
Esther Gormley speaks to the Board about current issues affecting the school culture while Cheryl Rasmussen and Pat McAfee listen intently. Photo by Tommy Moran.


Below: Superintendent Pat McAfee smiles proudly as he helps hand out diplomas to the senior class at graduation. Photo by Angie Stewart.

Rasmussen Leaves HJSHS
During her years at Highland, Cheryl Rasmussen served as principal, coach, Swing Choir director, and much more. Now after 20 years of dedicated service and leadership, Rasmussen is stepping down as principal and accepting a position at Highland Community College. We wish you the best of luck, Ms. Rasmussen.
Establishing Boundaries

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Joan Karn, the school’s bookkeeper, takes time out of her busy day to smile for a picture.

Right: Sharon Collins and Frances Collins serve up heaping helpings of the students’ lunches. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Left: Marla Olson and Joy Meyer share a laugh while planning the day’s lessons. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Ginger Scott still manages to smile despite all her duties as the school secretary. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Donna Parish  Larry Sandy  Deanna Scherer  Elmer Schmitz  Laura Schmitz  Ron Shelton

Jackie Sisk  Brian Stevens  Carl Swenson  Wade Talley  Alan Terry  Ruth Twombly
Freshmen

Brandon Cluck  Cassie Collins  Kevin Cook  Bailey Donahue  Caley Dorrell

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Clayton Stangroom  Brandon Terry  John Weis  Allie Wilmes  Christina Young

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Warming Up The Engines

Left: Albert Edie gets his shoes after participating in a STUCO activity. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Kelly French and Samantha Keebler work together to make sure their balloon doesn’t pop. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Right: Cassie Collins threads a needle so she can finish her project. Photo by Amber Lock.

Clint Merkel, Brandon Cluck, Josh Saunders, Matt King, and Bailey Donahue work on Algebra I at the end of their class period. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Kevin Cook practices perfect posture during the musical. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Ashley Robinson takes a break while Bailey Donahue continues working on an FFA project. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Chelsey Fritch sets off her rocket balloon. Photo by Crystal Harness.
The sophomore class looks at ancient artifacts at the Native American Heritage Museum during their history class. Photo by Donna Parish.

Aaron Powell takes time to describe his project to the photographer. Photo by Crystal Harness.
Gaining Momentum

Emily Tharp gets into the spirit at a pep rally. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Amber Lock takes a break to pose for a picture. Photo by Crystal Harness.

K.C. Williams discusses current events in Spanish class. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Thomas Beaman and Steven Holt warm up their vocal cords for the DVL Music Festival. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Justin Tilton and Thomas Beaman stuff their faces with watermelon after football practice. The watermelon was provided by the Booster Club. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Eric McGraw takes his seat to read. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Tommy Moran takes a careful look at his science project. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Molly Kinkead and Angie Stewart share a smile and some batting. Photo by Kim McCauley.
Juniors

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Desiree Blanton
Kaleb Caudle
Justin Clary
Matthew Cluck
Sierra Covert
Amber Diveley
Erin French
Brandon Geiger
Michael Hunsaker
Caicciie Jones
Michael Kafer
Kimberly McCauley
Brett Neibling
Eric Nolte
Paige Oglesby
Kristan Olson
Victor Owen
Cody Peters
Brian Reiter
Elizabeth Rivers
Janice Stonebarger
Christopher Sullivan
Heather Terry
Rachel Wigle

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Pushing The Limits

Brandon Geiger and Justin Clary experiment their moves while Deven Yurth practices taking action photos. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Caircey Jones displays school spirit with her Streaks stocking hat. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Kimberly McCauley poses for the camera to capture her true beauty. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Mike Kafer, Erin French, Rachel Wigle, and "baby" Asia Jae join together in a family photo. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Liz Rivers poses with her daisy hat. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Cody Peters watches Brandon Geiger check out the ladies. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Kaleb Caudle faithfully fills the pop machines. Photo by Eric Nolte.

Tomas Arizeta holds the batting for his quillow so he can continue with his Home-Ec project. Photo by Angie Stewart.

When asked the question "Boxers or briefs?" Justin Clary decides to show instead of tell. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Brian Reiter enjoys spinning himself dizzy in Mr. Talley's chair. Photo by Crystal Harness.
Seniors

Class Motto: There are many roads we have crossed, many hills we have climbed, and many dreams we have yet to realize.

Flower: Tulip

Colors: Metallic Blue and Silver

Ashley Ann Beaman
President

Shannon Lea Davis
Treasurer

Christina Marie Dickerson
Class Representative

Heather Sue Gildersleeve

Crystal Gale Harness
Class Representative

Jessica Louise Hayes

These pages by Christina Dickerson.
Lucas Bryson Keebler
DeAnn Renae McCauley
Christopher Michael Mooney
Secretary

Brooks Joseph Leslie Rawles
Bryan Michael Rhodd
Callee Mae Simpson
Vice-President

Daren Michael Stewart
Nathan Woodruff
Deven Shaw Yurth
Senior Speeches

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Speeches by Crystal Harness and Christina Dickerson

Valedictorian Speech
By: Crystal Harness

My time at Highland High School is almost up. Right now I have mixed emotions about graduation-excitement, sadness, anxiety, and even a little scared. But I want to thank all of you out there who have helped me and my fellow seniors get where we are today. I know sometimes it seems like we don’t appreciate all the help, but that’s not the case at all. We just haven’t realized how much we’ve been affected by the love and support of others. Trust me, we do appreciate everyone who comes and supports our games, donates time and money to chili and soup suppers, or provides their expertise for the senior showcase projects. Thank you to all the friends, family, teachers, students, and anyone else who has had a part in our lives. God Bless.

When I was re-reading my article, I realized there was a group I had left out-my classmates. I’ve known these people for more than a decade of my life, and when I think back on it they helped make me in to the person I am today. They were there for me during the hard times and obstacles in my life. Even the ones I expected it from the least gave me encouragement just by saying “I’m sorry.”

Sure, we’ve all bickered and fought with each other before, but what do you expect when you are cooped up with the same classmates eight hours a day, five days a week, 180 days a year? Actually, we’re not just classmates anymore, we’re family. A family that comes together and rises to the occasion when the time calls for it. A family that stands up for one another. And most importantly, a family that cares for one another, even if some of us don’t admit to it.

I’m sure several of my “family members” here on stage are ready to graduate, so I will simply conclude with this: Thank you to all the friends, family, including the graduating class, teachers, students, and anyone else who has had a part in our lives. And to all of you sitting out there today- Thank you.

Salutatorian Speech
By: Christina Dickerson

Everyone is familiar with the famous quote from Forrest Gump, “Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.” Well, when I joined this class in the 6th grade, I didn’t know what I was getting into. Not that it was a bad thing, but I learned a lot from this class.

Duing a 6th grade experiment, we were to use our senses to discover what different substances were. Of course, we tasted them- bad idea. I learned never to try things right off the bat. Instead look at the situation and find different ways to approach life’s obstacles.

That year I also learned to believe in people. At first I was scared about coming to a new school for fear of people not accepting me. I soon learned that my class was very accepting. They always tried to make anyone new to our class feel welcome.

Through all these times of good and bad, this class has always been there for each other. I think that is what my class is about. What I have learned most from this class is that “There’s Sunshine in a Smile.”

Helen Steiner Rice wrote this poem. As I have grown up, I have gone through problems that I wish I would never have had to deal with. Since I have had to go through these problems I always tried to make the best of every situation. This poem describes that each person has a choice to be happy or unhappy. I will choose to approach the rest of my life with a smile. I hope that rest of the class does the same.

One other thing I would like to say to the class of 2002 is: “There are many roads we have crossed, many hills we have climbed, and so many dreams we have yet to realize.”
Ashley Beamant- Volleyball 9,12; Basketball 9; Track 9,12; Cheerleading 10, 11, Captain junior year; Swing Choir 10, 11, 12, II rating at DVL contest,11,12; II rating at state for girls ensemble 10, 11; Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Barnwarming candidate, 10,11; Plaque for public speaking; Yearbook staff, STUCO member- representative for cheerleading 10 and 11; Senior Class President; Honor roll, 12; Listed as Who’s Who Among American High School Student’s,12; Football manager,10; Homecoming Queen,12

Shannon Davis- Basketball, 9, 10, 11, 12; FFA, 9, 10, 11, 12; Barnwarming Candidate,10; District Horse proficiency Award, 11, 12; Choir, 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical, 9, 10, 11, 12; Swing Choir Technician,12; STUCO,12; Class Treasurer, 11, 12; Honor Roll, 9, 10, 11, 12; Who’s Who Among High School Students, 9, 10, 11, 12; King and Queen of Courts Candidate,12

Christina Dickerson- Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; NHS 10, 11, 12; vice president 12; Quiz Bowl 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; best supporting actress 12; Band 9, 10; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Yearbook staff 11, 12, editor 12; Newspaper staff 11; STUCO 9, 10, 12; treasurer 12; Class president 9; Class Rep. 12; I Dare You 11; Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12; Top 5 in Class 9, 10, 11, 12; Regional fesiva first division award 9; Community Service Award 10; Yearbook Sports writing 11; KU Honors 12; Queen of Court 12; Salutatorian

Heather Gildersleeve- Band 9, 10, 11, 12, trumpet regional rating I 9-12, State trumpet rating II, 9-12, II rating at state, baritone 10, Kansas state and National Lions band 2000-2001; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; STUCO 9, 10, 11, 12; Vice President 11, President 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Fall Music Leadership Award,12, John Philip Sousa, 12, Outstanding Musicianship award,12; Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9, 10; Track, 11

Crystal Harness- Track manager, 9, 10; Girls Basket Ball manager, 10, 11; Football manager, 10, 11; Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12; Swing Choir, 10, 11, 12; I rating at regionals-girls ensemble, 10, 11, II rating at state-girls ensemble, 10, 11; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Muscailm 9, 10, 11, 12; I rating at regionals for Bass Clarinet Solo,9, II rating at state for brass clarinet,9; NHS, 10, 11, 12, president 12th; Newspaper staff 11; Yearbook staff, 11,12, editor 12th; Quill and Scroll, 11, 12; STUCO,12; Class secretary, 9, 10, 11; Class Treasurer,9,10; Valedictorian,12; Honor Roll, 9, 10, 11, 12; 1st at regional KSBA for newspaper photography,11; Honorable mention at state KSBA for newspaper photography,11; Who’s Who Among American High School Students, 9, 10, 11, 12; KSHSAA outstanding Scholastic Achievement, 9; KSHSAA distinguished Scholastic Achievement,9; DVL Academic Achievement Achievement for ranking in top 5 of class, 11; KU Honor Society Recipient,12; Governor’s Academic Scholar, 12; all around student 12; I Dare You, 11

Jessica Hayes- Completed senior project

Lucas Keebler- Football 9, 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, first place Entomology, 12; Yearbook 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Swing Choir 9, 10, 11, technition 12;

DeAnn McCauley- Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 9; Track 9, 10, 11; STUCO 10, 11; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Greenhand Degree 1999-2000, Chapter Degree 2001-2002, State Degree 2001-2002

Chris Mooney- Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12, 2nd Team All-League, kicker,11; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, Musical 9, 10, 11

Brooks Rawles- Football 9, 10, 11; Swing Choir 9, 10; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, Home and Development award, Placement in Diversified award, Ag production 2001, Placement in Dairy Production and Placement in Diversified Ag Production 2002; Choir 9, 10, 11, best Actor sophomore year; Cross Country 9, 10;

Bryan Rhodd- FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Art 9, 10, 11, 12

Callee Simpson- Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, All-County,9, 10, 11, 12, All-League, State Cross Country, 9, 10, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, All-County,12, All-League,12, Honorable Mention All-State, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12, State track, 10; Cheerleading 9; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Greenhand degree 1999-2000, Chapter degree 2000-2001, State degree 2001-2002; FFA president 2001-2002; STUCO 10;

Daren Stewart- Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Honorble Mention-All-Leage, All State Football- Honorable-Mention; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, McLouth Tournament Team,11, Elwood Tournament Team,12, 2nd Team All-County, 11, 12; STUCO 11, FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Deven Yuth- Football 9, 10, 11, 12, 1st Team All-League,11,12, All State 11, 12, All Coaches Team, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, 1st team All-League 11,12, All State 11, 12, 2nd Team All-County,11, 1st Team All-County,12; Track 11, 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; STUCO 9, 10, 11; Quiz Bowl 9
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This year the cross country team was led by senior Callee Simpson, a four year veteran of the sport. This year she was first team all-county and returned to state for her third time. Amber Diveley, a three year veteran of the team, also received first team all county. Sophomores Steven Holt, Molly Kinkead, and Tommy Moran returned for a second year of running. Freshmen Caley Dorrel, Chelsey Fritch, Clint Merkel, and Allie Wilmes joined the team for their first year of running. Wilmes was the third runner of the team to receive first team all-county.

Steven Holt sets his pace at the Rim Rock cross country meet. Behind him is one of the statues of a famous KU runner. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Allie Wilmes strides to get ahead at the DVL cross country meet which was held at Rim Rock farms. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Tommy Moran, sophomore, sets his pace in the Maur Hill race. "I enjoyed the Maur Hill race because it was a good season opener. It was challenging and we could find our pace for the year." Photo by Clint Merkel.

Clint Merkel strides up a hill at the Troy cross country meet. Photo by Angie Stewart.

Calle Simpson takes off at the Rim Rock Farms race. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Chelsey Fritch, Clint Merkel, and Allie Wilmes kill time after their race at Rim Rock Farms. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Clint Merkel and Caley Dorrel get instructions from Coach Sandy before the race. Photo by Tommy Moran.

First Team All County Winners

"I was very pleased with the way the season went. As a team we work very hard and had fun at the same time. As a senior I accomplished my goal by making it to state."

Calle Simpson, Senior

"I feel we had a good season, considering that the team was made up of under-classmen. We had fun during the season."

Amber Divenley, Junior

"I thought that the season went very well. One of the goals for myself was to make the county team, which I accomplished."

Allie Wilmes, Freshman
Volleyball

Building Experience

This year the volleyball team started at a deficit; they lost six seniors from last season. The team was still able to play strong as several people stepped up to fill the shoes of last year’s seniors. The team also lost its head and assistant coaches from last year. Marla Olson stepped into the head coach position, and Yvette Cook took the position of assistant coach. Both coaches led the team well.

The Highland varsity team in action at the Highland tournament. Photo by Crystal Harness.

The varsity team does their ritual warm up before the game against Jackson Heights. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Coach Marla Olson

"I think the girls improved a lot through the season, and they worked very hard."

Clockwise from top: The girls prepare for a serve in game against Jackson Heights. Photo by Tommy Moran. Heather Gildersleeve bumps the ball to setter Kristan Olson. Olson hits ball as teammates Sierra Covert and Christina Dickerson look on. Dickerson serves the ball during the tournament at Highland. Photos by Crystal Harness.

Bump, Set, Speak!

Christina Dickerson

"The season went well, considering that we lost all of our starters from last year."

Kristan Olson

"I thought we improved as the season progressed. My highlight of the season was beating Pleasant Ridge."

Angie Stewart

"Our team was a younger team, and I felt that the players got a lot of experience and will come back strong next year."

Above Left: Heather Gildersleeve tips ball as Kristan Olson gets ready for a return. Photo by Crystal Harness. Above Right: Ashley Beaman and the rest of the Highland team warm up before their game with Horton. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Left: Coach Marla Olson talks with the team during a time out. Photo by Tommy Moran. Above Left: Sierra Covert goes for the ball as Angie Stewart rushes to help. Above Right: Angie Stewart tips the ball as others get into block coverage. Photos by Crystal Harness.

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With a new head coach and hard work in the weight room, the Bluestreaks displayed great potential and effort. Although the Bluestreaks did not have a lot of victories, they did have heart, giving all they had every time they walked on the field. The Homecoming game against McLouth boosted the Bluestreaks' spirits when they won 49 to 15.
### Football Scores

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### Football Honors

- **Brian Reiter**: Honorable Mention Defense
- **Deven Yurth**: All League 1st Team Linebacker, All State 1st Team Linebacker 1-2 A
- **Daren Stewart**: All League 2nd Team Defensive Tackle, Honorable Mention Offense

### Quotes

"My most memorable moment was when I ran back an interception for a touchdown," said Deven Yurth, senior.

### Photos

- Clockwise from Top Left: Deven Yurth overpowers the defense. Photo by Amber Lock. Yurth fixes his helmet during a rowdy game against the Trojans. Photo by Crystal Harness. Eric Nolte awaits the arrival of the Trojan defense. Photo by Crystal Harness. Daren Stewart forces his way beyond the Valley Falls defense. Photo by Sierra Covert. Justin Clary relaxes at a fifth quarter party. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Together you can go farther, faster, and longer. The Bluestreaks show their closeness and commitment as they huddle together and discuss their upcoming play. Photo by Amber Lock.
Cheerleading

Go!
Fight!
Win!

FOOTBALL

Back Row: Samantha Keebler, Kelly French, Chelsey Fritch, Christena Gilfillan.
Front Row: Angie Stewart, Heather Gildersleeve, Caicy Jones, Kristan Olson. Photo by Lifetouch.

BASKETBALL

Highland Jr/Sr High
2001-2002

The Highland cheerleaders along with cheerleaders from other schools show their spirit as they learn a new cheer for the 2001 cheerleading season. Photo by Deven Yurth.

**Routines**

The cheerleaders perform their first routine of the year at a home football game. Photo by Tommy Moran.

The cheerleaders get ready to perform their Bump routine at the pre-season DVL tournament at Benedictine College. Photo by Sierra Covert.

During a timeout, the cheerleaders try to get the crowd into the game by performing a stunt. Photo by Amber Lock.

**QUOTES**

"This year I had the opportunity to work with a very young squad. We learned a lot of new things. I hope that next year I have the same girls returning for another great season," said Marti Leach, the cheerleaders' sponsor.

"The football squad was a lot better this year because there wasn't as much bickering among the squad," said Kristan Olson, junior.

"I think overall the season went very well compared to last year. I still feel that we can improve on some things," said Angie Stewart, sophomore.
Boys Basketball

Shoot for two Big Blue, shoot for two!

This year the basketball team was under the leadership of new head coach Wade Talley. It took time for the players to adjust to the new changes. The boys' had some very close games and pulled off some exciting wins. The team had great senior leadership this year, with three seniors on the varsity team. The Bluestreaks never gave up no matter what the score of the game. By the end of the season the boys' really started to play as a team.

Senior Leadership

Deven Yurth
"At the beginning of the season it was slow but then we started to play as a team. We also learned a lot of discipline."

Daren Stewart
"We played hard the whole season, I just wish it would have shown in our record. It would have been nice to go farther in regionals."

Chris Mooney
"I thought that we had a good season. We never gave up no matter how bad or good the score was. I really enjoyed my senior year."

Exceeding the Limits

Below: Daren Stewart blows by the defense in an attempt at taking the ball to the hoop. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Deven Yurth explodes to the basket as two of Oskaloosa’s players try to stop him. Chris Mooney waits for the offensive rebound. Photo by Sierra Covert.

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- Elwood Tournament 2-3

“I had a lot of fun and enjoyed coaching these young men. They made continual improvement through the entire year and that is all a coach can ask for of his players. I would also like to wish the seniors good luck in the future.”, said Coach Talley.

The Bluestreak fans along with Coach Wade Talley jump out of their seats as the game against Troy becomes close and intense in the end of the fourth quarter. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Above Left: Matt Cluck fights for the ball as teammate Brett Neibling attempts to hold off the defense. Above right: Cody Peters explodes to the basket as the Midway defense looks on. Photos by Crystal Harness.
The Girls Basketball Team was under new leadership this year, but they didn’t lose any of their competitive spirit. The girls worked hard in all of their games during the season. The team was led by seniors Callee Simpson, Shannon Davis, and Christina Dickerson. Simpson received First-Team All-League at the end of the season. The girls were coached by new head coach Jason Grider and assistant coach Marla Olson.

Calle Simpson drives the ball down the court on the Midway Eagle defense. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Jason Grider, head coach, said, “We had a very successful season, spite our record. The girls improved every game, and worked hard everyday to get better. I’m looking forward to next season.”

Abo\e Molly Kinkead takes the ball up strong against the Mid\ay defense. Kam McCauley and Kristan Olson block their opponents out. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Below: Shannon Davis shoots free throws during the first game of the Elwood Tournament against Dawson Verdon. Photo by Eric Nolte.

While being double-teamed, Molly Kinkead tries to break through the tough Elwood defense. Photo by Tommy Moran.

Kristan Olson shoots the ball over the Wathena Wildcat defense. Photo by Crystal Harness.

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Chelsey Fritch, freshman, said, "I thought that the season went well. Everyone tried their hardest, and the best game was against Jackson Heights."

Callee Simpson drives on the JCN Defense and shoots the ball. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Coach Jason Grider instructs the girls about not folding their "tents" under pressure. The girls then commented on the aroma in the air. The girls had an interesting and exciting year with the new head coach. They're looking forward to another great season with him. Photo by Eric Nolte.

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This year track team was coached by Angie Eberly and Elmer Schmitz. Even though the numbers were small, they were still consider mighty for all the medals they earned. With small numbers a major factor, sending four participants to regionals and one to state was a huge achievement for this year’s track team.

"Even though the numbers were low we still accomplished quit a bit at meets attaining many personal bests." Elmer Schmitz

I think overall for the small numbers that the girls’ team had, that we competed very well in meets. Also for being so young we learned a lot for the future. Angie Eberly

The Almighty Team

Third row: Kaleb Caudle, Caley Dorrell, Deven Yurth, Thomas Beaman, Cody Peters; Second row: Ashley Beaman, Chelsey Fritch, Steven Holt, Sierra Covert, Tommy Moran, Molly Kinkhead; Front row: Christena Giffilan, Amber Diveley, Callee Simpson, Allie Wilmes, Lyndsay Elrod. Photo by Lifetouch.

Regional Participators- Callee Simpson, Molly Kinkhead, Cody Peters and Sierra Covert
State Participator- Callee Simpson 3200 M
Above: Callee Simpson avoids being passed during the 1600 meter run during the Highland Night Relays. Simpson ended up finishing 2nd in this event. Photo by Christina Dickerson.

Right: Sierra Covert focuses hard on trying to improve her measurement from the previous throw at the Highland Night Relays. Photo by Christina Dickerson.

Below: Christena Gilfillan participates in the long jump at the Highland Night Relays. Photo by Christina Dickerson.

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Amber Diveley lengthens her stride in hopes of not being passed during the 3200 meter run. Diveley finished the run 7th at the Highland Night Relays. Photo Christina Dickerson.

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Right: With meticulous care, Steven Holt dissects a worm during Biology class. The Biology class this year is taught by Deanna Scherer. Photo by Wade Talley.


Question:

Math, Science, Technology

What do you like about the school’s new computers, and what would you like to see improved?

“I would like to see updated versions of the programs we use for the yearbook, and also floppy disk drives in the new computers.”

Christina Dickerson, Senior

“The new computers are much faster and ten times better than what we had last year, but we need to improve the school’s network.”

Thomas Beaman, Sophomore

“I think they’re very stylish and a lot faster, and they don’t break down all the time. I don’t think anything should be improved.”

Kimberly McCauley, Junior

“The new computers are faster and easier to use. The network makes it easier for us to keep track of our work and stay organized.”

Amber Lock, Sophomore
Above: Tommy Moran, Emily Tharp, Steven Holt, K.C. Williams, Justin Tilton, and Amber Lock discuss technology terms during Computer Applications II. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Left: Molly Kinkead, Angie Stewart, and Justin Tilton analyze the contents of a worm in Biology. This is one of the many hands on projects that this class has done. Photo by Wade Talley.

Below: Carl Swendson, the new math teacher, works intently in preparation for his next class. Mr. Swendson is just one of several teachers that are new to Highland this school year. Photo by Liz Rivers.

Above: Christina Dickerson works diligently on her virtual physics assignment. The virtual physics course this year is one example of the merging between science and technology in education. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Below: Algebra I gets under way as Brandon Terry begins his warmup problem for the day. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Above: Brian Reiter takes a break from his duties as CEO to have some fun in Computer Productions. The Computer Productions class is responsible for the school newsletter, game rosters, various programs, and other things. Photo by Crystal Harness.
Right: The Spanish II class discusses direct objects. A couple of the students say that this is a difficult topic to learn and talk about. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Below: Deven Yurth, Bryan Rhodd, and DeAnn McCauley pack up as a long hour of Constitution ends. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Deven Yurth is exceeding the limits by frantically typing because of a quickly approaching Senior Showcase deadline. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Shannon Davis concentrates on her accelerated reader book to enhance the wide vocabulary that she has. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Crystal Harness writes down information to remember what she read in her book. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Tomas Arizeta works hard on his homework during history so he doesn’t have to take it home. Photo by Crystal Harness.
The sophomore class listens to Suzette McCord Rogers as she demonstrates how to search for ancient artifacts. Photo by Donna Parish.

Below: Molly Kinkead, Justin Tilton, and Tomas Arizeta concentrate on their studies in history class. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Esther Gormley laughs while enjoying her English IV class. She looks pretty relaxed and comfortable. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Left: Toni Larson and Molly Kinkead listen during the Espanol Dos (Spanish II) discussion over direct objects. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Caicey Jones and Kim McCauley work on their Spanish III homework. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Ron Shelton concentrates intently while grading tests and homework. Photo by Justin Clary.
Right: Kevin Cook, Lyndsey Elrod, Josh Saunders, John Wies, and Clint Merkel study in a group on an ag project. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Below: Clint Merkel laughs at a comment made by one of his fellow classmates. Photo by Amber Lock.

Home Economics, Woods, and Ag

"Later on in life if my job requires me to weld I will be able to do a quality job that looks good and holds. Especially on the job I plan on doing, which is farming."

Eric Nolte, Junior

"Woods [class] has helped me develop qualities that will be required later on in life."

Justin Tilton, Sophomore

"I have learned how to identify various types of plants for Horticulture class."

Steven Holt, Sophomore

"I have worked on and built my leadership skills."

Sierra Covert, Junior

What qualities have you learned in these classes that will help you in life after you graduate from high school?
Left: Daren Stewart works on coating his board with lacquer to complete his project. Photo by Lucas Keebler.

Above: Heather Gildersleeve works on her wall shelf, which is one of the requirements for beginning woods students. Photo by Lucas Keebler.

Left: Tomas Arizeta is getting comfortable testing the softness of the batting he plans to put in his quillow. Photo by Angie Stewart.

Right: Mike Kafer glues on his project at the gluing table. Photo by Lucas Keebler.

Left: Molly Kinkead, Chris Mooney, and Janice Stonebarger prepare food for the day’s eating. Photo by Amber Lock.

Above: Bryan Rhodd is putting a picture frame together that he built in woods. Photo by Lucas Keebler.
Heather Terry unfolds her dip and dyed project. The students dip a folded piece of paper into different colors and their finished project is a tie-dyed effect. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Rachael Wigle, junior

"My theme was a cell phone, which I got the influence from my mom talking on cell phone about 9-11. The flag represents American. The 9-11 represents the date and calling for help. The darkness represents the smoke and the blood symbolizes death."

Emily Tharp, sophomore

Anti-war statements go beyond expectations.

What was your influence for your Anti-war statement and how did you create it?

"Love, peace and unity. The flag was made with oil based crayons. The vine wraps around which symbolizes unity and the candle is peace and the flag is love for nation."

Rachael Wigle, junior

"The eagle is a symbol of American and I wanted to show pain that American is feeling. Caicey Jones’s anti-war statement received Blue at the Federated Womens’ Art Show."

Caicey Jones, sophomore

"The flag symbolizes unity for the US and the items inside the burnt flag are things that help bring the US together but are bad."

Brian Reiter, junior

Matt Cluck finishes his art information packet of the simple concepts of art. Photo by Sierra Covert.
Anti-war statement project after 9-11 bombing.
The students get to voice their opinions on war and patriotism with these projects.
Clockwise: This project by Heather Terry. Callee Simpson works on her anti-war statement by starting with a flag. Rachel Wigle shows off her finished anti-war statement. Emily Tharp paints her 9-11 cell phone to represent changing times. Brian Reiter paints a flag onto canvas as part of his project.

Below: Michael Hunsaker works on a clay project. The students were able to make a project of their choice. Hunsaker's project is in one of the last steps before he prepares it for the kiln. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Desiree Blanton adds to the beauty of the musical flat. This certain flat is Harmonia Gardens. This is restuantant scene where the dinner meetings take place. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Left: Linda Joseph works on her grades for the nine weeks. Art might seem like an easy class, but actually there are many things learned including history about artists of different eras. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Left: Brett Neibling is putting the finishing touches on his cray pod drawing. Photo by Sierra Covert.
Right: Yvette Cook directs the band as they rehearse pep band songs. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Below: Chelsey Fritch, Ashley Beaman, and Lyndsey Elrod get the day started with coffee and doughnuts at the DVL Music Contest. Photo by Crystal Harness

Band and Choir

Exceeding the Sound Barrier

“My most memorable moment was going on Swing Choir tour as a technician, but I would rather go as part of the Swing Choir.”

Lucas Keebler, Senior

“When Brandon Terry got hit in the head with a hacky sack at Highland DVL Music Festival. I felt so bad, honestly.”

Thomas Beaman, Sophomore

“My favorite band moment this year was when Ms. Cook broke her baton that she likes to wave at us.”

Caley Dorrell, Freshman

“My favorite moment was in Hello Dolly when Thomas Beaman’s face got really red in the courtroom scene when he had to cry. I don’t know how he did it.”

Yvette Cook, Band/Choir Teacher

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From Highland’s Smartest!

"I do not think about things I don’t think about.”

Christina Dickerson, Senior

"Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new.”

Brandon Geiger, Junior

"What is the exception to the rule that every rule has an exception?”

Steven Holt, Sophomore

"The only thing to fear, is fear itself.”

By: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Kris Miller, Freshman

Clockwise: Liz Rivers and Angie Stewart are introduced at the NHS initiation. NHS President, Crystal Harness, begins the ceremony. New NHS members Angie Stewart, Elizabeth Rivers, Tommy Moran, and Steven Holt. The sophomore NHS inductees wait in the hallway to be introduced. The NHS members eat snacks after the ceremony. Photos by Donna Parish. The Quiz Bowl team eats between rounds at the HCC Knowledge Bowl. Photo by Sierra Covert. The Varsity Quiz Bowl team waits between questions at Regionals in Hanover. Photo by Julie Kirschbaum.
This year the National Honor Society gained a new sponsor, Esther Gormely, and four new members: Liz Rivers, junior, and sophomores Steven Holt, Tommy Moran, and Angie Stewart. The Quiz Bowl team also started the season with a new sponsor, Julie Kirschbaum. The Varsity Quiz Bowl took third at the Highland Invitational, sixth at the HCC Knowledge Bowl, and fifth among 1A schools at High Q in Topeka.

Crystal Harness waits tiredly for her next meet. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

The team consults with coach, Julie Kirschbaum, after finishing their questions at the HCC knowledge bowl. The team finished sixth out of twenty-one teams. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Brett Neibling is exhausted after competing so hard at the HCC Knowledge Bowl. Photo by Kevin Soloman.

Caley Dorell and Steven Holt quickly try to find the answer to a math question at the Highland Invitational. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Caley Dorrel eagerly answers a question at the Highland Invitational. Photo by Thomas Beaman.

Tommy Moran chats with his mom, Diane Moran, after NHS ceremonies. Photo by Donna Parish.

Crystal Harness, Tommy Moran, Steven Holt, and Caley Dorrell try to figure out a challenging math question. Photo by Thomas Beaman.
What was the best part of Journalism Class?

"I enjoyed making layouts for the yearbook pages."

Crystal Harness, Senior

"I personally enjoyed getting three different pages to work on at once!"

Kristan Olson, Junior

"Watching the students stay on task while they were using their great work ethic to finish the project."

Steven Holt, Sophomore

"Working hard on pages while other people looked up trucks on the Internet."

Amber Lock, Sophomore

Regional Journalism Winners:

Steven Holt: 1st Infographics
Amber Lock: HM Newspaper Design
Tommy Moran: 1st News Writing, 1st Yearbook Copywriting,
Liz Rivers: 3rd Editing

State Journalism Winners:

Tommy Moran: 2nd News Writing

These pages by Tommy Moran.
The Stuco sponsors dances and other school activities. Heather Gildersleeve was the Stuco president this year. The Journalism Class puts together and raises money for the high school yearbook.
**Officers**


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**What was your most memorable experience this year in FFA?**

- "When Ashley Robinson tried to throw the hay bale above the seven foot bar." — Lucas Keebler, Senior
- "While go-cart riding at National Convention I had quite a collision with Steven, which gave us both whiplash." — Sierra Covert, Junior
- "When I woke up with my shoes tied together and about fell on my face." — Thomas Beaman, Sophomore
- "When we were racing Mr. Schmitz in the go-carts in Louisville." — Steven Holt, Sophomore

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**Highland FFA**

Top to Bottom: Shannon Davis and Ashley Beaman give a smile of relief after a successful Barnwarming. Davis and Brooks Rawles celebrate during the festivities. Sierra Covert, Kim McCauley, Kim Keller, Allie Wilmes, and Megan Simmons hang-out with the Kool-Aid guy at National Convention.

Clockwise from top left: Aaron Powell anticipates the arrival of another blood donor. Allie Wilmes celebrates a strike with a neat victory dance. DeAnn McCauley shows off her new bowling technique. The Beginning Ag students gear up for welding.

Right: Allie Wilmes, Kim McCauley, Angie Stewart, and Thomas Beaman smile for the camera after an exhausting night of cosmic bowling.

Above: Justin Clary tries a new fro-like hairstyle.

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What will you remember most about Swing Choir?

"I've enjoyed being in Swing Choir the last four years. Mrs. Cook is an amazing woman and I will miss her."  
**Heather Gildersleeve, Senior**

"Swing Choir was fun. I worked hard on my solo song "One Voice"."

**Paige Smith, Freshmen**

"Swing Choir and the green avocado made me wrap the pink flamingo with foil under the desk."

**Steven Holt, Sophomore**

"Rehab and Swing Choir were hard to fit in my busy schedule, but I did it."

**Caley Dorrell, Freshmen**

Above: As Heather Gildersleeve sings "I Feel Like a Woman," Ginger Scott shows she's a real woman by dancing to the beat, despite her sprained ankle.


Ashley Beaman (left) sings Faith Hill's "There You'll Be." Kristan Olson (below) performs "Cowboy Take Me Away."

Steven Holt, Brandon Terry, and Caley Dorrell do their best Garth Brooks impressions as they sing "Thunder Rolls."

These pages Amber Lock, Tommy Moran, and Crystal Harness. Photos by Christina Dickerson.
Swing Choir

Swing Choir may have went through some controversy this year, but all ended well. Although there was no tour, the Swing Choir did put on a crowd-pleasing performance for the students and a show at the spring concert.

Below: Samantha Keebler performs her solo "Who I Am" by Jessica Andrews to the audience.

Below: Chelsey Fritch and Brandon Terry dance to "I'm So Excited."

Below: Paige Smith sings her solo, "One Voice" by Billy Gilman.

Caley Dorrell performs actions to the song "I'm So Excited."

Left: Crystal Harness always has a smile on her face.

Left: Heather Gildersleeve and Crystal Harness boogie down to "Hey Mickey."

Right: Kristan Olson and Caicey Jones get the crowd involved while they sing their duet.

Above: Paige Smith, Steven Holt, and Samantha Keebler join voices for "Good Riddance(Time of You Life)."
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Homecoming

Rewarding those who strive.

To kick off Homecoming week, the STUCO decided to be a little more patriotic because of the September 11 attacks. They had a Blue and White Day, a Yellow Day, and a Red, White, and Blue Day. For one activity, the STUCO decided to have each class decorate a bulletin board in memory of the attacks. The Homecoming game was very exciting. The boys pulled off an outstanding win over the Mclouth Bulldogs.

The final score was 49 to 14. This year's candidates were DeAnn McCauley, Daren Stewart, Deven Yurth, Ashley Beaman, Callee Simpson, and Lucas Keebler. The escorts were Brantley Cluck and Kayla Cook. Following the game was the dance. This year's dance had a special entertainment provided by the Dirty Pop Girls. Even the coaches got involved. They were playing the "cheering love-struck teenagers."

Above: DeAnn McCauley, Daren Stewart, Deven Yurth, Ashley Beaman, Callee Simpson, Lucas Keebler, Brantley Cluck, and Kayla Cook pose for many pictures after the crowning. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Right: King, Deven Yurth, carries Queen, Ashley Beaman, off the football field after the announcing of the royalty. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Below: Brantley Cluck and Kayla Cook wait patiently for their rewards while taking several pictures. Photo by Sierra Covert.
"It was a good idea to show concern for the September 11 tragedies, and over all people participated well."
Justin Clary, Junior

"The participation was better because of what happened on September 11."
Kim Keller, Freshman

"It went well and Red, White, and Blue day was one of the best because people want to show respect."
Aaron Powell, Sophomore

"I think Spirit Week was the best it's ever been since I started high school. Everyone participated instead of just a few people."
Crystal Harness, Senior

Let's talk about Spirit!
Hello, Dolly!

Reaching Above The Normal Expectations

This year the choir performed the musical “Hello, Dolly!” from the original composition by Jerry Herman and Michael Stewart. The choir worked for several months learning dances, lines, and songs. “Hello, Dolly!” was performed in November and was highly complimented by the audiences.

Heather Gildersleeve practices a stunt with Michael Hunsaker as Yvette Cool spots to make sure Gildersleeve doesn’t fall. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Judge, Thomas Beaman, brings the court to order. Photo by Deven Yurth.

The group sings “When the Parade Passes By.” Photo by Deven Yurth.

Above: Steven Holt and Brandon Terry talk about how much money is in their wallet on their trip to Yonkers. Photo by Deven Yurth.

Heather Gildersleeve, Yvette Cook, Thomas Beaman, and Michael Hunsaker practice some lessons in giving attitude. Photo by Crystal Harness.
Most Memorable Moments

"The first night of the play was scary at first, but then it was kind of fun."
Brandon Terry, Freshman

"The look on K.C. Williams face when I came out and looked like a $&%!*!"
Crystal Harness, Senior

"When we changed the choreography of the song ‘Parade Passed By’, we raised the roof."
Kristan Olson, Junior

"There are some crazy things that go on in the pitch black backstage."
Steven Holt, Sophomore
Barnwarming

Chores test the limits of candidates.

On November 6, 2001 the annual barnwarming was held. It started off with the opening ceremonies preformed by the FFA officers, followed by the dinner. Everyone then went out to start the chores. This year's candidates were freshmen Ashley Robinson and Kimberly Keller, sophomores Amber Lock and Molly Kinkead, and juniors Kimberly McCauley and Caicy Jones. They did chores consisting of Smell the Aroma, Bale Throw, Cow Milking, Calf Judging, and Freshman Roping. They also had to take a test and have an interview, which was part of the total score. Each candidate was judged on her performance. The crown was announced after the work sale. The 2001 Barnwarming queen was Amber Lock.

The candidates pose for pictures after announcing queen.

Molly Kinkead, Kim McCauley, and Caicy Jones discuss the scents they had to smell earlier.

Kim Keller tries to throw the haybale over the pole.

Ashley Robinson tries to throw the hay-bale over a bar, which was taller than her.

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Above: Amber Lock was crowned 2001 Queen. Photo by Kristan Olson.

Left: FFA members talk amongst themselves before the festivities begin.

What was your favorite chore?

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Amber Lock is trying to get as much milk out of the cow as she can get in thirty seconds.

Deven Yurth and Callee Simpson show off their legs so the candidates can judge their calves.

Daren Stewart and DeAnn McCauley also show off their legs for the Calf Judging contest.
King and Queen of Courts

An excessive amount of fun gettin' jiggy wit it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As King and Queen of Courts rolled around, so did Spirit Week. At the end of Spirit Week, a pep rally was held in the gymnasium. One of the activities consisted of putting shaving cream on the basketball coaches' faces. The object of the game was for both basketball teams to get as many cheese balls on their coach's face as possible within a certain amount of time. The boys basketball team defeated girls by a few balls.

Lucas Keebler and Christina Dickerson were crowned King and Queen of Courts during half-time of the boys basketball game.

After the exciting festivities of the crowning, the students got jiggy wit it at the dance. The dance was hoppin' man!!!! The new DJ was slammin'. The students loved the glow accessories he threw to the crowd. All the students had fun.

Above: Shannon Davis, Christina Dickerson, and DeAnn McCauley sit and watch the last half of the boys basketball game. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Left: Molly Kinkead guides the crown bearer, Kortin Blevins, and flower girl, Courtney Grider, to half court. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Christina Dickerson laughs as Lucas Keebler starts to give her a hug, then hesitates for fear of getting denied if he gives her a kiss. Photo by Crystal Harness.
Left: Coach Grider lets the girls basketball team throw cheese balls at his face. He probably can't wait till the next basketball practice. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Left: Coach Talley sits in a chair while the boys basketball team throws cheese balls at his face. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Left: Shannon Davis, a candidate, dances with her date. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Below: All of the candidates for King and Queen of Courts dance to one final slow song for the night. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Unlimited Fun

Angie Stewart was teaching Kim McCauley how to swing dance because Kim had never done it before. The dance was interesting. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

The dance was really good. Chris Mooney liked the DJ, but wished it would have been a girl. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Daren Stewart and DeAnn McCauley had fun building the pop can pyramid. They liked the dance. Photo by Ashley Beaman.

Callee Simpson said everyone danced and the DJ played songs that the whole group was able to dance to. Photo by Ashley Beaman.
After months of careful planning, the Junior/Senior Prom's ship finally came in.

Dinner, dancing, and disco music filled the high school the night of April 20 when the Jr./Sr. Prom really rocked the boat. The Paradise Harbor theme, chosen and decorated by the junior class, featured a nautical decor for the entry, the dinner tables, and the gym. The rainy weather outside did not dampen the spirits of the Promgoers inside. Pictures taken in front of a sparkly lighthouse were followed by a scrumptious steak dinner. Then everyone hit the dance floor to such songs as the "Cha Cha Slide" and "Cotton Eye Joe." These were only a few groovy tunes that got students and their dates up and moving. After the Prom festivities, many partiers trekked straight to the after prom, where food, casino games, velcro wall, parachute drop, knight joust, and a wild bungee bull were the activities.
Left: Crystal Harness gazes into her date's eyes during a slow song. Photo by Lifetouch.

Right: Heather Gildersleeve and her date boogie down to one of the many groovy songs played on Prom night. Photo by Lifetouch.

Left: Caicey Jones, Kim McCauley, and Kristan Olson carefully piece together a rowboat kit. Photo by Sierra Covert.

Below: Justin Clary dons a life preserver while he and his date pose in the rowboat. Photo by Lifetouch.

What will you remember most about Prom 2002?

“When Brett was the only one dancing to “What is Love?” by Haddaway.”

“I thought the DJ was extremely fruity.”

“When Christina was being carried around by my date and Heather's date.”

“I enjoyed dancing on the very small newspaper with my date, Eric Nolte.”

Kristan Olson, Junior  K.C. Williams, Sophomore  Crystal Harness, Senior  Kim McCauley, Junior
Senior Sneak

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Where’s the tubing?

Clockwise from top left: Daren Stewart catches his breath after taking on a big hill. Heather Gilder, DeAnn McCauley, and Brooks Rawles get inscriptions from Mr. Schmitz on finding the best slope. Rawles and McCauley let their legs rest, while James and Bryan Rhodd skip out on the slopes to play a few hands of cards. Stewart, Chris Mooney, and Rawles wait on the rest of their group. Photos by Crystal Harness.

Eat at Joe’s!

Joe’s Crab Shack

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Heather Gilder enjoys her subway sandwich because the bus wouldn’t stop for another three hours. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Deven Yurth shows off his skills by balancing a Pepsi can on his head and making a face. Photo by Brooks Rawles.

Shannon Davis poses with her “brother,” Brooks Rawles, for a friendly photo. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Ashley Beaman and Callee Simpson size themselves up to measure how big they want their monster truck. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Deven Yurth gives his cool guy look. Photo by Callee Simpson.

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Marriott Hotel and More!

Left: Shannon Davis watches Deven Yurth struggle to put on his ice skates. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Below: Mark Allen and Shannon Davis skate together to have more support. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Right: The inexperienced Cheryl Rasmussen gets ice skating lessons from Heather Gildersleeve. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Left: Shannon Davis, just learning to ice skate, enjoys being pulled around by Lucas Keebler and Christina Dickerson. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Lucas Keebler pretends to be a pro ice-skater and struts his stuff. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Right: Occupational changes are in the minds of Christina Dickerson, Shannon Davis, and Crystal Harness. Photo by Brooks Rawles.

Below: Bryan Rhodd and DeAnn McCauley take a break at the Mall of America while others choose to bowl. Photo by Callee Simpson.

Daren Stewart observes the contents of his room before he decides to go to bed. Photo by Callee Simpson.

Right: DeAnn McCauley and Daren Stewart couples skate around the rink. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Bryan Rhodd shows off his prize after winning at the arcade. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Some of the seniors flex their muscles to show how mighty they are. This photo was taken in the hot tub in front of the waterfall. Photo by DeAnn McCauley.

Below: Bryan Rhodd and Deven Yurth showing their affection for each other. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Below: The perfect lounging spot (the hallway) was found by Christina Dickerson, Brooks Rawles, Mark Allen, and Shannon Davis. Photo by Crystal Davis.

Chris Mooney and Daren Stewart take a break after shopping at Cabella’s. Photo by Callee Simpson.
Graduation

The Senior class has their accelerator set on 120 and there’s no letting up.

Back Row: Shannon Davis, Brookes Rawles, Daren Stewart, Peter Fee, Crystal Harness, Bryan Rhodd.
Photo by Brays.


Board member Bill Hargis presents Shannon Davis with her diploma. Photo by Angela Stewart.

Below: Bryan Rhodd and Jessica Hayes march into the gym to the traditional graduation song “Pomp and Circumstance.” Photo by Anige Stewart.

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Right: Heather Gildersleeve wipes her tears away while singing "For Just a Little While." Ashley Beaman looks into the crowd for comforting smile. Photo by Angela Stewart.

Above: The Senior class stands after being presented their diplomas. Photo by Angela Stewart.

Left: DeAnn McCauley hugs Tara Stevens as Daren Stewart is congratulated by Brian Stevens. Photo by Angie Stewart.

Right: Crystal Harness, Valedictorian, carries a rose to her mother during the presentation of roses. Photo by Angie Stewart.

Left: Lucas Keebler and Chris Mooney discuss their future plans with Debbie Keebler. Photo by Kim McCauley.

Above: Christina Dickerson, Salutatorian, receives her diploma from board member Bill Hargis. Photo by Angie Stewart.
We will remember
Sept. 11, 2001

We will always strive to overcome the horrible acts of September 11, 2001

Right: Esther Gormely and Mike Kafter sit and talk about the crisis. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Right: The senior class discusses what life may be like in the future. Photo by Wade Talley.

Above: Brandon Terry sits in astonishment as he watches the horror unfold on TV. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Left: Donna Parish and Tommy Moran discuss the events of tragedy during the news broadcast. Photo by Crystal Harness.

Right: Liz Rivers watches in astonishment as the Twin Towers fall to the ground. Photo by Crystal Harness.
"It was both patriotic and a memorial for those who have lost their lives, and the workers who are risking their lives to help save and protect America."

Heather Gildersleeve, Senior

"It incorporated all aspects of the attack and following events. It had an underlying theme, which helped tie the disaster with patriotism and increased resolve of the American people to rise above the devastation."

Brian Reiter, Junior

"Our class united together to create a memorial that reflected our eternal sorrow and gratitude to the victims of September 11th. We mourned the loss of our fallen heroes and celebrated the patriotism that was found in our great country through the creation of our bulletin board."

Tommy Moran and Amber Lock, Sophomores

"Our board was the best because it showed the drama of the tragedy with the photos of the ruins. I liked the way we all worked together to get it finished. It was a great way to unite the classes after the 9-11 events."

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Teacher Retirement

Linda Joseph is retiring after 17 years of teaching art at Highland. She was raised in Alva, OK and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwest Oklahoma State University. She earned her Masters of Art from Wichita State University. Previous to teaching at Highland, she taught at Pratt for a year and a half, Eureka for four years, four years at Atsugi Naval Air Facility in Japan, and eight years at Dexter/Cedarville. In her years at Highland she has developed the art program from nothing to one that participates in numerous art contests throughout the year. Her favorite part of the job has been watching each individual student develop through their years in their artistic abilities.

Frances Collins has worked at USD # 425 since 1974 and has been head cook for about 10 years. Frances was born in Pattonsburg, MO and raised in Kirwin, KS. Frances is married to Danny Collins and they have five children: James, Steve, Christina, Dana, and Teresa, all Highland High School graduates. Frances and Danny have 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Neither Frances nor Danny graduated from high school, but all five of their children graduated and have some college experience. Frances said, “I’m working to make sure all my grandkids graduate.” The favorite part of Frances’s job has been the students. She worked at the grade school for many years before coming to the high school. Many students have told her that the food at Highland was a lot better than other schools or in the college dorms.

Conrad Clary is retiring after 27 years as grade school principal. Conrad spent his youth on a farm east of Troy, but he came to Highland in 1950. He graduated from Highland High School. At Highland, he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Shirley. They have four children: Gordon, Grant, Lori, and Gregg. They have seven grandchildren. Conrad has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Emporia State University and a Masters in Administration from Northwest Missouri State University. He also has extensive work toward a Specialist’s Degree. The most enjoyable part of his job has been working with the students; “day by day, watching them grow, watching them mature. I have laughed at seeing the students act just like their parents did when they were in school.”

Barb Collins has taught at USD # 425 for 31 and one-half years. She was raised in Maryville, MO. Her family is made up of husband Jan, son and daughter-in-law Shawn and Cindy, and daughter Samantha. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Northwest Missouri State University. Barb has taught fifth grade for all of her professional years. She has also worked with sixth grade social science, fifth and sixth grade language arts, and math for Title I. Barb said, “I have enjoyed the people I work with. I also enjoyed coming to work every day and working with the kids.” She loved her field trips to the apple orchard at Nebraska City and to the Amish at Jamesport.
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