How the WEST Was

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“A New Beginning, A New Start, A New Year”
The first students of Doniphan West High School
Home of the Mustangs
This year was the start of a wild journey as people from two different districts came together to meet in the same place. To some this place was brand new and to others it was like their second home. But no matter where they came from, they joined together to become ONE. ONE school, ONE crowd, ONE group of people put their differences aside to bring the WEST together and form a new community—a place called Doniphan WEST High School. Affected by this change included everyone from students and teachers to community supporters as well as those from other schools. Everyone was anxious to see how the agreement would work out. How would two rival schools be able to come together and become ONE? Instead of the usual blue and white on one side and red, white, and blue on the other, people now see shades of navy and orange. Instead of hearing “Go Eagles” or “Go Bluestreaks,” fans from D. WEST chant “Let’s Go Mustangs” and show off their new navy and orange attire. Although Midway and Highland will always be part of us, life is not always easy and we must understand that things change. This year was time to start a new chapter filled with new journeys and experiences. Change can be hard but will make us stronger, and it will be filled with opportunity. In this book is a story, told with pictures and words, of our first year at Doniphan WEST High School. It is filled with games we played, people we met, things we learned, and fun we had. This is a story we will always remember. It is the story of how the WEST was ONE.
In a Million
The students put a lot of time and energy into all the activities that they get involved in. I think it adds to their growth as they grow into adulthood. I support them because I want them to know I'm very proud of all their hard work. As for myself, it brings me a lot of pleasure to see them succeed and makes me feel good if I can share in a little of their success.

Janet Libel

Do you feel the support and spirit were strong for the Mustang athletes?

"Our community and parents supported us throughout the year and it felt good to have them come and watch us play. I hope this continues in upcoming years."

Kamron Winchester

"The support started out strong for the athletes and ended weak. But thanks to all the parents who came out and supported us."

Jessica Libel

"There were definitely more fans in the stands this year compared to previous years."

Jacob Watts
Not Pictured: Brad Clark, RC Compton, Albert Edie, Adam Herrs
Where do you see yourself in ten years?

ALLIE WILMES
"To be crowned Miss Kansas and become the next Vanna White, with a hot security guard to protect me."

BAILEY DONAHUE
"I'll be livin' in the Ozark Mountains, makin' moonshine."

BRANDON CLUCK
"In the middle of the ocean riding around on a whale's back."

JOSH-SAUNDERS
"Laying on the beach staring at the girls past my face."

JOHN WEER
"Boat Deck during summer and conditioning to improve basketball skills."

JACOBY WATT
"Bailey Donahue takes a quick nap before school."

JOSHUA-SAUNDERSNA
"McKenna, my sweetie, who I love with all my heart."

Kevi Solomon
"Enjoying a brand new day."
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What do you think makes your class so unique?

KAMRON WINCHESTER
“We connect like a big family. We always seem to hang out together, and we always enjoy being with each other.”

JESSICA LACKEY
“Everybody is really close. We have fun together and can get in fights just like siblings.”

KELSEY WOHLETZ
“Even though nobody thought they would get along with people from other schools we have and I feel like I’ve been with all of the kids since kindergarten not just Midway kids either.”

DUSTY LIBEL
“We can all share things with each other like we’re all best friends, it seems.”

Daniel Solomon reads an AR book during English.
Cody Miller gets sleepy during AR time during English.
Eric Walsh shows off his modeling skills.
Samantha Wigle and Lacy Sullivan take a break from serving food at their class dinner.
Dusty Libel jumps in front of Jessica Lackey while she is getting her picture taken.
Josh Fee, Eric Walsh, Alex Myers, Ben Gilmore and Dusty Libel enjoy a ride on the class float during the Homecoming parade.

Kamron Winchester shows his masterpiece of the class during English

Jessica Lackey and Kole McCauley show neighborly love.

Miranda Clark shows off her stunning locks.
Amanda Zeit shows how chilly it is in the school.

Wendy Hamilton shows off her D-West sign.

Jessica Lackey, Megan Holt and Samantha Wigle show off their goofy side while walking to history class.
STERLING DORRELL
"I am different than they are... and that is basically it... yeah."

BRIDGET GLYNN
"Only Whitney's mom thinks that I'm annoying... but I still like her anyways."

TERRY CROSSLAND
"Nothing... But I caught you a delicious bass last night because my llama ate all of your mama's steak."

HAILEE DUNLAP
"I whine all the time because Whitney keeps rubbing off on me."

Andrew Gilmore turns just in time to get his picture taken in his witch costume on Goofy Day of Winter Royalty spirit week.

Whitney Erod, Bridget Glynn, and Morgan Twombly hold out with their West-Side symbol.

Terra Rhyne goes to get her arrow after learning how to shoot the at-paper on the World History field trip.

Jackie Gronninger reaps her body on Susan Boos after a long night of dancing.

Chase Smith shows off his voluptuous pose on Western Day of Winter Royalty spirit week.

Kayla Dunlap knocks Morgan Twombly out of the way as she tries to crowd in on her moment of fame during English class.
What about your class makes you different from the other classes?

NICOLE DIVELEY
"Most of our class is immature unlike the other classes."

PAUL JOHNSON
We're special because it has ME in it!

KELSEY JENKINS
"We're the little runts of the school."

KENNY COMPTON
We're younger and it seems like we are a bigger class. We are also more immature."

Scott Emrich, Caleb Sellers, Nathan Rickels and Brandon Coborn get their picture taken with sophomore Kassi Zelt.

Below: Shawna Andrews, Kaley Witham, Jordanne Miller, Stephanie Schneider and Brittany Schmitz show off their glamour at the homecoming dance.

Jonathan Collins and Seth Twombly show off their costumes at the first dance.

Holly Norris strikes a pose at the Homecoming dance.

Susan Leeper smiles for the camera.
The student cooperation and leadership in uniting the two student bodies into a positive community.
Steve Adams Superintendent

The way the students came together, got along, and made the most of all the opportunities available to them.
Deborah Strong Principal

What was the most positive outcome of this year?

Mr. Hill shows his gothic side for spirit week.

Mr. Honish directs the band during a rehearsal for graduation.

Mr. Austin gives a speech about the football team during a pep rally.

The USD 425 Board of Education. Front: Brad Gilmore, Rod Carwell, Mike Bevins. Back: Tim Muzum, Scott Twombly, Bill Hargis, Ron Schneider.
Should guys always pick up the girl for dates?

Girls: 44% - Yes
54% - No
2% - It Should Be Equal
Guys: 63% - Yes
37% - No

Have you ever cheated on someone?

Girls: 17% - Yes
83% - No
Guys: 11% - Yes
89% - No

Of those who admitted to cheating, only 20% of the girls and 33% of the boys were caught.

Would you ever date one of your best friends?

Girls: 63% - Yes
31% - No
6% - Maybe
Guys: 66% - Yes
25% - No
4% - Maybe
5% - I Don’t Know

ALLIE WILMES: “I could never date any of my best friends. It would feel like incest!”

Should girls pitch in on the expenses of dates?

Girls: 64% - Yes
32% - No
4% - Sometimes
Guys: 42% - Yes
58% - No

How long would you date someone before introducing them to your parents?

GUYS

Girls: 28% - 1 Week
35% - 1 Month
9% - 2 Months
5% - 3 Months
23% - Other

Guys:

Girls: 41% - 1 Week
35% - 1 Month
6% - 2 Months
3% - 3 Months
8% - Other

"Nothing beats a 1st kiss!" quoted from 50 First Dates

Would you ever date someone younger than you?

Girls: 54% - Yes
31% - No
15% - Maybe
Guys: 79% - Yes
2% - No
19% - Maybe

Here at Doniphan West High School, our prestigiously trained fashion police will investigate this year’s hottest fashions and styles.

Of a Kind:
D. West Fashion Police

The Latest Fashion for 2004-05

Jackie Denton, freshman, displays her chandelier or “dangly” earnings which are the perfect accessory to match any style. These are the epitome of class and sophistication.

Rock on! Adam Herrs, senior, show us his vintage rock and roll t-shirt. The saying “Rock and Roll never dies,” just keeps proving itself over and over those days.

Buff bodies are beautiful! Now more than ever being in shape means being in style. Not only do muscles look good but they also reflect a person’s desire for a healthy lifestyle.

Lyndsey Elrod, senior, kicks back her new “pointy” toed boots, the hottest style in foot apparel this year. From subtle brown to vibrant bright pink, these boots have sophistication written all over them.

Kayla Dunlap, sophomore, is wearing another one of the hottest styles this year—torn jeans. They look nice, while the holes give them a comfortable, casual look as well.
I'M LOVING IT

"We love cooking." - Kim Keller & Lisa Handke

"We love hunting." - Alex Myers, Cody Miller, & Chase Smith

TJ Siard, Alex Autem, & Terry Crosslard love playing basketball.

"I love dancing—it's so much fun!" - Jessica Lackey

"I love goats." - Amanda Dunn

Christina Gillian loves talking on her cell phone.

"I love playing baseball." - David Goodman

Charles Kent loves working on cars.
"I love track & field."
-Amanda Zeit.

"I love music."
-Chelsey Fritch

"I love playing football. It's a great sport."
-Josh Fee

"I love my truck."
-Johnny Stonebarger

"I love lifting weights."
-Greg Humphrey

Lesley Harness says she loves sleeping.

"I love the army."
-Caleb Jeffrey

Sterling Dorrell says, "I love my guitar."
Most Likely To...

Seniors

- Casey Dorrell: Take over the world
- Zac Crafton: Leave the Midwest
- Christina Gillian: Appear on a talk show
- Kelly French: Marry Brad Pitt
- Josh Saunders: Win Fear Factor
- Brad Darke: Become a pro athlete
- Melissa Broo: Have the most children
- Ashley Johnston: Become the next Desperate Housewives
- Cheyenne Fitch: Appear on the Big Screen
- Kevin Solomon: Retire Early
- Andrew Majesky: Invent something
- Adam Herrs: Win the Lottery

Juniors

- Kimberly Fuhrman: Marry Brad Pitt
- Lacy Sullivan: Appear on a talk show
- Kole McCaulley: Be elected to office
- Samantha Wiggie: Have the most children
- Bryce Ellner: Become a millionaire
- Eric Walsh: Marry Jennifer Aniston
- Leigh Massey: Leave the Midwest
- Daniel Solomon: Take over the world
- Lesley Harness: Be the first married
- Ben Gilmore: Become a professional athlete
- Terra Welland: Become the next Desperate Housewife
- Jessica Lackey: Appear on the Bachelorette
ATHLETICS
All For
For All
The team waits for the awards ceremony to begin at the Rim Rock meet.

Coach Angie Eberly clipped off these claws after the team received third at the McLouth meet.

Honors

Ashton Lackey - 2nd team all league
Amanda Zeit - 1st team all league

Going to state the first year as being a Doniphan West Mustang was a pretty big accomplishment. Coached by Angie Eberly, the team placed sixth out of 12 teams at the state meet in Wamego. After the little mix-up at the Troy meet, which is the county meet, the team placed first. The "mix-up occurred" when places were counted incorrectly and the first place plaque was awarded to Wathena (which in fact belonged to Doniphan West). Both boys and girls received first place. Overall, the team would say that the first year of cross country for Doniphan West went really well and that hopefully there are many more great years to come.

We can definitely say that we started some new traditions, like the time when Coach Eberly grew her fingernails out and said she wasn't going to cut them until we got first place at a meet. Well, it turned out they were getting a little too long and she ended up cutting them off at the McLouth meet when we got third.
We had a really good year. Both the boys and the girls were successful. It was also a lot of fun and provided some enjoyable memories.”

--Nicholas Dickerson

“I think this was an awesome first year as the Doniphan West Mustangs. Everybody did really good and I had a lot of fun. Thanks to my family and friends for all the support. (By the way I beat the tall girl in this picture!)”

--Amanda Zeit
The freshman girls get pumped up and warmed up before their home match.

Megan Holt gets under the ball and bumps it up during a match at Doniphon West.

Miranda Clark and Kaesi Zeit put up a block against Troy.


Honors
Morgan Twombly- 1st team All League DVL, All tournament team at Hiawatha Inv.
Kim Fuhrman- Honorable Mention All League DVL

The girls didn’t know quite what to expect the first time they walked into the gym and stepped on the volleyball court wearing the new orange and blue uniforms. They walked by other schools, hearing people whisper to each other, “Who are they? Where are they from?” Despite all the stares and whispers, they held their heads high and simply responded that they were from Doniphon West and were the Mustangs.

Along with all the strenuous practices and competitive games the girls also had a lot of fun in between with trips to both coach Okon’s and coach Handke’s houses for food to singing in chorus as loud as they could all the way home from away games. The fun also included singing in rounds during morning practices and enjoying the lovely vocal and dancing talents of energetic teammates.

Although having fun is always a must, when it came time to stepping out on the court the girls knew when to be serious and get things done. The Mustangs finished their season with a 14-14 record and many priceless memories. It certainly was a challenge to come together in the beginning, but when looking out on the court and not being able to tell which girls were from Highland and which were from Midway, they knew they had succeeded. The team’s motto for the year was summed up in one word, “together,” because that’s what they did—the girls came together.

At the last home game senior Samantha Keebler put into perspective what the team had accomplished and said, “With every win we grew stronger, and with every loss we picked each other up and grew even stronger. As the year ended we achieved something wonderful. Not only are we a team, we are a family, and this is our house.”
"It is a privilege to work with such high quality young people. The girls gave 100% effort at practices and matches. We finished the season at 14-14, but won 8 out of our last 10 matches. We started out as individuals, from two separate schools, then became a team, and then we became family."

--coach Maria Olson
Ben Gilmore sweeps to the outside looking for some room.

Eric Walsh comes close to bringing down the McIntosh ball carrier.

Kip Peters - 2nd team Defense Linebacker

Josh Saunders - 1st team Defense Linebacker

Clint Merkel - 2nd team Offense Guard

Daniel Kuhnert - Honorable Mention Offense

Brad Clark - Honorable Mention Defense

When the guys from the Midway and Highland programs merged this year into one team, they had to forget old rivalries and work together to start building something great for D-West. And the challenges weren't limited to the players. Just like all the players, coach Mark Martin had to adjust from coaching eight-man to eleven man and familiarize himself with nine new opponents. One of the most memorable moments for Martin was the season-opening win at home with Valley Falls. He also mentioned the big fumble return for a touchdown against Wathena, winning the Homecoming game, and the comeback against Jackson Heights that fell just short in overtime as other great moments. All moments weren't great, though. As far as the record shows, the team didn't do as well as everyone had hoped. "Bottom line is we made too many mistakes, and against good opponents that can be the difference between a win and a loss," Martin said. However, the win-loss record isn't the only focus of a season—especially this one. Martin gave credit to the guys for coming together and doing their best at their positions. "We have some real quality young men on our team. Not just good players, but nice kids to be around." The players and coaches will carry away many memories and remember the history that they made being the first D-West football team. Fans from both the "north" and the "south" all gathered on Friday nights as one in hopes the Mustangs would win the game. The teammates and fans will take away the thought that they were there for the beginning of an era where once rivals came together under one roof and combined their talents to take another step further to greatness.

The guys take a breather and get some instructions from coach Mark Martin.
It was a good beginning and with hard work and a strong commitment we will build a program we can be proud of. I would like to say thank you to all the Mustang fans—your support was great!

-- Coach Mark Martin

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Wins 3 Losses 6

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The cheerleaders burst out laughing while watching Morgan Twombly dance silly.

Jessica Lackey gets put up into an elevator stunt.

Kassi Zeit shows the crowd her spirit at the first Dónohan West football game.

Maverick, the new Mustang Mascot, poses for his very first picture.

The new cheerleading squad was excited about making this year one of their best. As they picked out and ordered new navy and orange uniforms monogrammed with DW Mustangs, broke in new pom-poms and introduced Maverick the mascot, they knew this year was going to be the start of a brand new beginning. The cheerleaders worked hard to bring spirit to the new school and they showed that the Mustang wasn’t just a different Mascot name, it was something to be proud of.

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"Our first year as the Doniphan West Mustangs was exciting and challenging for the cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders rose to the challenge of creating new traditions, learning new material and helping bridge the two schools together one athletic event at a time."

"2004 brought the D. West Mustangs and the first school drill team for both Highland and Midway. The squad started the year a little apprehensive, but as the athletic seasons began they met each performance with energy, professionalism, and true Mustang pride!"

- coach Kelly Twombly

"During the drill teams' performance, the girls put "attitude" into their dance."

"Drill teams dance to the music during their halftime performance."

"The drill team stands ready as they prepare themselves to perform their dance."

"The drill team performs during halftime."

"Melissa Boos helps entertain the crowd as part of the drill team."

"Jessica Lackey shows off her moves during a drill team performance."

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At the beginning of the year, nobody knew what to expect with the combining of Midway and Highland schools. By the time basketball season had rolled around, though, everyone had gotten to know one another and were ready to defeat the opposing teams.

Coach Jennifer Bottom said the girls made a great transition. "I can't say enough about the girls' attitudes—towards each other, the coaches, the game itself."

The first girls' basketball team's accomplishments set the bar pretty high for future Doniphan West teams. The lady Mustangs had a record of 10 wins and 12 losses and placed first at the Elwood tournament.

Most of the girls who played on the team this year said that it was a great learning experience and mentioned that they couldn't wait until next winter.

Senior Shelby Davis said, "I think we had a great season. The future looks bright for Mustang girls basketball."

Freshman Stephanie Schneider agreed that it was a great season, "had a lot of fun, and I am looking forward to next year."
“It was a learning experience for me. We’re all really young and I think that it’s going to take a few years for us to really come together the way that we want it to. All around I think that we had a pretty good first season.”

—sophomore Morgan Twombly

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Wins: 10  Losses: 12
The boys' basketball season was a pretty big roller coaster ride with some close games and new players adapting to each other. All in all, the season went pretty well but more wins, of course, were wanted by the team and coach John Twombly.

Twombly said that shooting was one of the team’s biggest difficulties and credited the depth of good athletes as a strength.

Both Highland and Midway were classified as 1A schools before combining and both teams had to step up and play bigger teams. Twombly said, “The competition level was higher night in and night out.”

Coach Twombly had positive comments about the season. “I enjoyed every moment this year. They are a great group of young men and it has been a great pleasure to get to know each of them.”

Kole McCauley and Dustin Libel, both juniors, had positive comments about the season. “I really enjoyed playing with everybody on the team; everyone got along together great. Also, having Coach Twombly as our coach was great. He made us play as a team and really knows a lot about basketball.” McCauley said. Libel said, “The basketball season was full of good memories. With the help of Coach Twombly, we all came together and played well.”

Through the eyes of the players as well as the coach, to them their record was not the most important part of the season; it’s the fact that they all came together as rivals, and played as one.
"I thought that our overall season went pretty good. We came together and played as a team. I wish that Coach Twombly would be joining us again next year."

--junior Dustin Libel

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Wins:7 Losses:14

Kip Peters grabs an offensive rebound.

The boys line up to pump up the starters as they are introduced.

Kamron Winchester puts the ball up for two against Horton.

First Row: Kole McCaulley, John Lednicky, Seth Twombly, Paul Johnson, Daniel Freeman.
Second Row: Dustin Libel, Bryan Hamilton, Ben Gilmore, Brad Clark, R.C. Compton, Terry Crossland.
Third Row: Jonathan Collins, Jacob Rush, Jacoby Watts, Chase Smith, Josh Hargis.
Fourth Row: Kamron Winchester, Alex Auten, Kip Peters, Cody Miller, Eric Walsh, Garrett Miller.
The Mustang track team had an amazing first year. From winning the very first track meet at the Elwood Relays to taking ten kids to state, the year was full of success. Although the typical Kansas weather caused a few delays, like the three-day Delaware Valley League track meet at Pleasant Ridge, everything eventually worked out. Both boys' and girls' teams made a mark at all the track meets with their blazing orange sweats and by winning team trophies and many individual medals. With brand new records set, they paved the way for the D. West track team for many years to come.
We had a lot of good athletes this year, and we came together really well and scored a lot of points when we had to. All of our hard work paid off when we took a bunch of kids to state.

—senior Daniel Kuhnert
STUCO

Taking action, getting results

For many students school started on Thursday August 19, but for STUCO members it started way back in May of 2004. They came together as two different schools hoping to make a difference in what was to become a new development. STUCO decided not to elect anyone else and to stick with everybody that was already there. Because there was a vice-president from each school and no president, they decided that the two vice-presidents would become co-presidents. A week before school even started STUCO was setting up for the first day. With orange and navy decorations and the new Mustang of Doniphan West, STUCO decorated the whole school with pride. During this year STUCO also planned dances, fundraisers, Homecoming events, and also renamed the Winter Dance “Winter Royalty.” This year’s STUCO came together as one and got things done.

Senior Terry Cross, senior, was just one of the STUCO members that collected money and filled the pop machines.

Sophomore Andrew Gilmore reads his newspaper during a STUCO meeting.

Co-presidents, seniors Kelly French and Melissa Brooks change the school sign for the week.

Junior Megan Holt

“This year, STUCO sponsored/organized dances and eased the transition from two separate schools to one united school.”

Junior Lesley Harness

“We helped try to solve the lunch problems, organized dances, and made up a new constitution.”

STUCO members discuss plans for an upcoming dance.

Eric Simmons, Julienne Gross and Morgan Twombly listen intently during a meeting.

Sponsor Esther Gormley talks to the students about plans for an upcoming event.

Front: Andrew Gilmore, Melissa Brooks, Kelly French, Alex Aseman, Shelby Davis, Megan Holt, Terry Crossland, Lesley Harness
Back: Chelsea Kenyon, Allie Wintjes, Morgan Twombly, Kole McCauley, Brittany Schmitz, Eric Simmons, Julienne Gross
I think... She needs my help

While spending a lot of our time working on yearbook and the school newspaper, both journalism classes still managed to have a lot of fun. Even though the good old excuse, "I think she needs my help," was used to get out of class.

But all of our hard work in class paid off when we went to Manhattan, KS for regional contest. Eleven out of the sixteen girls in journalism class placed.

For our first ever yearbook, we put all of our ideas together to make sure that it would make a lasting impression on future Donphan West journalism classes.

Not only did we work hard on our yearbook, we spent some of our time making a good school newspaper as well. And even though most of our issues were followed by controversy, many were impressed with the first ever P. West Express.

What were your favorite moments in journalism class?

"When I hid in the closet and tried to scare Mr. Tyler. I was stuck in the closet because they never said 'candy.'"
- Allie Wilmes

"Spending half of our journalism class trying to figure out a way to spell, 'pkkkkkkkkkew!'"
- Amanda Zeit

"It was always exciting hearing the new complaints about our articles and newspapers. Controversy is always fun."
- Melissa Boos

"My favorite part was when we all went to K-State and I got to play pool with all of my classmates."
- Christena Gilfillan

Where’d they go? Kole McCauley and Jackie Gronniger sport their camo for hunting gear day of FFA week.

Clint Merkel cleans up after the big breakfast sponsored by the Doniphan West FFA.

Billy Hopkins takes a little time out of the Louisville Slugger museum tour to have a small conversation with the players.

What was your favorite part of FFA this year?

1. "Going on bus rides...hey cow!"
   - Brittany Schmitz

2. "Getting out of school for state contest."
   - Clint Merkel

3. "Meeting new people at contests."
   - Kelsey Wohlerz

4. "Becoming the first Doniphan West Barnwarming sweetheart."
   - Miranda Cluck

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Bailey Donahue shows off her milking skills at National Convention.

The national convention group poses in front of the baseball bat at the Louisville Slugger museum.
What was your favorite chore?

"Duh...eating, look at me, it's what I like to do."
— Miranda Cluck

"I liked the calf judging the most because it wasn't what I expected and was something new."
— Jessica Lackey

"Heavy heavers because that was the one where the most people were cheering for you."
— Jackie Gronninger

"Heavy heavers because I'm used to throwing hay bales."
— Susan Boos

"The obstacle course because it was fun having to race and get messy at the same time."
— Jackie Denton

"I think I liked the obstacle course the most because I liked eating even though the pie was gross."
— Jessica Libel

Some of the FFA members show off their calves for the calf judging contest. The candidates gave reasons later in the night over which calves they chose as first and last.

Smelling manure, hauling five gallon buckets of water and heaving hay bales helped Miranda Cluck win the title of FFA Sweetheart on Nov. 5, 2004 at the first Doniphan West Barnwarming. The night began with opening ceremonies performed by the chapter officers followed by a potluck supper. Next began the Sweetheart competition in which the candidates had to perform chores. The candidates were juniors Miranda Cluck and Jessica Lackey, sophomores Jackie Gronninger and Susan Boos, and freshmen Jessica Libel and Jackie Denton. To begin the competition, candidates first gave speeches over Agriculture Fueling America. They next began the first chore of the night—calf judging. Each candidate had another member help them rank the "calves" of other FFA members. Next was the smelling contest where the candidates had to identify farm products. After that was the obstacle course. The last chore of the night was the hay bale toss. The candidates also had to fill out an information text and be interviewed that same night. Their scores were tallied up to determine the winner. The evening ended with the FFA members being auctioned off for eight hours of work.
This year the Midway and Highland NHS Organizations joined together to form the new and improved Doniphan West National Honor Society. With the combined organizations there were 21 old members, and 17 new members were inducted into the organization this year. The induction ceremony was held on Monday, May 9. With the enlarged organization the members will be able to grow and continue to expand their organization by being faithful to the four traits of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Why is service important?

"While community service is an important part of NHS, it is also important that it is based on grades and school efforts as well."
- Kim Keller

"It is important to the proper function of society. It also gives individuals a reason to go out and do something."
- Evan Nuxum

"It helps us understand what it takes to keep people happy and to keep a safe and healthy environment."
- Ashton Lackey

"It gives the community a chance to know us better. It also gives us a chance to show we care about the community and the people in it."
- Kelsey Wohlen

Andrew Gilmore puts on his game face in an attempt to intimidate the opposing team with his deep thoughts.

Sarah Reiter makes a weak protest as Sterling and Caley Dorrell team up in order to steal her chips during the lunch break at the Horton meet.

Quiz Bowl members gather in the library for a morning practice during which coach Julie Dorrell asks the team random questions from various categories.

Reflections on the year

"I didn't want people to feel inferior to my smartness, so I only went to one meet!" — Bridget Glynn

"I liked throwing the bouncy ball across the cafeteria in Horton."

Sterling Dorrell

"I liked when I was asked to "amplify" my answer and the entire room started laughing."

Andrew Gilmore

"Coming close to being kicked out of the Sabetha meet for being too loud was pretty fun."

— Evan Nuzum

"Morning bus rides were fun since everyone was still half-asleep, making conversation pretty interesting."

— Megan Holt

"A few people livened up the waits during meets by throwing the bouncy balls around the room."

— Jessica Johnson

Quiz Bowl members dedicated a substantial chunk of their time this year to practices and meets. Starting in November, members met two times a week from 7:15am to 8am clear through the month of February. Sophomore Sarah Reiter said, "It was really hard to drag myself out of bed to go answer questions that I really didn't understand anyway." Along with early-morning practices, members also forfeited several Saturday mornings in order to attend various meets.

The junior varsity members made themselves known at the Doniphan West Invitational Meet by claiming both the first and second place spots. Coach Julie Dorrell said, "It was a thrill to watch our JV teams take both first and second places at our home meet."

While the team didn't claim as many first place spots as they would have liked, they had fun being together and brushing up on a little bit of knowledge while they were at it.

Is that your Final Answer?

Scholars' Bowl buzzes in

The first Doniphan West choir and Swing Choir had a great year. Choir performed great at the concerts; even with the small number of students that participated. Swing Choir was a class that the students took, and it was separate from the choir class.

For DVL contest and regionals Swing Choir was a little worried but they pulled through and sounded awesome. The girls performed "The Poet Sings," the boys sang "Sixteen Tons," and the whole group sang "Oh Mary Don't You Weep." There were also five solos that did an outstanding job. At regionals all three ensembles received a one, so they were off to state. At state the boys received a 2, the girls a 2, and the group a 3.

Swing Choir members look forward to the Spring for their tour and this year they prepared a tribute to Jazz which included some songs from the musical Chicago. With their destination being Branson, Mo., they left on a six hour bus ride at 5 a.m. When they got there they opened for the 50's of the Hop show and then they got to watch the show. On the way home they stopped at Pleasant Ridge High School to perform—and they even did an encore! Their final tour performance was at Doniphan West Middle School. The Swing Choir's final performance was the Friends theme song "I'll Be There for You" at graduation on May 21.

**What was your favorite thing about Swing Choir?**

1. "I had so much fun at Branson. Rooming with Kassi, Kelsey, and Chelsey K. was fun too!" - Lacy Sullivan
2. "I thought it was funny when Chelsey and Sterling put the pencil in the tile on the ceiling and took a tile out of the ceiling." - Melissa Boco
3. "I enjoyed the six hour bus ride to Branson. You would not believe the deep and highly intelligent conversations that took place." - Megan Holt
4. "I had a blast on tour and going to Branson. It was so fun!" - Eric Simmons


The choir performs at the spring concert.

Teacher Terri Stevens sings and plays the piano for choir class.

Kassi Zeit captures the audience's attention while singing "Doogie Halt" with the help of the Swing choir boys.

Kassi Zeit, Kasey, Kelsey, and Chelsey K. performed a variety of songs throughout the year.

Swing Choir members: Morgan Twombly, Kassi Zeit, Eric Simmons, Melissa Boco, Paige Smith, Sarah Handke, Jessica Johnson, Stephanie Schneider, Caley Dorell, Brandon Terry, Jonathan Collins, Seth Twombly, Sterling Dorell, Samantha Keebler, Kelsey Wathen, Chelsey Kangen, Kelsey Wolterz, Lacy Sullivan, Amanda Dunn, Megan Holt, and Chelsey Fritsch.
The D. West band—larger and louder than what the students, director, and audience members were used to—had a busy year. The pep band endured cold weather at football games and came inside for basketball games and pep rallies; marched in parades; held concerts; prepared pieces for contest; and played “Pomp and Circumstance” at graduation. Instructed by Richard Honish, they put on performances twice during the year and prepared for regional and state contests in between. The band overall received a 1 at regionals on April 2 at Benedictine College and received a 2 rating at the state competition in Sabetha. Solos and ensembles went to state competition at Concordia on April 30. At state, the clarinet quartet received a 1, and Jessica Johnson received a 1 on her saxophone solo.

## What instrument do you play? What do you like about it?

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- Bridget Janson
- Allison Thompson
- Jordanne Miller
- Gerald Folsom
- Caleb Sellers
- Caleb Jeffrey

Front: Camille Sellers, Nicole Divine, Julianne Gross, Katelynn Ritch, Nathan Rickards, Jackie Denton, Amanda Halling, Jessica Johnson
Second row: Eric Simmons, Gerald Folsom, Jacob Dush, Caleb Sellers, Jonathan Collins, Josh Hargin, Sarah Reiter
Third row: Caleb Jeffrey, Jordanne Miller, Paul Johnson, Ashton Lackey, Bridget Janson, Jaxon Briden, Chelsea Fitch
Back row: Laurence Dickson, Cortney Thompson, Sterling Dorell, Andrew Mazsey, Garrett Miller, Allison Thompson, Kelly French
For the Record Books
A Work of Art

Being able to take Art class was a new experience for many students this year, because Art was not part of the Midway curriculum. In the different sections of Art class students did graphite, chalk and charcoal drawing; pottery; acrylic painting; basic graphic design; color wheel study; art theory; and art history. One of the big projects the Art classes did this year was a mural on a wall down by the Art room. Each separate Art class chose a decade to select important events, things, and people to design, draw and paint. Art students also participated in DVL contest and attended the HCC art day.
Senior Showcase

Year-long project stresses seniors

The Senior Showcase is a year-long project that has the seniors choose an appropriate topic, write a 2500 word research paper, keep a time journal, perform a demonstration of knowledge, give a 20 minute oral presentation to a panel of judges, and work on various other forms and documents to complete the project. Each senior passed Senior Showcase, which is a requirement to graduate. Some of the topics included haunted houses, cake decorating, juvenile diabetes, female jazz musicians, and electrical engineering.

What was the most stressful part of Senior Project?

"The whole Senior Project was stressful but mostly trying to get 20 minutes for my speech. It was hard not to procrastinate while trying to meet my deadlines. Overall, it was a huge learning experience, but I wouldn't go back and do it again."

~Melissa Boos
"I think hands on classes help students learn better than just taking notes and reading."

Terra Weiland

"I'm not talking, it's killing me, because I have to be talking at all times."

Kayla Durlap

"We are serious because school and school work are serious things."

Bryce Ellner, Lacy Sullivan and Daniel Solomon

"I like to make people laugh and brighten their day up, but the teachers don't always like that."

Karlon Winchester

"I am a trouble maker in class because class can sometimes get boring. I know it's hard to believe, but I like to spice it up sometimes."

Miranda Cluck
What is the most interesting thing in your backpack?

Tiffany McNett
"The most interesting thing in my backpack is money and Pixi Stix"

Jade Rush
"An old moldy shirt from football season"

Josh Hargis
"I have a deck of cards and smelly gym clothes"

Meghan Simmons

Christina Gillilan

RC Compton

Kim Keller

Garett Miller

1. Sophomore Holly Ivey carries her extremely heavy backpack.

2. Dustin Winters, freshman, carries his backpack to lunch.

3. Sophomore Terry Crossland gets out his homework for his next class.

4. Brittany Schmitz takes a break from carrying her heavy backpack.
EVENTS
Step Closer
Right: A Menacing Threat  Skeeter, played by Eric Edie, winces in pain as Nafario, played by Caley Dorrel, silences his rambling with a wicked glare and a brutal twist of the arm.

Below Right: A Well Earned Break  Sarah Reiter, Chelsea Fritch, Julianne Grocc, Sterling Dorrel, and Sarah I-Hanckle use their brief break in rehearsal to hang out and goof around.

Below Left: A Moment of Understanding  Kaci Zeit as the young, naive Dinny helps King Raynah, played by Sterling Dorrel, hear the music inside of his heart.

The Center of Attention  Morgan Twombly shows off her belly dancing skills during the dance interlude of "Come to the Bazaar."

A Shoulder To Cry On  Mariah, played by Paige Smith, comforts her distressed friend Amber, played by Samantha Keebler, after learning her gloomy fate as the King's wife.

There are Ears Everywhere  Jonathan Collins as Leander and Amanda Dunn as Mara eavesdrop on deceitful plans to take over the kingdom.

Dance for Me  Disguised as "Blossom," Sterling Dorrel dances obediently for his demanding admirer, Skeeter, played by Eric Edie.

Above Center: Friends Stick Together  Hoping praise upon their beloved friend, Paige Smith, Jessica Johnson, Samantha Keebler, Kelsey Wohletz and Chelsea Kenyon belt out a jazzy tune.

Above: Discussing the Latest Bride  C.C. Compton as Joriah and Sarah I-Hanckle as Lily devise a plan to put an end to King Raynah's foolish games.

Above: A Touching Moment  Chelsey Fritch as Scheherazade and Eric Simmons as the Grand Vizier share a tender father-daughter moment as they face the reality of Scheherazade's decision to marry the king.
The Spring play “Murder in the Maner” was a murder-mystery dinner theatre in which the characters interacted with the audience. Before the end, all audience members filled out a “Whodunit” sheet, and whoever guessed the murderer won the grand prize. When the lights went out for the start of the show, Artemus, head of the family publishing business, was found dead with a knife in his back. Everyone in the house was, of course, a suspect. The question was, “Who did it?” There were many twists throughout the whole play. It was very tough to guess who the murderer was. The play consisted of one set with five scenes and two casts—one of understudies.

Sam Keebler as Dr. Tony Buffington questions the other house guests (understudy cast) about their whereabouts during the murder.

A Suspicious Character
Josh Hargis as Major questions Jonathan Collins as Eileen Jones about his motives.

A Deadly Drink
Andrew Macsee as Reginald Ward and Sarah Handke as Eileen Morrow have been poisoned with deadly wine in the final scene.

A Great Job
The cast members bow in appreciation to the audience after putting on a successful show.
Getting their Groove On A cluster of students dance to the popular cha cha slide.

Get R' Won The freshmen class show their spirit during the parade.

Looking Smart Garrett Miller shows his stylish side during invasion of the geek/nerd day.

Ridin' the Float Juniors Kamron Winchester, Ashley Stewart, and Sarah Christopher ride the crowd a wave while riding on their class float.

Top: King of the Hill The juniors enjoy seeing the parade from their winning float that featured a blue Mustang.

Above: Mustangs Rockin' the Field The senior class rocked getting ready for the big game.

Lookin' Their Best Homecoming candidates Shelby Davis, Daniel Kuhnert, Queen Melica Booe, King Clint Merkel, Chelsey Fitch, Josh Saunders, crown bearer Jonathan Clark, and flower girl Jennifer Rodriguez.

Climbin Her Way Up Camille Sellers climbs the rock wall provided by the National Guard during her lunch break.
A new home means new traditions. This year’s Homecoming was all about making new traditions. The week started off with traditional spirit week dress up days along with new advisory activities. On Thursday night a bonfire was set ablaze in the high school parking lot. Burn the Bears was the theme of this year’s bonfire. Friday night was the big game against Oskaloosa with the crowning of the very first DWHS Homecoming King and Queen. The week’s festivities ended with Friday night’s “Picture Perfect” dance.

50’s Fashion
Brittany Schmitz, Jessica Lackey and Stephanie Schneider wear matching poodle skirts for flashback day.

Wednesday
Fairy Tale & Nursery Rhyme
Stud Volleyball & Rock Wall

Thursday
Invasion of the Nerds
Tug of War

Friday
Orange & Blue Parade

Spirit Week Activities

Top: Looking Smart, Allison Thompson, Andrew Gilmore, RC Compton, and Jonathan Collins get ready for their studies during spirit week.
Above: Dancin’ the Night Away Students get ready for the next song.

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**Lovely Ladies**  
Seniors Jessica Johnson, Sarah Handke, and Kelly French enjoy the Winter Royalty dance.

**In the Spotlight**  
Caught off guard, junior Jessica Lackey takes a drink break during the Winter Royalty Dance.

**Looking Stylish**  
Sophomores Katelynn Fitch and Sarah Reiter give the "West-Side" symbol while dressed in their hip-hop attire for Goody Day.

**Smiling for the Camera**  
Showing how big Mr. Heart is, junior Billy Hopkins has fun on Valentine's Day.

**Top: Sweet and Glamorous**  
Some sophomore girls enjoy the Winter Royalty dance.

**Lookin' Adorable**  
Juniors Wendy Hamilton and Leigh Massey get together for a cute pose during the Winter Royalty dance.

*Center Court*  
Winter Royalty candidates Garrett Miller, Kelly French, King Jacoby Watts, Queen Lyndsey Elrod, Brad Clark, Samantha Keebler, flower girl Jaime Albers, and crown bearer Brantley Cuck.
This year’s Winter Crowning was all about putting old traditions together to start a new beginning. The week’s activities included the always stylish dress up days and a pep rally. The pep rally, at which students enjoyed watching the candidates play entertaining games, pumped everyone up for that night’s basketball games. The first ever Winter Royalty were crowned during halftime versus Horton. The “Winter Royalty” dance ended the week’s activities and marked this year’s Winter Crowning as one to remember.

**Spirit Week Activities**

- **Monday**
  - Wild West

- **Tuesday**
  - Goofy

- **Wednesday**
  - Pajamas

- **Thursday**
  - Tropical

- **Friday**
  - Orange & Navy

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**Bustin a Move**

D. West’s own Spartan Cheerleaders, sophomores Ashton Lackey and Whitney Brod, show off their “talented” dance moves during their performance at the pep rally.

Left: **Takin it Easy**

Juniors Josh Fee, Cody Miller and Evan Mizuh take a candy and pop break during the dance.

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**ON THE DANCE FLOOR**

Candidates Samantha Keebler and Brad Clark share a slow dance at the Winter Royalty Dance.

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**STEPPIN’ TO THE BEAT**

Students boogie on the dance floor to the Electric Slide at the Winter Royalty Dance.

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**RELAXIN’ ON THE BEACH**

Art class students flaunt their beach style and show their spirit on Tropical Day.

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**FLAMING SPIRIT**

Showing off their silly side, freshman Jackie Denton and senior Bailey Donahue dress up for Goofy Day.
A Cute Couple: Caleb Jeffrog and Terra Rhyme enter prom arm in arm.

Showing Up In Style! Evan Nuzum and Cody Miller walk down to prom.

Stop. Turn and SMILE! Kelly French and Sterling Dornell stop to take a picture before entering prom.

Red Carpet Arrival! Meghan Simmons and John Weis.


A 20-foot Eiffel Tower was the centerpiece of the prom with the theme as Au Rendezvous in Au Paris. 123 students attended prom along with 20 teachers and board members. The room was lit up with over 2,000 lights along the Tower, the city, trees and gates. The music at the dance was well accepted although many were unhappy with the few selections of slow songs. After Prom wasn’t all that the students expected, so many got bored and some just simply left. Games such as ping-pong, ring toss, sumo wrestling, scooter racing, Bingo, toilet-paper toss, casino games, card games, and a choice of watching a movie were the options the students had. Prizes included money, earrings, cologne, gift certificates, flashlights, hats, shirts, and sweatshirts. At the end of the night when students exited they received a $50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.


AN EVENING TO REMEMBER
From an ordinary gym to an amazing Paris scene

COMPUTER CLUB
Andrew Massey, Kamron Winchester, Adam Herrs, R.C. Compton and Garrett Miller.

LET’S EAT!
Caley Dorrell, Eric Simmons, Chelsey Fitch, Jared Lytle, Megan Holt, Kelly French, Sterling Dorrell, and Olivia Clayton.

SMILE ANDREW
Andrew Gilmore shows his enthusiasm while sitting and watching people dance.

GOT AIR?
Dusty Liber shows his skills on the dance floor.
What happens in K.C. . . . stays in K.C.!

Checkin' in Andrew Massey, Jimmy Smith, Caley Dorrell, R.C. Compton, and Garrett Miller check in at the hotel.

Enjoying the Water Park After trying out the water slide, Ashley Robinson and Christena Gillilan stay in the water.

Trying For Tickets Aliie Wintes and Lyndsey Elrod try their luck in the hotel's arcade.

The Big Winner Lyndsey Elrod sports the tickets she won at the arcade.

Group shot The senior group poses in the hotel lobby for a picture together.

Top Some of the boys pose for a picture while waiting on their food at Famous Dave's.

Above The girls get together for a picture in front of the Great Wolf Lodge bear in the hotel lobby.

This Isn't Gonna Hurt Paige Smith leans over so she can get an airbrush tattoo.
Because they were the first, the seniors chose to make the first senior sneak of Doniphan West a hit. Due to a small budget, the seniors chose to ride in school buses and make the “long journey” to Kansas City, MO and stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, where they enjoyed the water park, arcade games, a Royals’ game, and eating out. From arguments about donuts to Speedo models, the first ever Doniphan West High School senior sneak definitely started out a new school’s tradition with a bang.

Y.M.C.A.!
Mrs. Strong, Melissa Boos, and Christena Gillilan have enough courage to dance on the tables to the Y.M.C.A. at Joe’s Crab Shack.

SMILE!
Ryan Halling, Daniel Kuhnt, and Mr. Martin smile for the camera while waiting for their food at Famous Dave’s.

J O E K N O W S C R A B S !
Everyone seems to be enjoying their meals at Joe’s Crab Shack.

S O A K E D !
Andy Purvis, Jimmy Smith and Andrew Macsay recover from their ride down the water slide.
A Mother's Pride  Andrew Massey and his mother share a moment during the presentation of flowers to parents.

Cool and Calm  Samantha Keebler and Melissa Boos relax on the commons stage before graduation.

Co-Valedictorian  Clint Merkel gives his valedictory address.

Happy Day  Lyndsey Erro receives her diploma.

"I'll Be There For You"  The Swing Choir sings the Friends television show theme song.

Congratulations  Allie Wixom receives her diploma and a handshake.

Oh What a Feeling!  Meghan Simmons marches in to "Pomp and Circumstance."
The Doniphan West class of 2005 received diplomas and became the school's first alumni on Saturday, May 21 in front of a standing-room-only audience. There were co-valedictorians for USD 425: Clint Merkel and Allie Wilmes; and a valedictorian and salutatorian for USD 433: Andrew Massey and Lisa Handke. The ceremony included announcement of the seniors' awards and scholarships, a slide show of pictures, flower presentations to parents, and of course, the switching of tassels.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Sarah Handke and Adam Herrs receive congratulations in the receiving line.

I'VE GOT IT!
Garett Miller savors the moment of receiving his diploma.

READY TO GO
Paige Smith, Sarah Handke and Kelly French pass the time waiting for graduation by taking pictures in the commons.

MY PRECIOUS DIPLOMA
Jimmy Smith gladly accepts his diploma from Brad Gilmore and a handshake from Steve Adams.

Class Motto
"Shoot for the moon, and even if you miss, at least you'll land among the stars."

Colors
Black & Blue

Flower
Carnation
The 2004-2005 school year is ONE that will be remembered forever in the hearts and minds of not only the students and faculty of Doniphan WEST, but the entire community. This year, as the long awaited contracting of USD 433 and USD 425 finally took place, Doniphan WEST High School was in the spotlight as curious bystanders observed the outcome of the contracting; it couldn’t have gone better. New friends were made along with new traditions, clubs and classes. Doniphan WEST has made its mark in history. History that won’t only affect the classes to follow but also the citizens of Doniphan County.

Nobody knew what quite to expect of the new school, but we will always remember the first year of D-WEST and we will never forget how the WEST was ONE.

The West Was One

The 2004-2005 Journalism Class presents volume I of Mustang Moments. The theme “How the West was Won” was chosen by the two journalism classes, and then they came up with ideas for the cover design. When the class visited the Jostens Publishing Plant in Topeka, graphic artist Dan Colburn put the ideas on paper and came up with the final design. The fonts used on the cover and division pages are AYT Genuine, AYT Darnell, and Callifisch Script. The font for captions is AYT Clarence. Jostens Publishing Co., Topeka, published this 96 page book. This 7 3/4” x 10 1/2” volume was printed on Gloss 209 paper.
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