Losing track of time
Time flies when you’re having fun. Time flies when you’re not. We spend what seems an eternity in classes watching the second hand slowly move. We spend hours in practice. We spend time riding on the activity bus. We spend time with friends, time at games, and time at contests. All of these time-consuming activities and events drive the year onward and before we know it, our time at Doniphan West High School is gone in the blink of an eye. In the midst of all the busy activity, we need to enjoy the time in high school while we can. We can’t go back in time and change what happened or redo the things we did. Seniors walk out of the school for the last time ready to make new tracks in the sands of time. Another year will come and go for the others. We need to take time to stop and have fun while it lasts because before we know it, it’s all over and we will realize how easy it is to be

Losing Track of Time
seniors

juniors

sophomores

freshmen

faculty & staff

following the tracks

People Division
Faculty and Staff

Before your TIME... 2007

Wanda Adkins, Para
Brian Batchelder, Science
Rex Bollinger, Supt.
Jennifer Bottom, Math
Alice Carwell, Cook

Sue Cluck, Cook
Sharon Collins, Cook
Nick Dowell, P.E., A.D.
Esther Gormley, English
Michael Hill, Art

Joann Karn, Board Clerk
Jason Kikoler, Music
Delbert Larson, Science
Toni Larson, Spanish
Gerre Martin, Counselor

Ron Mclinton informs a player that they are "out" during the dodgeball tournament.

Maria Taylor pretends to show Elijah Dunn who's boss in English class. Dunn really got the black eye during wrestling season.

Ashton Lackey receives some constructive criticism from Esther Ganley in English IV.

Brian Batchelder and Joe Sailors use teamwork to strategize at the dodgeball tournament.
Just like students, teachers also find various ways to relieve stress and indulge. However, with their busy schedules it is sometimes hard to find the time. Here are some ways the teachers like to kick back and relax:

One of Vicki Winchester’s guilty pleasures is chocolate, followed by a 10 mile jog (not).

“I love to lose my thoughts in mindless TV shows. I like to pop open a nice cold Diet Pepsi and to go with it, some chocolate or Cheetos or tortilla chips and salsa.” Marla Taylor also enjoys shopping (retail therapy).

Carl Swendson says that in his free time he enjoys listening to loud music such as Godsmack, Disturbed, Korn, Sevendust, Stone Sour and Mudvayne. He also enjoys watching shows on Comedy Central. Rock on!
Alex Autem  
Jason Bolden  
Susan Boos  
Terry Crossland  
Nicholas Dickerson  
Sterling Dorrell  
Hailee Dunlap  
Kayla Dunlap  
Amanda Dunn
"Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened."
Seniors
most likely to...

Most likely to write the first rap song about D. West

Susan Boos
Most likely to be seen with the latest cell phone

Alex Autem

Camille Sellers
Most likely to become the next Picasso

Erie Edie & Chase Smith
Most likely to stay best friends after high school

Amanda Dunn
Most likely to someday run her own goat farm
2007

Whitney Elrod
Most likely to marry an older man

Terry Crossland
Most likely to run over himself

The Real World
Most likely to be the first person in our class to be on the real world

Kayla

Jason Bolden
Most likely to become the next Tiger Woods.

Kassi Zeit
Most likely to marry a guy from Troy

MATT SIMMONS
Most likely to star in a Western Movie.

Ashton & Andrew
Most likely to be the first male competitors on America's Next Top Model
Morgan Twombly
Most likely to become a Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader

Nicholas Dickerson
Most likely to run in the Boston marathon

Julianne Gross
Most likely to become the next Mozart

Kip Peters
Most likely to become a professional water skier

Bridget Glynn
Most likely to sleep through graduation

Jackie Gronninger
Most likely to move objects with her mind

Sterling
Most likely to perform on Sesame Street on Ice

Sarah Reiter
Most likely to become the next Amelia Earheart

Most likely to become a pediatrician

Jill Peters

Most likely to become a missionary

Katelynn Fitch
Helping out with chores, Seth Twombly milks a cow, one of the requirements for FFA barnwarding.

Fifth hour English circles up for a lively discussion of the Scarlet Letter.

Juniors, Juniors, don't be shy, stand up and give your battle cry! Bryan Hamilton, Riley Witham, Nicole Divall, Tasha Martin, Stephanie Schneider, Holly Norris and Jordanne Hillar cheer on the football team.

Eric Simmons gets some hands-on experience while he throws a pot during art class.
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Shelton's
dare:

Number of junior boys scared of the junior girls: 19
Number of people related to Pocahontas: 1
How many different colors Scott's hair has been:
Number of junior boys who prefer
dating younger girls:
Number of times Eric and Holly have watched
"Rent": 47
Number of times Eric has listened to the
Soundtrack:

Coolest Careers
Juniors
wanted to
pursue when
they were
little kids:

1. Batman
"When I was little, I wanted to
be Batman when I grew up,
but I figure that there is no
hope since I'm better looking."
—Nathan Ricklefs

2. Circus Clown
—Josh Hargis

3. NFL Player
—Jonathan Collins

4. First Woman President
—Allison Thompson

5. Paleontologist
—Amanda Halling, Beth Twombly, Rob Rubinke

Juniors by the Numbers

Number of junior boys who prefer older women:

9

15

4

300+

51

2
Why is she wearing sunglasses in the darkroom? Nicole Diveley, junior, tries to see what her negatives look like as she still continues to wear sunglasses where it is already dark.

Holly Norris, junior, is not being very smart about wearing boots while lifting weights during PE class. Please stick strictly to tennis shoes when pumping iron.

What **NOT** to Wear

AND **WHERE** **NOT** to Wear **IT**!!!

As illustrated by these willing people.

Oh no! In her short shorts Morgan Helmstetter has the worst dress code violation Ginger has ever seen. (Hint Hint...don't stand in the office with shorts that SHORT!)

Taking precaution while around a toilet full of water, Chase Smith, senior, wears his life jacket and carries his floatie to save his life if there was to be a flood in the bathroom.

After school got out for the day, juniors Stephanie Schneider and Paul Johnson await in the janitor's closet excited to start cleaning in their prom attire.
What was your most expensive cell phone bill and what were the consequences?

$500 and I had to pay the bill. I wasn't supposed to talk to the guy I had been talking to that made the bill so high, but I still did.

Jill Peters
Senior

$500 and my mom paid the bill for me. I got my phone taken away for about three months. My parents were mad and yelled at me for running the bill up.

Jessica Hutchinson
Freshman

Who Pays?
Most parents foot the monthly bill.

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Parents- 83%
Students- 17%

December 2006 Survey of DWHS students
Nathan Armstrong  
Spencer Autem  
Paul Becker  
Katlyn Blevins  
Emily Boos  

Anna Caudle  
Bryson Cluck  
Paige Canaday  
Scarlett Davis  
Chelsea Diveley

SOPHOMORES
The second Time around 2009

Brady Smith is caught red-handed trying to get a closer look at the trophies.

Brittany Schneider keeps it cool while giving blood at the FFA blood drive.

Danielle Rush, Taylor Twombly, Jackie Lysaght, Katlyn Blevins, Ashley Miller, Morgan Rush, and Bethany Zeit worry up in the ski lodge at Snow Creek during the sophomore ski trip on Jan. 27, 2007.

Todd Nabeling marches during the band's halftime performance at a football game.

Katlyn Blevins and Jackie Lysaght wonder if they should make a mad dash for some dodgeball action during the dodgeball tournament.
"I would switch places with Dakota Zeit because I want to wrestle guys and feel like Godzilla!" – Bijon Duran

"I would switch places with Carrie Underwood because she is very pretty and a good singer." – Chelsea Diveley

"I would switch places with Mrs. Larson, because she can speak Spanish." – Anna Caudle

"I would switch places with Ladanian Tomlinson because he is the man!" – Zach Lee

"If I could switch places with anyone it would be Travis Twombly because he is a stud!" – Travis Twombly

"I would switch places with Bijon Duran because he is a stud muffin." – Dakota Zeit

"I would be the Statue of Liberty because it's big, green and everyone goes to see it, and it's a national symbol." – Aaron Harris
If you were stranded on an island, what would you take with you?
While walking down the hallway, students may have heard their peers repeating lines from their favorite movies such as *Talladega Nights* and saying that they were "all jacked up on Mountain Dew" or quoting from *The Ringer* and saying, "Oh Mylanta! You are my woman." Students got these one-liners from a favorite spare time activity... watching movies.

Students took these movies in on DVD by renting them from video stores or over the Internet and receiving them through the mail. Another way that students got to see movies was by going to the theater. A movie at the new Wallace- Hollywood 10 Theaters in St. Joseph cost $8 for an adult and a Bargain Matinee was $6. Renting a movie through Net Flix cost $4.99 per month with free shipping. A video from a store like Casey's General Store, cost about $3.

As of January 2007, the top 10 DVD rentals were ranked as follows: *Employee of the Month*, *Gridiron Gang*, *Crank*, *The Illusionist*, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, *Talladega Nights: Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, and *The Covenant*.

**My Favorite Movie is...**

Jeremy Tilton  
_freshman_  
*Gridiron Gang*

Paige Canaday  
_sophomore_  
*Hangman's Curse*  
_and_  
*2 Fast 2 Furious*

Bryan Hamilton  
_junior_  
*Anchorman*

Nik Scales  
_sophomore_  
*Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*
Zach Baker  
Christopher Beagle  
Dyllon Butrick  
Taylor Carwell  
Brianna Cluck

Kyle Cluck  
Mariah Cunningham  
Brennan Davis  
Cheyenne Davis  
Kristy Denton

Freshmen
Only Time will tell 2010

English Test Friday

Adrian Duran asks teacher Alan Terry for help during Woods class.

Danny Goodwin is being nice to Cheyenne Davis during Art class.

At the Dodgeball tournament before Christmas break, Paul Simmons puts a ball back into play.

Kodey Martin, Joey Scholz, and Brett Dunlap work on a research project during 3rd hour English.
Maggie Gilmore
“A lollipop because I love the song “Lollipop! Lollipop! Oh, lolly, lolly, lolly...”

Taylor Carwell
“A Twizzler because I can be twisted.”

Lisa Scholz
“A candycane because there are so many different flavors.”

What kind of candy would you be and why?

Freshmen Top

CANDY
1. Snickers
2. Twix
3. Milky Way
4. any sour candy
5. Hershey Bar

POP
1. Dr. Pepper
2. Root Beer
3. Mountain Dew
4. Sprite
5. Cherry Coke

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Scott Twombly
Good Luck In High School Freshmen!
Over the years the plain t-shirt that we all know and love has evolved into a stylish piece of clothing that is perfect for everyone. Nothing is more comfortable than a favorite t-shirt and a pair of jeans. Keep that comfort and add a dash of style and you’ve got graphic tees.

Jordanne Miller, a fan of the t-shirt, said, “I like graphic tees because they let you express yourself.”

Just make sure that you express yourself in the right way without inappropriate phrases. Keeping that in mind, graphic tees have an infinite amount of possibilities such as the everyday saying or the trendy design. These fashionable shirts take the ordinary and show the world your sense of style.
5 things running through your mind while you're sitting in class on a Monday morning

Danielle Rush
I hope the teacher isn't saying anything important.

Morgan Helmstetter
I'm so glad that I'm at school!!

Bijon Duran
What am I doing here? I can't even read.

Amanda Dunn
Hmm...

Terry Crossland
How can I sleep but make it look like I'm not sleeping?

Freshmen
Sports
cross country
football
volleyball
basketball
wrestling
track
cheer / dance

trackin' em down

Sports Division
The senior cross country members Katelynn Fitch, Ashton Lackey, Nicholas Dickerson, and Amanda Dunn shared a special bond while leading the team throughout the season.

"Geeze, I wish I had the running form this guy has," said Chelsea Dveley, sophomore, as she gets prepped for the DVL Cross Country Invitational at the Rim Rock course, which is marked with life-sized metal runners.

Finishing in 18th place, Brady Smith, sophomore, sprints down the last stretch at the Rim Rock DVL meet. "My grandpa said if I could run sub-18 he would buy me a Ford Mustang," said Smith. "I ended up getting 150 bucks instead when I ran a 19:30."

Coach Angie Eberly gives her final words of wisdom as the two State qualifying senior girls, Amanda Dunn and Katelynn Fitch, wait at the starting line at the State Cross Country meet in Wamego to run their last race. Dunn's advice is to "Get fit... go run."
"It was an honor to be the seniors of the guys' team that made it to State for the first time as a team. We united even closer as a team than in previous years. The 2006 boys' cross country team will be a tough act to follow," said seniors Ashton Lackey and Nicholas Dickerson.

"I loved hanging out with the team at team suppers. It was funny when we went to Brady's house and Chelsea and I dressed up in his clothes."

"When comparing cross country to other sports, it's more fun, because you get to do more things together as a team instead of only practice and games."

Charging up a hill at the Rim Rock course, Katelynn Fitch, senior, is followed closely by competitors. "The good times we have had, the lessons we have learned, and the challenging hills we have defeated together as a team will always remain with me throughout my life," said Fitch.

"In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack, or last. You can say 'I finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that," said Laurence Dickson, junior, who competed at State to receive a well-earned 8th place medal.

Coaches' Comment - Angie Eberly
"The girls' CC team had a very successful season. They didn't reach their state goal this year because they were inexperienced, but they placed in the top 3 in most meets. I was very proud of our senior girls who made it to state for the 4th year in a row. The boys' team had the best year in recent history. They qualified for state as a team for the first time. The individual and team effort put forth this year was outstanding. The team's hard work really paid off, especially during league, regionals and state."
Time to Rumble

With sophomore Trevor Saunders looking intently for a block, senior Kip Peters tears loose from a Valley Falls opponent to gain yardage.

Dakota Zeit, Travis Twombly, and Andrew Gilmore take a breather and a quick drink during a time out at the Valley Falls game.


Jake Rush attempts to block a pass as Caleb Sellers comes around the corner to smear the Jackson Heights quarterback. "Booga booga!!!," said Sellers, junior.
Head coach Mark Martin and sophomore quarterback Travis Twombly, discuss plans for the next play at the Jackson Heights game.

"With my first year as quarterback coach Martin helped me out a lot with throwing, getting my handoffs down, and helping me to become a Mustang leader."

Travis Twombly.

What made this year's season special?

#32
Alex Autem
senior

"I will never forget the good times we've had hanging out as a team on and off the field."

#28
Terry Crossland
senior

"It was special because it was my senior year and the last time I would ever play football as a Mustang. The team chemistry was really good."

Football Scores

Us-Them

Valley Falls 20-0
McLouth 20-27
Horton 20-14
Jackson Heights 21-22
Pleasant Ridge 18-45
Wathena 44-13
Frankfort 20-32
Troy 14-26
Centralia 27-36

Record 3-6

Honors


Paul Johnson, Alex Autem, Jake Simmons, and Elijah Dunn wait at the line for the signal to set the play in motion. "We were just wanting to lay someone out," said Dunn, sophomore.
Time to Kill It

Allison Thompson reaches high for the ball as she spikes it down on the Jackson Heights Cobras. "At the end of the season we really started doing well on our block and spike coverage," said Tasha Martin.

Gathering together for a timeout at the Hiawatha tournament, the Lady Mustangs get some encouraging words from coach Olson. "Towards the end of the season coach Olson started carrying a joke book in her bag for time outs," said Morgan Twombly.

Danielle Rush and Jessica Libel hustle after a ball by diving on the floor while their teammates wait to send the ball over the net. "We may not have won every game but we hustled a lot," said Jackie Lysaght.

Setter Kaley Witham gets her chance to hit against Jackson Heights while the rest of the team waits in spike coverage.
“Not only can the two seniors hold me up, but they also held up their team throughout the season with their great senior leadership.”

Coach Marla Olson

“What was your favorite part about the season?”

#35
Morgan Twombly
senior

“Getting to know all the girls and just having fun my last year... and getting first at the DVL preseason tourney.”

#5
Bridget Glynn
senior

“Going to Coach Olson’s house and eating enchiladas!”

Volleyball Scores

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Record 21-10

Honors: Bridget Glynn- Honorable Mention All League, Morgan Twombly-Unanimous All League
Excited after taking first for the third year in row the Mustangs champs huddle as a team to show off their trophy. First: Bethani Zeit, Kaley Witham, Morgan Twombly, Jackie Denton, Morgan Rush. Second: Brittany Schmitz, Jordanne Miller, Tasha Martin, Jenna Scherer, Taylor Twombly, Katylin Blevins, Brianna Cluck.

The team looks intense as coach Jennifer Bottom draws up a play for the next portion of the game. “Whenever a timeout was called whether we were up or down coach Bottom always made the best of the situation,” sophomore Morgan Rush said.

Senior Morgan Twombly shoots over Trojan defenders at Troy. “That game was really disappointing because we went into overtime but at that time we were still getting a feel for each other.” she said.

Jordanne Miller elevates over a Wathena defender during the tournament game at Elwood. “It was a hard fought battle but we came through and won to win the tournament for the third year in a row,” said Miller.
“High school basketball is a lot different than junior high, but overall I really had fun, except for when I got hurt, that wasn’t very fun.”

Brianna Cluck

Taylor Twombly drives the lane and puts up a shot at the last home game against Immaculata. “The last home game of the season is always a little sad but that game was extra sad because we worked so hard but we still lost,” said Twombly.

Junior Brittany Schmitz shoots a crucial free throw in the second half of the game against Troy. “We worked on freethrows a lot this year and I really think I improved,” said Schmitz.

The scorebook

DVL tournament
Us-Them
Troy
4th Place
44-47
KC Christian
32-33
P. Ridge
43-45
Oskaloosa
52-48
Bern
27-28
Elwood
49-35
Elwood Tourney (Elwood, SJC, Wathena)
1st Place
46-42
JCN
47-36
Horton
49-31
Valley Falls
43-19
McLouth
Jackson Heights
51-34
Wathena
36-50
Sub-State Immac.
44-46
RECORD
11-8

Honors: Taylor Twombly First Team All League; Morgan Twombly Unanimous All League, Hon. Mention All State

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Girls Basketball
Time to Shine

Alex Autem goes past the Valley Falls players and in for a lay up to score for the Mustangs.

Paul Becker takes the ball up strong during the first junior varsity game of the season against Troy.

Kip Peters takes a jump shot over Immaculata players during the last game of the season.

Paul Johnson attempts to stop a pass while playing defense against Bern.
Basketball was a great experience for me this year. It was something that I wasn't planning on but will remember for a long time. I also want to give a special thanks to the seniors for the great leadership that they displayed through times of adversity this year. They kept the team together when times were hard.

Nick Dowell

The season—in short

#5
Chase Smith
senior

“It was tough switching coaches in the middle of the season but we did alright and made it through nicely.”

#3
Cody Weiland
sophomore

The scorebook

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Honors: Kip Peters & Alex Autem both First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State

Senior leaders: Chase Smith, Kip Peters, Alex Autem, and Terry Crossland.

Doniphan West Mustangs


While playing in the Elwood Tournament against Elwood, Terry Crossland shoots while drawing a foul.

Driving down the lane for a lay up, Travis Twombly focuses on making a basket to score against Pleasant Ridge.

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Boys' Basketball
Time to GET ROUGH

Brett Dunlap works hard to take his opponent down at a Hiawatha Wrestling meet. Photo by Ike Larson, Hiawatha World.

During a home meet, Dustin Winters tries to hold his opponent's shoulders down on the mat for 3 seconds to get the win.

Elijah Dunn works to pin his Christ Prep. opponent at the home wrestling meet.

Dakota Zeit tries to flip his opponent to go for the pin. "That match went way faster than I thought, but I didn't care since I won," Dakota Zeit.
"I was really happy that I won that match. It was very difficult and I wasn’t for sure if I was going to win."

Sean Price

What did you enjoy about the season?

Bryson Cluck
sophomore

"I really liked leaving school early to go to the meets, and the experience of wrestling was different but fun."

Elijah Dunn
sophomore

"I liked the long tournaments on the weekends where all we did was eat junk food."

Elijah Dunn
sophomore

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State Qualifiers: Brett Dunlap and Dakota Zeit

"As a team the Mustangs made a tremendous improvement from the previous year. Despite being outnumbered by most opposing teams we were able to be competitive in duals and finished much higher in tournaments than we did the year before."

Carl Swendsen

Jeremy Macardican tries to flip over his opponent to pin him for the win. "We really worked hard in practices trying to flip over our opponents and for the most part it really worked."

Jeremy Macardican

Brett Dunlap fights to score a point on his opponent at a home wrestling meet against Horton and Christ Prep. "That was one of the most difficult matches that I have ever had."

Brett Dunlap

At a home wrestling meet, Trevor Saunders tries to flip his opponent to score points and to pin him. "The home meets were the most nerve racking because there were a lot of people there."

Trevor Saunders

Keeping on Track

Zach Lee, sophomore, leaps through the air reaching for that gold medal in long jump.

Korey Martin, freshman, hurdles to victory in the 110m hurdles at D. West Relays. Martin finished 4th in the event. “My favorite part about high school track is high jump and triple,” said Martin.

Senior Morgan Twombly rounds the corner in her leg of the 4 x 800m at the D. West Relays. “Our 4x800 relay has been really good this year and I hope that we can improve our time to make it to state,” said Twombly.

Freshman Lisa Scholz preps herself to throw the shot at the Doniphan County meet. “I like high school track because it’s more challenging and the upperclassmen help me with discus and shot,” said Scholz.

"The harder you run the quicker you will get done." Brady Smith.

Sophomore Brady Smith runs the 1600m at D. West Relays. Smith finished the race in 7th place with a time of 11:57.

Freshman Chris Beagle completes a jump of 15' 9". Beagle finished 5th place overall in the long jump. "Long jump is fun and I like it because you don't have to run that much," said Beagle.

While running the 4x800 relay, Morgan Rush, sophomore, can only think about how cold it is and if the finish line is ever going to come. "It was really cold that day and I just wanted to be done running," said Rush.

The season—in short

Jessica Libel junior

"We have had a pretty successful season this year. I think everybody had fun and also learned some new things... mainly us freshmen."

Amanda Pickman freshman

"A new coach and a new year has been a challenge but overall it was a successful year."

Track Results

**Boys**

- Elwood Relays: 2
- ACCHS: 1
- Rock Creek: 4
- D. West Relays: 9
- Doniphan Co. Meet: 2
- Wathena Invit.: 3
- DVL @ HCC track: -
- Regionals: -
- State @ Wichita: -

State qualifiers: Kip Peters: shot, discus; Morgan Twombly: javelin; Laurence Dickson: 800m; Katelynn Blevins: 100m, 200m; Girls 4x800 (M. Twombly, M. Rush, K. Witham, K. Fitch); Boys 4x800 (A. Lackey, Dickson, N. Dickerson, Z. Lee)

State results: boys' 4x800 4th; Peters: 4th discus, 6th shot; M. Twombly: 7th javelin.

**Girls**

- Elwood Relays: 3
- ACCHS: 2
- Rock Creek: 3
- D. West Relays: 3
- Doniphan Co. Meet: 2
- Wathena Invit.: -
- DVL @ HCC track: -
- Regionals: -
- State @ Wichita: -

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The cheerleaders gather at center court to begin their routine to *Pon De Replay* during halftime of the McLouth game. "That was the most nerve racking routine that we did because of all the jumps," Morgan Rush

Senior dancers Julianne Gross, Kassi Zeit, Hailee Dunlap, Kayla Dunlap and Morgan Twombly strike a pose. "It took us forever to pick our pose." Julianne Gross

In perfect rhythm the dance team begins a half time routine to "Play Something Country" by Brooks and Dunn at a football game. "Even though it was really cold that game, the crowd seemed to really enjoy the routine," Kayla Schmitz

What did you enjoy about the season?

Hailee Dunlap Senior

"Having people come up to me and telling me that we were the best dance team they have ever seen."

Kassi Zeit Senior

"Going to the college and performing for both the dance and cheer squads."

The dancers and cheerleaders gather for a quick picture during the soap scrimmage game.

Brittany Schmitz, Brianna Cluck, and Jackie Lysaght perform one of the ditties during a full time out during the varsity boys basketball game. "I loved doing the ditties, the crowd always seemed to be interested in them," Brianna Cluck

Stephanie Schneider and Courtney Langley lead the crowd in a cheer to get the crowd pumped up during a close game at home. "That was one of the closest games this year, and I've never cheered so loud in my life," Courtney Langley

Taylor Twombly and Morgan Twombly cheer during a football game against the Horton Chargers. "This year during football it wasn't hard to get the crowd to cheer because the crowd was always great."
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keepin' track of the times
Bells are an important part of every school day. They announce when to head to class, when to leave class, when to eat lunch, and when to leave at the end of the day.

Before the 8:15 a.m. bell signaled the beginning of another day, the commons area was a central meeting point for nearly every student. Sometimes it seemed like a madhouse of gossip, talk, and rushing around. Students were hurrying to get breakfast, cram for tests and do last minute homework as well. Mornings were also used for practices or getting help from teachers. Another morning ritual was when everyone in the commons paused to say the Pledge of Allegiance. When the 8:10 bell finally rang, it was a mad dash to first hour.

Some people just avoided the commotion of the mornings by arriving at the last minute or even after 8:15. Whitney Elrod, senior, claims to set the record for the most tardies for this school. She said, “My complete dislike for school cut back on my motivation to get myself out of bed.”

The morning was a crazy time of day but there was another time that was even crazier--after the 3:10 bell. This is when students rushed out of the classrooms to get somewhere, whether it for sports practice, waiting for the bus, heading to jobs, or just leaving the school.

Freshman Jessica Gartner said, “I think that after the 3:10 bell is the busiest time of the day since everyone is going somewhere or doing something.”
Students sit in the commons and chat before the morning bell rings.

right: Whitney Elrod and Kayla Dunlap say goodbye to each other after another day of school.

football, basketball, volleyball, cross country, track practices, play practice, musical practice, tryouts, after-school jobs, detentions, sleep, hang out

Mollie Tharp and Lindsey Kuhn enjoy breakfast.

Mollie Sisk puts her books into her locker before the morning bell rings.
IT NEVER FAILS TO HAPPEN--three tests on one day. How do students cope with the continual flow and stress of homework? By the time students gets to advisory there are multiple meetings that they have to attend, then after that, its straight to practice or work.

By the time they get home, homework or studying for a test is the last thing on their minds. Many students feel that teachers assign way too much homework for the average student's daily life. However, not all classes required students to work outside of class.

During first and second hour, there were many hands-on classes that helped students learn by experience rather than bookwork. During art, students were given each class to work on their artwork. One of Sarah Reiter’s projects was creating a piece of artwork using something unusual. Her choice was to use parts from an old computer to create her masterpiece.

In Natural Resources class, students worked on a taxidermy project. Some of the projects included mounting deer heads and stuffing coyotes, foxes and various birds.

Jackie Denton, who worked on a duck, was apprehensive to get started on her project. “It was depressing cutting open my little duck ‘Woody.’”

She also said that watching Jennifer Larson work on her ‘road kill’ coyote was disgusting because Jennifer got blood on her jeans.

The students were also given the opportunity to go visit a professional taxidermist in order to receive guidance and helpful advice.
Sarah Reiter takes apart an old computer to use parts for an art project.

Sean Price finishes his coyote for the taxidermy project in Natural Resources class.

Spotted by Cameron Twombly, Brian Wake pumps some iron in freshmen P.E.

Flaunting her healing capabilities, Morgan Twombly mingles with her “patients” Marijke Fox, Malia Sisk, and Katylin Blevins before her senior project speech about being a physician’s assistant.

Jackie Gronninger makes sure that her coyote's eyes sparkle and shine during taxidermy.

American History, English 4, World History, art II, choir, accounting, algebra II, English 3, resource management, physics...
Freedom of Expression

One of the places at school where students were free to express themselves and to work independently was art class. By the time students hit Art IV they had almost complete freedom to do whatever project they wanted, as long as it was school appropriate.

Julianne Gross, senior, was one student whose artistic talents were awarded throughout the year. In the GFWC state competition, she won a $500 scholarship in addition to receiving two first places and one grand prize for her sculpture, ceramics, and photography pieces. Gross also placed at DVL and HCC art competition.

She said, “I like art because I get to create something unique and put my personality on paper.”

Gross also said she enjoyed working with all the different types of art medium.

Two other students also placed at the GFWC state competition. Sarah Reiter received third in pen and ink drawing and Brandon Colborn received third place in photography.

The art students have great inspiration in their teacher Michael Hill. He said he enjoys art because “it is just something I’ve always done and liked.”

His future plans for the art program remain pretty much the same, though he would like to further develop the graphic design class as well as the photography class.
Tasha Martin concentrates to finish her Accelerated Reader book for the 4th quarter. For English classes, each student had to earn a set amount of AR points.

Maggie Gilmore, Brittany Schneider, Miranda Godfrey, Savannah Stevens, Lindsay Libel, and Jessica Rauch display the shirt pillows and flannel pj's they made in Clothing class.

Dustin Winters watches his work in the Chemistry lab.

Rob Ruhnke works in Horticulture class to take care of the flowers that were sold in the spring.

The In-House Training class holds up the DVL banners they made before the banners are displayed in the gym.
Giving a 20 minute speech in front of a panel of three judges may seem like a daunting task to complete, but the seniors did it as part of the Senior Project that was required to graduate.

Senior Project is a nearly year-long assignment that begins with selection of a topic that will keep the student's interest. The next step is to research the topic and then write a 2,500 to 4,500 word research paper.

During the second semester, seniors complete a Demonstration of Knowledge, which may include a type of job-shadow experience or presentation of what they have learned about their topic. Sterling Dorrell, for instance, chose to present a music concert to the student body during advisory. Another senior, Morgan Twombly, job shadowed a physician's assistant.

One of the biggest stressors about Senior Project is the final speech that must be a minimum of 20 minutes. Whitney Elrod said, "I think the senior project is very stressful, stressful towards the end of the year."

Many seniors admitted that much of the stress came from procrastinating. Kayla Dunlap said, "When you do the senior project you should choose a topic you will enjoy and make sure you do not procrastinate."

Another thing that is stressful about the senior project is choosing the right topic. When seniors choose their topic they need to make sure they will stick with it, because once they choose it there is no going back.

Some seniors found a way to cope with all the stress by prioritizing. Katelynn Fitch said, "I get rid of the stress because I get the things I need to do done fast, and I don't consume my thoughts about it."

Some of the other senior projects included blues history, oil painting, bipolar disorder, bartending as a career, fashion, missionary work, flying airplanes, graphic design, interior decorating, cosmetology, and car speaker systems.
For her senior project Demonstration of Knowledge, Tiffany McNett presents the Parenting class information over Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Camille Sellers readies herself and her art supplies for her oral presentation about oil painting.

Left: Dakota Zeit cuts pieces of wood for a Woods project.

Left: Korey Martin applies a gloss coat to his woods project.

right: Susan Boos sets up props to help present her topic, Valor Syndrome for her oral presentation.
After participating in the STUCO Spew the Chew activity during advisory, Nicole Diveley, Jackie Denton, Kaley Witham, Jordanne Miller, Tasha Martin, and Holly Norris enjoy the time outdoors.

right: Eric Simmons shapes his project on the pottery wheel.

dakota zeit uses a hot glue gun in geometry to make a geometric mobile.

Jackie Lysaght carefully dissects a worm during biology.

Brittany Crossland, Malia Sisk, Jessica Libel, and Jeremy Macardican pose after winning the Iron Chef competition.
Students enrolled in June Roberts's Foods class quickly learned that the class wasn't all about baking cookies, cakes, and other tasty treats and then getting to eat them. Though they did get to spend much time in the kitchens, students also spent time at their seats learning about different food preparation methods, nutritional values, and menu planning.

Roberts said, "Cooking involves many curricular areas. Math, reading, writing, and sciences are all involved in the food preparation process."

Throughout the year, Roberts covered a variety of labs, including meats, poultry, eggs, and grains. One of the favorite labs with students, she said, was when they marinated and then broiled steaks.

Another fun activity was the Iron Chef competition in March. Students worked in groups to make a breakfast or brunch recipe in which eggs had to be a main ingredient.

"We had just finished a unit about eggs and it gave students an opportunity to do something creative with eggs."

The winning group of Jeremy Macardican, Brittany Crossland, Malia Sisk, and Jessica Libel made Cream Cheese French Toast Bake with Strawberry Topping.

Mrs. Roberts hopes to be able to include meal planning and meal patterns next year.
Most people think FFA is all about agriculture and farming, but that is only half of the story. FFA teaches about agriculture while developing leadership skills that can benefit students for the rest of their lives. FFA members spend the year going to contests such as cattle judging or speech contests. They also get to help out the community in so many ways. Members of the organization are even rewarded for their achievements at the annual banquet. A few fortunate FFA members get to go the National and State Conventions. The conventions give members the chance to learn about agriculture and leadership and have fun at the same time. Barnwarming is a way for members to have fun “down on the farm” and an excellent way to bring in the community. FFA is perfect for preparing students for the rest of their lives and teaching them valuable skills. That’s why the FFA motto is “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve!
The Barnwarming candidates got a chance to show off their agricultural skills by competing in chores, an information test, and interviews. Other FFA members joined in by getting auctioned off at the annual work sale. Many people in the community showed up to support the FFA. The 2007 Barnwarming Beau and Sweetheart winners were Kip Peters and Brittany Schmitz.

"Heavy Heaver" Kristy Denton topples backwards as she uses all her strength to attempt to throw the straw bale over the bar.

Brittany Crossland gives a thumbs up as she gets ready to give blood at the FFA community blood drive.

Susan Boos gets down and dirty at Barnwarming as she milks a cow.

State FFA Degree Winners
Andrew Gilmore
Jackie Gronniger
Chase Smith
Stephanie Schneider

Seth Twombly shows off his musical talents at Barnwarming during the karaoke contests while singing "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy."

The 2006 National FFA Convention group visited the NCAA museum while in Indianapolis.

PO Simmons and Kip Peters judge horses at the Highland horse arena for the FFA Super Day contest.

Front: Susan Boos. Second: Brianna Cluck, Kristy Denton, Stephanie Schneider, Kayla Schmitz, Brittany Schmitz, Third: Brennan Davis, Courtney Langley, Brittany Crossland, Jackie Denton, Lindsay Libel, and Jeremy Macardican.
The music department had a great group of entertainers that presented good music at sporting activities and gave great shows.

The band played at the home football and basketball games, marched in parades, participated in contests, and also gave concerts. They participated in the DVL contest at Highland Community College and in the KSHSAA State contest at Holton. Besides having their performances at ball games, they also had fall and spring concerts. They took part in the Hiawatha Halloween parade and the Homecoming parade also.

Band members Allison Thompson and Eric Simmons decided their most desired songs to play were "Seasons of Love" and "Chorale and Shaker Dance II." They both agreed that it was fun to pump up the crowds at games with their musical talent too.

Throughout the year, the band worked to boost school spirit and entertained a variety crowds.

Geoffrey Hargis said, "Although the band is losing the director, Jason Kikoler, I'm sure we will be outstanding in the years to come."

The Swing Choir was another great part of the music department. They attended DVL contest at HCC, the Regional contest at Benedictine College, and State contest in Wichita. They performed at the Night of the Arts and had a "Seasons of Love" tour in which they performed choreographed songs for Troy Elementary, Midway Elementary and Doniphan West Middle School, Highland Elementary, and Doniphan West High School students. Favorite songs from the tour were "Seasons of Love" and "Ain't No Mountain."

Scarlett Davis said her favorite part of being in Swing Choir was that it didn't feel much like a class but they felt more like they were a family. Davis said, "The seniors will really be missed. They were a good group and I learned a lot from them. I'll also miss how Sterling and Eric would encourage us and cheer us up any time we needed it."


The Swing Choir sings a song called "Seasons of Love," which was also the theme of their tour.

Clarinet players, Lisa Scholz and Amanda Halling, create a beautiful melody while playing at the Night of the Arts.

Featuring soloist Paul Johnson, the Swing Choir entertains the crowd at the Night of the Arts with their choreographed song "Kiss the Girl" from the movie Little Mermaid.

Matthew Henry, Camille Sellers, Courtney Langley, and Eric Simmons play at Night of the Arts.

The pep band marches during half time of a home football game.

Sterling Dorrell sings his part while the girls circle around him during the song "Kiss the Girl."
Art and Drama Club uses scare tactics to earn money for New York trip

A trip to the Big Apple is what the Art and Drama Club/Student Travel Association (STA) set their sights on, and they accomplished their goal by earning money through various fund raisers during the past two years.

Their biggest moneymaker was a haunted house named the Temple of Terrors. It opened during several October evenings around Halloween. The members of STA transformed themselves into scary creatures and frightening beings with theatrical makeup and fantastic, bloody costumes.

Upon entering the Temple of Terrors visitors encountered many scary scenes. In the kitchen was a butcher knife bearing a crazy woman, down the hallway one would meet a lunatic, and three bloody school girls carrying teddy bears in a destroyed school room were next.

Even fear lurked outside, as visitors had to make their final way through a graveyard and past a maniac bearing a chainsaw.

The Temple of Terrors was well attended and the visitors as well as the actors had a great time.

Kayla Schmitz said, “It was fun to let the exciting parts of the haunted house scare you.”

Before the STA headed to New York for their six day stay in June, sponsor Michael Hill advised everyone to be ready to walk a great deal.

Their plans included seeing the musicals Phantom of the Opera, and Hairspray as well as making visits to the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, and Central Park.

Eric Simmons, STA member, was eagerly anticipating the trip. “What I’m most looking forward to is seeing the culture differences and diversity of something other than small town life.”

He said he knew they were going to have a great trip because Mr. Hill had been to New York several times and was familiar with the city.

Sterling Dorrell and Sarah Reiter perform a hilarious skit for the Night of the Arts. Dorrell was an ambulance driver and Reiter acted as a model.

Sarah Reiter, Sterling Dorrell, Andrew Gilmore, and Paul Johnson get ready for their next round at a Knowledge Bowl competition.

Kayla Schmitz, Savannah Stevens and Cheyenne Davis sit and wait for a junior varsity Knowledge Bowl round to begin.


The varsity Knowledge Bowl members take a picture by a speed limit sign after HighQ at Washburn University in Topeka.

Todd Neibling, Katie French, and Matthew Henry get ready to tap their buzzers at a Knowledge Bowl competition.

Josh Hargis not only uses his head to find answers, but he also uses it to sound the buzzer during a morning Knowledge Bowl practice.
Student Council and the journalism staff are an essential part of Doniphan West High School. Journalism keeps the students and the town updated on school events and news. They capture special moments to put them in the yearbook for the students to look back on and remember their high school days.

To come up with ideas for the yearbook and to meet with an artist, the journalism staff visited Jostens Publishing plant in Topeka during the fall. Marla Taylor, adviser, said, “Touring the plant is a great place to get ideas. We get to look at award-winning yearbooks and get to see many ways to design a yearbook cover. Meeting with a graphic artist, though, is probably the best reason to take the trip.”

Student Council is devoted to the students. They organize dances and other events, raise money, and pretty much govern the school. One major activity the student council undertook was an anti-tobacco campaign. They received a $3,500 grant from TASK to use for tobacco prevention activities. With the grant money, STUCO was able to host a St. Patrick’s theme dance and invite students from the other county schools. Another anti-tobacco event was the Spew the Chew activity during advisory in which diet coke and Mentos mints were combined (outside of the school) to make a volcanic type of reaction. Students who participated seemed to enjoy the mess.

Both groups do their best to succeed in keeping every student and the entire community involved in school activities and making Doniphan West High School one of the best in the county.
STUCO members: First: Bridget Glynn, secretary; Kassi Zeit, president; Stephanie Schneider, vice president; Ashton Lackey, treasurer. Second: Lindsay Libel, Jill Peters, Julianne Gross, Courtney Langley, Katie French. Third: Morgan Twombly, Taylor Twombly, Kayla Schmitz, Malia Sisk, Eric Simmons, Paul Becker. Fourth: Elijah Dunn, Brittany Schmitz, Andrew Gilmore, Allison Thompson, Josh Hargis, Tasha Martin.

Kayla Dunlap, Jordanne Miller, Morgan Twombly, and Whitney Elrod clean the computers and countertops during journalism class.

Katelynn Fitch takes a break to relax and let loose after finishing Yearbook Sports Writing at journalism contest at the K-State Union in Manhattan.

STUCO members Kassi Zeit and Stephanie Schneider present Gus Gustafson, a motivational guest speaker, with a DWHS basketball to make him an honorary Mustang.

Morgan Rush sits on the floor next to the journalism class mascot, Maria, and reads the school newspaper.


Kayla Schmitz and Katie French make sure that they put on gloves before they feel around on a lung blackened from chewing tobacco.
homecoming
musical
winter royalty
spring play
prom
senior sneak
graduation

makin' our own tracks
With dressing up for school and building a first place float, seniors still found time to plan some trouble to assure their “save the best for last,” homecoming!

With the cancellation of the bonfire and losing the football game, some people would have figured that the 2006 Homecoming would have been quite a let down, but the seniors didn’t let it stop them from enjoying their last homecoming week.

The first day of spirit week, almost the entire senior class got out of school thirty minutes early because of their astounding toga apparel.

“I thought it was fun going to Whitney’s house and getting ready Monday morning before school. It really put us all in the mood for spirit week,” senior Kayla Dunlap said.

Thursday night when the community bonfire was canceled because of rain, it had no effect on the mischief that the senior girls had spent so long strategically planning.

After waiting until nearly 11 p.m., almost every girl in the senior class grabbed all the toilet paper, dish soap, and baby powder they could find and left to go give the senior boys a little surprise when they woke up and saw their houses in the morning.

After tripping over logs, falling down ditches, losing cell phones, and getting “the hulk” stuck on the side of the road, it was no surprise that they couldn’t wait to get into their beds when they were finally done around 1:30 a.m.

Even though they were tired the next day, they all screamed with excitement at the parade pep rally to hear that after four long years of homecoming parades, they had finally gotten first place in the float competition.

Brady Smith and Jonathan Collins situate their helmets to assure a safe ride as they join the lawnmower brigade in the Homecoming parade.
“TPing Mr. Dowell’s house & riding his Harley around town was the highlight of the senior girls’ night!” ~ Bridget Glynn, senior

Whitney Elrod, Jackie Gronniger, Hailee Dunlap, and Kayla Dunlap stand on the winning senior float, imitating a boxing match between the Cobras and the Mustangs.

Nick Dowell licks the whip cream off of his glasses after getting the most student votes for a pie in the face. Needless to say, it was one of the highlights of the parade.
Children's story turned musical successfully entertains for three performances

The storyline was quite simple. A young girl, Mary (Lisa Scholz), comes from India to live with her Uncle Archibald (Sterling Dorrell) after the death of her parents. She is, at first, unbearable to be around, but after meeting the groundskeeper's assistant, Dicken (Eric Simmons), she starts to become happier. After their first meeting Dicken reveals what was behind the wall: a garden that was locked up because her Uncle Archibald's wife died there. Soon after Mary and Dicken start looking for the key to the garden, she discovers that her cousin, Collin (Jonathan Collins) is living in a different part of the house. He is kept out of sight because of his illness, which has confined him to a wheelchair.

Mary and Collin begin to form a friendship after a bit of a rocky start. They are finally able to open the garden and Collin begins to get healthy and starts to walk again. His father comes out to the garden to find his son walking, which leads to the perfect happy ending.

To pull off this musical, the actors had to learn the dialect spoken by their characters. Several characters spoke standard British, which is a bit more proper and more pronounced. Others spoke in a cockney accent, which is more of a street dialect, and the other dialect was Irish.

Director Michael Hill said that the actors had dialect training to prepare for their roles. “I was pleased with the way the accents came out,” he said.
"I was very pleased at the turnout. The cast did a very nice job and the entire musical came together perfectly." ~ Michael Hill, director
“Getting chocolate all over Hailee’s face and Maverick ‘walking it out’ was the highlight of the pep rally.” —Eric Edie, senior

Andrew Gilmore and Jill Peters were named Winter Royalty King and Queen at the halftime of the boys’ game against Valley Falls. The student body selected three girls and three boys to be selected for Winter Royalty candidates and then the student body again voted one girl and one boy to be chosen for King and Queen.

The week started off with mad hat day and the students and faculty wore their crazy hats. Other dress up days were stripes day, twin day, baby day, and blue and orange day on Friday.

Pep rally entertainment was the candidates making human sundaes. The boy candidates stood above the girl candidates as they lay on the floor of the gym. Then the guys had to see who could get the most sundae toppings in their partner’s mouth without bending over. Kayla Dunlap and Andrew Gilmore won the contest.

“Getting chocolate all over Hailee’s face and Maverick ‘walking it out’ was the highlight of the pep rally,” said Eric Edie, senior.

Also at the pep rally, there was a contest to see which class or faculty could untie the human knot and then Kip Peters announced which class was winning the class competition.

After the King and Queen were announced, the boys’ basketball team finished victoriously over Valley Falls. Following the boys’ game, STUCO put on a dance to finish out Winter Royalty week.

Crown bearer Gabe Powell and flower girl Lakelynn Owens stand with Eric Edie, Hailee Dunlap, King Andrew Gilmore, Queen Jill Peters, Chase Smith and Kayla Dunlap after the crowning

Spirit week was a big hit with Monday being hat day. Show your school spirit are: first row: Savannah Stevens, Marijke Fox. Second row: Chris Beagle, Lindsey Kuhn, Kyle Fitch, Maggie Gilmore, Amanda Halling, Jessica Rauch, Taylor Carwell, and Rustin McVicker. Third row: Morgan Rush, Jackie Lysaght, Hailee Dunlap, Kassi Zeit, Kayla Dunlap, Sterling Dorrell, and principal Joe Sailors.
"The dance at the end of the week was MY favorite part about Winter Royalty week."
- Brian Wake, freshman

While taking a nap with her baby doll Chavo, junior Tasha Martin accidently fell asleep in the hallway during spirit week. Martin said, "I never knew how much work a kid takes until I had Chavo. Or maybe it was just Mr. Shelton's class."

"Walk it Out" Maverick! The school mascot put on a performance of a lifetime that the student body and faculty members would never forget. Maverick got the students pumped up for the upcoming game against Valley Falls.

Andrew Gilmore carefully aims the whipped topping at Kayla Dunlap's mouth. The couple won the human sundae competition.
Play provides suspense, humor

Three or four dollars was cheap for the show that people got when they went to see the drama department’s performance of Murder at Rutherford House. With perfect casting, suspense, and laughter from start to finish, every audience member got what they paid for.

Each actor and actress captured the essence of their character. They fit the persona of their character, never reverting back to their own personality. The actors were also very professional when dealing with the audience.

The crowd interaction added to the drama and suspense of the play. Each audience member was given a character with a description and connection to the Rutherford family. Audience members were encouraged to keep notes about anything suspicious. At the end of the play each audience member had a chance to guess who the murder or murderers were.

Innuendo, double entendre and perfect timing kept the audience hanging on to every word the actors said.

“I thought Julienne [Gross] was funny as Hermione when she ran on stage trying to shoot at pigeons,” said Alesha Miller.

“I especially got a kick out of Scarlett Davis playing Baroness Greta Von Keepsemfrumflopen. She did a great job with her German accent,” said Marla Taylor.

There were three performances, March 22, 23, and 24, with the last performance being a dinner theatre.

Eric Simmons as Wendle Weedle, P.I. finally discovers that Scarlett Davis as Greta Von Keepsemfrumflopen is the criminal.
Lindsay Libel playing Ruby greets Sterling Dorrell playing Oswald the "blind man" as he enters the scene.

Jonathan Collins, playing Cameron Worthleston, lies to the other dinner guests about where he has been to hide the fact that he's the killer.

Brian Wake as Chadwick Sterling gives a look of complete shock as the crazy old lady Hermione played by Julianne Gross gives him a hug.
For Prom weekend, students chose a date, dressed in elegance, elected a ride, danced the night away, stayed out late losing track of time.

After many quarreling debates, the junior class elected "Lost in Elegance" as the prom theme.

Students spent months choosing dates, attire, transportation, and every prom essential. Friday night and Saturday morning, girls flooded the hair and nail salons while the boys rushed to flower shops to pick up corsages and rent tuxedos.

As students began entering the school on April 21 at 5:45 pm, principal Joe Sailors announced the students and their dates, giving the prom walk-in a more elegant air. The evening weather was perfect, not too hot, not too cold.

At the center of the tables were glass centerpieces with a floating candle set on red silk. Many enjoyed the steak dinner but most weren't excited about the choice of chocolate sheet cake for dessert.

After dinner, the students filed into the gym to dance the night away. The elegant decorations set the right mood for the evening. A burgundy, black and gold staircase was the centerpiece on the dance floor. A chandelier made from gold mesh fabric suspended from the ceiling.

After prom was at Olympia Lanes in St. Joseph, MO, where fun was had and many prizes were won.

All in all, the prom theme and after prom choice lead to a very memorable event.
"This was my favorite prom because I knew it was one of the last times I would get to spend with my whole class and I had the hottest date there (Andrew Gilmore)."

Bridget Glynn, senior


Prom
For seniors, one of the worst parts about graduating is knowing they will no longer be able to be around the same people they have been with nearly every day of their lives for the past thirteen years.

One of the last chances that seniors get to be with their classmates is on senior sneak. The class of 2007 took advantage of the last week with their friends and had the most amazing time on their senior trip.

After a very long and hot four hour bus ride to the Lake of the Ozarks, the seniors finally arrived to the Tantara resort. After they all had to get off the bus so it could make it up the hill to get there, they were happy to be in their rooms. During their stay, they had a good time shopping, shooting each other with paintballs, and causing quite a commotion in the resort arcade.

The third day they spent on the lake, dealing with broken down waverunners and boats that lacked proper equipment (which nobody knew until they got pulled over by the water patrol.)

The class of 2007 would agree that the senior trip was a great way to end their time together. They managed to leave with amazing memories, funny stories, new piercings and hairdos, and some pretty harsh sun burns.

Amanda Dunn, Sarah Reiter, Andrew Gilmore, Julianne Gross, and Katelynn Fitch hang out in the hallways wearing their camo before they go paintballing.

Coasting to the boat on the waverunner are Ashton Lackey, Jill Peters, and Kassi Zeit. Lackey was the one senior who was certified to operate the watercraft.
The entire trip was crazy. The first night we were there half of us woke up with either new piercings, red hair, or no hair at all!"  

Whitney Elrod, senior

Shara Royer and Camille Sellers have carefully chosen their outfits and are ready for the old time photo.

Sterling Dorrell grits his teeth to ease the pain while Kayla Dunlap pierces his ears in the hotel room.
"The memories we’ve shared, the times we’ve had together, they will stay with us always--goodbye is not forever."

Graduation day was filled with hustle and bustle. The graduates had to be at the high school at 12:30 to take group and individual pictures, as well as parent snapshots. The seniors soon walked in in front of their parents, families, community members, and friends. Graduation was made special by the music performed by their fellow classmates. Soon after were the Salutatorian and Valedictorian speeches. Each speaker talked about sneak and all of the memories that were made. They talked about the friendships made and how all of the seniors must keep in touch.

The class of 2007 was a unique class. They came together as sophomores--the last of the students who had attended high school at Highland and Midway before the contracting and forming of Doniphan West.

They were like a family who at times had a few fights but in the end they always stuck together and when things were tough they leaned on each other for guidance and support.

Although they are going their separate ways they each made an impact on the lives of their classmates, so really they will always be with each other.
Mr. Sailors had a little surprise for us where our diplomas were supposed to be, so that really made everyone laugh."

~ Morgan Twombly, senior

Saying Thanks!
Sarah Reiter presents her parents with a flower and gets an emotional hug from her mother.

Julianne Gross signs the graduation dog Camille Sellers got from her brother Caleb. Camille was trying to get everyone's signature on the dog before the day was over.

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so, "press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of..."
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