"There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks them all."

"Words are the voice of the heart."

"Saying no to something is actually much more powerful than saying yes."

That's What We Said 2010
Sophomores Rachel Rush and Michelle Johnson pick out their long-anticipated class rings.

Below: Sophomore Dusty Saunders uses his P.E. equipment as a beautiful fashion accessory.

Senior Maggie Gilmore and junior Caleb Lackey get down at the back to school dance.

Senior Kristy Denton helps the primary students complete an activity during Peer Tutoring.
Freshman Maddi Libel gives the hurdles her all at the ACCHS track meet.

The Mustang football team stampedes out onto the field before a game.

Members of the sophomore class ride on their float during the Homecoming parade.

Students sit among the Fall leaves on main street during the Primary School's Halloween parade.
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I love to talk! I could talk about anything! I talk all the time! -Autumn Royer, 10

Are You a Talker?

1. "Yeah, I like to talk a lot!" -Korey Martin, 12

2. "I talk sometimes, if I feel like it." -Chris Smith, 12

3. "Sure, it depends on the situation." -Stephanie Scales, 11

4. "Oh, I guess I like to talk." -Geoffrey Hargis, 12

5. "mostly to my close friends." -Alaine Caudle, 11

6. "Not really...ok I am." -Kyle Alfrey, 10

Students Find Different Forms of Communication

Students not only use their voices to talk, but they use other forms of communication as well. Texting is a common way of communicating among peers and students. Students often text because it is an easy way to get in touch with friends and family. Texting is even allowed during lunch period and in between classes.

"I think it's a lot better because it doesn't tempt students to text during class, and I don't feel like I'm in a prison anymore," Maggie Gilmore said.

Also, many students are looking to the Internet to chat with friends. Facebook and messenger are a couple of popular ways that students use to chat on the Internet.

Savannah Stevens said, "Oh ya!!! I love FACEBOOK!!!! It is so AWESOME; I can't stop thinking about it!"
Talking? Oh yeah! I love to talk. Especially to my friends on the weekends! -Gary Koelliker, 11

I would say that I like to talk a lot, but not to people I don't know. -Katie Crandall, 11

Dressed as sumo wrestlers during an FCA event, Marc Ellis and Derek Gibson run towards one another. "It was pretty cool putting the costume on. I felt like a real sumo wrestler," Gibson said.

Serving up some food are freshmen Jordan Cluck, Koby Scholz, Jordan Sellers, Clarissa Billups. "We were busy all evening," Billups said. "We had a lot of customers going through the line."

Superhero powers unite! Shayln Fritch and Marijke Fox dress as the female version of Batman. "We got our idea from the yellow poncho that we found at the football game the night before," Fritch said.

Enjoying each other's company, seniors Morgan Helmstetter, Brianna Cluck and Jessica Hutchinson come together to share some great memories during Homecoming Week. "When it comes to my friends, don't talk smack yo," Helmstetter said.
Sophomores Paige Ellis and Brooke Fee frolick in the autumn leaves during the Halloween parade. "My favorite season is fall because I like to play in leaves," Ellis said.

Senior Ben Lock and sophomore Nikki Brooks laugh as they hold hands at the back to school dance. "The dance was really fun!" Brooks said.

During the FCA cook-out, junior Ashlie Witham races to the finish line on one of the inflatable activities. "As I was doing the activity all that was running through my mind was that I had to beat Josh," Witham said.

Senior Marijke Fox gets crazy with string games during horticulture class. "We were very tired from working oh so hard and we needed a fun way to relax!" Fox said.
"He Said,
She Said"

Sophomore Aaron Halling saves the damsel in distress, sophomore Katie Folsom, during the Homecoming Parade.

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Working hard every day preparing lesson plans and teaching classes, the DWHS teachers are sure to be the hardest working teachers around. They show their hard work and dedication as they care, challenge, and help students achieve life-long goals.

However, the teachers know how to have fun too. During Spirit Week and other scheduled creative days, they let their spirit shine. Seeing the teachers in a different light gives the students an appreciation of their involvement.

Activities director Jim Howard seemed to be involved in each dress-up occasion, with various wigs, hats, and costumes.

"A school without spirit is like a car without wheels. The engine might start, but you won't get anywhere," Howard said.
"My most enjoyable part of my first year here at D-West has been getting to know the students and staff."

- Bailey Lanter

"Janet Libel whipped us all into shape our first year in promoting the Mustang spirit. Many kids have taken the initiative to regain the spirit at D-West."

- Vicki Winchester

"I’ve learned that your job is more enjoyable if you take time to get to know your students."

- KaCee Thompson

Karen Autem, counselor
Jeremy Blanton, network admin.
Linda Blanton, cook
Rex Bollinger, superintendent
Sue Cluck, cook
Randy Collins, custodian

Kristin Demel, English
Kathleen Pickman, asst. secretary
Esther Gormley, English
Harry Hamblin, music
Troy Hoffman, math

Adam Hooker, P.E.
Jim Howard, activities director
Juan Huertas, Spanish
Joann Karn, admin, asst./treasurer
Kertis Keuhn, science
Chris Lackey, principal

Bailey Lanter, social studies
Delbert Larson, science
Roland Mace, paraprofessional
Mark Martin, P.E
Angie Neibling, librarian

Ryan Ostrander, paraprofessional
Donna Parish, history/sociology
Rob Randall, resource room
June Roberts, FACS
Elmer Schmitz, ag/FFA
Laura Schmitz, librarian

Ginger Scott, secretary
Julie Speer, paraprofessional
Carl Swendson, math
Maria Taylor, English
KaCee Thompson, ag/FFA

Stan Thorton, art
Judy Twombly, paraprofessional
Vicki Winchester, computers
Cinda Wright, cook
Wes Hedrick, custodian
Ramona Gilfillan, nurse

Not pictured:
Jeri Baker, IRC
Tarin Luedke, network assistant
Get over it.
- Tim Beagle

Love is like a booger. You keep looking at it until you get it, then wonder what to do with it.

Jesus built the stairway to heaven with two boards and three nails.

"To be old and wise you must first be young and stupid."

"Life is Simple: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. Scratch where it itches."

"If everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane."

"If you can't handle me at my worst, you don't deserve me at my best."

"Live Life Loud"

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do."
- John Wooden

"Live Laugh Love"

"My mama always said, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."
- Forrest Gump
"Never B flat, never B sharp, always B yourself, B natural."

"The key to happiness is having dreams - the key to success is making them come true."

"The people and circumstances around me do not make me what I am, they reveal who I am."

"Behind us are memories, beside us are friends, before us are dreams that will never end.

- 2010 class motto

"When life gives you a thousand reasons to cry, be strong and smile."

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

"You might be a redneck if you use your fishing license as an ID and it works."

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

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Playing a rousing game of musical chairs isn't ordinarily a typical way to review for a test, in American Government class, though, a group of seniors race for chairs in order to stay in the game. In this version of the childhood classic game, when the music stopped and someone was left chairless, he or she had to answer a review question to get back in the game. Senior Jessica Rouch said, "I would love to play it again even though the game seemed childish and the fact that everyone seemed to have fun."

Wearing cowboy hats are senior girls Malia Sisk and Cheyenne Davis. "I'll always remember the good times I've had with my classmates and the fun times I've had with my friends," said Sisk. Davis said, "I will never forget all the football games, proms or most importantly, my class!"

Acting out a scene from "Alice In Wonderland" during English 4, Brett Dunlap, Adrian Duran and Joey Scholz perform a skit for their class. Dunlap said, "I'm don't really like getting up in front of the class, but it wasn't so bad."

Above: Decorating the senior hallway is a tradition for every graduating class. Homecoming spirit week meant dressing up and making the class hallways their very own. Seniors threw confetti, streamers, glitter and a variety of other crazy things to let others know that the downstairs hallway belonged to seniors! There was also block paper on the ground that seniors wrote their signature on using brightly colored chalk.

Top O' the mornin' to ya! Maggie Gilmore, Lisa Scholz and Kayla Schmitz show their Irish pride on St. Patrick's Day. Gilmore and Schmitz said, "We were in the Patty's Day spirit and wanted to act like leprechauns!"

Stopping for a picture on the steps while on their way to class are seniors Morgan Helmstetter, Brittany Keever and Mollie Tharp. "Not only are the hallways crowded after class but the stairways are usually packed too," Keever said.
Throughout high school, every student makes his or her own share of memories. Seniors will graduate and leave high school, but the memories made during those four years will last a lifetime.

Taylor Carwell said, "I find it quite humorous to listen to underclassmen complain about the lunch line when we used to the same thing when we were younger!"

"My favorite memory of high school is hanging out at all the school games," Dyllon Butrick said.

"I'll always remember that time Brandon Smith rode his bike through the commons my junior year," Brennan Davis said.

Jessica Rauch said, "The dodgeball tournament from sophomore year was so much fun, I'll never forget it!"

"I loved having mashed taters at lunchtime," Chris Smith said.
Wining almost all of the class
competitions, the juniors swept away the
spirit points and won the class spirit
contest for the first semester.
Holding many different class
competitions throughout the year, there
were many different opportunities given
to all classes to win spirit points. Spirit
points are given when there is a great
number of participation throughout
each class. Points are given at dances,
spirit week, homecoming and winter
royalty games, and at many other times
throughout the year. Earning the most
points for the first semester, the juniors
were rewarded with a skip day.
"My favorite thing about spirit points
was that we won, and so we got out of
school," Cody Winchester said.
The junior class was in the lead again
for the second semester. Each student in
the class did their best to participate in
each activity.
Emily French said, "I think spirit points
and class competitions are a great way
to get people involved because who
doesn't want a skip day? Or their name
on a plaque? Ok, so we didn't get a
plaque, but if we did, they would."
"High school was more challenging because the pressure about good grades increased."
-Mackenzie Cunningham

"I really like a lot of the new teachers that are here."
-Taryn Gibson

"My favorite thing about this year was the memories I have shared with my friends."
-Stephanie Scales

"My junior year was fun because we had a lot more freedom, and school was easier."
-Gary Koelliker

"I will never forget when Keaton made the winning half court shot during basketball season."
-Josh VanLaar

"My favorite thing from this year was playing the National Anthem for ball games."
-Caleb Lackey

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Travis Arnold
Keaton Blevins
Robyn Boos
Alaine Caudle

Dillian Colborn
Ashley Courtin
Katie Crandall
Mackenzie Cunningham

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Emily French
Taryn Gibson
Michael Hurd
Nicholas Johnson

Rachel Keller
Gary Koelliker
Caleb Lackey
Hannah Lackey
Ethan Larson

Taylor Martin
Valerie Neibling
Lorie Peuker
Katherine Rush
Stephanie Scales
Steven Simmons

Josh Van Laar
Tanner Veach
Ravin Walls
Cody Winchester
Ashlie Witham
Above: During the homecoming parade juniors Taylor Martin, Mackenzie Cunningham, and Katie Crandall walk in front of the float holding the class of 2011 sign.

Juniors Mackenzie Cunningham, Katie Crandall, Valerie Neibling, and Stephanie Scales ride together to the FFA Winter CDE's at Wamego.

What is the weirdest thing about you?

Landon Allen
"I wear a size 15 shoe."

Ravin Walls
"I make a loud noise when I laugh."

Ethan Larson
"I can wiggle my ears."

Rachel Keller
"I can bend my fingers back really far."
Taking a break from their shift of working at the Rosecrans Airshow are Taylor Martin, Hannah Lackey, Ashlie Whitam, Stephanie Scales, Emily French, Dillian Colborn, Steven Simmons, Landon Allen, Caleb Lackey, and Cody Winchester.

Juniors Katherine Rush, Valerie Neibling, Emily French, and Landon Allen take a break from the dance floor and chat with each other during the 2010 prom.

Alaine Caudle, junior, assembles the water fountain that is one of the main decorations for prom.

Juniors Rachel Keller, Valerie Neibling and Stephanie Scales help raffle off an iPod touch as a class fundraiser during a basketball game.

What is your favorite movie genre?

- Horror: 10%
- Comedy: 35%
- Romance: 48%
- Action: 10%
In the fall of this year, the sophomores had the opportunity to pick out their very own class rings, which can be a very exciting and hard decision.

"It was hard to decide on what class ring I wanted because there were all different kinds I could choose from," sophomore Austin Veach said.

There are hundreds of different designs that students can choose from to personalize their ring just how they want it. The sophomores could go online to make their ring so they could see exactly what they were going to order.

It is a memorable opportunity given to the sophomores, and gives the freshmen something to look forward to for next year. Sophomores placed their orders toward the beginning of the year and received their rings before Thanksgiving break.

"I am very happy with decision I have made. The one I wanted is perfect. It is everything I want and reflects my personality," sophomore Kendra Lysaght said.

While participating in the homecoming activities, sophomores Marc Ellis, Ben Petrik, Kendra Lysaght, and Autumn Royer get ready to win their class points during the dance competition.

Sophomores Nikki Boos and Autumn Royer get ready to turn in their order form for their class rings.

Reenacting a sword fight, sophomores Aaron Halling, and Marc Ellis get into the mood, trying to win their class first place during the float competition.
"I love cutting in front of the freshmen at lunch, and I like not getting cut by so many people."

-Kendra Lysaght

"I like not having the seniors call me freshman."

-Kendra Lysaght

"Highschool was easier this year because we knew more of what it was going to be like."

-Nick Schneider
Sophomores Terri Simmons, Katie Folsom and Narda Cohue anxiously wait their turn to get in line for lunch.

Sophomores Chelsea Miller and Brooke Fee express their excitement while getting ready to cook in their FACS class.

While getting ready for the Winter Royalty Dance sophomores Rachel Rush, Jessica Pickman and Michelle Johnson hurriedly do their last minute touch ups.

"It's how you deal with failure that determines how you achieve success."

Spotlight

When you wake up in the morning what is the first thing you do?

Judah Clary

"I brush my teeth."

Jessica Pickman

"I always look at my phone."

Aaron Halling

"The first thing I do is hit the snooze."

Terri Simmons

"I take a hot shower."
Sophomores in Maria Taylor's English III wear random props during an activity in which they acted out modern translations of the banquet scene in "Macbeth."

Sophomores Chelsea Miller and Brittany Rauch dress together during homecoming week as the characters in the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

During the Spanish field trip, sophomore Rachel Rush shows her goofy side while wearing a mini sombrero.

Sophomores Aaron Haling and Keshana Cook are ready to participate in the punt, pass and kick competition during the homecoming activities.

What is your favorite type of cuisine?

- Mexican: 33%
- Chinese: 37%
- American: 22%
- Italian: 8%
A Good Change

Going from the top dogs of the middle school to being the underclassmen is a hard transition, and though usually nervous at first, freshmen often find high school a welcome step forward.

"High school is way better than middle school. We have way more freedom now," Aaron Johnson said.

For the last couple of years the freshmen have been required to come to school a day early for Freshmen orientation. They play team building games and get acquainted with the high school before the first day of school.

"I really enjoyed having freshmen orientation because it was a fun way to get all of us acquainted with the school before all of the other students came," Alexis Simmons said.

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"My favorite thing from this year was making new upperclassmen friends!"
- Abby Fee

"Everyone said that the upperclassmen would pick on us, but they didn't. They were all really nice."
-Kyle Shannon

"Our class maturity level greatly improved this year."
-Austin Ricklefs

"It was hard at times not knowing everyone, but once I did, it was a lot easier to feel welcome."
-BreAnne Caudle

"We had a lot more freedoms this year. All the awkwardness of middle school was gone, and everyone was accepting."
-Aisha Diveley

"I am looking forward to having fun in high school, and doing sports."
-Jordan Sellers

"My favorite thing from this year was making more friends, and being with my sister."
-Maddi Libel

Kevin Elliot
Ashley Ernzen
Abby Fee
Emily Franken

Derek Gibson
Alyssa Halvorsen
Derrick Hughes
Aaron Johnson
Maggie Johnson

Ravan Kentzler
Cheyenne Kerns
Lucas Kuhn
Maddi Libel
Keaton Maxwell

Karmen Mercer
Ruby Rhodd
Austin Ricklefs
Laura Rush
Koby Scholz

Jordan Sellers
Kyle Shannon
Cody Shiflet
Kendall Shrimpton

Alexis Simmons
Justin Simmons
Gabby Speer
Luke Twombly
Christopher Tygret
Jake Wiedner
"Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it."

During the Barnwarming banquet, freshmen Clarissa Billups and Maddi Libel wait anxiously in line to get their food.

Karmen Mercer gets ready to punt the football while her teammates stand by and watch. On the fun-filled Friday during homecoming week, each of the classes competed against each other doing different activities.

What do you think other people find annoying about you?

- **Luke Twombly**
  - "I have bad mood swings."

- **Alyssas Halvorsen**
  - "I talk way too loud."

- **Koby Scholz**
  - "I chew with my mouth open."

- **Clarissa Billups**
  - "I mumble a lot."
Laura Rush and Jordan Sellars take a second away from their dancing to smile for the camera.

Some of the freshmen enjoy spending time together at the St. Patrick's day dance.

Freshmen Kasidy Blevins, Luke Twombly, and Maggie Johnson all take a moment to capture a memory by taking a picture.

Freshmen Kyle Shannon and Jake Wiedner offer a helping hand and prepare taco shells during the freshmen class dinner.

What type of music do you like to listen to?

- Pop: 48%
- Rock: 10%
- Rap: 35%
- Country: 10%

Laura Rush and Jordan Sellars take a second away from their dancing to smile for the camera.
Senior Lindsay Libel enjoys string games during art class. "It was extremely hard because I didn't know you could do so much with string...and I got tangled a few times," Lindsay Libel said.

"The Journalism class intensely studies other high school yearbooks to get ideas," senior Lisa Scholtz said. Left to right: Emily French, Lisa Scholtz, Shaylin Fritch, Ashlie Witham, and Hannah Lackey.

During Speech Class, seniors try to build the tallest self-standing straw tower. "It was odd but it taught us teamwork," P.D. Simmons said.

Classes

"When we were measuring things around the school we got absolutely no work done," Austin Ricklefs said.

The sophomores in Maria Taylor's English class act out the banquet scene in "MacBeth." "It was fun acting out different scenes from 'MacBeth','" Veronica Dickson said.

Core Classes | Expressions | Life Skills
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Decked out in safety goggles, sophomores Veronica Dickson, Emma-Leigh Herrs, Autumn Royer, and Lacie Diveley work on a group lab measuring substances in test tubes.

Left: Junior Caleb Lackey prepares to make his shot as he steps up to launch a throw during Carl Swendson's math ball game where students get the reward of shooting the ball for correct answers. Middle: Excited to explore the newly purchased College English books seniors Maggie Gilmore, Cameron Twombly, and Cheyenne Davis have fun during their College English class while they roast marshmallows. The roasting of these marshmallows celebrated out with the old English books and in with the new. Right: Freshmen Karmen Mercer and Maddie Liebel work carefully on measuring the length of the hallway during Pre-Algebra.

What is your favorite class?

"I enjoy art the most because I like to draw."
-Taylor Martin, 11

"My favorite class is art because I think it's a pretty fun class."
-Jordan Sellers, 9

"I like Ag because it's fun and easy."
-Austin Veach, 10
The students in Marla Taylor's English II class act out a scene from Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Hands-on Learning

Making edible cells, conducting lab experiments, acting out scenes from literature, playing games, and demonstrating knowledge are among ways the teachers kept students actively involved in the classroom with non-traditional learning techniques. Using different methods, teachers hoped to foster learning while keeping the interest of the students.

Another advantage to hands-on learning is the transferring of information to long-term memory. It has been proven that active learners have a better chance of taking complex concepts and remembering them due to multi-sensory activities. So, make learning fun and everyone wins.

For the American History final students were asked to create a museum exhibit featuring an assigned historical decade to be displayed in the commons. Junior Ethan Larson poses in front of his group's 1950s display.
Express Yourself!

Expressing one's inner feelings has always been an important action to take as a person. Through Journalism 1 and 2, Spanish, and P.E. students are encouraged to do their personal best and explore their many talents.

In Journalism 1, the seven girls along with Landon Allen stretched their minds to come up with riveting stories for the school newspaper, the "D. West Express." The Journalism 2 class explored all of the possibilities for the new yearbook and found inspiration from a poster hanging in Carl Swendson's classroom.

Juan Huertas, the new Spanish teacher from Spain, offered a whole new culture for his students to discover. From visiting a Mexican market and art exhibit in Kansas City, to attending a Cinco de Mayo festival, the students were able to capture a small glimpse of the foreign culture.

Physical Education is not only great for becoming active, but is also a fun way to spend an entire class period. According to juniors Ashlie Witham and Hannah Lackey, activities in P.E. included weight lifting, matball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, tennis, golf, and dodgeball. The P.E. 2 classes also took a trip to tennis courts in St. Joseph and to a golf course on another day.

One standout memory Lackey has of P.E. class is when they were going golfing and even before the group even left the school, she and Austin Ricklefs joined efforts to stop the bus which was rolling backwards.
Seniors Maggie Gilmore, Malia Sisk, Cheyenne Davis, and Kayle Schmitz put their noggins together to come up with a new and improved style for the yearbook. That day was also hippie day during homecoming week. All of the girls pictured said, "We loved being hippies and in Journalism at the same time. It was totally groovy."

Physical Education
"My most memorable moment was when P.E. 2 was leaving for St. Joe to play tennis and the bus started rolling backwards into the road."
-Hannah Lackey, 11

Journalism
"My absolute favorite memory of Journalism has been walking around the school and taking candid pictures that turn out looking hilarious."
-Cheyenne Davis, 12

Spanish
"In Spanish, I liked talking about guitars and looking up guitars online. It's a topic brought up about once a week."
-Caleb Lackey, 11

Spanish
"My favorite memory from Spanish was trying to teach Mr. Huertas English slang words and noticing how big of a sweet tooth he had."
-Amber Folsom, 12

While on the Spanish field trip, sophomore Rachel Rush gulps down a bottle of Coca-Cola outside of the Mexican restaurant.

Sophomore Skylar Crossland takes aim at senior Cameron Twombly while playing a mean game of dodgeball in strength and speed. "My favorite game to play in P.E. was dodgeball. I liked going to P.E. every other day," Crossland said.
Allen concentrates on making the boys basketball highlight video. "I enjoyed making the basketball video, but it was hard this year because my home drive crashed and I had to start over," Allen said.

Unleashing their creative sides, students work on projects involving videos, art pieces, and delicious food. Left: Sophomore Katie Folsom video tapes junior Taylor Martin for her Computer Apps II video. Middle: Freshmen Lucas Kuhn, Jordan Sellers, and Koby Scholz create scrumptious muffins in Foods class. Right: Working on her art project, freshman Chelsea Miller works with paper mâché to show her creative side.

How do you express your creative side in class?

"In Computers you can create various projects that illustrate your creative side."
- Mollie Tharp, 12

"Being in food class is fun because you don't have to just take notes and you get to create delicious food."
- Maddi Libel, 9

"Art breaks up my day from being boring and lets me get creative."
- Savannah Stevens, 12
Working on a colored pencil drawing, senior Jessica Rauch puts her creative side to the test. "I really enjoyed the colored pencil drawing because it inspired me to create more colored pencil drawings," Rauch said.

Besides sitting at a desk and taking long, drawn-out notes, students can unleash their inner creativity by exploring classes such as Computers, FACS, and Art. Whether students are making art masterpieces, fun technology projects, or scrumptious food, these classes help students learn in fun and unique ways.

In Computers, students often make videos that deal with movies, music videos, or something of their choice. "I like being in computers and making videos because it's fun and different than sitting in a classroom," sophomore Emma-Leigh Herrs said.

"Imitating the movie 'Hangover,' senior Lindsay Libel, sophomores Autumn Royer, Paige Ellis, and Emma-Leigh Herrs pause in the school's elevator to reenact one of the scenes from the movie.

Junior Marshall Diveley carefully works on his metalsmithing project. "Sometimes metalsmithing requires you to get down and dirty," Diveley said.

Unleashing Creativity

In FACS, students are able to create delicious, mouth-watering food. While in Art class, students explore their artsy side and create beautiful and unique art projects. "Art allows you to use your imagination to create things that express who you are and it helps people think outside the box," senior Taylor Carwell said.

One Art class features paper mache which many students enjoy doing. "Paper mache was fun because it was different than most of the art projects we have ever done before," junior Ashlie Witham said.

Students can express their talents in so many ways, and creative classes are one way students can really show what they are capable of creating in life.

Tapping into her creative side, junior Taylor Martin uses colored pencils to draw a frog. "I wanted to draw a frog for my colored pencil drawing because the picture didn't have a lot of shading, and plus the frog was a cute tree frog," Martin said.

While attending the State Stars Events for FCCLA, FACS teacher June Roberts, juniors Landon Allen, Mackenzie Cunningham, and Valérie Neibling enjoy a stay at Wichita at the Marriott Hotel. "I thought the FCCLA trip was fun because that was the first time we have ever been, and Landon qualified for nationals," Cunningham said.
Full of Change

A new year, a new teacher, a new choir, a new band. In the music department, change was found everywhere.

The band and choir started off the year with a new teacher, Harry Hamblin. Hamblin came off as exciting and fresh to the band. They thought that he seemed different from other teachers.

With eight students and one director, the band only had nine people to fill the room during rehearsals. Everyone rejoiced when Hamblin said there was not going to be a marching band.

"The most challenging thing was figuring out what I had to work with," Hamblin said.

With nine people total, the band even found it hard to march in the parades. For Homecoming, the band rode in the bed of a truck as they went down mainstreet.

On the other hand, Hamblin caused quite the uproar when meeting the choir. Hamblin had new ideas and wasn't fond of performing as a swing choir. After quite a bit of discussion, the choir got to do a swing choir show.

"I have never been involved with show choir before. I think that singing and dancing in musicals is enough. When I saw how important it was to the choir students, I changed my mind," Hamblin said.

The choir ended up doing a Christmas swing choir show. That way in the spring the choir could focus on their contest pieces.
Energy Band Choir

What was the most challenging thing this year?

"The hardest thing was learning Ach Veh Des Leiden."
- Brittany Rauch, 10

"It was singing 'Can't Buy Me Love', it was really hard."
- Caleb Lackey, 11

"The most challenging thing was getting a new director."
- Kyle Cluck, 12

"The hardest thing was finding music that would work for our numbers."
- Keshana Cook, 10

The band marches down Main Street Highland during the primary and elementary schools' Halloween parade. Pictured are Chris Beagle, Matthew Henry, Kyle Cluck, Lisa Scholz, Marshall Diveley, Keshana Cook, Ravan Kentzler, Aisha Diveley, and director Harry Hamblin.

What was your favorite NEW experience of the year?

"National Convention because it was a lot of fun and I got to see a lot of different people and hang out with my peeps."
- Josh Van Laar, 11

"The combine tour because that's my forte. Both the kids and I got to learn from it."
- Brennan Davis, 12

"My favorite was announcing Barnwarming because it got to show everyone that I'm a cool person and a baller."
- Lindsay Libel, 12
New Experiences
The Doniphan West FFA

Chapter traveled far from the same old, same old this past year and ventured off into new territory.

For the first year ever, agriculture education had two FFA advisors. Elmer Schmitz, who has been around for about 25 years, was joined by KaCee Thompson, a recent KSU graduate that has a passion for teaching agriculture. She brought many innovative ideas for the program. Her Ag Business class started a salsa business that they sold at a football game. Thompson also singlehandedly started the middle school Ag Ed program.

Thompson, a past state officer candidate, mentored seniors Chris Simmons and Dyllon Butrick put their whole heart and body on the line for the senior team during the Case IH vs. John Deere tug-of-war contest. The contest was one of the many National FFA week activities that the FFA Chapter put on in February. They also did an eating contest, ice cream social, and scavenger hunt.

Freshman Kassiday Blevins tries her luck with the ticket machine at the arcade that FFA members went to during National FFA Convention. Members also played an exciting game of laser tag and many other arcade games like skeeball.

Officers also took more of an initiative to accomplish new things. Senior Brennan Davis and junior Keaton Blevins drove their combines to school so they could show them to elementary kids during FFA Week. Also, a points system was started so FFA members who do a lot during the year can be rewarded. Members even took fun to a whole new level. During National FFA Convention they started some new traditions like going to laser tag and going to Comedy Sportz, a restaurant that serves up some hilarious dinner entertainment.

New experiences and new people: The Doniphan West FFA Chapter knows how to break the mold.

Senior Kayla Schmitz, who was in the process of running for state office, a first for the Doniphan West FFA Chapter.

Stepping out of her comfort zone, sophomore Jessica Pickman gives a shot to a pig. The Animal Science class traveled to a pig farm to learn more about hog operations. "It was pretty cool. It wasn't that gross," Pickman said.

Dedication that Shows

Art & Drama Club, Forensics, and Scholars’ Bowl team are avenues for students to express their talents.

After weeks of hard work and preparation the Art & Drama Club was excited to see the reactions on people’s faces when they got a first glance at how the haunted house looked. With new rooms and more surprises the Fear Factory, which was at Sparks, left people unsure where to turn or what to do.

"I like being involved with the haunted house because it lets people act outside their normal personality," junior Katherine Rush said. The Scholars’ Bowl team consisted of a dedicated group of students who came in early morning and stayed after school to practice. Their coach was Brenda Diveley.

The Forensics team, coached by Stanley Thornton, was lead by three seniors.

Qualifying for state were juniors Caleb Lackey and Katie Crandall along with seniors Lindsay Libel and Matthew Henry.

"I believe that the Forensics team did very well this year. I’m glad that we all made it to state in our different categories," Lackey said.

Strapped down on an operating table, Terri Simmons pretends to try and get away from the evil doctor.

During Night of the Arts, senior Matthew Henry stops the bus to discipline junior Caleb Lackey as they reenact their improvised acting duet. Lackey played a boy with an imaginary friend and Henry played an adult who did not believe the imaginary friend Jeffrey existed.
"My favorite part was whenever we would first get all painted up and then make fun of each other or coming up with what we were going to do in the haunted house."
-Terri Simmons, 10

"My favorite part of the haunted house would be getting to scare little children."
-Caleb Lackey, 11

"Scaring college students to death was my favorite part."
-Matthew Henry, 12

"What I enjoyed the most about the haunted house was getting dressed up and getting ready."
-Karmen Mercer, 9

Art & Drama Club president Lindsay Libel and junior Emily French lead the Art & Drama Club at the Halloween parade. They are followed by factory worker Geoffrey Hargis and zombie Chris Paulek. Throwing candy and acting their parts, the Haunted House crew were busy scaring people inside and outside the Haunted House.
The Link Leaders (in green) help the new freshmen do a silly ice-breaker activity during Freshmen Orientation Day.

For Freshmen Orientation day the Link Leaders and the freshmen dress up in crazy outfits to show their excitement about school. From left to right there were bodybuilders, country folk, and Hawaiians.

What is a Leader?

"They know how to deal with situations when they occur."
- Cassie Wilcox, 12

"A leader is a person that people will look up to. They will always make the right decision even if it's not the easy choice."
- Matthew Henry, 12

"Someone that has good character with the ability to lead others in a positive direction."
- Keshana Cook, 10
Leaders Among Us

Leadership; an act or instance of leading; guidance; direction. This is the dictionary definition of leadership but what does it truly mean to be a leader? What qualities of a person make him or her a leader? The students in NHS, Link Leaders, Student Council, and FCCLA truly exemplify what it means to lead.

This year NHS members became servant leaders. After every home basketball game, members sacrificed 5th Quarter and hanging out with friends to help the custodians clean up the bleachers.

Link Leaders became mentors to the freshmen at the beginning of the year with Freshmen Orientation day.

They showed up at school a day early to lead the freshmen in self-esteem building activities. They strived to help the freshmen get ready for the challenges they will face in high school.

The school would not function without the help of STUCO. These leaders planned all the Homecoming and Winter Royalty activities. There wouldn’t be a parade, spirit week, or even crowning ceremonies if it weren’t for STUCO members.

FCCLA, a fairly new organization at DWHS, is definitely making its mark. Landon Allen, junior, competed in an entrepreneurship contest and received 1st in his district went to state, and qualified for nationals. His project was his D.J. service that he debuted to the school at the Winter Royalty Dance and a middle school dance with co-owner Caleb Lackey, also a junior.
Getting ready to spike the ball down, sophomore Paige Ellis jumps up for the kill. "It always feels good to spike against the other team," Ellis said.

Showing some school spirit, seniors Kasey Martin, Kyle Chuck, and sophomore Aaron Holting painted their bodies with school colors for a basketball game. "We like to show our school spirit to get the crowd pumping," Martin said.

Freshman Derek Gibson shoots over an Elwood opponent during a home game. "I really enjoy playing with the team," Gibson said.

Senior Morgan Helmstetter dances during a time out of the boys basketball game. "I like being on the dance team because I like showing off my sweet moves," Helmstetter said.

Basketball  Cross Country  Volleyball
Basketball  Cross Country  Volleyball
Basketball  Cross Country  Volleyball
"Easier Said than Done"

Running for a touchdown, senior PD Simmons carries the football to the goal. "I'm going to miss playing the game and being with my senior friends and teammates," Simmons said.

Wrestling  Track  Football  Cheer  Dance
Wrestling  Track  Football  Cheer  Dance
Wrestling  Track  Football  Cheer  Dance
Maggie Gilmore, senior, gallops just ahead of the JCN opponents at the Troy meet. "A song is normally stuck in my head, so I’m singing one verse from the song the entire time that I’m running in a race. They’re usually songs that are repetitive like ‘I Gotta Feeling’ by the Black Eyed Peas or ‘Mary Had a Little Lamb’," Gilmore said.

Junior Nick Johnson pushes onward as he inches closer to the finish of the Bulldog cross country trail. "When I’m running a race I think about passing the person in front of me and finishing. My favorite part of cross country were the bus rides home from the meets," Johnson said.

The vests were the team from kill. but the ugly, Maggie Gilmore said that she will certainly not be missing them. Not only could reflective vests scare potential runners away but not many people would actually volunteer to run 2.5 to 3.1 miles in a race.

"Try XC, who knows, you may be good at it." Travis Arnold, junior

REFLECTIONS

Not only could reflective vests scare potential runners away but not many people would actually volunteer to run 2.5 to 3.1 miles in a race. He gave cross country a chance and found out that he was pretty good at it.

"Try XC, who knows, you may be good at it," Arnold said.

Coach Judy Twombly handled the team well, even though at times it was frustrating. At every practice there seemed to be a new obstacle to overcome; runners were quitting and others just didn’t want to try. However, the ending team pulled through and had their own sort of accomplishment. They did their best and finished the season proudly.

"Try XC, who knows, you may be good at it."

Travis Arnold, junior

However, most students would be surprised at how great they could be at it. Travis Arnold, junior, joined cross country for the first time this year and ended up having a knack for running.
Hannah Lackey, junior, feels the heat as she stays just ahead of her opponents at Rim Rock Farm. "When I'm running I think about how much longer I have to run and tell myself it's not that bad. I also always seem to have the cheer D-up, D-up, D-up, in my head and I'm not really sure why," Lackey said.

Junior, Mackenzie Cunningham expresses great enthusiasm as she enters the last leg of the Jackson Heights race. "I was thinking about food or a song to sing while I was running. My favorite things from cross country were the sweet vests, the conversations while walking the courses, and finding random things like a guitar pick at Rim Rock," Cunningham said.

Sophomores Tyler Diveley and Marc Ellis burst towards the front of the pack at the start of the Jackson Heights race. "I think about where people are and if they are to catch me or not," said Diveley. Ellis said that doesn't think of anything while he's running.

Scores for Boys:
- Wamego: 10th
- McLouth: 6th
- Troy: 2nd
- Horton: 9th
- Sabetha: 8th
- Rim Rock: 6th
- Jackson Hts.: 3rd
- Washington: —

Scores for Girls:
- Wamego: 12th
- McLouth: 5th
- Troy: 3rd
- Horton: —
- Sabetha: 7th
- Rim Rock: 7th
- Jackson Hts.: —
- Washington: —

Honors
State meet participant: Marc Ellis, 44th

All-League
Marc Ellis

After taking a quick break to get a drink and instructions from Coach Martin, the boys put their hands together to break the huddle. "It was fun getting to finally play high school football. I'm really looking forward to playing more next year," freshman Jordan Sellers said.

Sophomore Dusty Saunders prepares to go long for a pass from junior quarterback Keaton Blevins in the JCN game. When I got ready to run, I didn't really think of anything," Dusty Saunders (10).

Senior PD Simmons (3) runs the ball against Troy while fellow teammates Brett Dunlap (42), Keaton Blevins (10), and Derek Gibson (78) clear a path for him to go through. "When I run, all I think about is making a touchdown, and that's what I'm going to miss a lot next year," PD Simmons (12).

The bond of brothers work together to bring down a Maki Hill player. The Mustangs beat the Ravens 27-0. "When I went to tackle someone, I smiled because I thought it was fun and I'm going to miss being able to double-team people with Ethan," Ben Lock (12).

"It's all right. We're in a fight. You boys are doing all
that you can do. Anybody can see that. Win or
lose... We gonna walk out of this stadium tonight
with our heads held high. Do your best. That's all
anybody can ask for."

- Coach Boone, from the movie
"Remember the Titans."

By The
Numbers
Maur Hill 27-0
JCN 6-7
P. Ridge 0-40
Horton 13-19
McLouth 33-0
Oskaloosa 0-0
Wathena 6-42
Troy 0-35
Centralia 14-46

Record 2-7
DV1 Honors:
PD Simmons: Honorable Mention
Offense
Brett Dunlap: Honorable Mention
running back and
linebacker
Adrian Duran:
2nd team defensive
tackle
Dusty Saunders:
Honorable Mention
safety

Getting the pieces put together
is something that Coach Martin is
looking forward to next year. However, just like every season
and team there are things that need to
be improved.

"Being able to get more
commitment in the off season,
becoming more physical on the
field, and getting more student
participation will help out greatly
next year and in years to
come," Martin said.
Sophomore Rachel Rush passes the ball towards senior Mariah Cunningham during a home game versus Elwood. "It always felt good to get a good pass to the setter," Rush said.

Seniors Lisa Scholz and Malia Sisk jump for the block while teammate Taryn Gibson, junior, covers the court during a match versus Bern. "It's really exciting when our team gets a block and makes the whole team feel good," Sisk said.

"It was a tough season, but I feel we started a new tradition of confidence that will be used in future years," senior Lisa Scholz said.

"Our volleyball season may not have been a winning one but we all stuck together and kept our hearts in it," senior Mariah Cunningham said.

"I always liked getting pumped up and ready with the team before a game and doing all the fun game rituals," sophomore Michelle Johnson said.

This volleyball season may not have been an easy one, but the players still had a great time playing with one another and sharing some great memories to last a lifetime.

"It was a tough season, but I feel we started a new tradition that will be used in future years," senior Lisa Scholz said.
I've worked too hard and too long to let anything stand in the way of my goals. I will not let my teammates down and I will not let myself down.

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Honors: Ashlie Witham - All League Lisa Scholz - Hiawatha All Tournament Team

Senior Amanda Pickman jumps for the kill to spike down on the opposing team's side. "When one of our teammates spikes the ball it pumps up the whole team," Pickman said.


Ahhh Boom! Teammates Rachel Rush, Lisa Scholz, Ashlie Witham, Malia Sisk, and Amanda Pickman celebrate an awesome kill during a match against the opposing team.

Nice Tip! Junior Ashlie Witham gets off the floor for a quick tip over the net during a winning game versus Troy. "It always feels awesome to defeat our rivals," Witham said.

Senior Malia Sisk, Mariah Cunningham, Amanda Pickman, and Lisa Scholz take one final pose before the end of their volleyball season.
Chanting "Let's go Mustangs," the cheerleaders try to pump up the crowd and lead the football team to victory. "Football season is better than basketball because we stunt more and get to be outside," Ashlie Witham said.

Getting pumped up, senior Maggie Gilmore puts on a smile. Gilmore is preparing herself to perform to the country song "Loud."

Cheering on the boys during the starting line up, Lisa Scholz, Aisha Diveley, and Hannah Lackey put Shayln Fritch into an elevator. "I love stunting because it makes me feel like a beast," Aisha Diveley said.


Dressed in jeans and cowboy hats, the dance team prepares to walk out onto the football field and dance to "Loud." "When we line up to walk on the field I think 'Don't mess up,'" Kendra Lysaght said. In the foreground are Lindsay Libel, Kendra Lysaght, Courtney Langley, Morgan Helmsfetter, Shayln Fritch, Marijke Fox, Emily French, and Malia Sisk.

The spirit squads kick off the home football game by dancing to "Hey Song." "Dancing is fun and exciting. It takes your mind off of the regular school day," senior Malia Sisk said.
Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.

-Martha Graham

"My favorite part was hanging out on the east side with my homies pretending to be talk show hosts with funny accents," Maggie Gilmore said.

"My favorite part was getting to show off our sweet dance moves," Morgan Helmstetter said.

"I love the feeling of walking out to perform, knowing the crowd is excited to see us dance," Courtney Langley said.

"I love getting to spend time with Kelly and giving her good dance moves," Lindsay Libel said.

"I love hearing the crowd cheering like we are rock stars," Kayla Schmitz said.

"My favorite part was yelling for the guys and hanging out with friends," Lisa Scholz said.

"My favorite part was learning different dance routines and performing at basketball games," Malia Sisk said.

"I love all the performances we did," Mollie Tharp said.

With August full of practices, the cheer and dance squads prepared for to dance and cheer at every home game. The more experience they got, the easier it became.

Lacking in underclassmen on the squads, the 11 seniors dominated and were joined by three juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen.

What was your favorite part of a dance?

"I love practicing on Saturdays at 8 am. JK, I just love being with the spirit squad," Mariah Cunningham said.

"I love performing in front of the big crowds; all the hard work pays off," Shaylin Fritch said.

Fighting for victory, sophomore Aaron Holling sprawls to avoid a takedown. "I'll miss jumping Brett at wrestling meets," Holling said.

Senior Kyle Cluck takes control of a Hiawatha wrestler by using a cross body ride.

Defeating Opponents with Pride

Controlling and pinning an opponent to the ground, wrestling takes strength, heart, and determination. Improving from the previous year, the wrestling team made many successful changes. "We placed second as a team at the Pleasant Ridge JV Tournament, and brought home some hardware for the school trophy case," coach Carl Swendson said. Many accomplishments achieved for the wrestling team. Senior Brett Dunlap made it to the state finals, placing second, and freshman Gabby Speer was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Pleasant Ridge JV tournament.

"It was exciting defeating Onaga in a dual by a score of 36-24," coach Carl Swendson

"Aaron and Gabe (Martinez from Troy) both won 11 more matches than last year, Austin improved by nine wins, Brett's number of wins increased by eight, and Tanner won six more matches than last year," Swendson said.

Overall, it was a great season for the wrestling team. Seniors Kyle Cluck and Brett Dunlap will be missed by the team. The wrestling team shared many exciting moments throughout the season and their hard work paid off in the end.

"It was exciting defeating Onaga in a dual by a score of 36-24," Swendson said. "We gave up forfeits at three weights, but we were able to beat them by getting six pins."
"More enduringly than any other sport, wrestling teaches self-control and pride. Some have wrestled without great skill - none have wrestled without pride."

- Dan Gable

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By the Numbers

Tournament Results:

Mission Valley:
- Brett Dunlap 1st
- Tanner Veach 3rd
- Austin Veach 3rd
- Gabriel Martinez 3rd

Onaga:
- Tanner Veach 2nd
- Austin Veach 4th
- Aaron Holling 3rd
- Gabriel Martinez 1st

Rossville:
- Brett Dunlap 2nd
- Tanner Veach 6th
- Austin Veach 5th
- Gabriel Martinez 3rd

Holton:
- Gabriel Martinez 3rd
- Waboussee:
- Brett Dunlap 3rd
- Aaron Holling 6th
- Gabriel Martinez 3rd
- Gabriel Speer 6th

Silver Lake:
- Brett Dunlap 1st
- Tonganoxie:
- Austin Veach 1st
- Austin Veach 1st
- Gabriel Martinez 2nd
- Dylan Wood 4th
- Gabriel Speer 2nd

DVL:
- Brett Dunlap 1st
- Kyle Cluck 1st
- Austin Veach 1st
- Austin Veach 1st
- Gabriel Martinez 2nd
- Dylan Wood 4th
- Gabriel Speer 2nd

Junior Varsity:
- Holton JV:
- Kyle Cluck 1st
- Austin Veach 1st
- Dylan Wood 3rd
- Gabriel Speer 2nd

Silver Lake JV:
- Tanner Veach 1st
- Dylan Wood 1st
- Gabriel Speer 2nd

Pleasant Ridge JV:
- Tanner Veach 1st
- Austin Veach 1st
- Anderson Holling 1st
- Gabriel Speer 1st

Onaga JV:
- Dylan Wood 3rd

Honors:
- Tanner Veach - 1st team
- Brett Dunlap - 1st team
- Austin Veach - 1st team
- In State, 1st at Regionals
- Austin Veach - 1st team
- Aaron Holling - 1st team
- Gabriel Speer - 2nd team

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Sophomore Dylan Wood takes control of his opponent using a double leg takedown against a Royal Valley opponent.

Using a double arm bar to try and turn his Royal Valley opponent, sophomore Austin Veach tries for a win.

Freshman Gabby Speer sprawls against her Royal Valley opponent. "My favorite thing about wrestling is after my matches the boys that I beat run off and cry. It's so funny," Speer said.
Sophomore Tyler Diveley takes the ball baseline and heads toward the basket during the Maur Hill game. "I was happy that I got to play some varsity as a sophomore: It was good to see what varsity was really like," Diveley said.

"Making a fast break, sophomore Marc Ellis drives around a Horton defensive player and lays in another two points for the Mustangs. "Whenever I drive the lane, all I hope for is that no one takes a charge," said Ellis. Ellis averaged 21 points a game.

Senior Adrian Duran dominates as post and stuffs the IMAC opponent. "Every time I block someone, it always gets my adrenaline going, and makes me want to get in the opponent’s face and yell, ‘Get some!’," Duran said.

"Guarding Maur Hill, Paul Simmons, senior, shows great defense and anticipates his opponent’s every move. "My goal while playing defense is to always be the faster guy," Simmons said.

Second: Travis Arnold, Nick Johnson, Cameron Twombly, Geoffrey Hargis, Adrian Duran, PD Simmons, Keaton Blevins, manager Amanda Pickman.
Third: assistant coach Matt Ellis, Justin Simmons, Landon Allen, Derek Gibson, Marc Ellis, Benjamin Petrik, head coach Adam Hooker.
Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

- Michael Jordan

"Buy into the system, give everything you have, and always display character and integrity that's demanded," are just a few of the expectations that were wanted of the boys this year.

The goals of the season were to win all of the Doniphan County games, improve the record from last year, and to make a run at substate. Although this year's record did not improve, the team never gave up, and always gave it their all during each game.

Coach Hooker's proudest moments were when the team weathered the storm and won the Oskie game, when they rallied around and honored the seniors, and when the boys finished off the season with pride.

"Buy into the system, give everything you have, and always display character and integrity," coach Adam Hooker

Captains were senior Cameron Twombly and sophomore Marc Ellis. "Being one of the captains made me feel like one of the team leaders," Ellis said.

Although the team did not have a winning season, many of the games were close, and the boys never hung their heads.

"I am really going to miss the seniors. They were such great leaders, and each one of them had a great sense of humor," junior Landon Allen said.
Driving past her defender and going for the layup, Malia Sisk goes for two while sophomore Rachel Rush looks for a rebound. The Mustangs lost 52-48 after a tough battle with the Lions. "The St. Joe Christian game was one of the most competitive games we played all year. It was an exciting game where the team showed what we could do. I'll miss being part of the team and playing this sport," Sisk said.

Lisa Scholz goes for a basket against P-Ridge during the DVL Tournament. Scholz said, "After 4 years of changing coaches I'm glad the girls finally have a good coach who will help take them somewhere. The team grew this year, and even though we lost we became better. I'll just miss not being able to play with them again because all these girls are great and they'll go far."

"I am not spending valuable hours of my life just to teach you girls to throw a ball through an iron hoop. This is a way of life. I want players to think. Work, sweat, challenge themselves, discipline themselves, because anything else you girls do it just isn't worth it, to anyone." Pete Maravich from Pistol: Birth of a Legend.

Growing Pains for Great Things

Three years, three different coaches. The toughest thing that someone can do to a growing basketball program... switch coaches; however, the Mustangs had a fighting chance to show everybody what they could do with the help from new head coach Troy Hoffman.

Even with the change from year to year, one constant for the girls was to always see the smiling and encouraging face of assistant coach Judy Twombly.

"At times it was scary because of the unknown, but I got to know the new coaches and it worked out," Twombly said. "Inexperience at all positions and injuries to key players were problems the girls faced this year," Hoffman said.

"Ball handling, shooting, and doing both in a game situation is what needs to improve for us to win."
- coach Troy Hoffman

Even with so many girls not having a lot of varsity playing time, the girls grew with each game and became a close family.

It was a sad day for the seniors when it all came to an end because they knew something great was started at Doniphan West.

"Their willingness to sacrifice their personal desires and their great attitude is what will make me miss Malia, Lisa, Jessica, and Brianna. Never have I had a group of senior girls like this and I know they won't be forgotten," Hoffman said.

No matter what happened during the season every girl experienced growth, and that is the thing that will help them succeed next year.
By the Numbers

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Honors:
Lisa Scholz: Elwood All-Tournament Team

"This year I was devastated when I found out that I tore my ACL. Now I just have to work extra hard during the off season to get ready for next year." 
Ashlie Witham (11)

"Basketball this year was fun and eventful. I'm looking forward to being an upperclassman and working on getting to state next year." 
Michelle Johnson (10)

Looking for an open teammate, senior Brianna Cluck dribbles down the ball during the Horton game. Cluck's season was cut short after a knee injury during the St. Joe Christian game. "Being a senior, I had high hopes for the season. Things started well but losing two varsity players is hard for any team. It was hard to sit back and watch my team struggle, but Coach Hoffman is a good coach and things will change in the future for the Lady Mustangs."

For the last time the seniors, Jessica Gartner, Mallie Sisk, Brianna Cluck, and Lisa Scholz, take a picture together.
Freshman Derek Gibson slides across the ring as he prepares to launch the shot put.

"Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

- Coach Lou Holtz

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Below: Senior Lisa Scholz gets a running start before planting her foot and stretching her arm out to launch the javelin.

Optimistic coaches encourage participation, build team

A sport that requires agility, patience, and balance are just a few things that describe the skills needed when performing in track.

Joining the track team this year was head coach Troy Hoffman, who brought to the team a good work ethic and much experience.

With new techniques and warm-ups the student athletes started to rise to the challenges ahead of them. His encouragement on and off the track gave the team added support and an overall boost.

For several years the track team had a decline in participation, but that wasn’t the case this year;

“They realized that there is no substitution for hard work, enthusiasm, and a great attitude when in pursuit of their goals.”

coach Troy Hoffman

over 40 students chose to be part of a tradition will hopefully continue to grow.

The track team had a number of other great coaches. Bailey Lanter assisted the runners and hurdlers. Chris Lackey assisted the jumpers and Kertis Keehn assisted the throwers. With a great bunch of experienced coaches the track team was sure that they were in good hands.

The team also received new windsuits for traveling gear which had the team looking very sharp. With high standards and a great attitude, the track team has a great future.
Elwood Relays:
Boys- 4th
Girls- 3rd

ACCHS:
Boys- 6th
Girls- 4th

Rock Creek:
Boys- 5th
Girls- 1st

DW Relays:
Boys- 5th
Girls- 1st

Don. C. Meet:
Boys- 4th
Girls- 3rd

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Boys- 9th
Girls- 8th

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Boys- 9th
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New School Records:
Robyn Boos
100m hurdles

Lisa Scholz
shot put

Chris Beagle
javelin

Geoffrey Hargis
110m hurdles


Junior Keaton Blevins closes his eyes to avoid the sand as he reaches forward in long jump.

Doniphan County meet. "Jumping hurdles was a good way to have fun and get good exercise," Libel said.

Senior Maggie Gilmore pushes her weight over the bar as she pole vaults during the D-West relays. "I liked pole vault because I didn't have to run distance and there weren't many girls to compete against," Gilmore said.
Senior Chris Beagle shows the after effects of sticking his face in blue jello to find hidden gummy worms for a Winter Royalty pep rally. "I felt like a smurf for a few seconds when my face was covered with blue jello!"

Chris Peuker, Aaron Halling, Kyle Cluck, Caleb Lackey, and Korey Martin show school spirit at a basketball game.

Events

The plot thickens as Matthew Henry describes how somebody pushed him down a mountain during "Aunt Maggie's Dark and Stormy Night." Other cast members include Lisa Scholz, Katie Crandall and Keshania Cook. Scholz said, "It was funny trying to teach Henry how to fist bump during the play!"

Getting jiggly with it at prom, many students and their dates bust a move. "Prom was a really pretty, and I had a blast. Good memories were definitely made," Aisha Diveley said.

For the Homecoming Parade, Courtney Langley, Brett Dunlap, Cameron Twombly and Amanda Pickman ride down Main Street in the back of a Mustang. "I had a lot of fun cruising Highland in a Mustang," Pickman said.

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"When all is said and done"

Senior Project Senior Sneak Prom Graduation
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School is out! Or at least it was on the day of homecoming. On Friday, Sept 25, all classes were let out in order to enjoy a day of festivities. The excitement began at the beginning of the regular school day with volleyball games and a punt, pass, and kick contest. The games became intense as classes went head to head to reach the number one spot.

Once the sport competitions ceased, everyone gathered in the gym for hula-hooping, beanbag tossing, racing, and dancing contests. Cheyenne Kerns, freshman, said that she enjoyed the dance off because it was funny watching people try to dance. At the end of the competitions, the seniors came out on top with the most

"It was fun! I've never got to do that before, but I was a little worried because I didn't want him to take those class points for winning the float away." Rachel Keller, 11

class points won.

The parade was chock full of enthusiasm as adults and students alike joined in with school spirit as the band and spirit squad performed the fight song. The juniors won the float contest with their perfect depiction of a hero's homecoming. Onlookers screamed and cheered when Principal Chris Lackey got pied in the face by junior, Rachel Keller. "It was fun! I've never got to do that before, but I was a little worried because I didn't want him to take those class points for winning the float away," Keller said.

"A Hero's Homecoming" was the perfect theme as the students enjoyed the day of celebrations and saved school spirit.
Q: What was your favorite spirit week day and why?

"Blue and orange day. It was cool I guess." - Kyle Cluck, 12

"That day that I wore a Twinkie because I wore a Twinkie." - Jacob Lee, 10

"My favorite day was cowboy day because nobody expected me to actually dress up." - Taylor Carwell, 12

"Blue and orange day because I drew on my face with markers." - Benjamin Petrik, 10

Brennan Davis pulled out his favorite tie and top hat just for Tacky Day. Doesn't he look dashing?

Savannah Stevens, Cheyenne Davis, and Taryn Gibson give their best depiction of ugly on Tacky Day.

Caleb Lackey, Katie Crandall, and Travis Arnold eat apples on Cowboy Day.

A few freshmen get pumped for the parade and sport their hero and villain attire.

Michelle Johnson, Paige Ellis, Nikki Boos, Autumn Royer, and Terri Simmons show a glimpse of the gun show they're about to give at the pass, punt, and kick contest.

Principal Chris Lackey gets pied in the face by the juniors. Still, the show must go on! He kept on preparing the roaring crowd for the game to come.

The dancing contest was a hit! The seniors, Kristy Denton and Lindsay Libel tear up the basketball court with their sweet dance moves.

Keshana Cook, sophomore, shows off her best Michael Jackson impersonation for Famous Person Day.

Above: Jacob Simmons, Lindsay Libel, King Cameron Twombly, Queen Amanda Pickman, Brett Dunlap, Courtney Langley, Brennan Davis, and Morgan Helmstetter. Crown bearer Riley Schunemann, flower girl Kailin Furr. The crowning was moved inside the south campus gym due to rain.
For couples day, senior Savannah Stevens goes all out by wearing her lion suit. Her other half was senior Maggie Gilmore, the lion tamer. Stevens was looking for a good excuse to wear her costume all week.

The 2010 Winter Royalty was Queen Maggie Gilmore and King P.D. Simmons. Simmons said the thought going through his mind as he was named king was, "OMG I can't believe this is happening."

Worms, lion suits, big 80’s hair, and a basketball game. These are just some of the elements that were thrown into the crazy mix during Winter Royalty 2010. Spirit week started off with favorite team day on Monday. The school was divided: K-State vs. KU, Broncos vs. Chiefs. Tuesday was a day full of ninjas, cow hats, and crayons as people participated in group day. On Wednesday the students participated fully in Blast from the Past day. There were a lot of people from the 80’s, a couple of flappers, and even some vintage band geeks. Thursday was couples’ day with pairs such as salt and pepper, ketchup and mustard, and a lion and lion tamer. Friday was black-out day and almost every student participated. At the pep rally the royalty candidates participated in three contests, most of them including gummy worms. Winter Royalty night ended as Maggie Gilmore and P.D. Simmons were crowned during halftime. Then the basketball boys went on to beat Troy. The final part of the evening was the winter royalty dance in which juniors Landon Allen and Caleb Lackey were the deejays. "Knowing that we had just stomped Troy made the dance that much more fun," junior Ashlie Witham said.

"Knowing that we had just stomped Troy made the dance that much more fun." - Ashlie Witham, 11
Winter Royalty candidates Geoffrey Hargis, P.D. Simmons, and Adrian Duran aren't afraid of getting a little bit slimy as they attempt to find worms in the Jello.

Senior and Winter Royalty Queen Maggie Gilmore shows off her best fish impersonation as she tries to catch the worm dangling from Geoffrey Hargis's fishing pole. Gilmore, who caught the worm before all the other contestants, said, "Afterwards I felt like an idiot because everyone else just kind of sat there while I attacked it like a fat kid on cake."

Senior Usa Scholz and freshman Aisha Diveley bring back 1920's style with their flashy, blue flapper dresses for Blast From the Past Day during spirit week. "I got my dress on the last day I was in New York at Forever 21 for five bucks," Scholz said. Diveley's dress was a dance costume.

Q: What was your favorite spirit week day and why?

"The famous couples day because you can embarrass people by making them dress up." - Terri Simmons, 10

"Couples day because I got to dress like the Big Bad Wolf." - Ben Petrik, 10

"We liked couples day because it was easy to dress as salt and pepper and it was fun at the same time!" - Kayla Schmitz & Malia Sisk, 12

"Blast from the Past because I felt like I was from the movie 'Grease.'" - Cheyenne Davis, 12

The 2010 Winter Royalty candidates were Mariah Cunningham, Chris Beagle, Kristy Denton, Adrian Duran, Maggie Gilmore, P.D. Simmons, Mollie Tharp, and Geoffrey Hargis. The crown bearer was Creighton Johnson and the flower girl was Emma Albers.
Producing his third play, art and drama club sponsor Stanley Thornton directed "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night." Taking place on a mountain top in an old mansion, Aunt Maggity, played by senior Taylor Carwell, passes the time by writing horror novels. Rather than being alone, Maggity lives with her assistants Dreardon, a doorman played by Matthew Henry; Humphries, a butler played by Aaron Holling; Jenny, the new maid played by Emily French; and Amelia, a maid who has been working for Aunt Maggity for years played by Keshana Cook. When the time comes, Aunt Maggity is obligated to read her sister's will. After the arrival of her nieces, chaos breaks free in the mansion.

"I enjoy directing school plays. It allows students to show their creative side and I am able to gain more experience for future plays."

- Stanley Thornton, play director

The first niece to arrive is Lavinia, a junior CEO of an international pharmaceutical company played by Cheyenne Davis who brings along her fiance Richard, played by Caleb Lackey. Soon after their arrival, twin sisters Lola and Chloe, played by Lindsay Libel and Aisha Diveley, show up. Later comes the youngest of the nieces, Francine, played by Lisa Scholz and her tag along trainer, played by Katie Crandall. Along the way, a clown named Chuck, played by Savannah Stevens, is picked up. With a bit of suspense and questionable characters, the crazy plot untwists. At the end of the day, a crazy night full of mischief erupts at the mansion.
Q: What is your favorite memory of "Aunt Maggity's Dark and Stormy Night?"

"I liked playing the part of a maid. I thought it was fun." - Keshana Cook, 10

"When Caleb held his finger up in the air during the play, it was really funny." - Aisha Diveley, 9

"Appetizers anyone?" Caleb Lackey declines Emily French's offer as Matthew Henry stands near in order to listen in on the conversation.

"Dancing backstage and not realizing that the audience could see me." - Savannah Stevens, 12

A proposal of marriage to Aunt Maggity, Taylor Carwell, is a daily routine for Humphries. Aaron Halling.

"My favorite memory is dancing with Caleb behind the scenes!" - Aaron Halling, 10

While quoting Shakespeare's "Macbeth" during the play, Katie Crandal holds a skull up in the air.

Senior Matthew Henry, whose character pretends to be deaf, busts a move when everyone leaves the room.

The seniors get one last photo together for the fall play. They are Taylor Carwell, Matthew Henry, Lindsay Libel, Cheyenne Davis, Lisa Scholz and Savannah Stevens.

Getting a closer look at the appetizers at Aunt Maggity's house, Lisa Scholz realizes that they are actually live worms.

A fights erupts between Emily French, Caleb Lackey, Keshana Cook, and Lindsay Libel.

Discussing her career as a boxer, senior Lisa Scholz talks to her personal trainer, junior Katie Crandal.

Asha Diveley and Lindsay Libel whisper to one another, gossiping about other people in the mansion.

While Introducing herself as Chuck, Savannah Stevens shakes hands with Cheyenne Davis and Caleb Lackey.

DoscuSSing her career as a boxer.
Shayln Fritch performs her "Lmma Shine" number at her recital. For her demonstration of knowledge, Fritch choreographed and then taught several dances to five other students, who performed with her. "Working with the girls was so much fun. I loved seeing them stretch their comfort zone," Fritch said. "Although there was some stress, the laughs and good times definitely overpowered it."

"I think they learned many skills that they can use in the real world and also in college."

Kristin Demel, Senior Project co-teacher

From Jazz band to composing their own song, the senior class presented many new ideas to the community and they learned a great deal along the way. "I think they learned many skills that they can use in the real world and also in college," Senior Project co-teacher, Kristin Demel said.

Even with hard work and great presentations all the seniors were glad to have the project done in the end. "Having Senior Project done has given me more down time. I do feel as though I have accomplished something great in Senior Project," Cheyenne Davis said.

Demonstrating how to properly make a floral arrangement, Mollie Tharp shows the judges and guests what she learned during her senior project. "I really enjoyed my senior project because it was hands on. The most important thing was how to present myself by using good speaking skills. After senior year, I will take away a great sense of pride."
The proper way to massage someone is the demonstration Miranda Godfrey makes on fellow classmate Kristy Denton. Wanting to go into massage therapy in college helped Godfrey pick her senior project. "It was a blast and I loved everything about it."

Jacob Simmons poses with his Case skid loader, which was referenced during his speech to the judges. Simmons's Senior Project was Entrepreneurship. "My favorite thing was doing my Demonstration of Knowledge and talking to other business owners."

Dyllon Butrick takes a quick picture before starting his speech about how to do Custom Body Work on cars. "My Demonstration of Knowledge was the only fun thing I did."

Amber Folsom gets ready to present her speech to her panel of judges and guests about Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: The Miracle Weight Loss. "I learned a lot of skills which are important. The project would have been easier if I had learned things sooner, though."
Having only four days to work on decorating for prom, the juniors had to kick it into high gear. Working Tuesday after school through late Friday night the juniors tried to take the breath away of anyone who walked into the gym. The colors for the elegant night were black, blue, silver and white. These colors played along with the wintery feel the decor gave off.

After pictures and once everyone was seated at their tables at approximately 7 p.m. dinner was served. The dinner consisted of a salad to start, brisket, twice baked potato, green beans, roll, and different flavors of cheesecakes were served for dessert.

"I really liked the way the small amount of decorations still filled up the space and made it gorgeous and glittery," Stephanie Scales, 11.

Around 8 p.m. when everyone finished eating, they started to make their way into the gym for class pictures, and as soon as the pictures were over the dance began with the slow song by Jessica Simpson "Take My Breath Away."

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After-prom activities were at the South campus where the night was only going to get better. The activities planned consisted of a hypnotist, photo booth, basketball, and a lot of pizza. Donated prizes were received by juniors and seniors that were present.
Q: What was your favorite part of the Prom activities?

"The dance was pretty fun, and I really enjoyed listening to friends tell me about the hypnotist." - Jessica Gartner, 12

"I really liked the hypnotist at after prom; it was really funny." - Cameron Twombly, 12

"The hypnotist was really cool, and they had never done that before." - Travis Arnold, 11

"I really liked the food that was served at the banquet--it was really good." - Robyn Boos, 11

A group of the senior girls throw their hands in the air to the song "Ayer" by Flo Rida. "The dance was totally awesome, having a wide range of music that everyone was able to get down and boogie to!" Mollie Tharp said.

Alaine Caudle shows off her dance moves while dancing to the song "Telephone" by Beyonce and Lady Gaga. "Everytime this song comes on I jam out to it by singing Beyonce's rap part," Caudle said.

Seniors Malia Sisk and Maggie Gilmore dance the night away at prom. "I thought the dance was fun because everyone was having a good time while getting their groove on," Sisk said.

Dancing to the "Cha Cha Slide" Lindsay Libel, Kristy Denton, Brianna Cluck, Mollie Tharp, and Amanda Pickman get down with their bad selves.

Senior Jessica Hutchison enjoys the chocolate fountain and punch that were provided during the dance.
Jessica Rauch imitates a "Baywatch" runner as she waits to get on the bus to go to the beach. "It was exciting and I loved it a lot. I hope to go back to the ocean again when I get older," Rauch said.

"Sneak was fun and putting my head in the hole at Joe's Crab Shack was something I did just to be funny, but it was fun too," Korey Martin said.

Everything is bigger in Texas is what the seniors soon learned on their Senior Sneak to Texas. At 9 p.m. the school bus departed with 29 kids and three chaperones. After a long night and then a long morning, they arrived in San Antonio, their first stop.

Once off the bus, the first thing the kids did was jump in the hotel pool. Afterwards they headed to the River Walk.

"The whole trip was fun, the ride was really long--probably too long for 29 kids on a bus--but once we got there, there was a lot to do if we had planned things better," said Kertis Keehn, the senior class sponsor.

After San Antonio, the class headed to Galveston where they got to see much of the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. Shopping on a strip mall called the Strand, to relaxing on the beach, the class had a lot of time together which meant a lot of memories. By the time it was time to leave, everyone was ready to go home.

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Even with the really long ride and a few disagreements, everyone who went will always remember their trip to Texas because they made a lot of memories in just a few days.

Together on their last night, the seniors take a picture in front of the Rainforest Cafe. The group ate a good meal and then many made memorable stuffed animals from the Build a Bear shop inside. Morgan Gilmore said, "It was all a lot of fun, the only bad part was that the bus ride sucked.'"

Brennan Davis shows what it's like to be trapped in a cage as the group stopped at the convenience store Buc-ee's. The group stopped there in order to stretch their legs on their way to Galveston. Davis said, "Buc-ee's was the coolest place I've ever been in and the cage was sweet cause it caught bigger animals than me."
The class takes a cool break in their San Antonio hotel pool after being stuck in a bus for 14 hours. "San Antonio was okay, but I wish we would have done more things there," Courtney Langley said.

Some seniors get together for a picture while waiting for their food at Joe's Crab Shack. "I enjoyed sneak and getting to go to the beach and riding out the waves with everyone. Also, my class members doing the "Cha Cha Slide" and Korey sticking his head through the hole at Joe's will always be some of my favorite moments," Mariah Cunningham said.

Q: What did you think of Senior Sneak?

"It was fun, I was glad to get away from home." - Kelly Ward

"It was okay, much better than being at home." - Chris Simmons

"It was fun but I wish that the class had planned things better." - Jessica Hutchison

"I had a lot of fun, but I wish the class had gotten along better." - Dylion Butrick

Lindsay Libel talks to the fish as she waits with the rest of the class for tables at the Rainforest Cafe. "Sneak was awesome and I made the ocean look good. At the Rainforest Cafe, I asked the fishes if the water was warm and how they were doing. I also promised that I wouldn't eat them," Libel said.
Now we are about to embark on a new chapter in our lives and go our separate ways. But before we do, I would like to reflect on the past few years. We have to admit our successes are due to several factors: the people in our lives, motivation, determination, and respect.

First, I want to remind you to thank the people in your individual lives, such as your parents, friends, family, teachers, and many others. These people push and encourage us to do our best in everything we do. They support us in numerous activities and decisions. And they look out for us, trying to make sure we make the right choices. Without these people in our lives, we may not have the motivation it takes to be successful. The people in our lives motivate us greatly, but they also help us find other factors that motivate us as individuals.

"Find people you can trust and rely on. And never forget to thank the ones that were always there for you. They are the ones who have impacted our lives greatly." Salutatorian Shayln Fritch

Motivation is what gives us the determination and strive to get things done. If you don’t have any determination, you might not finish anything. As you go about your lives, never forget to respect those around you. Just like you they worked hard to get where they are. When you respect others, you in turn will gain respect in anything you do. All these factors point back to one thing, the people in our lives. So as you go on with your lives to bigger and better things, I want to remind you how important it is to surround yourselves with good people. Find people you can trust and rely on. And never forget to thank the ones that were always there for you. They are the ones who have impacted our lives greatly.

-graduation speech given by salutatorian Shayln Fritch
Q: What are you going to miss about high school?

Definitely my teachers and my friends. I'll also miss having computers with Mrs. Winchester and art with Mr. Thornton.
- Jessica Rauch

"Knowing everyone."
- Zach Baker

"My friends and being able to talk to them."
- Kory Martin

Hanging out with friends, playing basketball, and pulling pranks on Lisa.
- Jessica Gartner

Jessica Gartner, Jessica Hutchison, Miranda Godfrey, and Morgan Helmstetter show off their fancy designs on their hats.

"It was fun because me and Mr. did it together and we knew that nobody else would have "let's party!" I'm just gonna miss some people that are going away for college and I won't be able to see them that much anymore," Helmstetter said.

At the end of the commencement ceremony, the 2010 class throws their mortarboards up in the air in celebration when Amanda Pickman ends her closing speech and tells them, "Hats off to you guys!"

Taylor Carwell receives her diploma and a hug from her dad and board member, Rod Carwell.

"I feel like I'm in a book and ending a chapter. I'm glad I got to share that moment with the most important person besides my mom. But I'll always miss the conversations seniors had at lunch, no matter how awkward," Carwell said.

Gary Keim gives his mom a hug and a rose during the emotional time when graduates recognize their parents with flowers.

Above left: Chris and Jake Simmons sport the "cool" look as they wear their sunglasses down the aisle of the graduation ceremony.

Amber Folsom smiles big as she walks away with her diploma. "I'm going to miss being able to laugh at stupid things with people I wasn't very close to, but I'm looking forward to starting my own life, growing up, and making friends who will most likely stay in my life," Folsom said.

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Marijke Fox
Marijke, I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You have a wonderful future ahead. Love you so much.
Debbie

Amanda Kathryn Pickman
Wherever you go, go with all of your heart, and make all of your dreams come true.
We love you, Mom, Dad, Jessica, and Jack

"Congratulations, Blessing #7! We love you, Cam!"
- Gramma and Grampa

Cameron Twombly
You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. A poem that I did from me to your mom: Just yesterday you were here with me and tomorrow when you come home, step out of your ear and step to the ground, you'll be wearing your cap and graduation gown. I'll hold these moments as hard as I can, because the next time I look, I'll see a man.
- Grandma Simpson

"Congratulations"
We are proud of you. May all of your dreams come true as you journey into the world. And remember what your Nanny once said, "You are our precious."
Love,
Dad, Mom, Justin, and Calvin

P.D. Simmons

-Benjamin Edward Daniel Lock-
You're one in a million. Never change. We love you and are very proud.
Mom & Dad

Taylor-Abbott Carwell
Bunny,
You're a blessing to us. You've grown up so FAST! We are very proud of you!! Always keep God near and your bible close. We love you so very much!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Kelly Ward
Congratulations!
With love,
Mom, Dad,
Kassy and Morgan
We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you much happiness and success!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Brandon, Bryson, & Brantley

We are all so proud of you for all the hard work!

Love Dad, Dusty, Jessi, and Maddi

Congratulations! You made it. We are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Garret, Kayla, Thomas, Avery, Hailee, & Derek

From the moment you arrived to this day, you have never ceased to bring us joy. You are a beautiful young woman with an equally beautiful heart. We love you! Congratulations.

Dad, Mom, Gerald, Katie, and Rebekah

You can do anything when you put your mind to it, so keep God in your heart and follow your dreams. We love you.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Brittney Keever
Britt, We are so proud of you! Congrats!

Love you tons, Mom & Dad

May the Lord fill your heart and life with as much love as you have for fashion! Stay beautiful In & Out.

Love,
Dad & Mom
Natalie & Tim

Letting the sparks fly, Jacob Simmons, Dillon Colborn, Chris Simmons, and Brennan Davis work on projects in Ag Mechanics class.
You have made us so proud - always! The future is yours, reach for your dreams.

We love you more!

Mom & Dad

Cassie, 
Congrats! We are all so proud of you. Good luck in your future as a nurse.
Love, 
Mom, Dad & Family

Without regrets, I have greatly enjoyed watching you grow up. However, I feel as though we are at a bittersweet crossroad. I am anxious to watch you blossom into your career of choice, yet feel great pain in my heart to see you leave home. The one advice I would like to give you; keep looking towards God in all your decision makings.

Love,

Mom

Delight yourself in the Lord. He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:4-5

We know where it started and are anxious to see where it takes you. We love you! You've always been ready to perform a new song.

Love always,

Mom Dad and David
Dear PD,

Where have the last 18 years gone? We loved and enjoyed you as a baby and we love and enjoy the young man you have become. It's not an easy world to live in sometimes, but always remember to think your best, act your best, do your best, and most importantly give God your best. We love you and wish you the best. Remember we are always here for you and hope you will always find a minute or two to spend with your Granny Grunt and Grouchy Gramps. We Love You!

Grandma and Grandpa (at the farm)

Paul David a.k.a. "P"

I am so proud of the young man that you have become and even more proud to call you my nephew. If I were to give you some words of advice it would be to first of all put God first in all things because with Him anything is possible and you will come out on top no matter what. Secondly, follow your dreams and do not ever let anyone say you can't do something because with dedication, determination, and discipline you can. Congratulations and always remember that I am here for you. I Love You!

Aunt Paula

Grandma would be so proud of you!
You're the best aunt ever!
Love Tucky

Lindsay Libel

What I want most for you daughter is that you be alive to soar confidently in your own sky, whatever that may be.

I Love You.
Mom

From here your life is an exciting adventure... may you always find success, good health, and most of all happiness. We love you and are very proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Seth, Luke, and Scotti

Marijke

We are proud of you!
Congratulations!

Love,
Grandma Reynolds, Aunt Janet, Uncle Stanley, Jeff, Lisa, and Ashtyn

Cameron

Mariah Cunningham

Twombly
**Geoffrey Hargis**

Congratulations Geoffrey,
Keep smiling, and you'll go far. We're proud of you!

Mom, Dad, and Joshua

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**Dyllon Butrick**

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

Love, Mom and Dad

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**Kyle Cluck**

Kyle-
Can't believe how fast the time has gone by! There are no words to describe how proud we are of you and the young man you have become.

Never be afraid to take the road less traveled for it could be the ride of your life!!!

We love you very much, Pat, Mom, Chels and Paiger

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**JESSICA SUE**

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished.

Can't believe how fast you have grown up.
Good Luck at HCC next year.
We Love You!!!!
Love, Mom, Dad and Emily

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**Kelly Word**

Kelly Word signs usa scholz's autography dog.

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**Courtney Langley**

Courtney Langley helps the kindergarten during peer tutoring. a new class added to this year's schedule.
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Maggie Anne Gilmore

You can BREATHE now!
You made it!

Cheyenne Renee Davis

Congratulations, we miss the little girl but are very proud of the young woman you have become. Reach for the stars, follow your dreams, and you will go far.

We Love You,
Dad & Mom

Malia Elaine Sisk

You have always been your dad's sports girl and your mom's little study girl. We are so proud of the beautiful, strong young lady you have become. Remember to always dream big and follow those dreams.

Love and God Bless,
Mom, Dad, Casey and Brian

Savannah Colleen Stevens

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

— Walt Emerson

Love, Mom and Dad

We are so proud of all that you have achieved!

Congratulations Kayla!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Brittany

"If you reach up as far as you can, God will reach down the rest of the way."
Good luck to a fine young man.
Love,
Granny Blevins

Kyle, Eighteen years ago we got word that we had our 1st grandchild. How proud we were of you then and even prouder of you now, seeing what you have accomplished. Congratulations! Love You, Grandma Connie

You have grown to be a beautiful and caring young woman. Always remember to be true to yourself, have fun, and that your family loves you and will always be behind you in whatever you do! We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Aaron, Melissa, and Kaitlyne

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Y'know, going through school is the easy part. Moving on to the next step in life, however, is never as easy. You face it with courage as you always have with every obstacle you've come across. You've always been the bravest of the three of us and probably the most down to earth too (don't worry, I know there's a little bit of our insanity in there somewhere). We're like a lot of siblings in the the sense that we all have our strengths and our weaknesses. We aren't as tightly knit as some and we often don't agree, we're still there for each other when we need and as you move on to the next chapter in your life, that won't change. Your big brother and little sister are always going to love you, no matter what happens and as you open the next door, don't look back to make sure anyone is behind you. You already know that we are. Best Wishes and Much Love,
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The United States draws closer to providing health care for all with the passage of reform bills in both the House and the Senate.

President Obama orders an increase in troops in Afghanistan with a goal of starting to withdraw forces from the country in July 2011.

Haiti's earthquake — with a magnitude of 7.0 — is declared by the United Nations as the worst disaster it has ever confronted. Aid pours in from the United States and around the world.

A University of Utah study finds that texting while driving can be up to six times more dangerous than talking on a phone while driving.

Price per gallon of gas in 2000: $1.26  
2009: $2.73
In August, Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only third female member in the top U.S. court's history.

Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy is elected the first president of the European Council (EU) under the Treaty of Lisbon.

The H1N1 virus appears to affect teens more than typical flu viruses. Hand sanitizer is a commonplace sight in classrooms and other public spaces.

In efforts to make General Motors more economically viable, the company discontinues the Saturn brand and announces plans to phase out its Pontiac division.

America honors the lives of 13 innocent victims of a tragic shooting spree at Fort Hood, Texas, in November.

Unemployment rate in 2000: 4%
2009: 10%

U.S. population in 2000: 281 million
2009: 305 million

Facebook users 2000: 0
2009: 350 million

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The number of first-time visitors to food shelves surges, as families cope with the economic recession. Food banks report that demand is up 30 percent on average.

The Armed Forces Network broadcasts five NBA games to U.S. troops on Christmas Day. The NBA gives the AFN broadcast rights for free.

Consumers have more alternative fuel options as the number of biodiesel stations continues to grow across the United States.

During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, pink products are everywhere: from printers to power tools, snowboards to golf balls, blow dryers to water bottles.
Students protest the University of California’s 32 percent tuition increase. Average tuition is up 4.4 percent for private four-year colleges and up 6.5 percent for public four-year colleges.

Teens are setting an example for their parents, with 56 percent of teens volunteering to support a charitable cause.

WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Turn off the lights when no one’s in the room.
2. Carry a reusable tote bag when you go shopping.
3. Bike or walk instead of driving.
4. Get a reusable metal water bottle.
5. Unplug and shut down electronic devices when not in use.
6. Buy music online instead of purchasing CDs.
7. Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposables.
8. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
9. In winter, turn down the heat and wear more layers.
10. In summer, set your air conditioner thermostat to 72° or higher.
At the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide defeats the second-ranked Texas Longhorns to finish the Bowl Championship Series.

Sidney Crosby becomes the youngest captain to hoist the Stanley Cup as he leads the Pittsburgh Penguins to their third championship and first since 1992.

Team USA heads to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Winter Olympics. More than 200 athletes represent the United States at the XXI Olympic Winter Games.

The New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV, their first championship title.

The New York Yankees capture their 27th World Series Championship when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, four games to two.
Brett Favre retires from retirement to lead the Minnesota Vikings. At 40, Favre continues to rewrite the record books, including the most-consecutive regular-season games.

At the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Jamaican sprinter and three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt beats his own 100-meter and 200-meter world records.

Shaun White leads a talented roster for the 2010 Olympic Snowboarding Team that also includes fellow gold medalists Kelly Clark, Hannah Teter and Seth Wescott.

Minnesota Twins' Joe Mauer becomes only the second catcher in 33 years to win the American League Most Valuable Player Award, finishing first in a near-unanimous vote.

2008 Wimbledon final: Rafael Nadal vs. Roger Federer
Super Bowl XLIII: Steelers 27, Cardinals 23
World Series 2001, Game 7: Diamondbacks 3, Yankees 2
2007 Fiesta Bowl: Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42
2006 Rose Bowl: Texas 41, USC 38

2008 Olympics: 100-meter men's butterfly, Michael Phelps
2009 Big East tournament: Syracuse 127, UConn 117 (6 OT)
Super Bowl XLII: Giants 17, Patriots 14
2002 NBA West finals, Game 7: Lakers 112, Kings 106 (OT)
2005 UEFA Champions League final: Liverpool beats AC Milan
After the release of their fifth studio album, the Black Eyed Peas launch The E.N.D. World Tour, with stops in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

Mary Mary's album Praiseworthy reaches No. 1 on Billboard's Christian & Gospel Album Charts, No. 2 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Chart and No. 7 on the Billboard Top 200.

Paramore takes home the title of Favorite Rock Band at the MTV's People's Choice Awards. Lead singer Hayley Williams kept in touch by Tweeting with fans throughout the awards program.

Taylor Swift has an amazing year with four CMA Awards and the Grammy for Best Album of the Year.

Glee geeks go wild! Volume 1 of the Glee soundtrack features 17 songs from the hit Fox show about a struggling high school glee club.
Justin Bieber parleys YouTube fame into a record deal. A crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans forces him to cancel an appearance at a Long Island mall.

Michael Jackson, the legendary King of Pop, dies unexpectedly at the age of 50, just weeks before his This Is It world tour is to begin.

Alicia Keys guest stars on Jay-Z's album, The Blueprint 3. Their joint effort, "Empire State of Mind," is one of the most successful songs of the year.

Beyoncé broke the record for a female artist at the Grammys with six awards, including Song of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

1. Fearless, Taylor Swift
2. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle
3. Number Ones, Michael Jackson
4. The Fame, Lady GaGa
5. My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli
6. Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack, Hannah Montana
7. The E.N.D., Black Eyed Peas
8. Relapse, Eminem
9. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z
10. Only By the Night, Kings of Leon
Four The Beatles: Rock Band is a smash hit among teens, parents and even grandparents!

Reality TV shows like CBS's Survivor and The Amazing Race continue to draw in viewers of all ages.

Tina Fey's acclaimed NBC comedy 30 Rock receives a record 22 primetime Emmy Award nominations and wins five, including Best Comedy Series and Best Actor in a Comedy Series (Alec Baldwin).

A new generation discovers the Fab Four. The Beatles: Rock Band is a smash hit among teens, parents and even grandparents!

New Fox hit TV show Glee takes home the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy Television Series over such veteran shows as The Office, 30 Rock and Entourage.

NAME
THE SIMPSONS
After just seven months, Conan O'Brien receives $45 million to surrender his position as host of The Tonight Show to replace Jay Leno in his previous time slot.  

1. Wii Fit  
2. Pokémon Platinum Version II  
3. Mario Kart Wii  
4. Resident Evil 5 (Xbox 360)  
5. Halo Wars  
6. Street Fighter IV  
7. Call of Duty: World at War  
8. Resident Evil 5 (PS3)  
9. Resident Evil 5 (Xbox 360)  
10. Street Fighter IV
MOVIES

After two weeks of limited sold-out shows, 1 million moviegoers submit online requests that cause the nationwide release of Paranormal Activity.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince raked in the biggest midnight earnings of all time, grossing $22.2 million at the box office.

Sandra Bullock wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama for her performance in The Blind Side, based on the true story of Baltimore Ravens football player Michael Oher.
Avatar overtakes Titanic to become the highest-grossing movie ever worldwide at $1.859 billion.

Are you “Team Jacob” or “Team Edward”? “Twihards” around the world swoon over the supernatural love triangle in The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

**TOP 10 BOX OFFICE HIT MOVIES**

**2000**
1. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
2. Cast Away
3. Mission: Impossible II
4. Gladiator
5. What Women Want
6. The Perfect Storm
7. Meet the Parents
8. X-Men
9. Scary Movie
10. What Lies Beneath

**2009**
1. Avatar
2. Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
3. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
4. The Twilight Saga: New Moon
5. Up
6. The Hangover
7. Star Trek
8. The Blind Side
9. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel
10. Monsters Vs. Aliens
Snuggle, the blanket with sleeves, is a runaway hit. The company introduces versions for kids and pets and features designer styles in a fashion show.
Graphic tees, worn alone or paired with zip-front hoodies, are a comfortable way to make a style statement, promote your favorite band and express your individuality.

**TOP 10 FASHION TRENDS**

1. Skinny jeans
2. Big '80s shoulders
3. Over-the-knee boots
4. Graphic tees
5. Hoodies
6. Animal prints
7. Rachel Roy bags
8. Ripped jeans
9. '90s grunge
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The 2009-2010 Doniphan West Journalism 2 Class presents Volume VI of "Mustang Moments." Members of the class included seniors Cheyenne Davis, Shayln Fritch, Maggie Gilmore, Kayla Schmitz, Lisa Scholz, Malia Sisk; and juniors Landon Allen, Hannah Lackey, and Ashlie Witham. Their adviser was Marla Taylor.

"That's What We Said," the yearbook theme, was chosen by the Journalism class and they created the cover with ideas from a poster found in math teacher Carl Swendson's classroom. Tyler Malins and Wally Malins were the Jostens yearbook representatives. Knowing pretty much what they wanted for the overall yearbook design, the Journalism class took a trip to Jostens Publishing Co. in Topeka, Kan. and worked with an artist to design the cover.

Body copy and captions were written in Avalon, scripts were written in Footloose, and headlines were written in Eras Ultra (BOLD). The dominant colors for graphics and theme were VT Navy, RF Peaceful, VT Mango, and VT Orange Yogurt.

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"Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space,"
- Rebecca West

"What's the best privilege you get in Yearbook?"

Landon Allen
"The best privilege was the ability to work freely."

Cheyenne Davis
"The best privilege is keeping a huge secret that nobody else knows about what the yearbook looks like."

Shaylin Fritchie
"The best privilege is getting to look through all of the pictures."

Maggie Gilmore
"What if I'm in Yearbook? I thought this class was Computer Apps! No wonder Mrs. Taylor always bugs me about making my deadlines."

Hannah Lackey
"The best privilege was Mrs. Taylor bringing us goodies all of the time and that we got to pick what she brought."

Kayla Schmitz
"I just really like it when Mrs. Taylor brings us food. Yeah, that's about it."

Lisa Scholz
"The best privilege was having her trust that we will get our assignments done."

Malia Sisk
"The best privilege was getting to work with everyone and be a part of something really important for the school."

Ashlie Witham
"The best privilege was getting to listen to Mrs. Taylor sing along with us to the iPod."
"If every word I said could make you laugh, I'd talk forever."

"Words mean more than what is set down on paper."

"It's important to have a voice; it is more important to use it."

"Be careful of your thoughts; they may become words at any moment."