The 2010-2011 Doniphan West Journalism II class presents Volume VII of "Mustang Moments." This year’s theme "D-West is..." features quotations of the defining how the student body felt about school. Body copy and captions were written in Memphis Light, scripts were written in Brushscript, and the names were written in Memphis Extra Bold. The yearbook was published through Yearbook Avenue. Editors for this year were Ashlie Witham, Hannah Lackey, and London Allen, and the adviser was Marla Taylor.
Senior year is...Senioritis, Texas, senior project, scholarships, fundraisers, prom, upperclassmen, American History, relax, soup suppers, getting licenses, dances. Freshman year is...Senioritis, Texas, senior project, scholarships, fundraisers, prom, upperclassmen, relaxing, soup suppers, getting licenses, different, making friends. Junior year is...Senioritis, Texas, senior project, scholarships, college preparations, graduation. Junior year is...fundraising, prom, relaxing, soup suppers, scary, new kids, new teachers, different, making friends, different, making friends. Sophomore year is...underclassmen, relaxing, soup suppers, scary, new kids, new teachers, different, making friends, different, making friends. Sophomore year is...freshman year is...scary, new kids, new teachers, different, making friends, different, making friends. Freshman year is...scary, new kids, making friends, different, making friends.
Senior Ashley Courtni and junior Emma Pogue enjoy some free time with each other in the commons.

American History is...scary, new kids, new teachers, different year is...done. Sophomore year is...almost done. Senior year is...scary, new kids, new teachers. Freshman year is...done. Sophomore year is...almost done. Junior year is...underclassmen, getting licenses, dances. Freshman History, scholarships, college prepa...
After 51 years of teaching, Delbert Larson celebrates with his chemistry and physics students. "Mr. Larson not only makes learning fun, but also has a wide span of knowledge," senior Katherine Rush said.

Putting a bowling pin up with her feet, English teacher Kristin Lock participates in a pep rally activity.

Math teacher Troy Hoffman helps junior Jacob Lee by giving him directions to solve a math problem.


Juan Huertas

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching?

A: "I like interacting with the students."

Watching Kassiday Blevins do homework, Spanish teacher Juan Huertas lends a hand.

As Kendall Shrimpton describes the functions of the cell, science teacher Kertis Keehn holds her edible cell.

Kertis Keehn

Q: What area of science do you find most interesting? Why?

A: "The biological sciences because you get the chance to study organisms and how they interact with each other and their environments."
Karen Auten, counselor
Jeremy Blanton, network admin.
Linda Blanton, cook
Rex Bollinger, superintendent
Sue Cluck, cook
Randy Collins, custodian

Matt Ellis, success instructor
Chris Gibson, maint. director
Ramona Gillilan, nurse
Esther Gormley, English
Harry Hamblin, music

Wes Hedrick, custodian
Tina Helmstetter, head cook
Troy Hoffman, math
Jim Howard, activities director
Juan Huertas, Spanish

Joan Karn, admin. asst/treasurer
Kerstin Keehn, science
Chris Lackey, principal
Bailey Lanter, social science
Deibert Larson, science

Tarin Luedke, network assistant
Kristin Lock, English
Roland Mace, paraprofessional
Mark Martin, P.E.
Julie Moran, resource room

Angie Neibling, librarian
Ryan Ostrander, paraprofessional
Donna Parish, social science
Kathleen Pickman, asst. secretary
Rob Randall, resource room

June Roberts, FACS
Elmer Schmitz, ag/ FFA
Laura Schmitz, librarian
Ginger Scott, secretary
Julie Speer, paraprofessional

Carl Swendson, math
Marla Taylor, English/journalism
Kacee Thompson, ag/FFA
Stan Thornton, art
Vicki Winchester, computers
Cinda Wright, cook
Class of 2011

SENORS

Landon Wayne Allen

Travis Michael Arnold

Keaton Michel Blevins

Robyn Nicole Boos

Alaine Samantha Caudle

Dillin Richard Colborn

Ashley Susan Courtin

Katie Renee Crandall

Mackenzie Kendall Cunningham

Marshall Dean Divenley

Emily Mae French

Taryn Melissa Gibson

Michael Joshua Hurd
Senior 2011
STANDOUTS

Class Clowns
Alaine Caudle
Nick Johnson

Hannah Lackey Travis Arnold

Most Fit

Cody Winchester Rachel Keller

Best Laugh

Best Smile
Gary Koelliker
Emily French

Michael Hurd
Ashley Courtin

Stephanie Scales
Caleb Lackey

Best Advice

Most School Spirit
Best Eyes
Lorie Peuker
Keaton Blevins

Valerie Neibling
Dillan Colborn
Mackenzie Cunningham

Most Adventurous

Josh Van Laar
Taryn Gibson

Best Hair

Landon Allen
Katherine Rush
Friendliest

Taylor Martin

Most Artsy

Marshall Diveley

Most Countrified
Robyn Boos

Tanner Veach
Ashlie Witham

Most Athletic

Steven Simmons
Katie Crandall

Most Outgoing
Q. What do you collect and how long have you been collecting it for?
A. "All different kinds of hats and I have been collecting them for about four years now."

Chris Peuker
Getting excited to win the spirit points, the juniors wave showing all their school spirit possible.

Aaron Halling
Q. What was your favorite part of the pep rallies?
A. "Trying to fit into the frozen shirts as a competition against the other classes."

Rachel Rush
Q. If you could be the school principal for one day, what would you change and why?
A. "I would change all the healthy food in the vending machines into junk food. Also, I would let students use their cell phones whenever they want."
What new type technology or gadgets do you own?

"I have the Captivate phone and I think it's better than the iPhone because you get free apps."
- Katrina Miller

Do you enjoy the game Black Ops? If so, how much do you play it?

"Yes, I play it whenever I can. I love the game Black Ops."
- Emma-Leigh Herrs

What kind of different music/songs do you listen to?

"I listen to 'Black and Yellow' and 'John Wall.' They're really good songs."
- Tyler Divesley
When it comes to style and what is "in," everyone has their own ideas. Some people like to follow trends, while others have their own unique sense of style. The juniors showed a wide array of style from fashion accessories, clothing styles, and gadgets.

One must-have for all teens was a gadget for playing music. Some played music on their cell phones, and ipods continued to be popular for downloading songs and apps.

Gaming continued to be a popular way for teens to spend their time. Many juniors, such as Judah Clary, liked to play online games such as Black Ops or Gears of War II.

"The Internet in Black Ops is like throwing a rock in the air. It's always gonna be down," Clary said.

Helping add to the girls' "purse-onal" style were purses in every size, color, fabric, and design imaginable. Someone who had a huge collection of purses was Lacie Diveley.

"Purses are a good way to express yourself," Diveley said.

Without so many choices in clothing, accessories, and gadgets, life in 2011 would have been pretty dull.

Katrina Miller, Terri Simmons, Lacie Diveley, Nikki Boc, Brook Fee, Michelle Johnson, Rachel Rush, Jessica Pickman, and Emma-Leigh Herrs sport their fashionable new purses. Miller, Simmons, and Pickman show off the leopard print. Boc and Pickman display crosses. Diveley's has different kinds of colors, and Fee, Rush, and Herrs show the big flowers coming into popularity.

What do you think is "in"?

1. "Camouflage is one of the more popular things today because of how country we all are."
   - Brook Fee

2. "Getting hurt in a game because everyone seemed to get hurt in athletic events."
   - Marc Ellis

3. "Hair Bumps because of Snooki from Jersey Shore. I love her hair! She can do anything with it."
   - Narda Cahue

4. "Gears of War II because all of my friends that have an Xbox 360 have bought this game. Aaron Halling and I always play it!"
   - Dylam Wood
Proving they have Mustang Pride, the sophomores proudly display their white-out attire during the Winter Royalty spirit week.

Sophomore Maddi Libel focuses on her homework.

Maddi Libel

Q: Who was your favorite teacher?

A: "Mr. Hoffman because I like math and he's very upbeat."

Goofing around, sophomore Aaron Johnson catches a ride on sophomore Luke Twombly's back.

Luke Twombly

Q: What is your best memory of sophomore year?

A: "The first basketball game against Troy because I scored 16 points."
Dressing up for "cowboy day," sophomores Cheyenne Kerns and Ravan Kentzler display their school spirit.

Ravan Kentzler

Q: What was your favorite dress up day during spirit week?

A: "My favorite dress up day during spirit week was group day."

Maggie Johnson

Q: What are you going to miss about being a sophomore?

A: "Not being in school with senior Nick Johnson next year."
For most teenagers, music is an essential part of life and DWHS sophomores are no exception. Whether it's through musical instruments, singing, or sometimes even dancing, music seems to fit into almost everyone's lifestyle.

"Music allows me to express myself in a way that I can escape the boring life of school," said sophomore Austin Ricklefs.

After a long day at school or work, students find that music is a great way to brighten their moods and melt away stress.

"Music makes me feel happy when I've had a hard day," sophomore Clarissa Billups said.

The release of new songs and albums each day gives teenagers never-ending entertainment. It becomes easy to get caught up in a world of music. When it comes to music, the possibilities are endless.

Whether it's in the car, at a concert or in their rooms, music is sure to play some sort of role in the life of a teenager.

Sophomores Abby Fee, Maddi Libel, Alexis Simmons, Laura Rush, and Emily Franken show off their moves on the dance floor during the Winter Royalty dance.

Preparing to drive home, BreAnne Caudle, sophomore, turns up the radio in her car. "I like to listen to the station 92.7," Caudle said.

While demonstrating his dancing skills, Derek Gibson, sophomore, flashes his favorite dance move. "My favorite dance move is the Hustle," Gibson said.

Sophomore Justin Simmons jams to his favorite song while listening to his iPod. Simmons said, "My favorite song is 'White Leather' by Lil Wayne and Ace Hood."

Pumping up the crowd during a basketball game, sophomore Kylee Keehn plays her trumpet in the pep band. "It's pretty cool how the sound comes out and it's just awesome," Keehn said.
Do you like to dance?

"Yes, I like to dance because it gets my mind off of stuff." - Amber Smith

It was discovered in a survey of the sophomore class that the most popular dance move was the "John Wall."

How often a day do you listen to music?

"The most I listen to music is about 30 minutes a day. It calms me." - Emily Franken

A survey given to the sophomore class showed that most of the sophomores listen to music 1 - 2 hours a day.

What is your favorite genre of music?

"I like all kinds of music. Whatever I'm in the mood to listen to I listen to." - Kevin Elliott

A survey of the sophomores revealed that rap and hip-hop are the most popular genres of music for their class.
Showing Doniphan West pride, freshmen sport the color white for White Out spirit day.

Luke Rush
Q: What is one of your hidden talents?
A: "I can wiggle my ears and lick my toes at the same time."

Payton Leach
Q: How did you bring in the New Year?
A: "I made a New Year's resolution to stay as far away from Luke Rush as possible." (Kiddingly speaking.)
Q: What was the most memorable part of being a freshman?
A: "Having to wait last to eat everyday stinks."

Q: What was your favorite high school dance as a freshman?
A: "The Zombie Prom, because I enjoyed seeing all the different costumes."
Every person has his or her own style. From hunting to high school events, a person has a way to their own personality.

The freshmen showed their style inside and outside of school everyday.

Some of the freshmen found it easier than others to be creative. "Creativity is easy!" Payton Leach said. "Being original makes a person creative."

Scotti Twombly said, "If you're creative you show your personality in everything you do. Creativity means individuality. It's sometimes hard for me to be creative."

Most of the freshmen class agree that creativity comes from being original and taking chances.

"I think when someone is creative they put it in their own way and make their own signature on things," Brielle Clary said. "I am creative when I write because I think of things no one else would."

Freshmen year is a time to "think outside the box," Luke Rush said.

The first year of high school was a place to develop a piece of personality that will be in a person for the rest of their life.

Jessica Wood, Julie Vonderschmidt, and Samantha Albers think outside the box and often decide to walk uptown for lunch.

How do you express your creative side?

1. Lost in a book
Meghan Larson passes by the time. Larson said, "I find Mary Higgins Clark and Nicholas Sparks books to be some of my favorites."

2. Julie Vonderschmidt
found cooking to be an interesting hobby during her freshman year. FACS teacher June Roberts stated, "She has become a one of my better cooks."

3. Decked out in blaze orange Luke Rush waits for the pheasant to get in range. When asked what made him have an interest in hunting, he replied, "A family friend Jed Johnson took me out hunting when I was little and right then I found it to be really cool."

4. Allysen Owens shows off her artistic style. She enjoyed art class during her freshman year. "I intend to continue with art class in all four years of high school," Owens said.
What is your creative side at home?

Kyleigh Edie shows off her room which sports the zebra theme with accents of turquoise.

What is your creative side at school?

Abbi Ellis and Narissa Elrod found an interest in Forensics during freshmen year.
"I'm planning on continuing in Forensics throughout high school," Elrod said.

What is your creative side outside of school?

Samantha Albers enjoys showing cattle in 4-H along with many other things including leading sheep. She plans on continuing with 4-H during high school.
Senior Taylor Martin smooths out a piece on her clay pot "Go Green."

During American Sign Language, Ruby Rhodd looks at her book and makes the sign for the word "because."

Kyle Alfrey dissects a fish during Biology II.
Lifting weights, freshman Kyle Shannon does the hand clean during his PE class.
Many options were available when it came to picking a science class this year. A popular choice was Biology II. 
"Biology II was easier than Biology I because we dissected more often," junior Chelsea Miller said. 
Along with dissecting crabs, the Biology II class also examined grasshoppers and worms. 
"It was fun to see what the inside of the creatures looked like, but the smell was far beyond pleasant," junior Brook Fee said.

During her social studies class, senior Taylor Martin finishes her board game assignment.

Juniors Chelsea Miller, Emma-Leigh Herrs, Jessica Pickman, and Jacob Lee show off the 1980's project they completed for American History.

Tradition may say that math class consists of sitting at a desk, opening a book, and doing math problems, but as the math students learned this year, math can be so much more. 
"Math was really fun this year. We did a lot of things outside of the classroom," freshman Macee Scott said. 
From doing problems on the board to finishing projects in the gym, math class was always kept interesting.
Cautiously dissecting a crab, juniors Brook Fee and Chelsea Miller tough out the horrible stench. "It was disgusting and really stinky," Miller said.

Watching carefully, senior Alaine Caudle observes a pendulum for study of physics.

After having a baby, social studies teacher Bailey Lanter was on leave for almost a whole semester. "It was more of a challenge to get work done without Mrs. Lanter there to motivate me," junior Michelle Johnson said.

Along with the regular history classes, a new class, History Through Film, was also offered. "History Through Film is an interesting class that teaches you history in a non-traditional way," senior Josh VanLaar said. "I feel that History Through Film helped me become a better writer and researcher and made long papers not as scary."

Using a measuring tape, sophomore Emily Franken and freshmen Megan Green and Macee Scott measure the gym floor as part of their math assignment.

Relaxing during a break in Economics, seniors Rachel Keller, Valerie Neibling, and Nick Johnson chill on the couch. "I learned a lot about our country and how it's run. I'll never forget the first day of American Government when we created countries and our two groups became the bearded nuns," Neibling said.

Sophomore Jake Wiedner carefully jots down World History notes.

Junior Autumn Royer concentrates on her math homework.
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N1ck Schneider and Kyle Alfrey poke their heads through the carved holes to act as KU and Missouri basketball players. "I enjoyed the field trip because I was learning outside of the ordinary," Alfrey said.

During P.E. II senior Travis Arnold does crunches with the medicine balls. "I enjoy P.E. II because I can get stronger and keep in shape.

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With new widescreen computer screens and updated software, the computer classes experienced an exciting and busy year. Vicki Winchester's computer classes completed several projects throughout the year. A few projects included sports highlight reels, play videos, prom, graduation videos, and Mustang Television.

Mustang Television was a newly-added project this year in which returning Computer Apps II students Katie Crandall and Landon Allen did a weekly newscast in front of a green screen every Wednesday.

This project was a huge success and students truly enjoyed receiving the daily announcements in a different form rather than just reading them off. "I always looked forward to seeing Mustang Television on Wednesday mornings," sophomore Emily Franken said.

Sophomore Maggie Johnson works on her multimedia project. "I am forced to figure out my problems and I am lost without Austin and Landon. I'm technically challenged and can't do anything without those boys," Johnson said.

As part of the weekly Mustang Television, senior Landon Allen reviews the newscast with computer/business teacher Vicki Winchester. Winchester said, "Mustang TV was something I hoped would be new and exciting for my advanced students. Landon and Katie took the idea and made it better than I ever dreamed it would be."

Freshmen Abbi Ellis and Trevor Kaufman finish up Career and Life Planning by washing the dishes used while cooking.

Freshman Narissa Elrod carefully hold up the Redicare Baby as she prepares to take it home as part of Parenting class.
Marshall Diveley, senior, connects copper links to form a necklace in Art IV. "I enjoyed the freedom we had when choosing our projects," Diveley said.

Junior Paige Ellis heats pewter for a Metals Jewelry project.

Shaping clay on the pottery wheel is much harder than it looks. It takes a lot of strength and skill.

"Throwing on the wheel was a fun and messy experience that really tested my patience; I will never forget it!" senior Ashlie Witham said.

Using the wheel to form clay isn’t just a piece of cake. It takes time to center the clay and make sure it is secure. Then the clay has to be wet down and formed.

Junior Terri Simmons said, "It was difficult because it’s hard to know when your bowl is centered because of the amount of water on it."

Junior Brittany Rauch finishes her Spanish final project of the year.

Sophomores Cheyenne Kerns and Ravan Kentzler study over their sign language material before a quiz.

Senior Stephanie Scales stands by the mannequin and clothes she made for her Senior Project.

Senior Project is a time consuming and difficult task all seniors have to successfully complete.

"Senior project was a great opportunity to get a taste of what my future may consist of. Senior project teaches many aspects of most jobs such as time management, speaking skills, organization, and pride of a finished project," senior Landon Allen said.

Many but not all seniors agreed that although senior project was hard, in the end it was a positive experience.
Sign Language is just another way to speak. This year students had the opportunity to take a sign language course that wasn’t previously offered.

"It was fun to learn sign language because it’s something new and you can definitely use it in the future," sophomore Ravan Kentzler said. The sign language class was taught in the IDL room through TV's. They didn’t have a teacher there to work with them one on one, so it made it much harder.

"It was really hard learning off the TV’s, sophomore Alexis Simmons said. "It didn’t help that the TV’s were blurry a lot."

Spanish club members freshman Payton Leach and junior Brittany Rauch load their plates at the Spanish Fiesta. "The best part about the Spanish Club was the parties we had," Leach said.
The choir does a group hug after the last song of their Mostly Musicals show.

Seniors Katie Crandall and Caleb Lackey get cozy with each other and their instruments before band class.

The small pep band plays during a timeout at a basketball game. Pictured are seniors Caleb Lackey and Katie Crandall, freshman Allen Dorrell, junior Keshana Cook, parent Yvette Cook, Amber Smith, Katrina Miller, and Kylee Keehn. Cheering on the band is freshman Samantha Albers.

Music teacher Harry Hamblin joins Caleb Lackey, Aaron Halling, and Trevor Kaufman in a performance of "Hey There Delilah" and "1,2,3,4."

Amber Smith, Ravan Kentsler, Cheyenne Kerns, and Brittany Rauch sing and dance during "Jai Ho," the last number of their Mostly Musicals show.

Juniors Brittany Rauch, Veronica Dickson, and sophomores Amber Smith and Cheyenne Kerns warm-up their voices in the soprano section of the choir.

Singing, dancing, and playing tunes is what the music department is all about, from a seven piece band to a twenty person choir.

At football and basketball games, the band played traditional pieces from "Go Big Blue" to the school fight song and some new favorites from "The Pirates of the Caribbean" to "Friday Night Frenzy."

The band members usually were found in a good mood and having a good time. Kylee Keehn said she liked being in band "because I love music," she said.

The choir had a good time together and enjoyed with performances as well.

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Music is. . . "Fun and Amazing" Katie Crandall, 12
"Musical fun with ensuing hilarity" Keshana Cook, 11

Fueled with a bit of Mt. Dew and a sucker, freshman Allen Dorrell keeps the beat for the pep band during a basketball game.

Jessica Wood, freshman, said, "I joined choir because I enjoy singing."

Freshman Brielle Clary said, "I enjoyed all the little laugh out loud moments."

After preparing for and performing contest pieces, the choir presented a show choir performance called Mostly Musicals.

Songs included were "Jai Ho" from Slumdog Millionare, "Gaston" from Beauty and the Beast, and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

Sophomore Aisha Diveley said, "In choir we became a family. Even though I enjoy contest and show choir, the best part was the random moments after warm up."

Getting ready to sing the national anthem at a home football game are sophomore Cheyenne Kerns, senior Caleb Lackey, juniors Terri Simmons and Keshana Cook, freshman Kim Elliott, sophomore Aisha Diveley, and junior Katrina Miller.
Meeting new people, traveling with friends, and learning about agriculture is a good way to sum up the FFA/agriculture experience this year.

Of the 126 students at DWHS, 80 are involved in FFA and participate in various contests throughout the year. Categories of those competitions included Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Ag Communications, Ag Mechanics, Dairy Foods, Poultry, Livestock Judging and Food Science.

"cooler than Chuck Norris." Mackenzie Cunningham, 12
"a good booster for people who plan on being in agriculture later on in life." James Walls, 9

Freshman Payton Leach enjoyed meeting new people and "I learned a lot about flowers and judging animals."

Sophomore BreAnne Caudle said, "Being in FFA helped me try different things and branch outside my comfort zone whether it's meeting new people or doing competitions that I'm not very comfortable or very familiar with."

Rachel Rush, junior, said, "Going to contests has given me the chance to test my agriculture knowledge against kids from schools around this area."

Warming up for the annual softball game against the Hiawatha FFA chapter are freshman Jessica Neibling and senior Taryn Gibson.

Freshman Sam Albers flings a handful of fresh manure at a target during Beau and Sweethart competition. Albers said, "It was really gross holding manure but still a lot of fun!"
At the end of Barnwarming when the Beau and Sweetheart are announced: sophomore Maggie Johnson, freshman Samantha Albers, junior Rachel Rush, Sweetheart senior Mackenzie Cunningham, Beau senior Nick Johnson, junior Aaron Halling, sophomore Jordan Sellers, and freshman Luke Rush.

Cunningham said, "Barnwarming was a fun and kind of embarrassing moment. I was surprised I actually won because the competition was really good."

Senior Josh Van Laar cuts metal for a project in Ag Fabrications class.

As part of the Barnwarming competition, freshman Luke Rush takes a good sniff to determine the mystery contents of the cup held by senior Robyn Boos. Among the items to detect were horse and chicken poop, hay, cracked corn, rotten milk, and a candy bar.
Forensics

Bottom: Narissa Erod, Keshana Cook, Katie Crandall, Abbi Ellis. Top: Caleb Lackey, Kimberly Elliott, manager Katherine Rush.

"I like Forensics because it lets me express myself in a way that can be inappropriate during school hours and go to new places and meet people as equally weird as me," Crandall said.

STUCO

Emily French, Jessica Pickman, and Michelle Johnson help pop the popcorn to serve the students as they watch "Despicable Me" for a December stuco activity.


FCCLA


This year, Landon Allen won a silver at state in the category of Entrepreneurship for Web Design. At state, he was able to showcase his national project from last year, and DJ the dance. For his project last year at nationals in Chicago, he received a gold for Entrepreneurship, also.
As the freshmen discover what high school is like on orientation day, they begin to express themselves. First: Elayne Clevenger. Second: Payton Leach, Hannah Lackey (L.L.), James Walls, Kimberly Elliott. Third: Elizabeth Courtin, Luke Rush, Keshana Cook (L.L).


Football is...hard hitting, grueling, adrenaline rush, homecomings, jumping, serving, big blocks, diving. Crowds out of breath, road trips. Wrestling is...mat burns, singlet-tipping, cheerleading is...glitter, hair ribbon, pom poms, spirit, hip hop, diddy, fight song, costumes. Girls Basketball is...goals, three pointers, boxing out. Boys Basketball is...feasting. Track is...shotput, javelin, relays, sand, high jump, sliding, sunflower seeds, sunburns, hard hits, ball control, slams, war paint, fast balls, stealing, pop flies, bunt, cold, crunching, tackling, rough. Volleyball is...smiling. Cross Country is...hills in Wamégo, blisters, shin splints, mat burns, singlets, head locks, chicken wings, pining. Girls Basketball is...quickness, rebounding, teamwork, head locks, driving, conditioning, jumping, dribbling, teamwork, printing, finish lines, hurdles. Baseball is...bases, dirt, softball.
cold, crunching, tackling, rough. Volleyball is... small. Country is... hills in Wamego, blisters, shin splints, 2, vets, head locks, chicken wings, pinning opponents. support, stunting, elevators, herkie. Dance is... rhythm... quickness, rebounding, teamwork, never giving up locks, driving, conditioning, jumping, dribbling, team jump, sprinting, finish lines, hurdling. Baseball is... base- paths, long drives, curve balls. Softball is... change ups, inting, hard work. Football is...hard hitting, grueling, cashing in tournaments, jumping, serving, big splashes of breath, road trips. Wrestling is...you'relonely, overleading is... glitter, hair ribbon, and hip hop, diddy, fight song, costume, new deals, three pointers, boxing out. Basketball, sweating, output, javelins, relay, sand, digging, sunflower, but... most, perhaps.

Senior Tanner Veach prepares to counter attack his opponent's move. "I get so excited when I am about to take them down," Veach said.
Helmets facing forward, down in position ready for the quarterback cadence, the offensive line prepares to block Washington County as Koby Scholz places his hand on the ball. "I enjoyed the experience of being center. The feel of starting the play was a thrill rush," Scholz said.

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Charging up the field, junior Marc Ellis tightens the grip of his hand on the ball gaining good yardage against Wathena. "From the moment I touched the ball I felt a touchdown," Ellis said.

Senior quarterback Keaton Blevins takes the lead block for senior running-back Tanner Veach to gain yardage uphill against Wathena.

Head coach Mark Martin gives advice to quarterback Keaton Blevins and the team during their timeout huddle. "I'll miss the opportunities to be a positive influence on the team," Martin said.

Junior quarterback Dusty Saunders watches and supports his team from the sidelines. He broke his leg in the first game of the season versus Maur Hill.
Senior Keaton Blevins steps back for the pass as senior Michael Hurd moves upfield. 2. Making a juke move, sophomore Jordan Sellers reverses his motion as he pushes the ball upfield. 3. The senior boys: Ethan Larson, Keaton Blevins, Tanner Veach, Josh Van Laar, Michael Hurd. 4. Leading the team onto the field, the senior boys charge out of the locker room with eagerness and excitement. "I get nervous and can't stand still. I think about only the game and envision plays being run in my head," senior Michael Hurd said.

D.West football is...a great experience you will never forget." Josh Van Laar. 12

The five seniors will not be the only ones missed, as seven year head football coach Mark Martin retired after the season. Martin lead many teams to district and state championships throughout his 25 years coaching.

Although the season fell short of both personal and team goals, perseverance kept attitudes positive. The senior boys played with a lot of heart which made up for the lack of size on the team.

"The physical size of our seniors was probably one thing that stands out. Even though they weren't big, they played with heart and determination," Martin said.

Martin said he will miss the relationships with players and the other coaches, the competition and Friday nights. He also wishes the football program the very best in the future.
Slamming the ball onto the Wathena court, sophomore Kassiday Blevins scores another point for the Mustangs. Blevins had 139 kills overall for the season.

Receiving another kill, sophomore Aisha Diveley reaches for the ball from the left side. "Hitting the ball is a good feeling. Just watching the person’s face after they fail to stuff me is worth it all," Diveley said.

Juniors Emma-Leigh Herrs and Rachel Rush fly into the air and block the hit from the opposing team Immaculata. "Blocking the volleyball makes me feel very powerful and unstoppable," Rush said.

Senior Taryn Gibson moves from her original position at middle and pounds the ball into the ground at the left side. "Pushing myself into the air to slam the ball into the ground is definitely an unforgettable feeling. I love it." Gibson said.

Passing back row as the libero, senior Katherine Rush digs up another spike. "It is always fun to see the expressions of the opposing hitter’s face when I dig up their hit," Rush said.
Competing at a high level during every practice and at every game was just one of the expectations of the Mustang volleyball team.

The team may have started off the year a little slow, but once the girls got a hang of one another, the season really began to take off.

"Players had to adjust to a new coach and a new style," head coach Kristin Lock said. The team shared and made many different memories throughout the season. Whether it was working hard at practice to earn a popsicle, or beating rivals on their home courts, the volleyball girls worked hard everyday and always left everything on the court.

"The teams we played against may have been hard this year but we did a very good job competing at a high level," senior captain Ashlie Witham said.

A Fresh Start...

1. Coming in backrow and serving another ace, junior Michelle Johnson averages 91 percent from the serving line.
2. Gathering in a team huddle during a time out, Coach Lock gets the Mustangs going and pumps them up with her encouraging words.
3. Seniors Ashlie Witham, Katherine Rush, and Taryn Gibson are ready to lead the Mustang team to victory in 2010.
4. Senior Ashlie Witham sets the ball to the outside hitting position. "It is always fun to see my teammates slam my sets into the ground," Witham said. Witham had 208 assists for the season.

It's an Air Affair

D.West volleyball is...

creating goals, and working for them." Michelle Johnson, 11
one team working toward a win." Emma-Leigh Herrs, 11

Scoreboard

Maur Hill: L
ACCHS: L
Nemaha Valley: L
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ACCHS: L
Jackson Heights: L
Troy: W
IMMAC: L
Horton: L
Substate-Valley Falls: L
Final Record: 11-23

Coach: Kristin Lock
Assistant: Bailey Lanter, KaCee Thompson

All League: Ashlie Witham 12, Emma-Leigh Herrs 11, Kassiday Blevins 10
Freshman Abbi Ellis, junior Nikki Boos, freshman Narissa Elrod, freshman Macee Scott, junior Veronica Dickson, and freshman Jessica Neibling huddle up before their regional race at Washington. "I loved it," said freshman Macee Scott about her first year of cross country.
I. Junior Marc Ellis and freshman Elayne Clevenger take the last picture of the season with coach Troy Hoffman after the state race in Wamego. 2. Junior Nick Schneider sprints towards the finish line to finish his last race of the season on a good note. 3. The seniors get a last group shot together. "What made this season different was the coach. I'm a senior so I felt like I should set a good example by trying hard," senior Hannah Lackey said. 4. Senior Nick Johnson paces himself in the Horton meet to pass the next runner.

Waking up at 6 a.m. was very tough for the team. Who wants to wake up that early to run? Usually no one does. But those on the cross country team had to make it a habit. 6 a.m. practices came in a hurry. The team walked in and there was coach Hoffman with the yellow reflective vests for their workouts. If they weren't doing long runs, they were on the track doing an endurance and speed workout.

When it came to the meets, the bus rides seemed to be more exciting than the actual running. The telling of jokes and being with friends made rides to the meets priceless.

The runners worked hard and improved throughout the season. "Everyone did something commendable," coach Hoffman said. He was surprised to see that 17 kids were out. The season ended on a good note at regionals in Washington.

Team Results

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Coach: Troy Hoffman
Honor State Meet Participants:
Marc Ellis, 40th
Elayne Clevenger, 66th
All-League
Marc Ellis

D. West

Xc is... only worth the bus ride. The rest is just a lot of running." Alaine Caudle, 12
amazing!" Aaron Johnson, 10

New Goals Set

Preparing themselves for a home football game, the spirit squad runs through cheers and diddys quickly before kick-off.

Juniors Rachel Rush and Jessica Pickman put on a facial for the crowd at the timeout diddy "check it out."

The dance team performs at the halftime of a home football game to ‘Fire Burning’ by Sean Kingston.

During a Troy varsity boys basketball game, the dance team performs to "Feedback" by Janet Jackson. Pictured Maggie Johnson shows off her moves while being right on point.

After performing the "stomp," the cheer and dancers toss candy to the students at the pep rally.
After losing 11 seniors from last year's team, the spirit squad gained fresh new faces eager to learn new diddies and routines. At the beginning of the season, the spirit squad went to the HCC Wellness Center for their annual spirit day. There they learned new cheers and routines that they were able to take back and perform for the home crowd.

This season, cheer and dance brought back some of the old favorites. From "Walk It Out" to "Feedback," the crowd got the opportunity to see new dancers perform the old favorites. "It was cool to see how much I have changed as a dancer since I performed these routines from freshman year," said senior Emily French, who has been a part of the dance team since her freshman year.

**Routines**

- Play Something Country at Relay for Life: Aug. 7
- Play Something Country: Sept. 17
- Fire Burning: Oct. 15
- Play Something Country: Dec. 7
- Evacuate the Dance Floor: Pep Rally
- Walk It Out: Feb. 18
- Feedback: Feb. 22

Coach: Kelly Twombly
Assistant: Julie Speer

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**We like it loud...**

1. Senior dancers Emily French, Hannah Lackey, Ashlie Witham, and Taryn Gibson. 2. Sophomore Laura Rush and junior Keshena Cook perform to "Walk It Out" at a varsity basketball halftime performance. 3. Front row: BreAnne Caudle, Scotti Twombly, Abby Fee, Gabby Speer, Hannah Lackey, Ashlie Witham, Nikki Boos, Aisha Divley, Maggie Johnson, and Michelle Johnson. 4. Stunting, freshman Scotti Twombly goes up in an elevator, based by senior Ashlie Witham, junior Michelle Johnson, and sophomore Gabby Speer.
Gripping the ball with one hand, senior Travis Arnold attempts to shoot over the Trojan defense during a close home opener for the Mustangs. "Troy was a tall team, so I had to jump extra high to get a shot off," Arnold said. The game was eventually lost after a game winning buzzer shot from near half court.

After the starters for the Wathena game were announced, senior Josh Van Laar breaks the team down with chanting "What time is it? Game time!"

Justin Simmons, sophomore, plays some varsity minutes for the first time of the season as he keeps the ball up while scanning the court to pass.

Dressing up for home games was a must for this year's program. The sophomore boys Luke Twombly, Austin Rickels, Jordan Sellers and Aaron Johnson sport their basketball ties during Vicki Winchester's Computer Apps class.

Senior Nick Johnson ball fakes the opponent, as he prepares to burn by the Wathena player. "I thought that basketball this year was a lot of fun because our team all got along well," Johnson said.
Senior Landon Allen prepares to drop step to the basket during winter royalty night versus McLouth. The team prepares to break the huddle after words of wisdom from the coaching staff. The senior boys grip the balls as they attempt the "cool" picture for the yearbook. Junior Marc Ellis sports the double Adidas socks as he brings the ball up the court versus Jackson Heights. "Double socks make the team look b.a." Ellis said.

D. West basketball is... a way to make it rain." Justin Simmons, 10
a way to make you better." Taylor Sullivan, 9

Record Doesn't Show Effort

The basketball boys finished their season with a 5-16 record. Even though the record shows a different story, it is a little misleading. Matt Ellis took over this year to build a program and start teaching the boys a new system.

"The steady improvement of all the players in the program" was some of Ellis's most memorable moments. Under his direction the players worked hard and showed steady progress.

Many games were close against teams, even the players weren't sure they could compete with. Teams such as KCC.

ACCHS, and Maur-Hill were all teams that were fought well against; however, those games were lost due to one or two bad key possessions.

If you ever walked into the gym in the morning you probably would see coach Ellis. He was a constant presence on the court and in the weight room. Working individually with student athletes gave them a true appreciation of his dedication to the game.

Ellis believes "a consistent skill development will be important if there is to be an improved level of play."
Jumor

Nikki Boos takes a big step by the opposing player in order to lay the ball into the basket. "The Wathena game was my best game and definitely the most exciting," Boos said.

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Driving around the opposing player, junior Rachel Rush heads toward the basket. "I like it when I beat the player when I drive to the basket," Rush said.

Freshman Abbi Ellis flies past the opposing Wathena player, where she drives into the lane, scoring a basket. Ellis averaged 10 points a game during the season.

As senior co-captain Taryn Gibson shoots around the opposing Troy player, she scores another two points for the Mustangs. "This is probably the most memorable season of all high school. I love the adrenaline rush that I get after I drive the ball to the hoop and score," Gibson said.

Junior Michelle Johnson takes the ball down the court to set up a play at the top of the key. "Before every game I always get nervous, knowing I am in charge of starting the play," Johnson said.

Determined

Girls Basketball

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Going to state was the goal of the Lady Mustangs this year. By working hard for two hours at practice, they hoped they would have a good chance. Although the Mustangs did not make it to state, they battled through every game and always left it all on the court.

"Once the girls gain confidence with the ball in their hands, we will be much better," head coach Hoffman said.

Throughout the season, many younger girls stepped up to play varsity positions due to injuries.

"Even though I was injured during the season, it was fun to watch the younger girls fill big positions," junior Jessica Pickman said.

The Mustangs worked hard through the season and finished strong.

"We will miss the enthusiasm that the seniors showed all season," Hoffman said.
The crowd, including Jim Howard, and coaches Carl Swendson and Frank Speer, go absolutely wild as sophomore Gabby Speer holds her opponent to the mat for a long fifteen seconds. This match determined whether Speer would be a qualifier for state. "I really couldn't have felt any better. I had worked my whole life to get to that moment," Speer said.

James Walls, freshman, uses arm control to keep his opponent from escaping during the DVL tournament.

Freshman Elayne Clevenger takes the lead in the middle of a match during the Marysville tournament.

Freshman Trevor Kaufman attempts a takedown while battling during the DVL tournament at Pleasant Ridge.

Derek Gibson, sophomore, uses a half nelson to turn his opponent at the Tonganoxie meet.
D.West wrestling is... a chance to be with a team, but be with yourself at the same time."

Elayne Clevenger, '9

D.West wrestling is... life outside of the real world."

James Walls, '9

With such a strong season and several accomplishments, the wrestlers had much to be proud of. Five wrestlers won 18 or more matches and three wrestlers qualified for state. "I was very excited because I worked hard for it all year," junior state qualifier Aaron Halling said. Lone senior Tanner Veach provided so much for the team during his last year.

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Senior Steven Simmons picks up the grounder and throws it from third to first base in the home game versus Troy.

Sophomore Jordan Cluck awaits the pitch to get a base hit against Royal Valley.

Freshman Matt Goodman pitches the ball in for a strike against Troy in Highland. "It was fun even though we didn’t win. I can’t wait till next year," Goodman said.

Junior Chris Peuker throws the ball from the outfield to attempt to throw out the runner against Troy.

Juniors Chris Peuker, Austin Veach, Nick Schneider, sophomore Jordan Cluck, and freshman Adam Wilmes watch and support the teammate that is up to bat. "My memorable moment was when we scored four runs in an inning," Schneider said.
A new sport was added to the athletics this year, and that sport happens to be the American Sport, baseball.

Many athletes went out this year for baseball, and the season was a learning curve for everyone as many of the boys had not played baseball in several years, or even not all at.

There were improvements seen by the end of the season.

"Very interesting," head coach Frank Speer said about the first season of baseball. He mentioned that the players just need to work out and play baseball to see more improvement next season.

The athletes enjoyed playing one of the most popular sports in the United States today. Already, most of them can't wait til next season comes.
Freshman Scotti Twombly does her best every pitch to strike the batter out. "I really enjoyed the responsibility as a pitcher and I loved the feeling everytime I struck someone out," Twombly said.

After sophomore Gabby Speer hits a home run against IMMAC, she is met by her team at home plate. "It's just a huge rush of adrenaline," Speer said.

Stepping up to the plate at Wathena is freshman Payton Leach. "At first I'm nervous, but then I'm so ready to smack that ball out there," Leach said.

Sophomore Maggie Johnson plunges into the air to catch a fly ball against Wathena. Once she caught it, she was unaware of where she was and fell through the fence.

Senior Ashlie Witham stretches out from the pitching mound to throw a strike against McLouth. "Before every pitch I just pray to God that it is going to make it into Gabby's glove!" Witham said.
A team is knowing you've got each other's back... 

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Coach: Natalie Dixon
Assistants: Julie Speer, Brad Dixon, Bethani Zeit

Final Record: 3-17

D-West Softball is... a new beginning, and my family." Emily French, 12

not being afraid to get dirty." BreAnne Caudle, 10

There's Nothing Soft About It

Heart, determination, family, and the willingness to get dirty were all just a few words describing the softball team.

This was the first year Doniphan West had ever had a softball team, so the girls had to overcome many obstacles. The girls worked together with each other, and got better each day.

"The team made huge strides in how to play the game of softball and what it takes."

We will continue to grow each year in this aspect," coach Natalie Dixon said.

The girls became a family, and always had a great time out on the field. They received their first varsity win in history against Immaculata, winning both games in the double header at home. Everyone on the team was so happy and proud of themselves anticipating what was to come for next year.
Senior Landon Allen starts his windup in the discus throw at the county meet in Wathena. "I will miss competing with others during the track meets," Allen said.

Sophomore Jordan Sellers extends his legs off his triple jump to try and beat his personal record at the county meet in Wathena.

Senior Robyn Boos jumps over the hurdle in the 110m hurdles at the D-West Relays.

Sophomore Austin Ricklefs hands off the baton to junior Marc Ellis in the 4x200 relay at the home meet in Highland.

Sophomore Kylee Keehn muscles her throw as far as she can get it at the Effingham meet.

Sophomore Jordan Sellers extends his legs off his triple jump to try and beat his personal record at the county meet in Wathena.
According to head track coach Nick Fuemmeler, there is no doubt that going out for track is a tough road. "It takes a lot of guts to go out and work as hard as these 18 kids did every single day," he said.

He believes there are many great things about being out for track. "If you want to get in shape and look and feel better, track is the place for you. If you want to improve as an athlete for other sports, track is the place for you."

Fuemmeler also said that each track athlete improved.

Travis Arnold broke the record in both hurdle events, while Clarissa Billups broke the record for the 100M hurdles.

"I'm very proud of the 18 who stuck it out for the entire season," he said. "They were a pleasure to work with! We ask a lot of our athletes both physically and mentally, and this group handled it very well. We will miss our five seniors next year, but they have helped to build a foundation for the future of our program."

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Run for Fun - Race for Place

1. Senior Travis Arnold tries to beat his personal record in the 300m hurdles in the home meet at Highland Community College. "The most memorable moment of the season was standing up on the podium to receive my state medal," Arnold said. 2. Freshman Elayne Clewenger and sophomore Katelyn Raymond compete against each other in the 1600m run at the county meet. 3. Sophomore Austin Rickels and freshman Taylor Sullivan pass an Elwood 200m runner to try to place in the county meet in Wathena. 4. Sophomore Clarissa Billups leaps over the hurdle in good form to place in the 300m hurdles.

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D. West track is... Awesome! Emily Franken, 10

a good way to show off your individual talent. Caleb Lackey, 12

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Results

- Falls City: Boys: 4th, Girls: 4th
- Elwood Relays: Boys: 4th, Girls: 6th
- McLouth: Boys: 10th, Girls: 12th
- ACCHS: Boys: 11th, Girls: 11th
- Rock Creek: Boys: 7th, Girls: N/A
- D-West Relays: Boys: 3rd, Girls: 3rd
- County Meet (Wathena): Boys: 2nd, Girls: 2nd
- Sabetha: Boys: 8th, Girls: 10th
- League (ACCHS): Boys: 9th, Girls: 13th
- Regional (Washington Co.): Boys: 13th

Head coach: Nick Fuemmeler
Assistants: Courtney Abbott, Chris Lackey
State Participant: Travis Arnold - 6th place in 300m Hurdles, participant in high hurdles.
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Senior Cody Winchester plunges his way along during a pep rally activity for Winter Royalty.

Seniors Stephanie Scales, Katie Crandall, and Taylor Martin break it down on the dance floor during prom.

Junior Terri Simmons and sophomore Kylee Keethn race each other for a scene in the spring play.
Events

Freshmen Trevor Kaufman, Kyleigh Edie, Megan Green, Narissa Elrod, and Allen Dorrell dress gangster for Homecoming spirit week days.
The 2011 Homecoming candidates make their smiles last after the crowning. "It was really fun and I got to experience it with my friends. I really loved the games at the parade," Keaton Blevins said.

Seniors Alaine Caudle and Katie Crandall prepare to act as hunters on their homecoming float.

Dancing at the pep rally during the homecoming parade are seniors Keshona Cook and freshman Narissa Elrod.

Senior Caleb Lackey prepares himself to take off as the first leg of the cone relays during the Friday activities.

"An experience that I shared with my best friends that I will never forget."

~Queen Emily French

The Senior Class came out on top winning the float competition. "The best part was sneaking into the underclassmen float sheds and making sure ours was better!" Taryn Gibson said.

The football game was played against Jackson Heights, and the crowning took place at halftime. Emily French was crowned as queen and Tanner Veach as king. The Mustang football team won their homecoming game 28-6.

After the football game, the students rushed home to change into their clothes to go show their dancing skills on the dance floor.
Queen candidates Ashlie Witham, Emily French, Taryn Gibson, and Hannah Lackey are forced to eat a messy banana split at the homecoming pep-rally.

Candidates for 2011 Homecoming include seniors Hannah Lackey, Tanner Veach, Keaton Blevins, Taryn Gibson, Nick Johnson, Ashlie Witham, Josh Van Loar, and Emily French.

During spirit week on group day juniors Nick Schneider, Judah Clary, Skylar Crossland, Colton Waggoner, Dylan Wood, and Rusty Krantz stay hidden in camoouflage.

Senior Landon Allen races to set up a bowling pin in a relay against his peers during the Friday day activities.
Creeped out by airplane passenger Marshall Diveley, Katie Crandall tries to get as far away as possible by leaning into the aisle of an airplane. Though the main focus of the play was not supposed to be focused on Crandall and Diveley, they added humor to the act. All the seniors involved in the musical are in this humorous scene.

Katie Crandall carries an unconvinced Caleb Lackey to center stage to perform "We Have to Sing This Song."

Abbi Ellis twirls her hair and Aaron Halling reads while waiting to be briefed on the group's next assignment.

Juniors Keshana Cook and Aaron Halling get into character during "No Room."
**Being a character on stage is...**

"Freedom of expression, and the ability to be someone completely different if you're bored with yourself...while still being yourself."

~Katie Crandall, senior

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**Acting is...**

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Seniors Cody Winchester and Mackenzie Cunningham compete in the Winter Royalty activities against their fellow candidates.

Sophomores Alexis Simmons and Maggie Johnson participate in era day during spirit week.

“Side saddle, oh yeah!” said senior Alaine Caudle during the Winter Royalty pep rally.

During the pep rally of Winter Royalty week the students cheer enthusiastically with the cheerleaders.

1. Seniors Emily French and Hannah Lackey and juniors Michelle Johnson and Rachel Rush rep the 80’s on era day. 2. The seniors show their Mustang pride by participating in white out day on Friday. 3. A large group of juniors earn spirit points by participating in white out day. 4. Dancing along with the music, freshmen Allysen Owens, Macee Scott, and Luke Rush get down with their bad selves. 5. Candidates Travis Arnold and Ashley Courtin participate in Friday’s pep rally before the big game that night.

Winter Royalty is...

"Really fun. I thought the candidate games were pretty cool. My favorite game was the plunger scooter race."

~Travis Arnold, senior

January Snows Bring Winter Royalty Woes

During the week of Winter Royalty, spirit week was cut short due to snow days. Being out of school for three out of the five days was a big bummer, but the students went out with a bang ending the week with era day and white out day.

"It really stunk that we only had two spirit days! I really was looking forward to dressing up for all the days. I had some pretty sweet outfits picked out for the rest of the week!!" senior Taryn Gibson said.

The pep rally on Friday consisted of activities specifically made for the winter royalty candidates. On Friday night the Mustang basketball teams took on the McLouth Bulldogs. In between the boys and girls varsity games queen Ashley Courtin and the king Landon Allen were crowned. Following the game the students had the opportunity to get their groove on at the dance. The dance was deejayed by king Landon Allen.
In the center of the dance floor, the seniors circle around the queen and king.

The evening's Royalty poses for a picture after the crowning of king Landon Allen and queen Ashley Courtin.

The 2011 king and queen, Landon Allen and Ashley Courtin stop for a quick snapshot after the crowning. "I was so relieved once the cameras stopped because my cheeks hurt so bad from smiling," Courtin said.

Freshmen Narissa Elrod and Elayne Clevenger participate in era day by dressing in the decade of the 80's.
Left to right, front to back:
Katie Crandall, (kneeling)
Morgan Prager, Caleb Lackey, Travis Arnold, Kylee Keehn, Katherine Rush, Kim Elliott, (standing) Terri Simmons, Alaine Caudle, Abbi Ellis, Nick Johnson, Amber Smith, Austin Ricklefs, Josh Van Laar, (arms raised)
Madison Smith, Macee Scott.

Senior Josh VanLaar gets make-up applied before the big performance.
"Yearbook" was my premier and finale of acting, it was a great experience that I'll never forget," Van Laar said.

Looking through the yearbook, the four main characters Kim Elliott, Katie Crandall, Travis Arnold, and Caleb Lackey have a flashback of "Jock Block."
"Being crazy; it happens," Elliott said.
Performing in front of a large crowd is...

The only thing that I have fun doing. Between singing and acting, the stage feels like my home. I enjoy performing in front of others and there is nothing more humbling than the power of an applause.

~Caleb Lackey, senior

Competing with sports and other extracurricular activities, the spring play struggled to maintain a steady cast. This play took place on April 15, 16, and 17, with a matinee for the students on April 15. There were many different students, some new, who participated and many very much enjoyed it.

"I've never done anything like the Spring Play before, and I had a blast doing it," senior Alaine Caudle said. "I was surprisingly less nervous when performing than I thought I would be."

There may have been a small number, but every single one of them had the dedication to keep the program going. At one point, some crew members were playing two different parts.

"The Spring Play was a lot of fun and very strange because you never know what will come out of Katie Crandall's mouth," Terri Simmons said. With many veteran senior graduating, they will be greatly missed.
When thinking of Las Vegas, someone may first think of Casinos and Show Girls, but as of Saturday April 9, 2011 the high school was decked out in glitz and glamour of Vegas. "When I walked through the high school doors it looked like I was walking on Las Vegas Boulevard," junior Rachel Rush said.

Prom is a date everyone puts a lot of preparations into. From buying beautiful gowns for her and renting snazzy tuxedos for him, much time and effort is put into prom. Jessica Pickman, junior, said, "Not only did I have to find a dress I liked, but I had to put a lot of time in setting up for prom, which at times was very stressful."

As the anticipation of prom grew near, tan skin and pedi-mani’s were found all around Doniphan West, while the guys hunted for "sweet" vehicles to roll up in. Senior Hannah Lackey said, "Prom is great, but for all you underclassmen, I would totally bring a shared limo next year!"
Junior Autumn Royer and her date Patrick Moore walk to prom.

Mackenzie Cunningham, Emma-Leigh Herrs, and Ashley Courtin boogie down at prom.

Megan Green, Ravin Walls, Paige Ellis, and Narda Cahue group dance.

Junior Jessica Pickman and her date sophomore Luke Twombly slow it down at prom.
The class experiences a ferry ride on the Gulf of Mexico while aboard the Robert C. Lanier ferry. "It was awesome, but I thought we were going to get eaten by seagulls," Steven Simmons said.

Gary Koelliker, Tanner Veach, and Ethan Larson show off their day old matching tattoos.

After eating and enjoying a night together at the Rainforest Cafe, the seniors take a group picture before departing.

Right before leaving Galveston to return home for graduation, the seniors visit the beach for one last time.
Look out Texas... here we come!

The gang enjoys their first night in Galveston by eating at Joe's Crab Shack.

Ethan Larson sports his latest purchase while hanging out by the motel pool.

While visiting Seawolf Park, Josh Van Loar explores every inch of the ship.

A group of seniors pauses for a pic in the Moody Garden’s aquarium tunnel.

Senior Sneak is...

"Da-bomb! Seriously the most memorable and fun senior trip I've ever taken!"

~ Ashley Courtin, senior

Beaches, sunburns, and tattoos... oh my!

After the hustle and bustle of finishing up senior year, seniors were beyond ready to kick off their shoes and sink into some smooth Galveston, Texas sand. After much debate, the seniors narrowed down their destination to Galveston for its unlimited shopping, eating, and swimming.

The plan of attack for the seniors was to depart from Highland at 11 p.m. after a track meet and baseball and softball games, and the gang did just that. The bus drove through the night to arrive in Galveston around 1 p.m. the next day. Right upon arrival, seniors went every direction: some to shopping, some to eating, and some to the beach. The idea of Senior Sneak is absolute freedom, and the seniors experienced a little taste of that by the endless possibilities of Galveston.

Some local attractions the seniors visited while vacationing included The Strand, a large shopping district; Moody Gardens; Joe’s Crab Shack; Rainforest Cate; the Galveston Island beach; Seawolf Park; NASA; and much more.

After browsing through several tattoo parlors in Galveston, Ethan Larson, Tanner Veach, Gary Koelliker, and Rachel Keller finally decided to land at The Asylum to get matching four-leaf clover tattoos.

"It was tight because it was the last night and four of us did it. I'm glad we got them because we did it big this year and it's just another way to remember it," Gary Koelliker said.
Don't Hate Us Cause We're Awesome

"The class of 2011 has left their mark on Doniphan West. We were the first class to be together from the very beginning since 6th grade.

Throughout the years we have been together, the path has been clearly marked. Along the way, we made many wonderful memories, grew together, and changed into the people we are today.

Now it is time for us to enter into the real world and create our own path. This path may be entering the work force, joining the military, or going to college.

The path you choose may not be easy and probably won't be clearly marked, but it will take you to where you need to go. Sure you could stick to the clearly marked path, but what's the fun in that? As you leave here today class of 2011, I challenge you to take the unmarked path, and you will be glad you did. Thanks to family, teachers, and community for supporting us on this path! Congratulations class of 2011, I wish you the best of luck on the path you choose to travel!"

~Salutatory speech given by Katherine Rush
Josh Van Laar, Tanner Veach, Cody Winchester, and Ashlie Witham are ready to join in the memorable valedictory address.

The senior class breaks it down one last time before beginning the graduation ceremony. They were given instructions by Alaine Caudle to just "go with it" and to help sing and dance when it came time for her speech. Her speech included "Don't hate us cause we're awesome... Do the graduation rock, rock, rock.

Caudle's speech was uploaded to YouTube and gained national attention from various news organizations including ABC news.

The senior class claps along to the rap song about the class of 2011 by valedictorian Alaine Caudle.

Ready to get the show on the road are Cody Winchester and Robyn Boos.
Dear Senior Class,

I love you. We've been together since 6th grade and consider us bros & sisters now. I will always remember you and our times at D-West. I wish you all the best of luck in all you do.

God Bless Everyone!

Class of 2011

I will remember all the special memories we made throughout high school! Best of luck with your future plans! I will miss all of you.

Katherine Rush

2011 SENIORS! our 4 yrs here at D-West High are over and we will all be moving in 39 diff. directions. I wish you all the best of luck in everything you do.

Much LOVE, Hannah!

Everybody has GREAT ideas!
Dear Seniors!
We did it! The end of our four years together is bittersweet. I will miss you all, but wish you the best of luck in your futures!
Love Always, Tiffany Gibson

I've enjoyed years here at Danphon West. My time here has come to an end and I wish everyone the best of luck in all you do!
Love,
London Allen

Class of 2011!
I am really going to miss all of you! This has been the best 4 years of my life. I hope and pray that all of you succeed in everything that you do. Our fun and exciting memories will never be forgotten.
Love Always,
Ashlie Witham
PS. I miss you!
Ethan, We are proud of you!

Love, Grandpa & Grandma

Cody, Our blessings go with you as you face new challenges. We love you.

Grandma & Grandpa Winchester

Valerie, You are a wonderful blessing from God. We know that He has a marvelous plan for your life and wants what's best for you. We pray that you will "pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace," (2 Timothy 2:22b) and "run with endurance the race that is set before (you)." (Hebrew 12:1c)

Congratulations!

Love always, Dad, Mom, Todd, and Jessica

Caleb Michael Lackey

Dear Caleb, Congratulations to our #1 Grandson. You have grown up to be such a fine young man. We wish you the best in all that you do.

Love, Grandma Pat & Grandpa Barton

Congrats Dillan!

May the fish always bite, and the deer always stand still!

Love, Danny, Mom, Brandon, Jacob, and Naomi

Dillan Colborn

From a beautiful baby to a beautiful young woman. Take your God-given talents to find the wings that will carry you to your dreams. Wishing you as many blessings in your life as you have brought ours.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Laura

Taryn, Congratulations! We are PROUD of you.

Love, your Grandparents,

Bill & Jean
Larry & Phyllis

Katherine Rush

Valerie Neibling

Cody Winchester
You've come a long way since you lived with your Grandma in the 80's! Congratulations, we love you! Love, Erin, Aaron, Kelly, & Katie

Josh Van Laar

Josh, We hope that your compass always points true North and that you never get lost (in a jungle or on a mountain) with no friends. Love, Mom, Dad & Jake

Landon Allen

"We are proud of you and wish you the best in your future."
-Love Grandma, Grandpa & Aunt Jan

"Faith gives the heart wings." We are so proud of you and love you very much! Mom, Pat, Kaley, Alex, Drew and Thomas

Hannah Jane Lackey

Life as you know it is about to change. We will support you in the decisions you make, (as long as they are good ones) lol

Love You Always & Forever Dad, Jessica, Ashton & Bailee

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"
(2 Corinthians 15:57)

Nicholas, The Lord truly gave you to us. You have fulfilled our lives with joy, triumph, laughter, pride and love. Continue to look to the Lord for guidance and strength in all that you do. Enjoy life and make the most of it.

Love, Mom & Dad

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."
(Psalm 20:4)

Nick, We are very proud of you! Good luck at K-State! Love You, Maggie & Leah

Congratulations, Ash, on all your hard work and accomplishments! Continue to set your goals high and may every dream come true with much happiness.
Robyn Nicole Boos
You have a great future ahead of you.
Love
Mom, Dad & Girls

Gary Koelliker
Congratulations Bearl.
We love you and are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad and all of your families

Ashley Susan Courtin
Congrats!
You made it!
I love you!
DAD

RACHEL KELLER
Congratulations Rachel!
We are so proud of you.
Best of Luck in all you do.
Mom, Dad & Family

Katie Rene Crandall
Blessed
"Cheese Sauce" we are proud of you
Dad, Mom & Ian

TRAVIS ARNOLD
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you.
You have been the greatest blessing and pleasure to have around since day one. Keep the Lord in your heart: pray, love and laugh often. WE LOVE YOU. May all your dreams come true, God Bless.

Love Mom, Dad, Adam, and Nathan

Alaine.
You have a great future ahead.
We are proud of you!
LOVE Mom & Dad
God has something to say
So he sent and angel our way
A granddaughter to love
Directly from heaven above

Hannah You are so happy and carefree
No greater love could there be
As you grow from day to day
I know God has great plans for you every day.

We are always here for you, Hannah Jane
Love,
Grandpa and Grandma

Taryn Melissa Gibson
Spread your wings and FLY!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Regan,
and Derek

Keaton Michael Blevins
Go with confidence into the future.
Remember you have the strength
within you to reach the stars.
Reach high and dream deep because
you can live the life you have
imagined.
We love you and always wish
you the very best!!

With much love, to our "Cub",
Mom, Dad, Katelyn, Kassidy,
and Kortlin

Ethan David Larson
We are so proud
of you!
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Meghan

Michael Joshua Hurd
We are
Proud
of you!
Love,
Mom, Bochman,
Molly, Meghan,
Grandma & Grandpa

Emily French
Way to go, Slappy!
Your hard work is paying off!

We are proud of you... Papa & Nana

Proverbs 3:5-6

May you have a full and happy lifetime of learning.

From,
Grandfather &
Grandmother
Albers

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Caleb,

From the little boy who didn't go anywhere without fists full of animal figures...To the teenager who developed a great love of music and creativity... To the young adult with a bright future...It's been an incredible journey. Thank you for taking us along.

We love you to the moon and back,
Dad, Mom, and Carson

Kenzie,

We are so proud of you! Keep a strong heart in everything you do. From the ones who love and are blessed with you! Daddy sends his love too!
Mariah, Mom, Bryce
Family & Friends
“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.”
—Dr. Seuss

We are so incredibly proud of whom you have grown up to be. May God bless you and guide you through your life’s journey.

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Aisha, & Stetson

JOB 8: 21 (NIV) - "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy."

We pray the joy in your life will never leave this moment of laughter... Love, Mom, Steve, Jessica, Ashton, and Bailee

Congratulations Nick

You’re the greatest.

Love, Grandma and Grandpa Johnson

I couldn’t be more proud of you. I love you so much!

Good luck with everything!

Love, Grandma Boos

Emily aka Hank

Our great maintenance man, we are very proud of you.

Love, Uncle Jay and Aunt Bev

Chapel Oaks
Tanner Veach

Congratulations Tanner! We are so very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom
Austin, Ashton,
Grandma Judy, Grandpa John,
Grandma Pam, Grandpa Jake,
Grandpa Twombly

Marshall Diveley
Good luck in the future and may all your dreams come true.

Love you,
Grandma Diveley

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President Obama signs the Executive Order on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics to support education issues in the Hispanic community.

Soldiers Home From Iraq
This soldier, from the U.S. Army 4th Infantry, returns home to Colorado as a result of President Obama’s directive to reduce our troops in Iraq.

WikiLeaks/Diplomats
The U.S. government is compromised when Julian Assange’s WikiLeaks website publishes sensitive diplomatic cables discussing Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and China.

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords
After a nearly fatal gunshot wound, Representative Gabrielle Giffords continues her difficult recovery.

The Oil Spill
A BP oil rig explosion triggers the biggest oil spill in U.S. history, releasing more than one hundred million gallons into the Gulf of Mexico.

Individuals and businesses affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill submit official claims for costs and damages with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

Medal of Honor
Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a 25-year-old Army staff sergeant who served in Afghanistan, is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since 1976.

Alaska Senator Re-elected
Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski is re-elected as a write-in candidate.

President Obama signs H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The 2,400-page law is aimed at improving health care coverage and lowering costs.
Bedbug

Bed bug infestations, once almost eradicated in the U.S., are a growing nuisance in hotels, stores, office buildings and homes in all 50 states.

Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections. Representative John Boehner of Ohio becomes the 61st Speaker of the House.

Despite attempted Thanksgiving holiday protests, airports across the U.S. implement full body scanners to screen airline passengers for possible weapons and explosives.

Miners Rescued

The world celebrates as 33 miners from Chile’s San Jose Copper-Gold mine are safely rescued after spending two months trapped 700 meters underground.

Happy Meals

A new law aimed at fast food marketing in San Francisco requires that kids’ meals meet nutritional standards before they can be sold with toys.

General Motors

Emerging from bankruptcy, General Motors is profitable again. The company raises $20.1 billion in the largest global initial public offering (IPO) in U.S. history.

Egyptian President resigns

After protests in favor of democracy peaked in the streets of Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak steps down.

Prince William Engaged

Britain’s Prince William and Kate Middleton announce their engagement in November 2010. They plan to marry in 2011.
A new element, discovered in 1996, finally receives its official name: Copernicium. It is named in honor of Copernicus, the Renaissance mathematician and astronomer.

TOMS Shoes
TOMS Shoes, which donates one pair to a child in need for every pair sold, becomes a philanthropic fashion phenomenon.

Electric Car
Nissan introduces the Leaf, an electric car. According to the official EPA sticker, the car achieves the equivalent of 99 miles per gallon.

New Life Form
NASA-funded astrobiology researchers discover a new life form, a bacterium that can use the toxic chemical arsenic as fuel for growing and rebuilding itself.

Food Fly
Researchers using fruit flies to study human obesity have found that obese flies have many of the same problems as obese people, including high cholesterol and difficulty regulating insulin.

Lead in Reusable Bags
A U.S. senator asks the government to investigate when reusable grocery bags sold by a Florida supermarket chain contain harmful levels of lead.

A Nielsen survey reports that the Apple iPad is the most-wished-for holiday gift among pre-teens. Thirty-one percent of kids want one.
Comet

NASA’s EPOXI Mission shows amazing images of comet Hartley 2, 23 million miles away from Earth in November 2010.

The NBA and WNBA promote Vaccines for Teens, an awareness campaign designed to educate teens and parents about the importance of vaccinations.

Actress and singer Selena Gomez, age 18, serves as the spokesperson for UNICEF’s trick-or-treat campaign. She is the organization’s youngest goodwill ambassador.

Wind Turbines become more prevalent. The emergence of “wind farms” signals the beginning of what could be a wind energy boom.

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile shifts our planet’s axis by about three inches and shortens the Earth day by 1.26 millionths of a second.

The Environmental Protection Agency investigates how to manage and regulate fracking, a process used to release the natural gas trapped under dense rock.

No more searching your car for quarters! Cities from coast to coast are installing solar-powered, WIFI-enabled parking meters that can accept credit cards.

The black kokanee, a species of freshwater salmon thought to be extinct for 70 years, is found living in a lake near Japan’s Mount Fuji.
Spain Claims the
World Cup
Spain defeats The Netherlands to win 2010 FIFA World Cup Championship trophy. Midfielder Andrés Iniesta’s goal makes the final score 1 to 0.

Surfer Andy Irons Dies
The surfing community mourns the death of Andy Irons, age 32. The champion surfer had contracted dengue fever, a virus spread by tropical mosquitoes.

Manny Pacquiao
Manny Pacquiao fights Antonio Margarito to earn the WBC World Super Welterweight title. Pacquiao is also a Congressman in the Philippines.

Lakers Win NBA Finals
Former Laker great Magic Johnson and Kobe Bryant celebrate the LA Lakers’ NBA Finals Game 7 win against the Boston Celtics.

Zenyatta
In the Breeders’ Cup Classic at Churchill Downs, thoroughbred champion racehorse Zenyatta ends her 19-race winning streak, losing by a head to Blame.

NFL Stresses Safety
The NFL announces that players can be suspended without pay for dangerous hits to an opponent’s head. The move is aimed at preventing tackling injuries.

The San Francisco Giants capture the Commissioner’s Trophy by defeating the Texas Rangers 3 to 1 in Game 5 of the World Series.

Cy Young Award
Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay wins the National League Cy Young Award by a unanimous vote, becoming the fifth pitcher to receive the honor in both leagues.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers leads the Green Bay Packers to a 31-25 Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tony Hawk welcomes Olympic gold medalist snowboarder Shaun White to his second annual Stand Up for Skateparks benefit in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Jonathan Byrd’s Hole-in-One
Golfer Jonathan Byrd wins his fourth PGA Tour victory with a hole-in-one on the fourth playoff hole in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

LeBron James announces via live ESPN special that he is leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat. Fans and commentators condemn the move.

Gymnast Alicia Sacramone takes a hiatus from her college career to take a gold medal for vault at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Rotterdam.

Blackhawks Take Stanley Cup
The Chicago Blackhawks win their first Stanley Cup since 1961. In Game 6, they defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4 to 3 in overtime.

NCAA Volleyball Champs
The Penn State Nittany Lions women’s volleyball team sweeps California to take the NCAA title for the fourth year in a row.

Federer Ties Sampras Record
Roger Federer catches up to Pete Sampras’ record of 64 singles tournament wins by winning the Stockholm Open in Sweden’s Royal Tennis Hall.

Lindsey Vonn
Female Athlete of the Year
The Associated Press names Lindsey Vonn, the Olympic gold medalist skier, as its 2010 Female Athlete of the Year.

Serena Williams
Wins Her Fourth Wimbledon
Tennis champion Serena Williams captures her fourth ladies’ singles title at Wimbledon without losing a single set in the entire tournament.

Jimmie Johnson drives his #48 Lowe's Chevrolet to his fifth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Chris Trotman/Getty Images for NASCAR
**My Chemical Romance**

"Na Na Na," by My Chemical Romance, is a popular punk anthem. It's included in the Rocktober track pack for Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock.

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**Francesca Battistelli**

Genre-spanning Christian artist Francesca Battistelli releases a new album, *Hundred More Years.* The first single is "This Is the Stuff."

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**Jackie Evancho**

Jackie Evancho, the 10-year-old soprano who came to fame on *America's Got Talent,* releases a bestselling holiday CD/DVD titled *O Holy Night.*

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**Lady Antebellum**

Country supergroup Lady Antebellum took home five Grammy awards, including Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

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**Taylor Swift**

Taylor Swift's *Speak Now* is the first release by a female artist since Britney Spears to sell more than 1 million copies in its first week.

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**Miranda Lambert**

Miranda Lambert receives a record-breaking nine CMA nominations. She wins three trophies, including Album of the Year for *Revolution* and Female Vocalist of the Year.

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**Travis McCoy**

Travis McCoy, of Gym Class Heroes, releases his first solo album. The lead single, "Billionaire," goes double platinum and tops the U.S. and U.K. charts.

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**Brad Paisley**

Brad Paisley takes home the Country Music – Favorite Male Artist award from the American Music Awards and the CMA Entertainer of the Year Award.
Lady Gaga took home two Grammy awards for Female Pop Vocal Performance and Pop Vocal Album.

A surprise comeback gave Train the Grammy for Pop Performance by a Duo or Group for "Hey Soul Sister."

Justin Bieber is named Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. At age 16, he is the youngest recipient of this top honor.

Enrique Iglesias' Everybody likes "I Like It," the first single from his bilingual album, is named Best New Act and tops the charts in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

Ke$ha wins the Best New Act award at the MTV Europe Music Awards and ends the year with three songs on Billboard's Hot 100.

Carrie Underwood wows the American Music Awards. Her third studio album, Play On, garners the Country Music Favorite Album award.

The Black Eyed Peas release a new album, The Beginning, and book an appearance at the halftime show of Super Bowl XLV.
Google CEO Eric Schmidt gives a talk about how Google TV will unite web surfing with channel surfing.

**Boom Box**
This is definitely not your father’s boom box. The latest MP3 technology combined with 1980s styling make this machine a must for modern parties.

**Call of Duty: Black Ops**
Black Ops, the seventh installment in the Call of Duty game series, sells a record-breaking 7 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release.

**Bean Bag Chairs**
A new generation adopts the retro bean bag chair. This updated classic is ideal for watching television, playing games, reading and keeping up with social media.

**The Lost Hero**
In The Lost Hero, the sequel to his Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, author Rick Riordan introduces three new characters: Jason, Piper and Leo.

Suzanne Collins publishes Mockingjay, the third and final book in her popular science fiction series, The Hunger Games trilogy.

**Rock Band 3**
Featuring a new keyboard and 83 songs, Rock Band 3 is released worldwide. Its Pro mode mimics the experience of playing real instruments.

**Xbox Kinect**
You don’t need a controller to play the newest technology games. The Xbox Kinect features a sensor that can read motion, faces and voices.

A new, motion-sensing controller debuts for the PlayStation 3 console. The Move is a Bluetooth wireless wand. Players can use up to four at once.

Younger kids get their very own dance video game. Just Dance Kids challenges Wii players to master more than 40 dances led by real kids.
Members of the Valastro family, of Carly’s Bake Shop in Hoboken, become popular reality television stars in Cake Boss on TLC.

The cast of Jersey Shore appears on Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010.

Team Coco rejoices as Conan O’Brien returns to late night television. Conan uses Twitter and YouTube to announce the premiere of Conan on TBS.

Aria, Hanna, Emily and Spencer are back for another season of mystery, intrigue and secrets on the ABC suspense drama, Pretty Little Liars.

Minute to Win It, starring Guy Fieri, returns to NBC for a second season of fast-paced challenges and cash awards of up to $1 million.

American Idol
American Idol announces that Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith’s Steven Tyler will join Randy Jackson to judge a new crop of aspiring singers for Season 10.

No Ordinary Family
No Ordinary Family is a hit ABC drama. After the Powell family survives a South American plane crash, they develop new superpowers — and new enemies.

Betty White
The Associated Press names Betty White, age 88, as its Entertainer of the Year. She poses for a calendar to raise money for animal charities.

Life imitates Glee
Glee is being heard! The popularity of Glee prompts a resurgence of glee clubs in middle schools, high schools and colleges across the country.

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Outsourced
A call center for an American company is recently outsourced to India in the NBC comedy hit Outsourced.
In The Social Network, Jesse Eisenberg stars as Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, the brilliant and abrasive Harvard misfit who revolutionized social media.

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
Shia LeBeouf stars as a young trader who tangles with Gordon Gekko, a disgraced financier played by Michael Douglas, in Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

Secretariat, an acclaimed feature film, depicts the true story of a legendary racehorse, the 1973 winner of the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing.

True Grit, a mythic Western adventure story, earns 10 Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.

Leonardo DiCaprio
Leonardo DiCaprio is the world's top-grossing movie star. His 2010 releases earn a combined $1.1 billion at the box office.

Loyal fans line up for midnight screenings of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1. The movie makes $330 million during its first weekend.

Date Night
A case of mistaken identity spirals out of control when a suburban couple steals someone else’s restaurant reservation in the action comedy Date Night.

What happens to toys once their owners go to college? In Toy Story 3, Woody and Buzz Lightyear find new friends and face new challenges.

How Do You Know
Reese Witherspoon tries to decide between Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson in How Do You Know, a romantic comedy about a love triangle.

Amanda Seyfried stars as the title character in Red Riding Hood, a romantic horror tale about a medieval village terrorized by a werewolf.
Iron Man 2
Robert Downey, Jr. returns as the inventor-superhero Tony Stark in Iron Man 2, a long-awaited sequel featuring storylines adapted from Marvel Comics.

Unstoppable
A runaway train is on a collision course with disaster, unless Denzel Washington and Chris Pine can save the day in the suspenseful thriller, Unstoppable.

Life As We Know It
An orphaned baby goddaughter inspires Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel to set their differences aside in Life As We Know It, a romantic comedy.

Meggamind
When a cartoon super-villain defeats his nemesis, he loses his will to be evil. Will Ferrell lends his voice to the reluctant hero of Megamind.

The Crazies
After a mysterious toxin enters the water supply of an Iowa town, many residents go insane in The Crazies, a sci-fi horror flick.

The Chronicles of Narnia
Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is a 3D feature film adaptation of the third book in the C.S. Lewis fantasy series.

The sequel to a science-fiction thriller from 1982, Tron: Legacy follows the adventure of a young man who investigates his father’s mysterious disappearance.

Mysterious “burglaries” in a family home turn out to be something far more sinister in Paranormal Activity 2, the prequel to a popular horror film.

The sequel to a biology concert film with the biopic concert film Never Say Never.

Based on the true story of King George VI, The King’s Speech earns 12 Academy Award nominations.

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Plaid Shirt
The boy-style plaid flannel shirt is a popular look for both guys and girls. Just add a pair of perfectly worn jeans.

Top Siders
From popped collars to Top Siders, prep style endures. True Prep shows a new generation how it's done and what it means.

Sequins
Shiny, sparkly sequins become a major fashion trend when Zoe Kravitz and runway models are spotted wearing them on hats, dresses and tops.

Hots
Self-expression is always in fashion and the right hat makes it easy to add panache (and hide a bad hair day). All you need is a cute fedora or a jaunty newsboy cap.

Military jacket
There's nothing olive drab about this trend. Military jackets are snappy, sleek and chic — a far cry from the oversized Army surplus look of yesteryear.

Pillow Pets
Now it's a stuffed animal. And now it's a pillow. Puffy, popular PillowPets™ may be the snuggliest, softest trend of the year.

Energy Drinks
Energy drinks are the beverage of choice among sleep-deprived students, despite concerns that they contain unhealthy levels of sugar and caffeine.

Energy Drinks
They look cool. And they sound even cooler.

Military jacket
Dentists report that more and more teens are asking about teeth bleaching procedures, especially for photo-op occasions like proms or sweet sixteen parties.

Flip Flops
Parents and foot doctors hate them but the flip-flop fad is a year-round phenomenon for guys and girls alike (except during snowstorms).

Mineral Makeup
Beauty mavens agree: mineral makeup rocks. These sheer, lightweight, powdery formulas are the smart alternative to gooey, pore-clogging foundations.

Mineral Makeup
Get the look with a classic polo, distressed skinny jeans and leather belt with your favorite treads.
Hippie style is hip once more. Tie-dyed effects on shirts and dresses appear on runways, beaches and boardwalks.

Colorful, quilted Vera Bradley bags are the epitome of sorority sister style. Devotees mix and match Vera messenger bags, clutches, totes and wallets.

The rugged, battle-tested G-Shock watch is the preferred timepiece of snowboarders, skateboarders, surfers and other extreme sports fans.

Everybody needs an afternoon snack but nobody has time for milk and cookies. The newest granola bars deliver easy energy between lunch and practice.

The bandz are banned! Some schools decide that Silly Bandz — the popular silicone rubber bracelets — are too distracting for the classroom.

Go for an edgy, urban look in these American Rag Twill Skinny Cargos — perfectly paired with a belted Cowl neck sweater!

Long, flowing scarves become a year-round trend. This must-have accessory is the easiest way to add color and interest to casual outfits.

It's a toy. It's a slipper. It's a fun fashion trend. Sock monkey slippers are popular in college dorms and at slumber parties.

Long, statement necklaces are trend-right. Gossip girls look luxe with Tiffany-style trinkets. Layered, chunky, vintage baubles create an alt-rock, art school vibe.

Boots go to great lengths. Over-the-knee styles are seen everywhere from runways to red carpets. Trendsetters wear them with short skirts or slim leggings.
Oprah’s No Phone Zone Pledge

I promise to keep my cellphone out of sight and out of mind when I’m eating meals with others. I’ll look them in the eye to show I’m paying attention. I’ll not text or email during the meal, or while my attention is otherwise needed.

Take the Pledge

3D leaps from the movie studios into the palm of your hand. Panasonic launches the first consumer video camera that can record tridimensional images.

Redbox kiosks serve as conveniently located vending machines for DVDs and video games. Just pick a flick and swipe your credit card.

You can buy anything from puppies to Pontiacs on Facebook’s Marketplace app, which rivals Craigslist as the classified section of the social media generation.

Disgruntled passengers fight over space in the overhead bins as most airlines institute baggage fees ranging from $15 to $25 per bag per flight.

Smartphones become faster, cheaper and more addictive than ever for everyone who loves to text, surf and maybe even talk once in a while.

Old media acknowledges the power of new media when TIME names Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year for 2010.