This Yearbook has video! Use a smartphone or tablet to trigger videos on several of the pages.
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1. Austin Taylor shows off his Jostens senior gear.

2. Bubba Jackson, Gabe Powell, Camryn Bollinger, and Jacob Libel, freshmen, work concession stands during a volleyball game.

3. The Superheroes dodgeball team: Luke Blevins, Levi Watts, Cooper Leach, Austin Taylor, Mia Scott, and Aubree Robinson pose during the dodgeball tournament at the beginning of the year.

4. Gamefaces on, Brooklyn Rush and Mia Scott are ready to be tough for powder puff.
Senior Wade Joyce is all dressed up and waiting in line to get his senior portrait picture taken by Interstate Studios.

Seniors Cort Pottorf and Chelsea Chuck and junior Jaime Albers wear festive Christmas sweaters at the end of first semester.

Wearing camo for Hunter Idol, the student body forms Hunter's football number three to show their support for him during the recovery from his accident.

Pressed to hurry up, freshman Jack Pickman laughs as he tries to peel and eat an orange that has been passed via feet after the powder puff game activities.
Student Life

More than just a name & a face

1. Upon enlistment in the U.S. Army, Denny Anderson shakes the hand of his recruiter at the Kansas City military processing station. Anderson will go basic training on May 23, 2017.

2. One of Gabe Dunn’s many hobbies is caving, especially in Missouri caves. He is shown wearing the gear.

3. Among the talented students is Reed Bees, a third place finisher in calf roping at the junior high nationals in Des Moines during June 2013.

4. Several students went through injuries and surgeries throughout the year including Kenzie Blevins, ankle and hand; Quajanae Jackson, foot stress fracture; Wade Joyce, ICL; Mia Scott, foot; and Callie Caudle, foot stress fracture.

Senior Hunter Idol was a mile away from home when he was in a vehicle accident Sunday, Sept. 20 around 8 p.m. According to traffic reports, his truck was totaled, but the cause of the accident is unknown. Idol was hospitalized for 11 days at Mosaic Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo., five of them in ICU. He then went to Madonna Rehab in Lincoln, Neb. for 23 days.

Immediately, students, family members, and friends came together to show. Hundreds of t-shirts and bracelets were purchased, but most of all, prayers and concern helped during this stressful time.

Starting Oct. 27 Hunter returned to Madonna Rehab for evaluations and then started day rehabilitations. He gradually came back to school a few days at a time.

By the end of his senior year, Hunter was able to play baseball, complete Senior Project, attend senior trip, and graduate with his classmates.
16 words
"Monsters are real and ghosts are real too, they live inside of us sometimes they win."

16 words
"Hinting on the fact that I am always late, all I want to do is graduate."

16 words
"Thank gosh that I don't have to come back here. I can't wait to graduate. Whoop!"

16 words
"I'm going to miss my classes. You guys are the best. Good luck in your future."

16 words
"Senior year was fun, but I really miss my theatre class. Can't wait for this to be over."

16 words
"Carry your memories with you each day because you'll never know when you will lose them."

16 words
"It was a fun year with all my friends. Had a lot of good times.

16 words
"My best friend, and our class is the best there's ever been."

16 words
"I will be really glad when the year is over. Goes by quicker than you think."

16 words
"Sometimes, you'll never know the value of the 2016 class until they become the best memories."

Class officers
President - Lane Spiker
Vice President - Austin Taylor
Secretary - Kenzie Blevins
Treasurer - Cori Pottorf
Stuco rep. - Chelsea Cluck
Stuco rep. - Andy Hughes

Flower
White Daisy

Colors
Sky Blue & White

Motto
In our Hands we hold today,
In our Dreams we hold tomorrow,
In our Hearts we hold forever.
Favorite Senior Memory?
- Buying Mr. Lackey a card that said, "It's a boy!"

Favorite all high school memory?
- State BB because people came out to support us when we ran out on the court.

Advice to underclassmen?
- Always be positive and never give up.

What's Your...

Favorite Senior Memory?
- Buying Mr. Lackey a card that said, "It's a boy!"

Favorite all high school memory?
- State BB because people came out to support us when we ran out on the court.

Advice to underclassmen?
- Always be positive and never give up.
Class shows their true personalities while trying to take a serious photo on the first day of school.

Carson Lackey adds a fun effect to show more of his personality.

Kimble Trainer never backs down from a challenge, including walking on his hands.

Cara Prawl scoots for a Winter Royalty class competition.

Katie Peuker, Denny Anderson, and Rachel Lemke lead the junior class float down Main Street.

1. Lane Olson and Landon Parsons
2. Hailey Fee
3. Calvin Simmons
4. Denny Anderson and Malachi Manis
5. Trevor Taylor
6. David Shannon
7. Pajama Day
8. Jordan Ogden

Juniors show class spirit during the Winter Royalty activities.

For the love of nerds....
Favorite snack
Oreos
Lane Olson

Instagram name?
Jay_may5
Jaime Albers

Favorite baby names
Girl- Shaniqua
Boy- Shay-ron
Brantley Cluck

Juniors 2017

Class officers
President - Carson Lackey
Vice President - Jaime Albers
Secretary - Kirsten Huss
Treasurer - Malachi Manis

Carlie Taylor, Phillip Simmonds, David Shannon, Rachel Lenke and Kirsten Huss have just received their after-prom t-shirts.

Junior Mia Scott and Carlie Taylor on the first day of school.
The sophomores gather on the bleachers to take a "First Day of School" picture on August 21.

1. Calli Caudle  
2. Seth Baublit  
3. Tayiah Whetstine and Ellie Clark  
4. Zeb Speer  
5. Gabe Dunn  
6. Remington Powell  
7. Calli, Emma, Tayiah, Zeb, Shayna, Brook, Ashton, Dakota.  
8. Sierra Manis and Haileigh Ogden

**Class officers**  
President - Gabe Dunn  
Vice President - Devin Taylor  
Secretary - Tayiah Whetstine  
Treasurer - Levi Watts

On the day Jostens delivered class rings, it's time to share and compare the many unique ring designs.

Luke Blevins tries to intimidate his dodgeball competition before the whistle.
Zeb Speer, using his 8th grade backpack for Animal Day, assumes a turtle position during homecoming week.

Shayna Wilson, Cali Caudle, and Brooklyn Rush hold up the breakthrough for the football boys.

Devin Taylor, Gabe Dunn and Remington Powell are proud of their new class rings that they personally designed.

What's Your..

» Favorite snack?
  Jalapeno Chips
  Colby Tharp

» Instagram name?
  leviwatts20
  Levi Watts

» Favorite baby name?
  Gwen Verte
  Jaimis Rotel
  Brooklyn Rush
What's Your...

> favorite color?
  - Purple

> favorite food?
  - Steak

> instagram name?
  - hapih2

President - Isaiah Windmeyer
Vice President - Jacob Libel
Secretary - Tucker Holzhey
Treasurer - Abby Joyce
Stuco Rep. - Gabe Powell

Pink out day participants: Austin Owen, Houston Idol, Isaiah Windmeyer, Bianca Randall, Camryn Bollinger.
1. Some of the freshman boys play during the first pep rally of the school year.
2. Kaden Robinson and Houston Jedd dress up as animals for spirit day.
3. Bubba Jackson is decked out in orange for deer season.
4. Bianca Randall smiles for a quick picture.
5. After float decorating, freshmen boys pose for a quick picture.
6. Jack Pickman makes time to stop for a photo.
7. Many of the freshmen decked out in blue and orange for Friday of Homecoming.
8. Gabe Powell, Bubba Jackson, Camryn Bollinger, and Jacob Libel work concessions during a volleyball game.

Tucker Holzey, Jack Pickman, Andrew Shannon, Isaiah Windmeyer, Austin Owens, and Camryn Bollinger are dressed up for Too Cute Tuesday during Homecoming.

2. Carl Swendson coaches wrestling.
3. Lisa Murphy, Holly Uplinger, and Mary Stewart.
4. Isaiah Windmeyer and Curtis Stroud.
5. Principal Chris Lackey gives a stern look.
6. Melissa Crawford and Mary Curry woke up early after the World Series to purchase championship t-shirts.
7. Bethany Cluck instructs Sierra Manis and Haileigh Oden on obtaining their DNA.
8. Billie sharp, Cyndi Geisen, Hannah Hoffman

Favorite snack food?

Nutter Butter

Favorite thing to do outside of school?

Go fishing

favorite baby name?

Boy: Ever
Girl: Everly
But first let us take a Selfie
The stick takes the pic
1. Angle high
2. Don't always smile
3. Experiment with filters
4. Find the right lighting
5. Edit
6. Be yourself
7. Selfie Stick
8. Have Fun!!!
I. Cori Pottorf enjoys a football evening with the pep band as they march off the field.

2. Shayna Wilson reads during art class.

3. At the FFA barn warming, Trevor Taylor, Houston Cluck, Brantley Cluck, and Hunter Idol watch the candidates compete.
Kirsten Huss plays the piano in band class.

I'Quinnae Jackson helps Cory Smith with an English assignment.

4. Levi Watts makes his coil pot in Art 2.
5. Seniors visit Rosecrans for career options.
6. Lane Olson and Phillip Simmonds record data for the natural selection bird project for Biology 2.
What is your favorite thing about Ag class?

"Planting and reviewing plants."
Hailey Fee, 11

"Going out in the shop working on different projects and welding."
Jack Pickman, 9

"Leaving school to go to National Convention and CDE contests."
Cori Pottorf, 12

"In Horticulture my favorite thing would be studying plants and in Ag Mechanics building things."
Denny Anderson, 11

"Learning about plants and working in the greenhouse."
Brooklyn Rush, 10

"Working hands on."
Brantley Cluck, 11

"That we don’t get any homework in Ag class."
Rachel Lemke, 11

"When we actually got to be in the shop building things."
Houston Cluck, 12

1. Barn warming candidates: Wade Joyce, Cory Smith, sweetheart Cori Pottorf, Beau Lane Spiker, Jaime Albers, Carson Lackey, Ashton Veach, Houston Idol.
2. Tucker Holzhoy is up for bid on the work auction.
3. Wade Joyce demonstrates his backing skills during barn warming.
1. This year's senior FFA members Hunter Idol, Chelsea Cluck, Houston Cluck, Lane Spiker, Austin Taylor, Lexie Whetstone, Cori Potorf, Wade Joyce, and Cory Smith.

2. Cory Smith sings her heart out for competition at barnwarming.

3. Lexie Whetstone, Jaime Albers, Cori Potorf, Chelsea Cluck, and Cory Smith try on hats at National Convention at Louisville Kentucky.

4. Lane Spiker holds a pig at the D-West petting zoo on July 4th.

5. Jonathan Peters plants flowers on the corner of Main Street.

Newt Smith, Jonathan Peters, Denny Anderson, Brantley Cluck, Cori Potorf, Trevor Taylor, Calli Caudle, Carlie Taylor, Brooklyn Rush, and Jillian Stegall take a picture before the opening day of plant sales.

The seniors gather around Mr. Schmitz for a group hug after chapter banquet.
1. Students line up and walk on to the field for marching band.
3. Gabe Powell plays in the pep band at a home football game.
4. Tayah Whestine and Carson Lackey work on some sheet music with teacher Mr. Stroud.
5. Andrew Hughes receives the John Phillip Sousa award during Fine Arts Night.
2. Cara Prawl plays the clarinet and Camryn Bollinger plays the flute for pep band.
4. Andrew Shannon, Houston Idol, and David Shannon play at fine arts night.

What is your Jam?

"Roses."
- Chainsmokers
Cori Pottorf, 12

"Rockstar."
- Nickelback
Isiah Windmeyer, 9

"Work."
- Rihanna
Kirsten Huss, 11

"Work from home."
- Fifth Harmony
Katie Peuker, 11

"Plush"
- Stone Temple Pilots
David Shannon, 11

"Drunk on your love"
- Brett Eldredge
Tayrah Whetstone, 10

"Strawberry."
Jacob Libel, 9

"Done."
- The Band Perry
Allyssa Clark, 12
What Song Best Describes Math To You?

"Crash and Burn"
- Thomas Rhett
Calli Caudle, 10

"What do you mean?"
- Justin Bieber
Mia Scott, 11

"Mary had a little lamb"
Cory Smith, 12

"Complicated"
- Avril Levine
Andy Hughes, 12

"Help!"
- The Beatles
I'Quajanae Jackson, 11

"What do you mean?"
- Justin Bieber
Brooklyn Rush, 10

"5 little speckled frogs"
Ellie Clark, 10

"Crazy Train"
- Ozzy Osborne
Bianca Randall, 9

1. Kaden Robinson and Bubba Jackson
2. Chelsea Cluck and Lane Spiker do a lab on testing their senses.

Wade Joyce
Carson Lackey
Biology 2

Aubree Robinson
Garret Dunlap & Lane Spiker
I'Quajanae Jackson

Shayna Wilson
1. Phillip Simmonds works on an acceleration lab in Physics class.
2. Gabe Powell solves math problems in Algebra 1.
3. Devin Taylor and Tayiah Whestine taste test in Biology 1.

Science/Math

4. Bianca Randall fills out a Geometry handout.
5. Jaime Albers and Rachel Lemke set off a chemical reaction for Chemistry class.
1. Judge Lexie Whetsine gets ready to hear evidence as a supreme court judge.
2. Lane Spiker presents his arguments before the judges.
3. Lexie Whetsine, John Vonderschmidt, and Joey Edie deliberate the information presented to them during their mock trial.
4. Wade Joyce, Justin Clark, and Chelsea Cluck play a game in Government.
5. Rachel Lenker presents her project over Martin Luther King, Jr. for the American History museum.

Garret Dunlap, Cory Smith, Lexie Whetsine, John Vonderschmidt, Joey Edie, are the panel of judges for the American Government mock trial.

Mia Scott presents her project over 9/11 for a combined American History and English assignment.
I would want to live in the '90s in Chicago to watch Michael Jordan play.

Cooper Leach, 12

"1960's because of the cool cars."

Justin Clark, 12

"1920's because I wouldn't have to go to school."

Cory Smith, 12

"In 1950-70's because that's when Cluck Farms used to be big."

Houston Cluck, 12

"1920's because 20 is my lucky number."

Casey Billups, 12

"The 1990's because the cartoons were so much better."

Lane Spiker, 12

"The 1980's because the music is awesome."

Chelsea Cluck, 12

"'80's so I could go to school with Mar."

Austin Taylor, 12
What would be the title of Your Autobiography?

"The Athletic Beast"
Denny Anderson, 11

"Your Mom"
Bubba Jackson, 9

"Story of My Life"
Sierra Manis, 10

"The Story of a Baby Kangaroo"
Joey Edie, 12

"The Life of a Thug"
Zeb Speer, 10

"Great Day to be Alive"
Houston Chock, 12

"My Strange Addiction"
Levi Watts, 10

"My Crazy, Beautiful Journey"
Christina Norton, 12
1. Lane Spiker tapes Joey Edie's ankle for Demonstration of Knowledge.
2. Malachi Manis gives an English 3 presentation about eating etiquette.
3. Freshmen Houston Idol, Andrew Shannon, Bubba Jackson, Reed Boos, and Jack Pickman reenact a scene from the novel "The Open Boat" during English.
4. Joey Edie teaches Hunter Idol proper weight lifting techniques for his Demonstration of Knowledge.
5. Kirsten Huss and T'Quaijae Jackson perform an original rap for English 3 over cell phone etiquette.

Senior Project/ Language Arts

6. John Vonderschmidt demonstrates how to artificially inseminate a cow for his Demonstration of Knowledge.
7. The American Sign Language teacher gives Ellie Clark and Ashton Veach directions for a cooking lab. The class was routinely taught over the Internet, but she visited the students a couple times throughout the year, and the students also visited the Kansas School for the Deaf as a field trip.
1. Tucker Holzhey works on a Computer Apps lesson.
2. During Art 3, Cara Prawl shapes a clay project.
3. A window painting project is the focus of Quajanae Jackson's attention for Art 3.
4. Adding details to a clay project is Shayna Wilson.
5. Malachi Manis works on a project for Web Design class.

Cori Pottorf paints a decoration for her bedroom.

Remington Powell, Tucker Holzhey, Reed Boos, and Isaiah Windmeyer work on Computer Apps.
"I like this artwork because I think that it is neat and I like Octopuses."
Ellie Clark, 10

"I like this artwork because I won an award with it."
I'Quajanne Jackson, 11

"I like this painting because it's the best one I've done and I like windmills."
Kaden Robinson, 9

"I like this because it's cute and looks like it could be a Disney character."
Jaime Albers, 11

"Ivy Ella helps raise money for elephant tusk, and I am a supporter of it."
Hailey Fek, 11

"I like this because it kind of describes my life!"
Calli Caudle, 10

"I like this project because I think it is the best piece I've made and it took a long time, and it turned out a lot better than I thought it would."
Sierra Manis, 10

"I like this because I like Subaru, and I want a car like this someday to race in."
Kimble Trainer, 11
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE GAME?

"Ping pong, because I can't play it, but I attempt to hit the ball over."
Carlie Taylor, 11

"Pickle ball, because Cooper and I could probably go pro with our doubles team."
Austin Taylor, 12

"Volleyball, because it's fun to play."
Camryn Bollinger, 9

"Ping pong, because it's fun."
Luke Blevins, 10

"Pickle ball, because Calli and I both suck so it's fun."
Lexie Whetstine, 12

"Matt ball, because it's fun and you get to hit people."
Jack Pickman, 9

"Ping pong. I'm absolutely terrible, but it's fun."
Cory Smith, 12

"53 or 3-point contest."
Devin Taylor, 10

1. Freshman Reed Boos leads his team as the quarterback during scooter football.
3. Clayton Ridout, sophomore, eyes the goal during a game of lacrosse.

Freshmen Jack Pickman, Jacob Libel, Andrew Shannon
Junior Katie Penker
Junior Carson Lackey
Senior Ian Nuzum

Kody Collins, Landon Parsons and Tyler Swim play hockey.
Landon Parsons tries to juk Garret Dunlap in flag football.
2. Aubree Robinson gets warmed up for ping pong.
3. Kimble Trainer runs the down the field during a fun game of flag football.
4. Gabe Powell looks to throw the football while Camryn Bollinger defends during a game of scooter football.
5. Goalie Allyssa Clark is ready to defend.
6. Hunter Idol pitches the ball to his opponent in a game of kickball.

Physical Education
Flag Football Kick Ball Weight Lifting Basketball Golf Dodgeball

Above: Senior Austin Taylor and sophomore Clayton Ridout go after the ball during a game of lacrosse while sophomore Zeb Speer steers clear of a collision.

Left: Sophomore Levi Watts attempts to block sophomore Luke Blevins from catching the ball during a game of Lacrosse.
Front row: Gabe Powell, Sierra Manis, Carson Lackey, Cara Prawl. Back row: Kirsten Huss, I'Quajanae Jackson, Dylan Kitzman, Andrew Hughes, Jaime Albers.

Andrew Hughes and Cara Prawl paint the set for the spring play.

Art and Drama


Student Council

Carlie Taylor, Ashton Veatch, Ellie Clark, Katie Peuker, Carson Lackey, Mia Scott, and Brooklyn Rush dress up for the ugly sweater day that was organized by the Student Council.


For a service project, the NHS sponsored a SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) campaign to encourage use of seatbelts. Carson Lackey is recording the number of people arriving to school wearing seatbelts and wearing duct tape seatbelts are Jaime Albers, I'Quajanae Jackson, Justin Clark, Phillip Simmonds, and Cory Smith.

National Honor Society

Chess club tournament top three: Andrew Hughes 3rd, David Shannon 1st, Malachi Manis 2nd

Andrew Hughes and Carson Lackey battle it out to see who will win 3rd place.


Chess Club

On Fine Arts Night, Katie Peuker and Andrew Hughes perform an Improved Duet that qualified them for the state competition. In this duet, Katie was the daughter and Andrew was her dad and her forensics coach.

Andrew Hughes, Katie Peuker and Chelsea Clark. Their coach was Stanley Thornton.

Scholars bowl

Organizations

1. Andrew Hughes donates his blood during the spring blood drive.
2. Jonathan Peters helps Calvin Simmons put his duct tape seat belt on for NHS SAFE day.
3. Carly Taylor donates blood for the spring blood drive.
4. Gavin Powell prepares to take a ride in the seat belt Convincer.
5. Mrs. Lanter prepares herself to give blood during the spring blood drive.
6. Calli Caudle loves the Slim Jims that were put into care packages for Veterans Day.
7. Rachel Lenkoe gives blood during the fall blood drive.
8. Phillip Simmonds gives blood during the fall blood drive.
9. Cara Prawl puts on her stage makeup for the fall play.
10. High school and middle school students assemble care packages for veterans at the Leavenworth VA Hospital.
1. Junior varsity football versus Maur Hill.
2. Dancers fall back like dominos.
3. The DWHS pep club gets excited as they cheer on the basketball boys at substate.
Senior Cooper Leach throws one down at Axtell.

The gym posters for the girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Carlie Taylor spikes the ball during the match against Valley Heights.

Garret Dunlap wrestles at a home meet.
What a year

The cross country team consisted of senior Casey Billups and freshman Gabe Powell. The team started out by going to Wamego on Sept. 12. Casey Billups struggled with a knee injury through most of the season and was unable to compete in most races. The runners overall competed good and kept improving throughout the season.

Coach's comment

"Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle: when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

Meets

Wamego Sept. 12
McLouth Sept. 17
Troy Sept. 24
Horton Oct. 1
Sabeita Oct. 8
TVL @ Axtell Oct. 17
Jackson Heights Oct. 20
Regionals at Oct. 24
Mound City, Kansas
State @ Wamego Oct. 31

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1. The first pep rally of the school year.

2. Senior Justin Clark referees the powder puff activities.

3. Carlie Taylor poses during a cheer at the powder puff pep rally.

4. The crowd at Blue & Orange night.

5. Seniors Cooper Leach and Austin Taylor coach the senior-freshmen powder puff.

6. Mia Scott and Shayna Wilson cheer during the pep rally following powder puff football.

7. Joey Edie, Hunter Idol, and John Vonderschmidt participate in a dance-off competition.

8. Brooklyn Rush gives Cory Smith a swirl before Smith shoots a free throw during the Winter Royalty pep rally. Joey Edie and Wade Joyce wait their turn.
Cheer and dance team members gather for a picture after the homecoming parade.

2. During a breast cancer tribute, the dancers, including Cali Caudle, perform to "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten.

3. Chelsea Cluck cheers for the Mustangs during the Clifton-Clyde basketball game.

4. Kenzie Blevins, Carly Taylor, Chelsea Cluck, and Cori Pottorf kick their legs high during the kick line performed during "Hey Mama."

5. Carly Taylor dances during the half-time performance against Troy.

6. During the "Fancy" dance mix, the Fillies "drop it low."

7. Mia Scott hits an ending pose during the performance of "Hey Mama."

8. Cori Pottorf shows her smile while dancing during the homecoming parade.
What a year

The cheer/dance season was filled with laughter, attitude, and memories in the making.

Kirsten Huss described the season: "It was a challenge to adjust to the new coach's methods, but we eventually were able to come together as a team. Our stories that we all told were also pretty great as well."

Hailey Fee enjoyed the season, and she said, "It was a great year having a new coach and having team members or someone help choreograph our dances."

Senior Chelsea Cluck agreed that the season was enjoyable: "Cheer and dance was a lot of fun. Our dances had some amazing choreography. I am going to miss all of the girls. They helped to make my last year as a cheerleader and dancer at D-West a great one."

The new coach this year was Karen Wilson.

What's your...

Favorite memory?

"I like reminiscing about all of the fun things we've done and amazing dances we were able to perform."

Kenzie Blevins, 12

Favorite Ditty?

"I liked 'Walk This Way' because it was longer and I liked the moves."

Bianca Randall, 9

Coach Pittam's thoughts

Favorite memory?

"Valley Heights game when our boys were trailing at half time and not playing the way they should. In the second half we came back and took a one point lead late in the game. We then made a great defensive stand on a fourth and short to win the game."

What did you expect from the boys this season?

"My expectations are always to play hard and not give up. Win or lose, you play till the end."

"Brothers with a purpose": What's the meaning? Who chose it?

"The seniors are responsible for the team theme. The football team is a family, so the players are like brothers with the same purpose."

Coach Rod Pittam

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Honors

All-league:
Justin Clark: 1st team OT
Cooper Leach: 1st team Off. WR
Carson Lackey: 1st team O back, 2nd team DL
Garret Dunlap: 2nd team LB & all-academic
Lane Spiker: 1st team K & P, 2nd team DB
Garret Dunlap: All-district & St. Joseph News-Press linebacker
Lane Spiker: all-state hon. mention kicker

Cooper Leach: State Record for receiving 6 TD in a game; 1st team all-state WR Topeka CL; Fab Five of Kansas recipient, 1st team all-state WR Max Preps.

The football boys take the field and get pumped up to play Maur Hill.

Justin Clark, Lane Spiker, and Kody Collins hold back the defense as QB Levi Watts targets his receiver.

Carson Lackey gets around the outside with help from Luke Blevins and heads upfield against Troy.

Lane Spiker reaches to catch the ball thrown by QB Levi Watts during the Troy game.

Clayton Ridout sends the Maur Hill ball carrier out of bounds.

Wade Joyce tries to get around the Valley Heights defense.

Senior Cooper Leach secures the catch in the endzone during the win over Valley Heights.

The defensive line is off the line of scrimmage to stop the JCN offense.

Houston Chuck, senior, comes off the field after the made extra point.

Team Motto
Brothers with a purpose
3. Seniors Justin Clark and Houston Cluck zero in on the tackle.

4. Seniors Hunter Idol and Wade Joyce take down the Valley Heights ball carrier.

5. Denny Anderson fights to get around a Maur Hill defender.

6. Sophomore Levi Watts hands off to senior Garret Dunlap.

7. After getting a handoff from Jack Pickman, Isaiah Windmeyer digs in to head upfield.

During the Onaga game “I jumped to catch the ball and I pinned it to his helmet! I got tackled right after the catch. We won the game for revenge from last year’s playoffs.”

Senior Hunter Idol
2. Aubree Robinson runs into the huddle showing her excitement about a kill.

3. Mia Scott is down and ready to pass up a served ball.

4. Carlie Taylor spikes the ball over the net to try and score a point.

5. Aubree Robinson jumps up and gets her hands on the ball to get a block.

6. Hailey Fee gets down low to get under a ball to pass it up.


8. Calli Caudle swings and hits the ball over the net.
What a year
The Lady Mustangs started the season off with a bang, defeating state-ranked Valley Heights.

The matches that followed were a bit of a roller coaster, with moments of great volleyball and tough moments, too.

It was definitely a season of learning: learning to play without one shoe, learning to set the serve over the net, learning that some players aren’t meant to set the ball, and learning that no one takes a selfie like coach does.

No matter what the outcome of the season, we learn from the mistakes and we build on the positives for the future.

- Coach Bailey Lanter

What’s your...

Favorite pre-game ritual?
"Dancing to hood rat music and getting pumped."

Carlie Taylor, 11

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Record: 9-21

Honors

Aubree Robinson & Kenzie Blevins: NEK all-star game

Team Motto

What a year

The 2015-2016 wrestling season for Doniphan West was challenging, yet rewarding. Several Mustangs had their season cut short due to injuries, but Doniphan West still qualified three wrestlers for the state tournament in Hays: Kody Collins, Garret Dunlap and Zeb Speer. Kody finished as the State Runner-up at 195lbs and Garret finished his career as Doniphan West’s all-time leader in wins (132) and pins (81).

What's your...

Favorite memory?

"My favorite memory was getting my third state medal put around my neck."

Kody Collins, 12

"Getting second at state as a sophomore and upsetting two of the top kids to make it to the finals."

Garret Dunlap, 12

Stats

Garret Dunlap: (160) State qualifier, 3rd at regionals, record: 35-5, 27 pins. Kansas Wrestling Coaches’ 1st team all-academic.

Kody Collins: (195) 2nd at state, 1st at regionals. Record: 34-6, 24 pins.

Malachi Manis: (145lbs) Pleasant Ridge JV-1st, varsity record 8-8, JV record 4-1, 5 pins.

Kimble Trainer: (170lbs) Onaga JV 3rd, Tonganoxie-8th, varsity record 4-10, JV record 2-1, 1 pin.


Gabe Dunn: (170lbs) Record 4-2, 2 pins.

Austin Owen: (138lbs) Onaga JV-2nd, Tonganoxie-9th, varsity record 1-14, JV record 2-1.

Norman Miller: (285lbs) Onaga JV 2nd, varsity record 4-12, JV record 3-3, 2 pins.
1. Kody Collins competes in one of his state wrestling matches.

2. Garret Dunlap attempts to throw his opponent to win the match.

3. Kody Collins turns his opponent to his back to receive the pin fall.

4. Zeb Speer rides his opponent in the state tournament match in the first round.

5. Kody Collins stands in the second place on the podium at state in Hays.

6. Zeb Speer tries to gain control and turn his opponent.

7. Malachi Manis attempts to pin his opponent to get the win.

8. Garret Dunlap holds his opponent to get the win.
3. After driving under the basket, Kenzie Blevins makes reverse layup.

4. Lexie Whetstone drives to the basket during the last game before Christmas break versus Valley Heights.

5. Calli Caudle takes a shot during the JV game against Troy.

6. Kirsten Huss takes the ball down the court against Clifton Clyde.

7. Cory Smith goes in for the layup against the Wetmore Cardinals.

What a year
The team this year faced down adversity with determination. Injury and illness didn’t keep the girls from sticking to it and showing up to practices and games.

The starting line up changed from game to game, depending on who was healthy.

Coach Troy Hoffman said he had a love and respect for the girls. “Tenacity, persistence, and determination will be in the legacy they leave.”

What’s your...
Favorite memory?
"Pregame locker room talks."

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Record: 7-14

honors
Aubree Robinson - academic all-state
Kenzie Blevins - 2nd team all-league; NEK all-star game; Topeka Capital-Journal all-state honor mention 1A

Ellie Clark shoots a free throw in the first game of the season.

Mia Scott looks to pass the ball against Washington County.

Brooklyn Rush takes the ball down the court versus Centralia.

Shayna Wilson pushes up the court, past the Clifton Clyde defender.

Coach Troy Hoffman explains the execution of the offense.

Kirsten Huss takes the ball in for a layup against Troy.

Rachel Lemke puts up a 3 pointer against KC Christian.

Carlie Taylor puts up a shot in the lane versus Troy.

Brooklyn Rush, Tayiah Whetstone, Shayna Wilson, Kirsten Huss, Ellie Clark, Lexie Whetstone, Aubree Robinson, Kenzie Blevins, Carlie Smith, Carlie Taylor, Mia Scott, Rachel Lemke, Cali Caudle

Cory Smith, 12
What a year

One of the goals for the team was to make it to the state tournament. The team was lead by a strong class of seniors. For a good part of the season, they were ranked first in the KCA polls. When sub-state rolled around the guys were disappointed with a loss to Centralia in the finals and there would be no trip to Dodge City.

On winter awards night coach David Johnson reminded the boys that there was no reason to hang their heads. He said, "These seniors walk out the door leaving a solid foundation (for the program)."

Johnson challenged the underclassmen to learn from the seniors’ example and to continue the strong leadership and tradition.

What’s your...

Favorite memory?

"Playing basketball with my friends!"

Justin Clark, 12

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Honors

Cooper Leach: 1st team all-league, 1,000 career points, NEK all-star game; NCK all-star game; Wichita Eagle 1st team all-state for 1A; Topeka Capital-Journal 1st team all-state 1A; Sports in Kansas Player of the Year 1A-1; KBCA all-star game.

Austin Taylor: TVL all-team; team 1st team all-league; NEK all-star game; Hon. mention for Player of the Week for Topeka Capital-Journal 2nd team all-state 1A; Kansas Sports in Kansas All-State 1A.

Levi Watts, 10


Luke Blevins brings the ball up the court against Axtell.

Landon Parson drives to the basket against Frankfort.

Carson Lackey leads a fast break.

Kaden Robinson looks for a pass during the junior varsity game against Onaga.

Joey Edie works the ball in the post against Troy.

Jack Pickman handles the Centralia pressure.

Team Motto 1+2=3
1. This year's senior boys: Austin Taylor, Justin Clark, Cooper Leach, Joey Edie, and Lane Spiker.

2. Austin Taylor takes it to the glass at Wetmore.

3. Cooper Leach goes up for a jump shot against Troy.

4. Clayton Ridout drives the baseline to put up a shot at Clifton-Clyde.

5. Devin Taylor takes the ball to the hole against Centralia in the sub-state championship.

6. Tucker Holzbey works the ball around the perimeter.

7. Justin Clark takes a shot against Frankfort in the semi-final game at sub-state.

8. Trevor Taylor goes up strong against Clifton-Clyde.

9. Lane Spiker takes the ball to the basket against Clifton-Clyde.
3. Lane Spiker runs to third.
4. Levi Watts, wearing the new catcher's gear, gloves the pitch.
5. After making a centerfield catch, Garret Dunlap relays the ball infield.
6. Cooper Leach fires in the pitch.
7. Garret Dunlap is up to bat and eyes the pitch.
Senior Reflections

"To be teammates from kindergarten all the way through senior year means a lot. But to enter high school onto a team that was still trying to find their identity and then to leave as a pretty good team will be a memory that lasts forever."
-Lane Spiker

"I wouldn't have wanted to play my years of baseball with any other catcher or teammates to be out there backing me up."
-Hunter Idol

What's your...

Favorite memory?

"The practice coach Shelton wasn't there and we had a homerun derby."

-Cooper Leach, 12

"Hitting my first home run in my high school career."

-Garret Dunlap, 12

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Clayton Ridout scores on an RBL.

Houston Idol plays catcher at a junior varsity game at Troy.

Remington Powell gets a base hit at Troy.

First baseman Zeb Speer stretches to make the out.

After scooping the short hit, pitcher Hunter Idol throws to first.

Brantley Cluck sits back and waits for his pitch.

Playing second, Trevor Taylor eyes his target at first base during a game at Troy.

Newt Smith makes the stop and tags first for the solo out.

Jonathan Peters takes a lead off second.

Lane Spiker at third.

Levi Watts celebrates his hit and safe arrival to second.
What a year

Five Mustang athletes qualified for the state track meet in Wichita, and all five took a place on the winners podium and returned home with medals.
Kody Collins- 2nd in 110m hurdles, 15.64.
Carson Lackey- 3rd in 200m, 23.13;
6th in 100m, 11.49.
Kenzie Blevins- 5th in 200m, 26.84;
7th in TJ, 33.325.
4x100m relay: Carson Lackey, Calvin Simmons, Kody Collins, Lane Spiker-3rd, 45.22.

"I'm very proud of everything we did at state. In every event we competed in, we took home a medal! I'm very thankful for all my friends, family, teammates, coaches, and competitors for pushing me and helping me." Kenzie Blevins, 12

What's your...

Favorite memory?

"Placing in the top 10 of all four of my events at state my junior year."
Kenzie Blevins, 12

"Senior year when I'm done!"
Casey Billups, 12

Schedule

Falls City 3/29
Oskaloosa 4/5
ACCHS 4/12
Frankfort 4/15
D-West 4/19
Hiawatha 4/28
JCN 5/6
TVL @ Valley Heights 5/12
Regionals @ Frankfort 5/20
State 5/27-28

Training pays off at state track & field

Denny Anderson is ready to launch the discus.

Scenes to celebrate from the state track meet in Wichita.

3. Kody Collins leaps over the hurdle during the 110 meter hurdles at Washburn.

4. Isaiah Windmeyer hands off to Calvin Simmons for the 4x100m relay.

5. Carson Lackey breaks through the finish line, taking first place at the home meet.

6. Casey Billups pushes through the 1600m run at ACCCHS.

7. Jonathan Peters long jumps at Falls City.

8. Kenzie Blevins sprints to the finish line during the 100 meter dash at Falls City.

9. Malachi Manis runs the 3200m at the Falls City meet.
1. Cara Prawl donates blood during the fall blood drive.

2. Showing their support for the volleyball team, Jack Pickman, Trevor Taylor, Houston Idol, Kody Collins, Carson Lackey, Austin Taylor, Landon Parsons, Cooper Leach, Lane Spiker, Joey Edie, Houston Cluck, and Luke Blevins wear pink for the volleyball "Pink Out" event.

3. The student body stands up and cheers with the cheerleaders after powder puff to get pumped up for the Christ Prep football game.
Chelsea Cluck and Carson Lackey perform as Nora and Ben in the fall play "Don't Stop Believin.'\n
Ellie Clark, Ashton Veach, and Rachel Lenke watch the boys volleyball tournament during the Friday Homecoming day activities.

Above: Brooklyn Rush, Callie Caudle, and Abby Joyce are on "Balls of Fury" dodgeball team.

During Winter Royalty activities, the classes split up to do competitions, including Hungry Hippos.

Levi Watts takes a jarring ride on the Convincer.
What Everyone Wants to Know

Homecoming is a time where each student should look forward to having fun, having school spirit, and maybe stepping outside of their comfort zone and letting loose. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Too Cute Tuesday, Wednesday was Twin Day, Thursday was Animal Day and, finally, Friday was Blue and Orange Day.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?

"My favorite part was when Cooper, Austin and Justin modeled their makeovers at the parade."
Chelsea Cluck, 12

"My favorite part was the volleyball and dodgeball tournaments."
Carson Lackey, 11

"My favorite part was the parade."
Bianca Randall, 9

Freshman Jacob Libel participates in the volleyball tournament.
Homecoming

2. Junior Carson Lackey serves up the ball during the volleyball tournament.

3. The sophomore girls pose for a picture as they cheer on the boys.

4. The junior girls get aggressive during the dodgeball tournament.

5. Sophomore Zeb Speer and senior Wade Joyce go after the ball.

6. Junior Hailey Fee gets down and ready as she is defending herself during the dodgeball tournament.

7. Freshman Isaiah Windmeyer serves the ball at the volleyball tournament on Friday.

The senior class shows their spirit on Friday of spirit week.
Freshmen are ready to Rumble to Victory with their winning float.

Homecoming

1. During the parade games, homecoming candidate Aubree Robinson blindly applies make-up to make Austin Taylor dramatically different.

2. The juniors' float "Stampede to Victory."

3. Competing in candidate games, Christina Norton spins around a bat.

4. Phillip Simmonds is ready to cheer on the junior float before the parade.

5. Carson Lackey excitedly awaits hearing the results of the float competition, as does John Vonderschmidt, Houston Chuck, and Lexie Whetstone.

6. The sophomore float: "Flying to Victory."
These Things Matter

With the theme of "... to Victory," each class began assembling floats throughout the week. The freshmen "Rumble to Victory" with an army tank and water balloons caught the judges' attention and won first, followed by the juniors' "Stampede to Victory," seniors' "Cruise to Victory," and then the sophomores' "Fly to Victory."

During half time of the football game, the candidates arrived in front of the stands in blue pickup trucks and then Aubree Robinson and Justin Clark were crowned the queen and king. The dance was the next evening, on Saturday.

Favorite Memories

"When our class won the float competition."
Camryn Bollinger, 9

"Friday during lunch when we got to lay in the gym and watch movies."
Carlie Taylor, 11

"My favorite part was the parade. It was a good way to finish my last Homecoming."
Casey Billups, 12

King congrats

King Justin Clark mingles at the dance with some of his football teammates.
"Don't Stop Believin'" mixed the experience of older students with a few newcomers. The seventh through twelfth grade cast (plus Mr. Thornton's yorkie puppy) gave two performances, Nov. 20 and 21.

The conflict of the play centered around a youth center about to be closed by the city because it was not up to code. In their scramble to earn money, the troubled youth who visit the center come together as a singing group in hopes of winning a talent show.

With a little luck and help from a generous benefactor, the center is saved, and the youth find the self-worth they had been lacking.

**In the Spotlight**

**What was it like being in the musical?**
"Boring, but fun. Challenging yet easy. Stupid but hilarious."
I'Quajanae Jackson, 11

**Was your part in the musical this year challenging?**
"Yes, because I had to sing."
Chelsea Cluck, 12

**Favorite Memory from the Musical?**
"When I got to go home."
Justin Clark, 12

**Seniors**

Chelsea Cluck, Justin Clark, Dylan Kitzman, Andy Hughes, Christina Norton take a picture after their last musical performance.
Tayiah Whetstone plays Alice, a sporty kid that attends the community center.

Don't Stop Believin'

1. Jaime Albers plays Alexa Lamper, head of the community center.

2. Andy Hughes and Dylan Kitzman are Paul and Simone, the judges of We've Got Talent, evaluating the talent of the youth at a tryout for their show.

3. Katie Peuker and seventh grader Alex Brown and eighth grader Stetson Diveley walk out during curtain call.

4. Carson Lackey and Chelsea Cluck stage a dramatic kiss on stage.

5. P'Quajane Jackson, Justin Clark, and Gabe Powell perform as kids from the community center.

6. Christina Norton plays Polly, the character that saves the community center.
Winter Royalty

1. During musical chairs of Friday activities, Cooper Leach and Jack Pickman showdown towards the end of the game, and after video review, Pickman stayed in the game and Leach was out.

2. Seth Baublit and Andrew Shannon blow hard to guide ping pong balls into a horseshoe on a tilted table.

3. Joey Edie challenges himself to catch a penny off of his elbow for the Minute-to-Win-It games.

4. Jacob Libel steadies his arm to balance and then catch a penny.

5. Brantley Chuck pitches during a game of mat ball for the Friday activities.

6. Much to the delight of Ellie Clark, Katie Peuker, Lane Spikor, Carlie Taylor, and Kenzie Blevins, John Vonderschmidt doesn't find an empty spot during musical chairs.

Gabe Powell dresses up for "Decade Day" on Thursday.
Winter Royalty got an added bonus this year with release of students from class for games on Friday afternoon. Activities included Hungry Hippos, kickball and Minute-to-Win-It games. During the week were spirit days including Scrabble day, Decade day, Holiday day, Nerd day, and Blue and Orange day.

On Friday night during half time of the boys' game, Wade Joyce and Cory Smith were crowned King and Queen. The night concluded with a dance.

What did you most enjoy about Winter Royalty?

"Dancing with my boy."
Shayna Wilson, 10

"Our group hug after the crowning."
Wade Joyce, 12

"I don't really remember much because of the concussion I got during the game before the crowning."
Cory Smith, 12

After the king and queen were named, the candidates shared a group hug in a show of congratulations and friendship.
What Everyone Wants to Know

"Brothers Grimm Spectacular" was an entertaining trip through the "real story" behind the characters of many favorite fairy tales.

How did the seven dwarfs end up living together? How did Snow White really feel about cleaning the dwarfs' cottage? Did Cinderella actually have a fairy godmother? Why did Rapunzel's parents allow her to disappear?

These questions and more were answered in this drama acted by six students who played multiple parts on April 23 and 24.

"I think this is the first comedy I was in and I actually really enjoyed it," commented senior Andrew Hughes. "I usually don't like comedies in smaller cast plays because usually it's cheesy and cliche, but the comedy in this play was within the actual story rather than a few one-liners here and there. I loved everything about this play and couldn't have picked a better cast for it."

Favorite Scene

"When Hansel (Carson Lackey) jumps off the cliff."

Gabe Powell, 9

"By far the Dwarfs, probably because they were Kirsten and Andy."

Jaime Albers, 11

"Hansel and Gretel"

Mr. Thornton

Seniors

Andy Hughes & Chelsea Cluck
Andy Hughes reappears from back stage playing the character of Warlock.

Carson Lackey, Jaime Albers
Back: Gabe Powell, Chelsea Chuck, Kirsten Huss, and Andy Hughes.

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

1. Andy Hughes performs multiple characters at once on stage.
2. Jaime Albers and Carson Lackey as Narrator 1 and 2 set the scenes for the play.
3. Chelsea Chuck and Carson Lackey or Hansel and Gretel eat candy after being captured by the evil witch, who wants to fatten and eat them.
4. Carson Lackey and Chelsea Chuck perform as the Prince and the Girl, who are expecting a daughter, Rapunzel.
5. Kirsten Huss and Jaime Albers are acting all spoiled for the scene in which they are Cinderella's step-sisters.
6. Gabe Powell makes one of his many points as he plays Rumpelsstiltskin.
Lane Olson and Ashton Veach strut down the sidewalk, on display for the crowd.

"I chose a white tux because I thought it looked better than a black one. Anytime someone threatened to get me dirty, I just ran from them. I looked 'fly,'" joked Olson.

1. Houston Cluck, Hunter Idol, and Brantley Cluck compare sock color and shoes.

2. Principal Mr. Lackey and his wife Amy Lackey (junior class sponsor), are game for photo fun.


4. Lane Spiker and Mackenzie Boos.

5. Mrs. Taylor gets her boys Devin and Austin in for a family photo.


7. Instead of dancing, Devin Taylor, Jeffrey Watts and Cooper Leach check sports scores.


9. Dylan Kitzman spins and break dances to kick off the dance.

10. Mia Scott, Katie Pruher and Mackenzie Boos "Wobble baby, wobble baby, wobble baby, wobble."

11. Leah Johnson and Cooper Leach
Juniors


Shine in the night...

Seniors

What Everyone Wants to Know

"Shine in the Night" was the theme of Prom 2K16 on April 9.

The festivities began with couples and class photos at the home of Tony and Lanna French in Highland. The traditional walk-in at the high school was next.

After couples walked and stopped for snapshots, at 5:30 they were bused to Elizabeth's in Atchison for dinner and dancing until 11 p.m. A buffet-style dinner of chicken breast, vegetables, and cheesecake was prepared by Elizabeth's.

The after-prom party was at the high school from 12 a.m. until 3 a.m., where entertainment included a mechanical bull, inflatables, and prizes.

Your thoughts

“My favorite part was after prom. That one game with the ball that we played for two straight hours was fun.”

Calli Caudle, 10

Chaperones

Tiffany Rhodd and Kari Clary

Servers

Isaiah Windmeyer, Houston Idol, Jack Piekman, Camryn Bollinger, Bianca Randall, and Tucker Holzhey
Shine in the Night...

1. Ian Nuzum weaves in and out of cones on the tricycle at after prom.

2. Carlie Taylor, Aubree Robinson, and Mia Scott improvise on faces to make for the camera.

3. Senior Christina Norton and Chelsea Chock show their moves off playing Just Dance at after prom.


5. Cory Smith and Justin Clark make a stop to smile for the camera.

6. Senior Austin Taylor and his date sophomore Calli Caudle smile for the camera during walk through.
Senior Trip

1. Miranda Penny, Justin Clark, and Ian Nuzum take a selfie at Six Flags.

2. Derek Shelton, Mr. Lackey, and Lane Spiker are ready to spring into action at Flight Deck Trampoline Park.

3. Aubree Robinson and Kenzie Blevins check out their bedroom in the rental house.

4. Austin Taylor and Chelsea Chuck pose for a selfie.

5. John Vonderschmidt stakes his claim on the pullout couch.

Twenty seniors departed for Arlington, Texas at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6. In two school vans and two rented Suburbans, they were ready for some fun and relaxation with sponsors principal Chris Lackey, Miranda Penny, Derek Shelton, and Kim Boos.

Kenzie Blevins gave a rundown on the trip: “My vehicle didn’t sleep at all on the ride down because we were so excited! The rental house was amazing! On Friday night, we went to a trampoline park and despite a few injuries, it was a lot of fun!

On Saturday, we went to Six Flags and then we went out to eat that night. On Sunday, we went to Speed Zone where we raced all different types of cars and there was also an arcade. After we left there, we went to Zero Gravity where a lot of us free fell from 16 stories high and rode a huge ferris wheel ride that went 70 mph!

On Monday, the group split up and half of us went to the mall and the other half went to the stockyards and we met back up for the Rangers and White Socks game where Beyoncé was performing across the street! On Tuesday, we came home and this time, we slept!

"I had a good time on sneak—getting along with everybody for once."

Houston Cluck

"The best part of senior trip was go-kart racing against everyone."

Ian Nuzum

The seniors pose for a picture before heading off to Six Flags.
...the final steps

1. After taking a piggy back ride on Wade, Hunter Idol rearranges Wade Joyce's honor cord.
2. Ian Nuzum happily displays his diploma.
3. With diplomas in hand, the graduates get the go-ahead from Mr. Bollinger to switch their tassels.
4. Casey Billups pauses for photos after receiving his diploma.
5. The senior boys get a group photo while waiting for 2 p.m. when the graduation begins.
6. Austin Taylor and Lane Spiker wait in the receiving line for hugs and handshakes of congratulations.
7. The senior girls get a group photo before the ceremony.

What Everyone Wants to Know

May 14 was a day of celebration for the 23 graduates of 2016 as they received their diplomas and congratulations from friends and family. Chelsea Cluck, valedictorian, encouraged her classmates to take risks as they create their future and strive for success. Salutatorian Cori Pottorf reflected on memories and fun times the classmates shared, including those most recently made on their senior trip to Texas.

Directing the ceremony was district superintendent Rex Bollinger, and the board members Brad Holzhey, Stephanie Peterson, Carla Johnson, and Grant Gladhart handed out diplomas.

Your thoughts

"I challenge you, class of 2016: There is so much more out there and so much more we have yet to do."
Chelsea Cluck, valedictorian

"I'm excited to finally go to college and start the next chapter of my life."
Cori Pottorf, salutatorian

"It's been nice having such a small class and getting to know everyone on a personal level. I wouldn't want to trade any of them."
Lane Spiker, president

Ready to proceed

Allyssa Clark and Casey Billups are ready to enter the gym to "Pomp and Circumstance."

1. Kody Collins and Garret Dunlap march in to "Pomp and Circumstance."

2. Several seniors added a bit of flair to their mortarboard.

3. During the slide show, John Vonderschmidt gets a handshake from his proud father.

4. Exiting for the receiving line, Cooper Leach gets a push from Christine Norton. Leach broke his ankle while sliding into second base the week before graduation and the night before senior trip. Leach was unable to attend the trip and later had surgery and a summer of rehab for his ankle.
1. With party hats on, Andy Hughes, Brittanie Langley, Justin Clark, Kody Collins, Malia Smith, Wade Joyce, Chelsea Cluck, Austin Taylor, and Joey Edie get a tour of the school on orientation day led by Luke Rush and Aisha Dively.

2. Kenzie Blevins, Lane Spiker, Hunter Idol, Cory Smith, Jeffrey Cleveenger, Houston Cluck, Cori Pottorf, and Casey Billups on orientation day with leaders Ian Bollinger, Maggie Johnson, and Amber Smith.

3. Disguised as ninjas for orientation.

4. Dressed as a cat, Cooper Leach looks into the mirror as he starts the scene in the play “Snow White.”

5. Andy Hughes and Casey Billups work on a clay box during Art 1.

6. In camo uniforms, Cooper Leach, Hunter Idol, Lane Spiker, Kenzie Blevins, and Joey Edie are on a team for the kick butts dodgeball tournament at Missouri Western.

1. Joey Edie gives a smile to the camera as he sits in the computer lab.

2. Chelsea Cluck, Aubree Robinson, and Cori Pottorf root for the boys playing volleyball for Homecoming.

3. Looking hip for hippie day are Chelsea Cluck, Lexie Whetstine, Cori Pottorf, and Cory Smith.

4. For the homecoming day activities the class created a float that looked like a wrestling ring to watch the Mustangs battle the Ravens.

5. Remember the accident when John Vonderschmidt’s truck pinned Ian Nuzum’s leg against another truck? This bruise is the aftermath of that accident.
1. Allyssa Clark and Casey Billups watch the Friday homecoming day activities in the gym.

2. Cori Pottorf, Dylan Kitzman, Andrew Hughes, and Chelsea Cluck spend a few more minutes as a senior before their final dismissal.

3. On the last day of school, for which the senior prank was to violate the dress code, the seniors are waiting for the final bell to ring and set them free.

4. Andy Hughes is ready to give his senior project presentation about setting the stage for hair and makeup.

5. Casey Billups stands by the poster he made for Senior Project presentation day.

6. Striking funny poses for the class prom photo.
Ian,
There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, and no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.
Ronald Reagan

Love,
Your family

Our hearts are full of love and respect for you. From the minute you were born, we have been blessed to call you our son and we have enjoyed watching you grow, succeed, and become an extraordinary person.

We owe many good memories and happy times to you—from watching you play basketball, farm the carpet, be a big brother, do clever impersonations, and work hard on the farm.

As you continue your life's journey, may your world be filled with loving relationships and success. You are capable of achieving great things, and we wish for you a life of happiness.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

We have loved watching you grow up—even when you drove our car out of the driveway and tore the mirror off! We loved watching you play summer jam, junior high, high school, and state basketball! We have so many great memories of you and you make us proud!

We love you,
Granny & Papa Ted

You have brought us so much happiness and we are so proud of you. One of the neatest memories of being your grandparents is receiving new names, Me-Me and Pa-Pa. We have so many other memories through the years which went way too fast. You spent a good part of your summers here on the farm, and we thank you for letting us share in your life. We wish you success and happiness.

Our Love and Prayers,
Me-Me and Pa-Pa Taylor

Aubree,
We are proud of the beautiful person you have become inside and out. You should be proud of yourself for all you have already accomplished. Remember the possibilities in life are endless so always dream big.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Kaden and Cohen
People of character do the right thing even when no one else does, not because they think it will change the world, but because they refuse to be changed by the world.
~Michael Josephson

We are so proud of the young man you are today and look forward to the great man you will become!

We love you!!
Mom, Bruce, Ky and Brenn

From the day you were born and till today, you have given us reasons to hold our heads high with pride. We are excited to watch as you take the next step in life. Continue to work hard to reach your dreams.
"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might."
Ecclesiastes 9:30
We love you!
Always & Forever,
Mom & Dad

Cooper,
Congratulations!
You have become a wonderful young man with a bright future ahead. I love you very much!
Grandma Debbie

Cooper,
We are so lucky to have a grandson like you. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Continue to work hard to achieve your goals because we know that you can do whatever you put your mind to.
Congratulations, Cooper!
We love you very much!
All our love,
Gigi and PaPa

Cooper,
We have enjoyed watching you grow and become a great young man. Reach for your dreams!
Love,
Aunt Tammi, Aunt Amy, & Uncle Mark
We are proud of you!

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa Clark,
Dad, Amanda, Ellie,
Cooper, Lilly & Zayla

I can't believe you are already graduating. I just want to tell you to always work hard, do your best and treat everyone with respect. You have been through some tough times in high school but you have pulled through it like a champ. We are very proud of you and the man you have grown into. We love you. Good luck Son.

Congratulations, Cooper! Now it is time for the next step of achieving your goals in life by starting and finishing a college education. We are so proud of you. Just remember God will lead you if you just keep your eyes up, never down.
We love you very much!
Love,
Aunt Bev and Aunt Jan

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Justi,, Lexie & Joey, Congratulations!!

We love you,
Love Mema & Papa John
GARRET DUNLAP

Congratulations Garret!
We are so proud of you.

Love,
Dad & Mom,
Kayla, Thomas, Hailee, Derek,
Brett, Mollie, &
Grandma Judy

GARRET DUNLAP

Our favorite Mustang!
We are proud of you, Uncle G.

Love,
Avery, Kayson, Paizlyn, Braylon, & Bryler

Justin Clark

I wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence... along with wisdom to choose your battles carefully. ... I wish you adventure on your journey, and may you always stop and help someone along the way. ... Always listen to your heart. ... Remember how much you are loved...
We are so proud of you.
Mom, Ellie & Lacey
Lane

You are sweet
friendly, kind
athletic
& smart

Never forget who you are and let God lead you to whom you are destined to become! We are, always and forever, so proud of you!

Dad, Mom & Trent

Lane,
Congratulations for all you have accomplished. We are very proud of you. May all of your future dreams come true.

Love,
Grandpa & Grandma Spiker

Lane,
You started your school days a sweet little cowboy and now, look at you, a handsome young man graduating with honors in both studies and sports. You are moving forward with your dreams, playing football in college and starting the path towards a career in sports medicine. I am very proud of you!

Lots of love, Grandma M

Cori Pottorf

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and you prove that every day! Your dad and I are very proud of you and know you'll be successful in life!

Love, Mom & Dad

Christina,
You are so strong and brave for a young woman like yourself. You have the world in the palm of your hand—make it yours.

"Stay the course."

Love,
Trevor and Dad
The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

We love you,
Dad & Mom

Grandma and Grandpa, can we sit under the table to eat lunch? Cory, you can do whatever you want!

Love,
Grandma Cheril & Grandpa Dan

Cory,
Congrats little sis!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Chase & Ali

Cory,
Congratulations!

Love,
Grandpa Gilbert

Congratulations Aunt Princess!
We are so proud of the woman you have become and can’t wait to see what your future holds!!
Love,
James, Paige & Gunner

Houston Cluck

Houston,
Congratulations!
We are so proud of the young man you have become.

Love,
Dad, Aimee, Papa & Wawa

Houston

You were the most precious gift I could have ever been blessed with 18 years ago. Through the years, you’ve become an amazing young man and I am so proud to have you as my son. You have such a beautiful heart and I hope life brings you many years of love, peace, and happiness!

I love you, Mom
We are proud of you! You have a great future ahead of you! 
Love, Mom, Dad, Clarissa & Koder

CASEY

We are proud of you! You have a great future ahead of you! 
Love, 
Mom, Dad, Clarissa & Koder

Allyssa

Good luck in the future. You can achieve anything! 
Love, 
Dad, Jeremy, Dewayne, Skylar, & Jonathon

Kenzie & Garret

John 3:16
Congrats & best wishes for your future. 
Love, G-ma

We love you. 
Great job!

Casey, 
We love you. 
Great job!

Grandma & Grandpa Billups

Wade Joyce

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." 
2 Chronicles 15:7

We are so proud of the brave, kind-hearted young man you are. Watching you face adversity through the years is a testimony to your faith, strength and values. Continue to see the best in people, work hard, lead by example and never give up. 
We love you, 
Dad, Mom, Emma, Abby and Sam

Casey 2016
Kenzie –

The years have flown by and my adorable baby girl has grown up to be a beautiful young woman, both inside and out. We are so incredibly proud of you and all that you have accomplished and look forward to watching you as you enter this next phase of your life.

We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence, along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully. We wish you adventure, happiness, and success on your journey and may you always stop to help someone along the way. Be open to new experiences, but take risks carefully. Always stay true to your heart, believe in yourself, make good choices and be proud of all of your accomplishments.

Embrace love, accept all that you are, forgive others and yourself, and remember... Laughter and Honesty will always make things easier.

May your light always shine bright so you never lose your way, may your dreams take you to the most special places your heart has ever known.

Always remember how much you are loved!!!

Mom and Bobby
Lexie, We are so proud of the young lady you have become. Your independence and determination will take you far! Go with your heart and dream big!
Love, Mom & Dad

Sweet Lexie,
There are not enough words to tell you how proud we are of you and what you stand for as a young adult woman. You make our hearts full of love and compassion for you and look forward to seeing you prosper—to know you is to love you!!!
Love,
Grammy & Pa Chip

Congratulations LT! We are so proud of you! We couldn’t have a better role model, best friend, or sister! We love you so much!
Love,
Tayyah & Kinlee

Lexie,
What grandfather would not be proud of a grand-daughter such as you. You are amazing and unique! You make me beam with the values you live. Your actions of love for all you hold dear has become the character of your being. I love you not because you are my grand daughter but, because what you give that matches your physical beauty. Yes, you are amazing, unique and beautiful.
I love you! Pa Evans.
You are our miracle. You've always had determination, and fight, to overcome any challenge set before you. Continue to seek goals and achieve them. "Rascal," we are going to enjoy watching you mature into an amazing man.

Love, Dad, Mom, Houston, H’Leigha & Hadisyn & Pa Ptomey

We pray God will continue to bless you in all that you do!

Love, Granny & PaPa

Congratulations to a wonderful grandson, who has always been independent and ambitious. We are very proud of the fine young man you have become, Hunter. We love you deeply and in Jesus name we pray God's protection and direction on your life and future.

Love, Granny & PaPa Vince
Chelsea,
Wow, the memories I have of you: From the moment I cut your umbilical cord and all the times as a toddler you let food drool out of your mouth on my carpet, fixing your hair for your first pageant to the happy tears when I found out you won Miss Kansas Teen last year. All the times I have laughed with you and even at you. I LOVE YOU and I miss you already, but I can’t wait to see where your future takes you.
Love - Aunt Jewwy

Chelsea~
I'm going to miss our craziness together. Good luck.
Love-MaKinley

Chels~
I love you so much! It will be much different when you are gone. You are a great big sister and I will miss you soooo much!
I Love you Most, Paige

Chels,
Congratulations to the biggest pain in the rear!!
Love you,
Kyle Deanie Bean

The best helping hand you will ever receive is the one at the end of your arm.
We love you grandma & papa blue house.
Congratulations to you, my darling daughter, who is beautiful, talented and smart. I am so proud of you with your accomplishments. You will always be my baby girl.
Love,
Daddy-O

Miss Kansas, Chelsea,
No matter where you've been or where you go, you'll always be Gma's Angel.
So proud of you.
Keep up the work.
Love you,
Gma Connie

Chelsea,
You are such a beauty. I am very honored to call you my niece!
Love you,
Uncle Burp

Mama:
We are going to miss you sooooo much!! No one snuggles us as good as you do. We'll make sure you get sent lots of pictures and videos.
Love you lots,
John and Bon

Chelsea,
We are very proud to call you our granddaughter! You have grown into a beautiful young woman and we are bursting with pride. Very excited to see what your future holds! I'm sure Jim will be watching over you from heaven.
Love,
Jim & Raynette
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