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Supplement to The Kansas Chief

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Elwood
High School
2003
EHS Memories
By Elwood High School Senior Class President Matthew Liechti

The Senior Class of 2003 has always been a very close knit
ted group and have enjoyed so many experiences that will al-
ways remain vivid in our memories.

We have worked hard together in accomplishing our goals.
Of the 19 members of the graduation class, 10 of us have been
classmates since elementary school.

Our participation in school activities has been a source of
pride to us. Fifteen of us are currently members of the concert
band. Three of the five male members of the class were on
the football squad and four boys and three girls were on the basket-
ball teams. Four class members participated in the track pro-
gram, and the volleyball program had four of our young ladies
on its team. Our class has the reputation of being hard working
and responsible, and... very greedy, as evidenced by the amount
of money we have earned for our senior trip.

It is now time for each of us to go our own ways and I
believe that each of us will continue to be productive members
of this great country. My best wishes go with each of them.

Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind,
filling it with a steady and perpetual serenity.
--Joseph Addison

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wish you continued success!

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you, Grads!
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Governing Body
& employees

Good Luck
Class of
2003!

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Highland Community College Graduates

Highland Community College held its 145th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 3. Nearly 150 students received associate in arts, associate in science, associate in applied science, and associate in general studies degrees.

In what has become a new tradition at the College, The Pipers of the Plains, a bagpipe troupe from Topeka, led the HCC faculty and students across campus to Allen Field House where the commencement exercises were held. Emeritus faculty members James Thompson and Stanley Lewis led the faculty into the Field House, followed by Cheryl Rasmussen, vice president for student services, and Deborah Fox, dean of finance and operations, who led the graduates.

Under the direction of music instructor Brian Casey, the Lads and Lassies performed Casey's new arrangement of the HCC alma mater. The HCC Chorus presented "United We Stand," a collection of patriotic tunes.

Kim and Dan Gronninger, 1979 graduates of HCC who now live and work in Topeka, were the guest speakers. They spoke of humorous memories from their days at HCC, and provided the graduates with a list of important items to remember, noting that while they could remember who the speaker was when they graduated from HCC, they did not remember what was said.

HCC president David Reist presented psychology instructor Sharon Church with the annual Bruning Award, given each year to provide an HCC faculty member with a stipend for professional development. Church will be attending the second half of The Academy for Leadership and Development Training sponsored by the National Community College Chair Academy. Reist also recognized Jana Collins of Highland and Michael Lang of Quenemo as the recipients of the Student Services Award.

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Members of the Pipers of the Plains lead the HCC faculty and graduating students in the traditional final walk across campus to the 2003 commencement exercises.

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Thank You,
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By WHS Senior Class President Hillary Bauman

As our days come to a close at Wathena High School, the class of 2003 would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, friends and the community for their many years of support.

We hope that the Wathena Community realizes the impact that they have had on each one of us. Whether it was on the football field, volleyball, basketball court, a musical performance, or a fund-raising activity, we knew we could depend on this community for the help and support that we needed. Each of you played an important role in the success of the 25 graduates of this year's class.

As we embark on the next phase of our lives, we will be entering college, vocational school, the military or the workforce. We hope to make our families, friends and the Wathena community proud of our future accomplishments.

On With the Show Videos and Entertainment

Good Luck Grads!

Our Family Tree

Congratulations, Graduates!

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Good Luck Class of 2003!
"That's State Farm Insurance"

We're proud of you

Tom Remmers
989-3555, Wathena, KS.
Wathena
High School
2003
By Laura Albers

At Midway High School, the 2003 graduating class has been active in a variety of educational and athletic groups.

To begin with, Laura Albers, Amanda Thompson, and Brandon Winchester were involved in the school band and the Student Council, along with Luke Lednick. Laura Albers and Amanda Thompson have also been members of the National Honor Society and Albers has been active in the school plays. David Schmitt was a member of the Schol's Bowl team that finished in the top half at State this year. A majority of the class attends Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison. They include Shawn Kuhner, electrical; Luke Lednick, electrical; Cohen Otto, electrical; Andrew Penske, diesel; and Brad Scholz, welding.

This class has been active in sports over the past four years as well. Stephen Christopher, Luke Lednick, Cohen Otto, David Schmitt, Brad Scholz, and Brandon Winchester have all participated in football and were involved in the State football game in 2000. Shawn Kuhner, Luke Lednick, Cohen Otto, Brad Scholz, and Brandon Winchester have been a part of the boys' basketball team; at some point during high school and Winchester lead the team to Sub-State this year. The two girls, Laura Albers and Amanda Thompson have been active in volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading all four years.

Next year, the graduates will be heading off on their own separate ways. Laura Albers and Stephen Christopher are going to be attending Highland Community College. Amanda Thompson will be at Benedictine College. David Schmitt is going to Kansas University. Brad Scholz will be finishing out the welding program at Northeast Kansas Technical College. Cohen Otto will be working at Betts Electric. Shawn Kuhner, Luke Lednick, Andrew Penske, and Brandon Winchester are still undecided.

Congratulations to the 2003 graduating class at Midway High School in all of your accomplishments and good luck!
Midway
High School
Graduating
Class Of
2003

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Farewell from Highland Seniors

By Kim McCaulley, HHS senior class president

The Highland high school Senior class has been very busy this year. Many students have done exceptionally well in the Fine Arts Program and have earned many awards at the Northeast Kansas art contests. The select music group has been blessed with good senior leadership to help them to state competition. A new addition this year was the spring play that brought a new experience to the participants and the community. Many seniors involved in FFA have excelled in contests and projects. As a graduation requirement, all of the seniors were required to complete a Senior Project. Though it was very difficult at times, it proved to be a wonderful experience to take with us. After all of the hard work a trip to Galveston, Texas was well deserved. The Highland high school seniors will be graduating May 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Congratulations Grads!
Best wishes for the future

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Happy Graduation Day!
Highland
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Troy Family Medical Center
310 W. Locust Troy, Kansas (785) 985-3504

Highland Family Medical Center
415 W. Main Highland, Kansas (785) 442-3645
Congratulations on a fine achievement

Life is full of challenges, and as a high-school graduate, you've shown that you have what it takes to make the grade. Hard work and dedication have gotten you where you are today, and now your diploma is your passport to bigger and better opportunities. We hope you'll continue to follow your dreams and strive to achieve new goals in your education and career. After all, life is a learning experience - and this is only the beginning!

The Kansas Chief
staff and Foley family