Presenting the Class of 2004

Elwood High School  
Highland High School  
Midway High School  
Troy High School  
Wathena High School  

(Highland Community College grads are also listed on page 9)

May 20, 2004

Supplement to *The Kansas Chief*
Elwood High School
2004
"Smile... because it happened"

By Herbert Wilson
EHS Senior Class President

Through our school years all of us have had up times and down times in our lives, yet we have always been available for each other in case help or advice was needed.

Most of us have been together at the Elwood School for 13 years, having fun and supporting each other as we reached for our goal to graduate. This may be the last time that the class will be together frequently as we go on separate ways to the military or college or the work force, but we will have our enduring friendships and memories.

Remember that graduation is not the final goodbye. Graduation is a new beginning in our life. We will choose not to "cry because it is over, rather we will smile because it happened."

Commencement Exercises
Monday Evening, May 17, 2004, 8:00 p.m.
Elwood School Gymnasium

Procesional: "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
The Concert Band
(audience, please stand for procesional)

Welcome ................................................. Michael Newman, Superintendent
Salutatorian .............................................. Matthew Huffman
Valedictorian ............................................. Victoria Miller

"Addison Way" ........................................... Huckleby
The Concert Band *

Presentation of Speaker ............................ Jim Leatherman, Principal
Address ................................................... "Think About Success"

Marvin W. Floyd, Class of 1957

"In This Quiet Place" .................................... Sheldon
The Concert Band *

Presentation of Awards and Scholarships ............. Jim Leatherman
George Ewing, American Legion Post #161

Presentation of the Class of 2004 ................. Jim Leatherman, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas ............................. Jeff Murphy, President
Bobby Hall, Member
Board of Education

Memories of the Class of 2004 ......................... Video Presentation

Closing Remarks ...................................... Jim Leatherman, Principal
Recessional: "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
The Concert Band
(Audience, Please Stand)

* I State Band Festival
Norman F. Burmont, Director

Class Colors ............................................. Blue and White
Class Flower ............................................ Iris

Class Motto: "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." —Laozi

Good Luck
Grads
in all that you do!

Jennifer Hartman, owner
Downtown Wathena
785-989-3488

We're proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success!

Mark D. Newton
105 E. St. Joseph St.
Wathena, Ks.
785-989-4561

Dairy Barn
Jack & Sue Frump
and employees
Wathena, Ks.

Best Wishes Graduates!

Linda's New Image
Linda Haupt
owner/operator
Phone 989-3554, Wathena, Ks.

We're Proud of you, Grads!
City of Elwood
Governing Body
& employees

Happy Graduation Day!

Mike Kiefer Construction
& Excavating
Wathena, Ks 989-4979

I TEACH 2
Educational Materials & Scrapbooking
Little Red School—210 Roseport, Elwood, Ks. 913-365-5566

A-1 Realty Melinda Miller, Raymond Miller, Otto Schultz

MUSE CONSTRUCTION MUSE MUNITIONS
Dennis Muse & family
Elwood, Ks.

Congratulations Grad!!!
Highland High School Commencement
Saturday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.

Pomp & Circumstance by Elgar

Jr./Sr. High Band Awards & Scholarships

Alan Beck, Principal Salutatorian

Co-Valedictorians

Angela Stewart

Tommy Moran, Steven Holt

Presentation of Roses

HHS Senior Class "I Will Remember You" by McLachlan Mixed Ensemble "Strength from the Past to Power the Future" 

Donna Parish Presentation of Class of 2004 Alan Beck, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas

Supt. Steve Adams, William Hargis and Tim Nuzum, Board of Education Recessional by Playhar Jr./Sr. High Band

Words: As long as we have each other, we will never run out of problems.

Colors: Red & Silver

Flower: Yellow Rose

We salute you, graduates, for a job well done!

Jamvold Repair

Troy, KS

City of Highland Governing Body & Employees

Happy Graduation Day!

Highland Community College

Congratulations Graduates!

Valley Grain & Fertilizer

Highland, Ks. 442-3221

Best Wishes Grads!

Collins Law Office

Ted F. Collins, Attorney

Highland, Ks. 442-3281

World-Class Graduates!

Congratulations to the Class of 2003. A world of opportunity awaits you, and we wish you all the best in the years to come.

Troy Family Medical Center

310 W. Locust Troy, Kansas (785) 985-3504

Highland Family Medical Center

415 W. Main Highland, Kansas (785) 442-3645
Memories of WHS
By Darren Koehler, Senior Class President
Reflecting upon my four years in high school brings back many of the great times we have had together. I remember how nervous everyone was the first day we spent in high school. Some were nervous about getting to class on time. Others were wondering which teachers were the meanest and hoping that they didn’t end up in their class. A few of us were picked on by the upperclassmen, but most of us made it through unscathed.
We’ve been a pretty strong class throughout high school. There have been plenty of hot tempers, but as a class, we are as strong as any.
It seems surreal when I think about finally graduating. For the past thirteen years we have been chasing a piece of paper that never seemed close enough to grasp. Now we’re finally here!
There have been many people that have helped us to get to this point. I’d like to thank the community for participating in the many fundraisers we’ve had and for supporting our athletic teams.
We have all received an excellent education. This education, which was greatly due to the outstanding faculty at Wathena High School, has prepared every single senior for college or entering the workplace. I would like to extend my appreciation to the people who not only taught us the curriculum, but also taught us many important lessons on life.
The support staff has also had a significant influence on our lives. Secretaries, custodians, and many other people have always been there to tell us hello and ask how we are doing. I can’t imagine what high school would have been like without these people, and I would like to thank all of these people also.
The last and most important group I’d like to thank is our families. Without the support of our mums, dads, brothers and sisters, none of this would have been possible.
To the class of 2004, I’d like to be the first to congratulate you and I hope that as we close this chapter of our lives, we never forget about the times we’ve had together.

Best Wishes in the future!
Farmers State Bank
989-4431
Wathena, Ks.

Good Luck Class of 2003!
"That's State Farm Insurance"
Tom Remmers
989-3555, Wathena, Ks.

Congratulations Graduates!
Fresh Produce
Bedding Plants
Bait & Tackle
Gift Shoppe
Mike & Tami Schultz
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On With the Show Videos and Entertainment
Good Luck Grads!
Wathena, Ks. 989-4767

Congratulations, Graduates!
We’re proud of you
Fast Gas ‘n Snax
Conoco Station, Wathena, Ks.

Commencement Exercises
Sunday, May 23, 2004, 5:00 p.m.
High School Gymnasium

*Processional
"Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
Concert Band

Opening Comments Ellice Nitz

*Friends* Smith
Mixed Chorus

Salutatorian Kalee Vertin
Valedictorian Kari Taylor

Presentation of Senior Awards Robert W. Blair, Principal
Jerry Banks, Counselor

Senior Video "Senior Memories 2004"

"It’s Hard to Say Goodbye" Bezig
Mixed Chorus

Presentation of Class Robert W. Blair, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas Mike Newman, Superintendent
Paul Rohde, USD 406 Board President
Joan Nitz, USD 406 Board Vice President

Reading of Class Roll Darren Koehler

Closing Remarks Sarah Shuster

*Recessional
"Tannhausor March" Wagner Henderson
Concert Band

*Congregation please stand at these points

Class Officers
President Darren Koehler
Vice President Kalee Vertin
Secretary Sarah Shuster
Treasurer Mike Lewis
Student Council Representative Jordan Baumhe
Student Council Representative Shane Rohde

Junior Class Ushers: Shelby Laipple and Danny Wyatt

Class Flower Iris
Class Colors Navy/Silver
Class Sponsor Steve Taylor

Class Motto 
"If you continue to do what you’ve always done, you’ll continue to get what you’ve always gotten."

Good Luck Grads!

Deb’s Hair Cellar
Deb & Dick Schultz
Wathena, Ks. 989-3494 or 989-3490

Congrats Grads!
City of Wathena
Mayor Jim McAnerney
Council: Ivan Foley, Cathy Coy, Bob Ryser, Jack Slaughter, Jill Hontz & employees
Wathena High School 2004
Troy High School

Graduating Class of 2004

Class Colors: Metallic Blue & Silver
Class Flower: White Rose with Blue Tips

Class Motto: “The best is yet to be.”
Best Wishes to the
THS Class of '04
The Best is Yet to Be!

By Bridget Shelton
THS Senior Class President

To the Troy Class of 2004,
It’s finally here, the year we’ve been waiting for since August of 1991. Our senior year. It seems as though it were just yesterday that we were sitting around the tables in the Kindergarten room with Mrs. Bobo reading “Chica Chica Boom Boom” and learning how to share.

Now we’re preparing for our senior trip to Minneapolis, and then our graduation on May 23rd. There are so many memories I have shared with each and every one of you that I know I will never forget. I could not have asked for a better class to spend 13 years of my life with. Our class was always told we were going to succeed in everything we did, and I think we proved everyone right.

Whether it was a 10-1 football team or a 17-5 girl’s basketball team,

To the Troy High School Class of 2004 I give my congratulations. I hope that you all succeed in life and are able to reach any goals you set for yourselves, and I hope you always remember, “The best is yet to be.”
Highland Community College Graduates

Associate in Arts

Amy Michelle Ball
Kate Marie Barnes
Alicia Marie Billings
Charles Dustin Borg
Brandon James Bray
Mark Nathan Brennan
Marcellous Donald Cagie
Kristen A Carter
Mindy Ann Chamel
Aaron Carter Craig
Jami M Cross
Jimmi Lee Daley
Shannon Lee Davis
Brandi Marie Fee Davis
Christina Marie Dickerson
Traci Ann Dragoo
Wesley Dalton Dulais
Ann Nicole DuBois
Angie Natalie Darlene Toll Erke
Rachelle Lynne Fagan
Alissa Sue Fischer
Debra Lynn Olmstead Fischer
Samuel Paul Flowers
Jamin Daniel Fujisahiboshi
Katherine Marie Garrett
Kristen Megan Garrett
Jessica Renee Gerard
Lauren Christine King Glorobez
Stacy Jean Maddox Gorniez
Brandi Lynn Groff
Curtice Dione Guyon II
Jason William Hail
Dezeree Dawn Harding
Charitose Nichole Harms
Stefania Ann Hayes
Michael James Hough
Ryan A Howard
Brooke Suzanne Huggins
Katie J James
Brenton James JayaJkila

Dana Ann Johnson
Trevorrick Marie Johnson
Katleen M Lichter Jones
Rachel Leigh Jones
Stephanie Lynn Jones
Jenni Ann Jones
Stephanie Ryan Juarez
Curtis Wesley Kellog
Brent Daniel Kell
Shawn P Kincad
Lindsey Danielle Klopper
Christopher John Koehler
Tiawan E Lee
Tracy Elizabeth Liber
Elizabeth Edleen Linck
Melissa Ann Lowry
Georgi Georgiev Markov
Todd Theodore Massey
Jacob Arthur Mautlin
Curtis Lee McClellan
Lisa R Cox McClary
Susan Damee Merritt
Reene Leigh Murphy
Lance A Naber
Christine Marie Cairo Noll
Amber Dawn Nutsch
Jodie Lynn Orendor
Stephanie Lynne Oxborrow
Jeremy Michael Pryor
Jodi Lynn Purcell
Corey J Randolph

Jennifer Lynn Seeger Reed
Jordan P Rider
Cassie Marie Robinson
Amy Elizabeth Ryan
Christin Dawn Sager
Jossi Ann Sanders
Melinda Sue Ogden Scales
Nicholas John Sorge
Danay Marie Seipel
Melissa Danielle Selland
Tammy Michelle Turner Shae
Ryan Robert Sharp
Janci Sue Layden Smith
Angelina Darlene Toll Erke
Zachary Emil Testke
Barry Thomas
Jennifer Jo Metzger Tienclson
Valerie Dawn Tollison
Jennifer Lynn Truitt
Kate Renee Turpin
Lisa Ann Fisher Wade
Deitra Nicole Winness
Joshua Pierson Webb
Coert Lynette Wayse
Crystal Diane Wissman
Laura Ann Wood
Melissa Mckin Wood
Ben C Woodley
Heather Ren Hill Zehr
John David Zilah
Debra JoAnn Heinrich Zwigart

Atchison, KS
Holt, MO
Atchison, KS
Leavenworth, KS
Shenandoah, IA
Tescott, KS
Atchison, KS
Topeka, KS
Wamego, KS
St Joseph, MO
Easton, MO
Daphne, AL
Highland, KS
Horton, KS
Highland, KS
Beentce, NE
Weskan, KS
Jennings, KS
Pawhuska, KS
Osage City, KS
Beetie, KS
Witthens, KS
Lawrence, KS
Oklosa, KS
Oklosa, KS
Lawrence, KS
Rossville, KS
Valley Falls, KS
Auburn, NE
Junction City, KS
Mayetta, KS
Holt, KS
Atchison, KS
Pharseant, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Manhattan, KS
Geneoese, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Leinsmure Park, Australia
Frankfort, KY
Elwood, KS
Senoa, KS
Atchison, KS
Bendona, KS
Wathena, KS
Fairview, KS
Atchison, KS
Atchison, KS
Horton, KS
Winder, KS
So/a, Bulgaria
Robinson, KS
Holton, KS
Centra, KS
Central, KS
Troy, KS
Manhattan, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Atchison, KS
Belleville, KS
Osgoie City, KS
Sedbera, KS
Atchison, KS
Atchison, KS
Manhattan, KS
Soldier, KS
Valley Falls, KS
Troy, KS
Horton, KS
Manhattan, KS
Washburn, MO
White Cloud, KS
Sedbera, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Willis, KS
Ankony, IA
Soldier, KS
Wheaton, KS
Daphne, AL
Valley Falls, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Maple Hill, KS
Troy, KS
Topkea, KS
Osawake, KS
Leavenworth, KS
Pulaski, KS
Falls City, NE
Topkea, KS
Reston, MO
Wamego, KS
St George, KS
Tescott, KS
Meriden, KS

Associate in Applied Science

Lynda Marie Venemann Abele
Thomas Lee Able
Pamela Sue Bergmann
"Alien Jean Blanton
Kathryn Kay Bockhoff
Thomas Michael Buettner
Stephanie Sue Dorson
Angelina Darlene Toll Erke
Jeri Ann Ann Fross
Kristy Kay Gaskell
Brandi Lynn Groff
Hayleigh Marie Hinton
Brandi Luc Hochstetler
Patricia Ann Derk Keifley
Andrew S King
Chayse Kristi Lamoreaux
Tiffani Chained Leach
Shawna concrete
Kristi Lei Lawless Plummer
Kristen Marie Pyle
Anton Franklin Reichert
Jaynell F Franklin Robidoux
Levi Ryan Schultz
Calleu Mac Simpson
Carrie Fe Strybel Sowens
Landon Ray Vandermischt
Emily Cecilia Watts
David Paul Williams
Megan Lynn Wichlgolum
Atchison, KS
St, Joseph, MO
Macon, KS
Wamego, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Sedbera, KS
Cedar Rapids, NE
Atchison, KS
Hays, KS
Horton, KS
Atchison, KS
Horton, KS
Topkea, KS
Troy, KS
Waterville, KS
Cummings, KS
St Joseph, MO
Manhattan, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Effingham, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Osaklosa, KS
Highland, KS
Atchison, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Manhattan, KS

St. Joseph, MO
Macon, KS
Wamego, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Sedbera, KS
Cedar Rapids, NE
Atchison, KS
Hays, KS
Horton, KS
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Hiawatha, KS
Effingham, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Osaklosa, KS
Highland, KS
Atchison, KS
Hiawatha, KS
Manhattan, KS

Associate in General Studies

Donie: Lillanore Bell
Edvin Charles Broed
John Robert Brunett III
Marc Thomas Burr II
Heather Lee Caballan
Tenessa E Cardina
Raeanee Ralph Green

Kansas City, KS
Morrill, KS
Wuiker, IA
Cincinnati, Ohio
Lancaster, KS
Topkea, KS
Chicago, IL

Carla Michelle Hewins
Douglas Joseph Hubbell
Sarah Lynn Johnson
Dana Rae Junod
DeAnn Renee McCauley
Miguel Ari Mendez
Kathryn Laura Oswald
Cindiee Marie Randell
Kouryia Renee Robin
Marion R Sadowski
Anthony Joseph Schulte
Wolfram Dwayne Spooner V
Daren Michael Stewart
Celina Shemaine Towers
Shirley D Wenger Weber

Water, KS
Topkea, KS
Lawrence, Kansas
Cleaveland, KS
Leona, KS
Topkea, KS
Grandview, MO
Horton, KS
Atchison, KS
Troy, KS
Senoa, KS
Highland, KS
Kansas City, KS
Topkea, KS

Associate in Science

Travis James Ahrens
Malinda Bohnenkemper
Amy N Berchard
Bryan Newman Barks
Brandy Jean Ellis
Zachary Lee Engel
Angeline Darlene Toll Erke
Jennifer-Shela Yvonne Franklin
Michael James Hoxiah
Rachel Sue Huber
Katie J James
Brenton James JayaJkila

Dana Ann Johnson
Kathleen M Lichter Jones
Christopher John Koehler
Nicholas Ryan Laster
Roth Marie Heitmann Lawrenz
Rosemary Louise Lock
Taylor Clancy Lucas
Scott Michael Manning
Cody Phillip McCuller
Lisa R Cox McClary
Chris Bruce Peabody
Kellie C Prlude
Casey Tyler Rahmier
Ray Ryan Rutland
Emily E Shirley
Michelle Lee Berger Simmons
Callee Mac Simpson
Shenra Lee Simpson
Jason Andrew Strath
Jenna Elizabeth Smith
Jacob Scott Sunderman
Terry Keith Teske
Katie Renee Turpin
Lisa Ann Fisher Wade
Jarrod Dean Whisnel
Suzanne Marie Smith Whilliotte
Jonathan Bruce Winder

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Leomdarte Perh, Australia
Frankfort, KS
Senoa, KS
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Horton, KS
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Kansas City, KS
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Hiawatha, KS
Chartina, IA
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Troy, KS
Topkea, KS
Troy, KS

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WE LOVE OUR GRADS
Wishing you all good luck and much happiness.
The Last Graduating Class of Midway School says Goodbye

By Braden Forney

It is an extremely busy time as the seniors prepare for graduation—writing announcements, deciding on future plans, and trying to survive the last few weeks of school. It is a time of change, but not just for the graduating class of 2004. Everyone in the Eagle community has been preparing for next year’s move to Highland. The Highland Bluejays and Midway Eagles will henceforth be known as the Doniphan West Mustangs.

As a member of the last graduating class of Midway High School, I am proud to have spent my time at such a wonderful school. Believe me, that’s a lot of time; with all the activities so many of the seniors are involved in we might as well just move in! Day in and day out for 13 years we rolled out of bed dreading what lie ahead of us, whether it be at Midway or any other school attended by a number of the seniors. Even though we haven’t all been together for the entirety of those years, those who joined us more recently have fit in perfectly, as though they have been with us the whole time. It wouldn’t have made much of a difference as to what school we attended, who really wants to go to school anyways? I can tell you one thing; all those early mornings and endless tests were worth it. We survived, though, and now here we are at the end of the only way of life we have ever known. Midway has prepared us to take that last leap into reality, to carry with us all that we have learned and shared throughout the years. Ask us and we might not admit it, but we will miss it.

Knowing Midway’s existence will soon be over, the year has been shadowed by an underlying sadness. No longer will news of the Eagles be heard on the radio or read in the paper. No longer will red and blue grace uniforms or sports t-shirts together and no longer will “Midway” be spoken by the students. After this year, yearbooks and the memories of alumni and community members will be the only history of this small-but-mighty school.

Following close behind this sadness is a great pride and the desire to enjoy every minute of the diminishing time. We are sad that it has to go, but this massive change leaves the door open for many new and exciting experiences. So instead of dwell on the past, look to the future and the endless possibilities it possesses. That’s what we as seniors are faced with, and that’s what we will take with us as we begin a new chapter in our lives. We would like to thank everyone who cared enough to push us to succeed and say “Goodbye” to our former lives as we know it. It is time to move on to bigger and better things, but all of the people involved in those lives will never be forgotten.

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.” — Albert Einstein
GOOD LUCK GRADUATES!

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