Congratulations!
CLASS OF 2009

Doniphan West High School
Elwood High School
Troy High School
Wathena High School

Supplement to
The Kansas Chief

also Highland
Community College

May 14, 2009
Our memories are forever with us

Written by Taylor Twombley
Doniphan West High School
Class president, 2009

“Our lives are before us...” 18 of the 34 students in the graduating class at Doniphan West plan to continue their education at Highland Community College. Others plan to continue their education at schools such as Kansas State University, Kansas University, Baker, Washburn, Cowley County Community College, Vo-Tech, and Benedictine. Some have even decided to walk straight into the work force. The seniors are pursuing a variety of different majors including theatre, music, business, math/science, biology, and education. The class has collectively earned a total of $94,000 in scholarships.

“Our past is behind us...” Throughout high school the D-West seniors have been actively involved in their school and community. Each year the students have been required to complete 10 hours of community service. Including the required 10 hours, 18 of the seniors are involved in National Honor Society where they are also required to do community service projects throughout the year. This year’s senior class has a variety of different students ranging from athletes, to artists, to journalists, to welders and even foreign language speakers. Every student has excelled in at least one of these areas or some other area with the help of their teachers, families, and friends. Thank you to all those people that have helped the students accomplish their goals.

“But our memories are forever with us...” The senior class has had many memories that they have had the privilege to share with one another. Some of the classes favorite memories include winning class of the year as sophomores, winning the Homecoming float contest twice, and participating in the Winter Royalty and Homecoming events. Other memories consist of the senior girls decorating the boys’ cars, the belly dance, flipping the car at the bonfire, and continuing to grow as a class.

On behalf of the Senior Class I would like to give a special thank you to all our teachers and those who have inspired us for giving us the chance to achieve our goals. Without you we would not be prepared to continue our lives outside of high school. “Our lives are before us...Our past is behind us...But our memories are forever with us.”

DONIPHAN WEST HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT
Unified School Districts 425 & 433
May 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Processional ........................................ "Pomp and Circumstance"
Doniphan West High School Band By Elgar
Opening ........................................Bethani Michele Zeit
Doniphan West Swing Chair .............. "Lean on Me"
By Bill Withers
Kansas Scholars, Governor’s Scholars,
RE French Scholarship ...........................Karen Autem
Salutatory Address
Valedictory Addresses
Presentation of Flowers ...................... "When You Remember Me"
Performed by Ashle Witham
By Carrie Underwood
Senior Slide Show ................................ Created by IHT Class
Presentation of the Class of 2009 ............ Mr. Rex Bollinger,
Superintendent
Presentation of Diplomas ........................ Mrs. Catherine Gunderson, Principal
USD 425 BOE and USD 433 BOE
Closing ........................................ Ryan Eugene Kuhnert
Processional ........................................ "Majestica"
Doniphan West High School Band
By Brian Balsams

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Famous Quotes on Intelligence

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. —Albert Einstein

There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder. —Ronald Reagan

Be as smart as you can, but remember that it is always better to be wise than to be smart. —Alan Alda

Belief is the death of intelligence. —Robert Anton Wilson

Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Common sense is not so common. —Walter T. Voltaire

Every true genius is bound to be naive. —Friedrich Schiller

Everyone in a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together. —Georg C. Lichtenberg

Genius is not anything more than elegant common sense. —Josh Billings

Genius always finds itself a century too early. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Genius is more often found in a cracked pot than in a whole one. —E. B. White

I can't tell you if genius is hereditary, because heaven has granted me no offspring. —James Whitcomb Riley

I must have a prodigious quantity of mind; it takes me as much as a week sometimes to make it up. —Mark Twain

I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow. —Woodrow Wilson

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb... and I also know that I'm not blonde. —Dolly Parton

If there are no stupid questions, does that mean all questions are stupid? Does that mean all people are? Do they get smart just in time to ask questions? —Scott Adams

Intelligence is not a science. —Frank Carlucci

What a distressing contrast there is between the radiant intelligence of the child and the feeble mentality of the average adult. —Sigmund Freud

A woman uses her intelligence to find reasons to support her intuition. —Gilbert K. Chesterton

(taken from brainyquote.com)

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

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Congratulations, Graduates.

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Troy High School

Class Colors:
Metallic Blue & Metallic Silver

Class Flower:
Blue Rose

Class Motto:
"The memories we’ve shared, the times we’ve had together.
They will stay with us always, goodbye is not forever."

Graduating Class of

2009
WHS Class of 2009
By Jill Sarver
WHS Senior Class President
As graduation quickly approaches, I cannot believe our journey at Wathena Schools is coming to an end. These last twelve years have created many unforgettable memories, and a very strong bond among us.
In 8th grade we faced the tragic loss of a fellow classmate and friend, Malorie Adams. This brought our class closer and made us realize how much we care for one another.
Even with our good days and bad, we have made it through. We would like to thank our parents, administrators, community, and underclassmen for all of your support. A special thank you goes out to our teachers. We couldn't have made it this far without you. Whether it's in sports or academics, our class has accomplished many great things. As we complete our last few days at WHS and enter the next chapter of our lives, I would like to wish my fellow classmate the best of luck in all that you do.
Remember these words from Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." Congratulations Class of 2009! We made it!

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Elwood High School Commencement Exercises
Monday Evening, May 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Elwood School Gymnasium

Processional – “Pomp & Circumstance” ........................................... Elgar, Ms. Heather Hagstrom
(Audience, Please Stand)

Welcome ......................................................................................... Michael Newman, Superintendent

Salutatorian Address

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of Speaker ................................................................. Steve Taylor, Principal
Address – “Critical Decisions and Taking Responsibility” ............... Elijah Christian Fletcher
Elwood Graduating Class of 1988

Presentation of Awards and Scholarships ....................................... Steve Taylor, Principal
Elwood NEA

Presentation of the Class of 2008 ................................................... Steve Taylor, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas ............................................................... Jeff Murphy, President
Henrietta Hoard, Vice-President Board of Education

Memories of the Class of 2009 ....................................................... Video Presentation
By Ms. Christina Judd’s Senior Video Production Class

Closing Remarks ........................................................................... Steve Taylor, Principal

Recessional – “Pomp & Circumstance” ......................................... Elgar
(Audience, Please Stand)

Ms. Heather Hagstrom

Class Motto
“When you wake up in the morning, we have two simple choices; go back to sleep and dream, or
wake up and chase those dreams...Choice is yours.”
The Elwood Class of 2009

By EHS Senior Class President
Amanda McCoppin

Diversity is one word that truly describes the 2009 Senior Class of Elwood High School. Each member has different goals and dreams following high school graduation. It is a small class with only 11 students. It seems this year has gone by so quickly—September was just here. There have been many obstacles, accomplishments, and rewards during this year. However, we stuck it out and are graduating.

Here are the plans of the students following graduation:

Kaitlyn Hall plans to attend Highland Community College to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Shandell Kretzer is attending Kansas State University to major in business.

Kayla Kuechell plans to attend Highland Community College for two years, and then transfer to Missouri Western State University to major in Psychology.

Amanda McCoppin plans to attend Missouri Western State University, to major in Nursing. Kortni Ross is attending Highland Community College to major in Psychology.

Adriana Waymire is undecided in her plans for schooling.

Fred Bromley plans to attend Highland Community College with an undecided major.

Quvenel King is attending Highland Community College and majoring in graphic design.

Levi Murphy is attending Kansas State University and majoring in Computer Engineering.

Preston Robinson is attending Missouri Western State University and majoring in Computer Science.

Mitchell Webb is attending Highland Community College and his major is undecided.

As president of my class, I believe we see all more than ready to graduate. It seems like just a week ago we were scared freshmen walking through the halls. Now, we are grown up and ready to take charge of what we want to become. We have to prove ourselves in this changing and competitive world. We wish all seniors the very best as the class of 2009 begins leaving their footprints on the world of tomorrow.
HCC 2009 Commencement Tuesday, May 19

Plans have been finalized for the 2009 commencement exercises at Highland Community College. The 2009 commencement will again be held outdoors on Tuesday evening, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. on Kessinger Field on the HCC campus. Over 150 graduates are scheduled to hear Kansas Public Radio personality Laura Lonson, who will be the guest speaker. Lonson hosts and produces the local All Things Considered for Kansas Public Radio. Commencement exercises will begin with the traditional march across the campus of the HCC faculty and graduating students into the stadium, led by the Talltrain Pipe Band bagpipe troops. Those assembled will join in singing the HCC Alma Mater, followed by Lonson’s address. After special music from the HCC music department, HCC president David Reist will announce special awards and present the class of 2009. Once the degrees have been conferred Joyce C. Rush, chairperson of the HCC Board of Trustees, the Talltrain Pipers will lead the graduates and faculty from the stadium.

A commencement meal starting at 5:30 am will be available from Great Western Dining Services, served in the HCC Cafeteria with seating available on the front lawn. Great Western will also host a reception on the lawn following the commencement exercises.

Kelsey Marie Graham Oxford, KS
Eddie S Gray Cincinnati, OH
Laura Jo Greub Waynaka, KS
Conor Malcolm Grier Lawrence, KS
Jacqueline Diane Groninger Benda, KS
Julianne Elizabeth Gross Highland, KS
Alyssa K Guinn Lawrence, KS
Dustin Cade Gullickson Everest, KS
Ashley Marie Hagnauer Manhattan, KS
Kristina Elisa Haina Lawrence, KS
Kenna T. Hartter Jr. Sabetha, KS
Ashley Renee Henning Nortonville, KS
Kaitlyn Lee Holloway Hiawatha, KS
Devon J Hooper Ironton, KS
Robert Gerald Howe Lawson, MO
Kierston Kay Howerton Kansas City, MO
Michael Brandon Hummel Clarinda, IA
Lindsey Lee Irvine Easton, KS
Richard Lee Irvine Netawaka, KS
Candy A Lowe Johansen Hiawatha, KS
Rhyme R. Robinson Johnson Mayetta, KS
Brian Denzl James Jolly Ozzwkie, KS
Caikey Jo Jones Highland, KS
Rick Campbell Jones Hiawatha, KS
Jeffrey Scott Jonte Washington, KS
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Ashley Louise Kelley El Cajon, CA
Derek Joseph Koehler Atchison, KS
Melissa Nelle Krier Atchison, KS
Thresa Marie Lassiter Denison, KS
Darlene Ann Miller Lee Denton, KS
Sally Ann McDonald Lee Waynega, KS
Patricia Ann Bechold Lehmkulhi Hiawatha, KS
Andrea Brooke Leonard Belvue, KS
Brianne Lynn Lesnau Isanti, MN
Joshua Roy Lloyd Valley Falls, KS
Melissa Nicole Looper Blaine, KS
Holly Marie Luck Manhattan, KS
Kara Corinne Masters Troy, KS
Dane Austin Mausel Hiawatha, KS
Carolyn L. Land Mckeek Holton, KS
Azia Maria McMunn Topeka, KS
Brady Shawn Medrano Omaha, NE
Dakotah D Murphy Elwood, KS
Bryce Philip Nigus Hiawatha, KS
Natalie Jo Nioce Hiawatha, KS
Tyler Douglas Nordman Augusta, KS
Derek W Oswald Effingham, KS
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Jaime LouAnn Green Parker Manhattan, KS
William Nicholas Parker Lawrence, KS
Jesse Robin Walker Parsons Ogden, KS
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Jeffrey Lee Phillips Jr Kansas City, KS
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Amanda Lynne Puvelgal Hiawatha, KS
Sara Elizabeth Reiff Atchison, KS
Angelia C Reynolds Atchison, KS
Ashley Ann Beaman Ribbens White Cloud, KS
Amie Michelle Riddle Tonganoxie, KS
Joshua David Rierson Olathe, KS
Lindsey Nichole Root Wathena, KS
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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2009. We hope you’ll continue to follow the path to success. Our best wishes go out to you at this exciting time in your life.

Good luck, graduates!

The Kansas Chief
staff and Foley family