It's Kind of a BIG DEAL

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The staff worked diligently to create a main book and a spring supplement of the Iris. Senior editors, Karley Broske and Bree Etherton, visited the Tennessee Jostens plant in August with their yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Martz, and Josten's representative, Mr. Trent Schauster. This year, 2020, marked the 100th year of Iris. It was Kind of a Big Deal. On the front cover we used an outline of the present high school. On the back cover we used an outline of the first Highland School from 1920. The staff members took pictures of events, wrote captions for each picture, got quotes from students and teachers, and wrote copy for each page.
The 1920 yearbook staff each had an important role to fill while making the first volume of "The Iris". Only professional pictures and headshots where included in the yearbook. The art that was included in the yearbook was hand drawn. For every copy and caption, the staff had to use a typewriter and take the finished product to the local printing company. The book was hand bound with string. Each class had a page dedicated to covering that year's events. Their purpose for creating "The Iris" was to start a tradition that allows the Highland alumni to look back through the years with pride.
Russell Koch said, "When I was in high school I played the saxophone in the band and was the class president for one year. I also tried out for the basketball team but was too little. I enjoyed washing my car because I liked to keep it clean. Another thing I enjoyed was chasing girls. At prom the girls had to stay on one side of the gym and boys were on the other. Girls also did not play sports. They only cheered at games. My favorite memory from high school was when I took Spanish class. I remember when I was in elementary, the school was on the square. There were also different stores around the square. I worked for the Highland Journal, melting the lead that was used for the ink. I was a sergeant in the U. S. Air Force from 1947-1951. I met my wife, Maryann Bellm, at the local bowling alley and cocktail lounge in 1953."

Mrs. Karen Twyford nee, Koch, HHS Class of '86 and Spanish teacher since 1997, is the daughter of Russell Koch.

Cherie Bircher nee, Bargetzi said, "While I was in high school I was involved in cheerleading and I was a member of the National Honors Society. Occasionally, I went to sporting events like baseball and basketball. I also worked on the class float. My favorite memory from high school was being on homecoming court all four years. Highland was a lot different back then. It was a small community, very friendly, everybody knew everybody, and it was less busy. I have lived in Highland all of my life and my two kids and five grandkids also grew up and went to school here."

Bailey Bircher, junior, is the granddaughter of Cherie Bircher.
OUR HISTORY
by candice greer and grace zobrist

Betty Schmitt nee, Raeber said, "I went to Highland Public School and was in the second class that graduated from the new school on Lindenthal Avenue in 1941. My first school was on the square in Highland. There was no fountain back then. In 1934-35 the school on Lindenthal Avenue was built. We walked to school from my family farm which is on top of the hill by the Highland City Cemetery. On days that my father took milk to town, we rode with him on the milk wagon, otherwise we walked both ways. In school, I played the clarinet in the band, was a member of Pep Club, the Tri-Hi Club, and the Glee Club. I was also a member of the Iris staff, for the yearbook, and the Bulldog Barks staff, for the school newspaper. I also worked on the farm before and after school. Daddy didn't believe that girls should be in the barn with the cows, so my sister and I fed the chickens and gathered the eggs. My mother taught me how to sew and cook."

Mrs. Susan Martz, nee, Schmitt, English teacher since 1989, is the daughter of Betty Schmitt.

Ardith Brown nee, Hemann said, "At Highland High School, sports for girls were not an option in the early fifties. I knew I wanted to be a teacher, so I was a member of FTA (Future Teacher's Association). I was also in band for four years. I enjoyed going to the boy's basketball games. They went to state in 1953. My favorite memory was the state basketball game at Huff Gym in Champaign, Illinois. I was from New Douglas, so Highland to me, was a big city. To me, the high school was so big and had so many new faces! Enjoy your time at HHS, it goes very quickly!"

Ellie Brown, senior, is the granddaughter of Ardith Brown.
Student Life

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Mr. Irresistible was held on October 16, 2019 in the elementary auditorium. Ten senior contestants represented different clubs and organizations. To start the show, the guys performed a choreographed dance and were then introduced. After this, they competed in four different categories: sportswear, talent, formal wear, and a question category. Mrs. Huson, a sponsor of the event, said, "The talent category is the most entertaining because the boys have so much freedom."

As soon as all the categories were completed, there was a brief intermission to allow the judges time to make their decision. After much deliberation, they crowned Jakob Clark Mr. Irresistible. He won prizes for himself, as well as money for Band, which is the club he represented. Other awards given out were runner up to Colby Davis and People's Choice to Jack Beiermann.

Mr. Irresistible

by: ellie brown
Mr. Irresistible

People's Choice

Jack Beiermann

Colby Davis

Tristan Maslar

Carter Wiegman

Peyton Strong

Jarrett Kingsley

Landyn Oestfinger

Runner Up

Jakob Clark

Jimmy Metzler


During Mardi Gras Masquerade spirit week, the student body had a spirit wear competition. This year student council decided to have homecoming week before the dance. At school on Monday, each class wore their specific homecoming shirt color from head to toe. The afternoon activity involved a kickball tournament between the classes resulting in a victory for the senior class. On Tuesday, students dressed as iconic duos and trios with their friends. On Wednesday students dressed up in their favorite holiday attire. That evening was the homecoming parade with a pep rally to follow at the town square. The next day was throwback Thursday and students went back in time to dress like people from their favorite generations. That afternoon classes competed in power volleyball which ended in a sophomore win, bumping up their score for that week. Friday was the last dress up day and students dressed in their class colors while enjoying the carnival and pep assembly. That night students came back to the school to cheer on our football team during the homecoming game.

Homecoming Week
by: candice greer & ashlyn klucker
Who put it all together?
Mrs. Case and Mrs. Buchtel, Student Council sponsors, organized all of the homecoming activities. Here they dressed in Mardi Gras colors from head to toe. Each dress-up day both teachers took pictures of every class and chose a few individuals who they thought were the best dressed for that day. Spirit Week was a huge success this year. Our Student Council sponsors were the masterminds behind all the homecoming events during this week.

A Mardi Gras Masquerade

What was your favorite part of homecoming week?

Nyles Johnson, 9
"My favorite part of homecoming week was just getting to create funny costumes and being able to see all the other costumes."

Libby Wolf, 12
"The pep rally was my favorite part of homecoming week because it was the best one we have had since I have been at Highland High School."

Taylor Fleming, 12
"My favorite part of homecoming week was being able to dress up like the rapper 6ix9ine"

SCHOOL SPIRIT
1. The senior boys go against the sophomore boys in power volleyball for a final round ending in a victory for the sophomores.
2. Reagan Adolf, 9, and Mackenzie Acinelli, 9, show off their homecoming shirts on Monday. Earlier that morning the freshman got their class picture taken. Reagan was chosen as the best dressed for her class because she dressed from head to toe in all yellow.
3. Pushing around her baby doll, Chloe Marti, 11, is dressed up as a mother. On Wednesday, she chose mother’s day for her holiday. Many students did a good job at dressing up as their favorite holidays.
"Minute to Win It" Games

**LEFT:** Jarret Kingsley, 12, tries to move a cookie from his forehead into his mouth without touching it with his hands. The game was called "Face the Cookie."

**RIGHT:** It's a "Cereal Shakedown." Juniors Neveah Brown, Random Kerbal, and Jade O'Grady hold 2-liter bottles and attempt to transfer all the cereal from one bottle to the other.

**BOTTOM:** Kate Druke, 10, and Allison Reiling, 10, try to put as many candy pumpkins onto the popsicle stick without them falling off. The game was called "Pumpkin Stacking."

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**GYM ACTIVITIES**

**HUMAN FOOSBALL**

Colton Daiber, 10, plays the human version of foosball. He helped his team win by scoring a goal. The score was 2-1.

**CORNHOLE**

Connor Miller, 11, throws the bean bag onto the opposite board. His opponent, Jeffery Blunt, 11, waits for his turn. Miller's team won with a final score of 21-2.

**LADDER CLIMB**

Kamy Daiber, 12, climbs up the ladder on the inflatable in the gym. To earn a ticket, students had to get to the top of the ladder. She was able to complete the obstacle on her second try.

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**FESTIVAL FUN**

1. Jenna Fenton, 11, and Sydney Basler, 11, sit at a table while getting their arms painted. Many students decided to get body paint to show off their school spirit. There was also temporary tattoos available.

2. Jonathan Pena, 11, smiles after getting his pancakes.

3. Tyler Richard, 11, Chance Watkins, Zachary Ramsey, 11, and Jay Westberry, 12, stand outside to enjoy watching Mr. Strong get dunked in the dunk tank. His son, Peyton Strong, dunked him. Students cheered for their favorite teachers to get soaked.

4. Mrs. Barr and Mr. Daiber sell Ski slushies and popcorn to students in the Ag shop. Students bought popcorn for $1 and Ski slushies for $2. Mrs. Barr said "Selling 300 slushies in a hour and a half was pretty crazy."
On Friday of homecoming week, Highland had their first annual carnival. In the morning the drumline and football cheerleaders greeted the students as they entered the school. Chris Cake's from St. Louis came to school and served breakfast. They offered all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and juice for just $5. In the commons, there were spirit arts and crafts to create for the pep assembly and homecoming game. Students also took pictures at the photo booth in the commons. In the gym there were inflatable attractions which included jousting, a ladder climb, and human foosball. Also in the gym students competed in cornhole games and teachers handed out free cotton candy. In the history hallway there were several "minute to win it" games. After participating in all the fun games and activities, teachers who were running the games gave participants tickets to be put in their class buckets. The class that had the most tickets got points for that week. Outside five teachers volunteered for the dunk tank. Students waited in line for karaoke in the choir room. After two hours of carnival fun, there was a pep assembly for everyone in the gym.

What was your favorite part of the carnival?

**LEFT:** Kaylee Barth, 12, and Kaitlynn Buneta, 12, burst out into laughter while hanging out with their friends. Along with the carnival activities, students could spend time in the commons socializing. Everyone enjoyed a day of no classes.

**RIGHT:** Standing outside, Faith Brindley, 10, Jessica Borrow, 11, and Ann Marie Beckemeyer, 11, watch the dunk tank. Many students gathered around to watch their teachers take a plunge.

**PHOTO BOOTH FUN:**
Freshmen Jessica Chen, Lily Nebbrugge, Grace Harvey, and Madeline Rock take a picture at the photo booth holding up a homecoming abbreviation. "Picture This-Photo Booth" brought their portable sets and props. Completed pictures were sent electronically to students' phones.

**Carnival**
by: candice greer & alexis finley

Tess Wilson, 11, gets arm paint from Autumn Meyer, 11. Meyer copies a bulldog face from her phone. Wilson said, "My favorite part of the carnival was the face paintings and Ski slushies."

Lia Basden, 12, and Claire Korte, 11, make signs for the football game. They spent most of their morning at the spirit craft tables. Basden said, "My favorite part of the carnival was hanging out with my friends and not having to go to class."

To show school spirit, Olivia Fowler, 11, spray paints Kinzie Dahmer's, 12, hair. Later, she regretted getting her hair colored because it was difficult to get out. Dahmer said, "My favorite parts of the carnival were the face painting, pancakes, and making memories with friends at HHS for the last time."
Let's Get Pumped Up

To finish up homecoming week, Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case put together the annual pep rally. It was held on September 27, the day before the dance. As the students piled into the gym, the drumline led the seniors to the gym floor. To kick off the assembly Dr. Becker introduced Mr. William Tschudy before the band played the National Anthem. The football cheerleaders then performed their routine with the school song as the students sang along. The students then participated in competitive games to earn points for their class. The juniors ended up beating the seniors and the teachers in tug of war. To continue the excitement, the dance team put on a show by performing a dance routine with some of the senior boys. The students laughed as the guys moved to the remix. The captains of the football team spoke about the homecoming game against Waterloo, which ended with a bulldog victory! Then things started to get loud!!! Each class did their class cheer. The finale came down to the seniors and juniors. After multiple redos, the seniors won and received the spirit stick for homecoming week.

Pep Assembly

by: grace zobrist & ashlyn klucker

Enjoying the Spirit

WIN // Seniors Madison Adolph and Matt McAllister hold the spirit stick up while fellow seniors Brylee Portell, Trevor Zobrist and Connor Sands stand behind them. The seniors will keep the stick until next year's pep assembly.

Get Stuffed

Travis Gieseking, 9, Carter Wiegman, 12, and Mr. Lamp participate in an eating competition during the pep assembly. Each class picked their fiercest competitor to win this challenge. Wiegman pulled through with a victory for the senior class.

Celebrate

Peyton Strong, 12, yells with excitement as he holds the spirit stick proudly. The senior class was awarded the spirit stick. This year was the first year the spirit stick was given to the class with the most spirit.
Honoring Mr. William Tschudy

This year we honored U.S. Navy Lieut. Commander William Tschudy. He was a HHS alumnus who was a pilot in the Vietnam War. He and his co-pilot were shot down on July 18, 1965 while on a mission over the Song Ma river. He was kept in a Hanoi prison for the next seven years. Time Magazine used his picture on the cover of its Dec. 7, 1970 issue to represent "The Plight of the Prisoners."

Thank you for your service.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?//

Students and teachers who participated in the pep assembly, either in games, teams, or planning the rally, share their thoughts.

Camden Nelson, 12/
Q: How did you feel when the juniors beat the seniors in tug of war?
A: "I was really frustrated because it made the seniors look weak."

Cole Basden, 9/
Q: What are your thoughts on the scavenger hunt?
A: "I thought it was very lively, loud, and fun!"

Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case/
Q: What did you think of this year's pep assembly?
A: "This year's pep rally was a huge success. A lot of the energy and excitement came from the HoCo events before the pep rally, game, and dance, which got everyone excited. This year was A LOT of fun, and we are looking forward to next year!"

LET'S GO BULLDOGS//

1. William Tschudy stands with fellow Veterans along with his wife Janie Tschudy before being recognized. Janie Tschudy was one of the first women to become an advocate for the missing soldiers in Vietnam. She also formed a group of fellow women to speak out about the silence of captured and missing soldiers in the 1970's.

2. Mr. Lewis comes out onto the floor with our bulldog mascot after the students show off proper homecoming week costume ideas. Mr. Lewis galloped on a play horse, while our mascot rode a toy tractor around the gym floor.

3. Seniors Ashley Knackstedt and Sydney Coker watch the juniors chant their class cheer as they prepare to perform next. Classes chanted their graduation years. The seniors won the spirit stick right after this cheer.
Senior Court

Ashlen DeLuca & James Tillotson
Elizabeth Wolf & Carter Wiegman
Adrian Wille & Trevor Zobrist

Maddie Adolph & Ethan Andrews
Kaitlyn Feldmann & Colby Davis
Lia Basden & Peyton Strong

Grace Zobrist & Payton Cave
Samantha Hengheold & Jack Beermann
Queen & King

Samantha Hengehold & Ethan Andrews

Special Maid & Special Escort

Maddie Adolph & Peyton Strong

Junior Court


Sophomore Court

Kade Schuepbach, Julia English, Caden Newman, Peyton Eddy, Aiden Duff, Rhea Fowler, Brooke Geromiller, James Beard, Katelin Augustin, Blayne Kapp, Payton Foster, & Hudson Wiegman

Freshman Court

Cole Basden, Britney Janiszewski, Lucille Daiber, & Cade Altadonna
Getting together for pictures/

LEFT: Juniors Mady Fenton and Tatum Stock meet for a picture at Silver Lake in Highland before going to the homecoming dance.

RIGHT: Juniors Kyleigh Haller and Christian Kassay pose together at Silver Lake in Highland on homecoming day.

BOTTOM: For their first homecoming dance, freshmen Joe Jansen, Cade Altadonna, and Brent Wuebbels gather to take a picture on the back porch of Diamond Mineral Springs in Grantfork.

"Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler"/

French for "Let The Good Times Roll"

At The Dance/
Juniors Bryce Iberg, Evan Peterson, and Reid Tole stand for a picture at the homecoming dance before practicing their dance skills on the dance floor.

Colorful Dresses/
Sophomores, Paige Crawford, Bailey Duncan, Olivia Bishop, Faith Hickam, Mya Iberg, Morgan Focht, and Megan Sapienza take a picture in their jewel tone dresses at Silver Lake. They drove to St. Louis to eat at The Spaghetti Factory.

Senior Cheer Captains/
Seniors Mady Castle, Rileigh Bent, Kamy Daiber, and Karley Broske take one last homecoming photo together as seniors at the fountain on the square.

ALL DRESSED UP/

1. Freshman Noah Rose and Brody Lewis take a picture before going to Bella Malano in Edwardsville for dinner. They met in Grantfork on Diamond Mineral Spring's back patio.

2. Seniors Evan Clarkin, Cam Nelson, and Trevor Zobrist cross their arms for a silly picture at the Highland Country Club patio.

3. Freshman Raeghan Hendricks, Kendal Hughes, Katie Brown, Max Clarke, Noah Rose, and Carter Hughes get together for a picture at Diamond Mineral Spring in Grantfork before going to dinner. They rode a bus to Bella Milano in Edwardsville before going to the homecoming dance.
"Mardi Gras Masquerade" was the theme of homecoming. Sponsors, Mrs. Case and Mrs. Buchtel worked with the student council members to put together and set up the homecoming coronation and dance. They worked diligently from the beginning of the school year up until the day of homecoming to make this night perfect for the student body. The student council officers put the sets up in the gym on Friday after school.

The decorations included purple, green, and gold streamers, a balloon archway, with beads and masquerade mask. Bead party favors were given to students at the door. The dance took place on September 28 in the gymnasium. The doors opened at 7:30 pm. for students to get seated to watch the 8:00 pm. coronation. After Ethan Andrews and Samatha Hengehold were crowned King and Queen the students made their way onto the dance floor. The dance ended at approximately 11:30 pm.

**Favorite Memory**

Libby Wolf, 12 // "My favorite memory was making court, especially since it's my senior year."

Payton Cave, 12, Kenzie Gelly, 12// Kenzie said, "My favorite memory was when he had to hold me up because my heels were sinking into the grass at pictures."

Michayla Grieve, 9 // "My favorite memory was dancing all night on the bus and at the dance with my friends."
The Fall Play was "Whodunit and to Whom?" This was a murder mystery play narrated by Spencer Powers, who played Harold Finnegan. This play consisted of two acts. The director was Paula Scarbrough. The production required a cast of six boys, nine girls, and four roles that could play either. Tryouts began on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. After tryouts, the cast rehearsed three days a week for two months. The rehearsals lasted around two and a half hours. The play was held in the Highland High School Kennel on November 8th and 9th. It started at 7:00 p.m. each night. Cast and crew arrived two hours in advance to get their hair, makeup, and costumes ready. Tristan Maslar, 12, Julia Beil, 11, and Spencer Powers, 11, were the lead roles in the play.

Fall Play
by: madison clarke & maddie noeltner

CURLS, CURLS, CURLS // Skylar Pheonix, 9, has her hair styled by Danny Matthews, 11, in the Kennel. Pheonix said, "Hair and make up are a huge part of any production."

CHANGING AGES // One of the play's makeup artist draws wrinkle lines on junior, Spencer Powers' face. This was a critical facet of his costume because the role called for him to be a much older man.

MAKEUP TIME // Daniel Williams, 10, gets ready back stage before the play. He put on foundation to make his face look flawless under the bright lights.
UNDER THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

The members of the fall play came together and supported each other while learning their lines for the different acts in this play. Many of the members said that the support of their peers is what got them through the harder rehearsals. Reyna Boergerhoff, 11, said, "These people believed in me when I didn't believe in myself and I am truly blessed that I was able to work with them."

"LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO WASTE IT ON SOMETHING YOU HATE. THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME SOMETHING I LOVE." - TRISTAN MASLAR, 12

FALL PLAY Q&A //

Before the performance began, we asked some of the actors a few questions about their experience in the play this year.

Spencer Powers, 11 //
Q: What's your favorite part about playing Harold Finnegan?
A: "The challenge that came with it made me work a lot harder."

Elizabeth Huntley, 12 //
Q: What was your favorite moment during rehearsals this year?
A: "The full run through because we all got to see the play come together."

Sutherland Allen, 11 //
Q: What is your favorite part about being in this play?
A: "You get to be a character for a night that's completely different than yourself."

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL //
1. Tristan Maslar, 12, reaches in to kiss Julia Bell, 11, during the opening narration scene. Maslar and Bell played two of the main characters.
2. Spencer Powers, 11, stands on a desk and shouts because he is angry with himself. Powers played an older man named Harold Finnegan who was the writer of the play.
3. Showing off his costume behind the stage, Sutherland Allen, 11, indicates that he is ready to begin the performance. Allen played the roles of both police officer number one and Dirk in the performance. Allen said, "I had a great time with fun people while learning and performing this play."
Deck the Halls with DEITIES

The Madrigal Dinner was directed by Mr. Gibb-Clark and it was held on the middle school stage. The cast consisted of the head table, fairies, gypsies, and townspeople. The story was set in an English castle where a mysterious box transported the royals somewhere else and made them act strangely. The fairies and gypsies had their own separate performances during the dinner. The performances were on December 6th, 7th, and 8th. The entire performance was about three hours. Cygan & Delaney Catering served the feast which included pasta, salad, mashed potatoes, pork, and roast beef. It was served buffet style in the cafeteria.

Madrigal Dinner
by: Mady Castile & Autumn Walters

THE SHOW MUST GO ON/

Haylie Gombos, 11 // "My favorite part of the dinner was playing the role of Athena and being a part of something that felt so professional."

Tristin Maslar, 12 // "My favorite part was watching everyone find their part in this group. Madrigals changed my life and I've loved every second of it after joining my junior year."

Elizabeth Evans, 12 // "My favorite part was when we were singing "Carol of the Bells" on Sunday night and we changed the words from 'ding dong' to Dale."
BEHIND THE SCENES
Mr. Josh Case was in charge of lighting. Mr. Conner Mortland was the tech assistant and Claire Korte, 11, made all the snow globe table decorations. Mrs. Duncan handled the tickets and seating for all three nights. Because the middle school stage was not large enough, the Building Trades class created a custom extension and the cast along with their parents created the set decorations.

SINGING OUR HEARTS OUT

Carlie Robinson, 11/
Q: What was your favorite memory from practice?
A: "During the comedy skit, Gracie was using improvisation and gargled water on stage. It was hilarious."

Sutherland Allen, 11/
Q: What was a funny moment during the dinner?
A: "During one of the performance nights, I gave a little kid in the crowd my plunger and he loved it."

Mysaia Chambers, 11/
Q: What is your favorite thing about performing?
A: "I love working with all the cast. We all have different backgrounds, and I am so happy I got in my first year."

WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE
1. Seniors Alex Buchmiller and Chloe Watkins serve the roast pig while playing the role of gypsies.
2. Juniors Spencer Powers as Lord Chamberlain and Sutherland Allen as Zeus argue about the evening's events.
3. While the patrons dine on roast beast, the fairies entertain with a Christmas song.
How COVID-19 changed our lives

Nov. 2019

A novel coronavirus was first identified in China’s Hubei province. The disease it causes attacks the lungs and causes rapid onset of pneumonia in already immunocompromised patients.

The first American case was diagnosed in Washington state. The illness rapidly spread across the globe, endangering mostly older adults and those with underlying and chronic health conditions, including lung disease, heart disease and diabetes.

The World Health Organization (WHO) names the virus SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2) and the disease it causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). Worldwide death toll is 1,107.

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First US COVID-19 death

1 new case in Mexico

3 new cases in United States

5 new cases in Canada
Canada had 118 cases. United States had 1,267 cases. Italy had more than 12,000 cases.

The WHO declared SARS-CoV-2 a pandemic, which meant the 118,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths worldwide required more specific and targeted attention and resources.

To slow the virus’s spread, the US suspended European travel for 30 days.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau self-isolated after she experienced symptoms. He was cleared, but she had the virus.

- The US reported 2,816 confirmed cases and 58 deaths.
- Fifteen states activated National Guard troops to assist with virus-related concerns, including regulating the flow of medical supplies, food and shelter.
- Canadian provinces canceled schools as the numbers of infected rose.

Provinces, states and cities continued to implement strict measures to slow the spread of the virus. The movement, called “flatten the curve” prompted entertainment, bar and restaurant closures across the US and Canada. By Monday, all NBA, PGA, MLB, MLS, NASCAR, NHL, and NCAA sporting events were either canceled or put on hold for two or more weeks. Some especially hard hit areas, including seven counties in California, put a three-week-long “Shelter in Place” home restriction on citizens, requiring they leave their homes only for essential needs. Workers in essential services (emergency and medical, banks, grocery, pharmacy and food service) were exempted from the restriction, so they could work.

17 St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations were canceled (even in Ireland). Nonessential services (salons, movie theaters, shopping malls, etc.) were closed for 30+ days in many states. The Canadian-US border was closed to travel (but not trade) in a mutual agreement.
Academics
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Highland High School offered multiple math classes for students to further expand their education. Highland High School required three math credits in order to graduate. There were a total of seven teachers in the department this year including, Mrs. Kimmle, Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. James, Mr. Uhls, and Mr. Misick. The math classes ranged from Algebra I and II to Geometry, and Calculus. With each of these classes there were intermediate and honors programs offered. With the help of their teachers, counselors, and parents students decided which classes would be best and most beneficial for them to choose.

Math by: maddie noeltner
EXPERIMENTING

1. With the help of Mrs. Golder, Helen Nguyen, 12, drops an egg in her contraption made of ten sheets of paper. The paper protected the egg, preventing it from cracking.

2. Austin Werner, 9, cuts his science project into cubes after using a chemical reaction to change the color of it. This was in Honors Biology.

3. Juniors Nathan Houk and Cameron Mortland use chemicals in Chemistry II to change the colors of other chemicals. They were testing to see if a solution was aqueous or solid.

ACTION REACTION

Highland High School required at least two science credits to graduate. Some students chose to take science all four years. The school offered Biology I, Conceptual Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry I and II, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Anatomy, Physics, Physiology, and Physical Science. The head of the science department was Mrs. Ramsey. The other teachers were Mrs. Basden, Mrs. Buss, Mrs. Golder, Ms. Ott, and Mrs. Simmons. Emma Ruffini, 11, in Anatomy said, "My favorite part of Anatomy was when we did our first dissection with a baby pig."

Science

by: mady castile
FAVORITE CLASS ACTIVITY/

1. Freshmen Katie Brown and Madi Beiermann point out continents in Mr. Bradely’s Civics class. Brown said, “My favorite in class activity was working with my friends to review for tests.”

2. Megan Vidmar, 12, writes “bipolar disorder” on the board in Mr. Strong’s psychology class. She wrote the symptoms of the illness underneath to help her prepare for the upcoming quiz. Vidmar said, “My favorite activity was using the whiteboard to study.”

3. Reviewing for a test, Teagan Beard, 11 works at her desk. Beard said, “Doing worksheets with Tatum Stock was my favorite thing to do in class.”

A STEP BACK IN Time

The history department offered classes that were available to all grade levels. Although it was only mandatory for Highland graduates to have a Civics credit, World History credit, and a U.S. History credit, there were a variety of other classes available. Some students took Economics, Geography, or Government. After completing these courses, students were permitted to take AP Microeconomics, taught by Mr. Holt. In addition, Mr. Strong offered seniors Psychology and Sociology. Mr. Strong said, "Students enjoy learning about their powerful minds in Psychology.

History

by: alexis finley
EVERYDAY ENGLISH/
1. Freshmen, in Mrs. Bland’s class, work on their thesis statements. They will use their completed thesis statements on their upcoming paper.
2. In Mrs. Ruder’s class, freshmen read and analyze their optional books. They were all members of the book club, so they chose the books they read.
3. Reading can be relaxing for junior Spencer Powers on October 22. Mrs. Himmel gave her students time in class to read optional books.

JUMP INTO THE BOOKS
The English department had several paths to choose from this year. There was the honor path, the regular path, the basic path, and the dual credit and elective courses. Four years of English were required to graduate from Highland High School. Starting this year, regular English IV students were offered a few options. All students took Persuasion and Rhetoric their first semester. Second semester they chose between literature units titled Discovery and Danger and the Quest for Love and Jealousy. The English department offered multiple opportunities for students.

by: grace zobrist
HARD WORKERS

1. Shelton Black, 11, gathers supplies to work on a Spanish I personality worksheet during class. Black decorated his worksheet with colorful markers and colored pencils.

2. On Tuesday, November 6, Kyleigh Buchen, 9, works independently in Mrs. Cope’s Spanish I class.

3. Junior Olivia Fowler prepares for her Spanish I vocabulary quiz in Mrs. Twyford’s class by quizzing herself with flashcards.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Spanish department consisted of six courses including: Spanish I, II, III, IV with the option to take an Honors Spanish III or Spanish IV class. Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Twyford each taught a section of these classes. In Spanish I, the basics were taught; students focused mainly on vocabulary and simple conjugations. They moved on to more complicated conjugations and started to learn how to read and write in Spanish II.

By Spanish III and IV students were expected to know how to communicate with one another in the language. There were a variety of reasons why students chose to take Spanish. Senior Olivia Mueller said "I took Spanish because I believed that it would be interesting and fun to learn a new language." All Spanish students created a balance between the course and their other classes.

Spanish

by: autumn walters
IN THE KITCHEN/

1. Gracy LeVJn, 10, prepares a lab plan for puppy chow in Foods and Nutrition class. In the class each member of the group was assigned a certain job for each lab. This allowed each student to have a chance to practice every job.

2. Working together to measure ingredients are Tegan Beard, 11, and Ansley Lelm, 10. At the beginning of the year students in Foods and Nutrition chose their kitchen work groups. Beard said, "Foods was a great chance to learn how to cook and have fun at the same time."

3. Maliki Clark, 10, cuts up garlic and basil for a spaghetti lab. Students learned how to use a knife in the kitchen and the different ways to cut the food. Maliki Clark said, "If you plan on taking Foods here is my advice for you, do not cut the onions."

FAMILY MATTERS

The family and consumer science department consisted of Foods, Culinary Occupation, Adult Living, and Child Development. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Stille taught the family and consumer science department classes this year. It was Mrs. Stille's first year teaching at Highland High School. Stille said, "I'm excited to be teaching at HHS." The objective of the classes was for students to be prepared for living on their own after high school. Students learned skills such as cooking, making recipes, how to parent and what to expect when they have a child of their own in the future. Hannah Wilkes-Null said, "I took foods so I could learn how to cook since I will most likely be living on my own in two years."

Family and Consumer Science

by: maddie noeltner
1. Cam Nelson, 12, touches his toes to warm up for class. Stretches were done daily to prevent injuries.
2. Ethan Leftwich, 12, prepares to run in the pacer test.
   The pacer test was a part of the FitnessGram test.
3. Practicing push ups are seniors Connor Sands and Payton Cave during seventh hour. Push ups were just one element of the FitnessGram test at the end of first semester.

Physical education was taught by Mr. Vance, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. Warnecke this year. A wide array of students participated in physical education, because it was open to grades nine through twelve. At the beginning of every class students stretched, practiced sit-ups, and walked laps around the gym. The kids also participated in a variety of activities, such as volleyball, football, soccer, hockey, and many others. Students also earned free days, which meant they chose which activity they wanted to participate in. At the end of each semester, students ran the pacer test, did push ups, and sit ups as a part of the FitnessGram evaluation.

Physical Education

by: ellie brown
In 2004 Mr. Durbin started the engineering program and HHS. This program gave students exposure to the world of engineering and has often led graduates into successful careers in the field. It was another way for students to build math and science skills. Durban gives a unique and friendly atmosphere to the program and gives students the opportunity for out of school experiences that many other programs dont offer. Durban said, "The engineering program is the outspoken key to our school's success. Not only does it provide a possible career pathway for students, but also brings people together who share common interests." The program was also a part of PLTW, Project Lead the Way, which taught students life leadership skills.

**Engineering**

by: ashlyn klucker
WORKING TOGETHER/
1. Tyler Woll, 12, installs a window during class. The window was part of a room that period seven built for the Christmas Village on the square.
2. Early on October 10, juniors Jesse Kuzma, Adam Reke, Jayce Powell and Senior Abraham Koch wrap aluminum for door jams in Building Trades class.
3. Jessie Gilomen, 11, and Sylar Hogg, 10, measure and analyze soil content from the area in Ms. Geiger’s Ag Science class. They found clay, sand, and silt as their primary elements.

PLOWING THROUGH

Mrs. Barr, agriculture department head, welcomed three new teachers last Fall. Ms. Geiger, a HHS graduate, Mr. Lamp, and Mr. Daiber were all new hires. Students had multiple class choices in this department. Introduction to Agriculture, Agriculture Science, BSAA, Pre- Veterinary, Agricultural Machinery, Industrial Education I and II, Welding I and II, Landscape Management, and Horticulture were offered this year.

These classes provided the knowledge students needed for college and future careers. All of these classes employed hands on learning, and this made them different from other course offerings.

Agriculture

by: autumn walters
LEARNING THE ROPEs://

1. Sitting quietly, Freshman, Joey Geromiller, waits for an EMT to fasten a brace on his neck. This modeled safety precautions taken at car accident scenes.
2. Keely Grunenfelder, 10, attempts to drive a golf cart while wearing "drunk goggles". Grunenfelder learned that drinking and driving is dangerous.

CRASH COURSE

Mr. Elledge led the driver's education department. He taught both the actual class and took part in driving with students before and after school. Mr. Vollero, Mr. Cozair, Mrs. Durbin, and Mrs. Hagarty also assisted in driving/riding with students. The class was a trimester course and each student was required to pass it before receiving a permit. After earning permits, students had a minimum of nine months to drive with parents and people over the age of 21 to meet the hour requirement. Six weeks of Behind the Wheel completed the requirements and the students became official Illinois drivers.

Drivers Education
by: rileigh bent
LEARNING BY COLOR

Mrs. Wander was the head of the art department. She was the only art teacher at HHS. She taught Art I and II, Advanced Drawing/Prints I, II, III, IV, AP Studio Art, Painting I, II, III, IV, and Ceramics I, II, III. All art classes took place either first, fifth, sixth or seventh hour. The other hours she was at the Elementary teaching the third, fourth, and fifth graders. All classes had different requirements for each. To move onto the next class, students had to earn a C or better by the end of the semester. Mrs. Wander said, "My favorite class to teach this year was painting, but all of my students this year had so much talent."

Art

by: mady castile
SINGING TOGETHER

The chorus instructor was Mr. Gibb-Clark. The five groups, under his direction, were the Acapella Choir, Show Choir, Madrigal Choir, Mixed Choir, and Chamber Choir.

The Show Choir danced and sang at concerts. The Mixed Choir performed an assortment of music at concerts. Chamber Choir was a combination of all choirs. Lastly, the Madrigal Choir performed renaissance music at the Madrigal Dinner. Chorus members performed at various concerts throughout the year. There were fall, winter, and spring concerts. They used three native Estonian pieces called "Muusika" and "Kyrie Eleison" at the fall concert, and "Winter Dreams" at the winter concert.

Chorus

by: alexis finley
IT'S A BAND THING/

1. Junior, Caleb Stratton, reads his upcoming notes off the music stand. Stratton played the trombone at the first concert of the year in the high school gymnasium.

2. Jakob Clark, 12, and Jason Fleming, 12, pose for a picture at the Winter Concert. Clark says, "Concerts like these are wonderful because you can see what the young musicians of the Highland School District are capable of."

3. Band and choir students participate in the ILMEA District six Honor Festival.

KEEPING THE RHYTHM

Mr. John Case led this year's band. Case directed the HHS band at every home basketball game. They warmed up the crowd with a few musical pieces before finishing with the Highland High School song. The band also performed at numerous concerts throughout the year. Concerts were held in the middle school gym, elementary auditorium, and high school gym. During welcome back week, they traveled with the football cheer team to each of the grade schools in our district. There, they also performed the school song to get future bulldogs excited for the upcoming school year.

HIT THAT TUNE/

Jayson Fleming, 12, and Lydia Marti, 10, perform in the gymnasium with their instruments.

Band

by: rileigh bent
Mr. Case and Mrs. Keys led the marching band. The season began in April when they began three to four hour practices. They also had a few practices that lasted up to nine hours. The band used their time wisely to gain a head start on perfecting performances for the upcoming school year. Not only did the marching band perform during the halftime shows at football games, but they also traveled to different schools to compete alongside color guard. They went to Champaign, St. Louis, and various nearby towns. They earned a first place in the Class 3A at McKendree University. They also took third place at the Tiger Ambush Classic in Edwardsville.

Marching Band
by: maddie clarke
The Color Guard team tryouts were held in March. Over the summer in July, the guard girls attended a week long camp at the high school to practice their routine and learn new skills. The guard team began competing in competitions with the Highland High School Marching Band after practicing all throughout the summer and early fall. The Color Guard team competed in a competition at McKendree College, and won first place. Along with competing, the guard team also performed at home football games along with the marching band for the half time entertainment show. Huntly said, "Color Guard has been a great way to learn performance and make new friends."

Color Guard by: maddie noeltner
Margaret Duncan

Math Department Chair, Mrs. Duncan, has been teaching at Highland for 34 years. While here she has taught an assortment of Algebra I and Algebra II classes and a wide variety of other math related subjects. She also was a Guidance Counselor every other day, when the school was on block scheduling. Duncan said, "I don't have just one favorite memory. I have 34 years of 'favorite memories'! I have definitely loved my time teaching here." After she retires, she plans to travel more and try new adventures.

Mr. Dant has been in the school district for 16 years. He is the Head Custodian. Through the years, he has dedicated his time and skill to create and maintain a clean, safe learning environment. Dant said, "The best part of working here is being with all the people and students that I have with me. Also being here with my daughter, watching her graduate and handing out her diploma was a great experience." August 1, 2020 is the date he will retire. After that he will spend his time traveling, camping, canoeing, fishing, hunting, and enjoying life.

Susan Martz

For 30 years Mrs. Martz has taught at Highland High School. She taught English I, II, and III, Yearbook, and Literature of the Holocaust. She sponsored the yearbook club/class for 24 years. Also, Mrs. Martz coached girls tennis at the beginning of her teaching career. Martz said, "I will never forget the day Principal Fred Singleton hired me. I was thrilled. After all, I had interviewed at the middle school a few days earlier and they did not hire me. Singleton offered me the job on the spot!" Mrs. Martz plans to travel to Germany this September with her husband.
IN ONE WORD

We asked the following two questions to 100 students. These were their responses.

In one word, how would you describe your year?

eye-opening strict new fabulous rapid stressful impacting delightful challenging complicated epic weird fast-paced fast inspiring versatile diverse adventurous wonderful tactful productive slow educating sensitizing long sunny positive memorable quick amusing nervous speechless sincere fine logical fun exciting work impressive entertaining informational nonstop generous fascinating exhilarating spirited outspoken easy awakening great peaceful common eventful awesome steady different nice enjoyable well-rounded interesting crazy unique tolerable hard enthusiastic miraculous evasive improving amazing average cooperative delightful joyful balanced flashy hilarious cool helpful motivative flying-by-better decisive restless good intriguing caution friendly unexpected pulchritudinous lively challenging busy considerate fantastic expressive resourceful exhausting tiring wow plain

What was your favorite event this year?

by ashlyn klucker

35% HOMECOMING
13% PEP ASSEMBLY
36% SPORTING EVENTS
16% CARNIVAL
OOH BABY, BABY
OOH BABY, BABY

by: karley broske & bree etherton

A. Taylor Kesner
B. Adam Korte
C. Paige Crawford
D. Shane Stallard
E. Avery Miles
F. Gleb Tuzhilin
G. Mady Castile
H. Reid Thole

ANSWERS:

6 H 7 I D 8 G 9 F 2 P 3 C 4 E 5 A
Clubs

Are Kind of
LEADERS OF TODAY

1. Lucas Dillow, 12, laughs after receiving Ramen Noodles at the Christmas party. Each council member brought a small gift to exchange at the party.

2. During a leadership exercise, Jimmy Metzler, 12, points at a fellow council member. This exercise was part of a leadership seminar lead by Ted Wiese.

3. Presenter Ted Wiese snaps a selfie with all of the council members. Wiese gave a motivational speech to the entire student body prior to this picture.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Student Council members, along with sponsors Mrs. Case and Mrs. Buchtel, put together many school events this year. They started out by planning homecoming, which had a Mardi Gras theme. Along with all of the homecoming week activities, Student Council also planned our first homecoming carnival.

Mrs Buchtel said, "This year we are most proud of pulling off our first ever carnival. It was very successful and helped to make homecoming more exciting." Student Council also hosted multiple dress up days, such as welcome week and ugly Christmas sweater day, to make the school weeks more enjoyable. Around Christmas time, Student Council along with Brighter Futures sponsored an Adopt a Family. Student Council also held their first Christmas party this year. Council members had food and drinks, and they also brought gifts to exchange. Lastly, in the spring, Student Council hosted the annual Spring Fling dance.

Student Council
by: ellie brown
"HUNGARY" FOR DEBATE//

1. Model UN members stand outside McKendree in front of a statue before they go into their debate.
2. Jessica Chen, 9, speaks about The Bahamas to members from other schools in a McKendree classroom.
3. Tristan Maslar, 12, is the president of this club. Here he leads a discussion about upcoming events with the other members.

LEFT: Tom Nyquist, 11, fills out a form on what country and committee he would like to represent during a meeting.

RIGHT: The committee members hold up their countries' names to vote on the topic's approval. This was also a time when members could introduce new motions to the floor.

Model UN was led by Mr. Holt and Mrs. Himsel. This club consisted of 46 students. Tristan Maslar, 12, took over the role as president. When asked what his favorite thing about being in Model UN was he said, "I love getting to meet people from other schools at all of our conferences and being able to practice my debate skills." The officers of this club were Jackson Marchal, 12, Jon Saathoff, 11, Caleb Stratton, 11, and Tom Nyquist, 11. Model UN was a club for students who had an interest in debating against other schools on numerous world topics. These students traveled to McKendree University for their debates. At the beginning of the year, each student in Model UN submitted a resolution for the country of his choice. The two main goals of this group were to win all of the arguments and to get their resolutions passed at debates.

MINDS IN MOTION

WE ARE THE FUTURE//
Students meet in Mr. Holt's room to discuss plans and responsibilities for the year. This meeting was held on November 21.

by: madison clarke
BUZZING IN/

1. David Forys, 11, answers a question about geography during practice. The answer he gave was correct, putting his team ahead by one point.

2. Bailey McPhillips, 9, buzzes in faster than her other teammates at practice. She answered correctly.

3. At Mater Dei in the fall, Eli Jones, 11, Lucas Dillow, 12, Grant Brinker, 11, Jonny Saathoff, 11, and Jackson Marchal, 12, focus on a difficult question.

Scholar Bowl members were coached by Mrs. Haze and Mr. Uhls this season. Scholar Bowl consisted of both a Varsity and a JV team.

The club was based on trivia games that resemble Jeopardy, the popular game show. Members went against other schools from around the area at their matches. This club quizzed members on their knowledge of both school and non-school related topics. Some things that were covered come from areas like literature, entertainment, social studies, math, science, and the arts. Members listened to questions and once they thought they knew the answer they hit the buzzer as fast as they could in order to beat out opponents from other schools. The team competed in the Metro East Quad Leaugue.

Coach Uhls said, "I can't believe I went through my entire adult life not knowing what these high school kids know; they are intelligent."

by: alexis finley
LEFT: Members of FMCC watch demonstrations from first responders about their medical careers.

RIGHT: Sophomores, Emma Accornero and Nicole Bluhm pose with the infant clothes made by the club for underdeveloped infants.

REAL LIFE DECISIONS

1. EMT responders present information to the FMCC about what they do while on the job.
2. Members of FMCC created a poster together, along with the design of the shirt for the club. The F is made of band-aids and the two C's are a stethoscope.

FUTURE MEDICAL CAREERS

Mrs. Natalie Propst, the school nurse, was the sponsor of FMCC. FMCC was created to help students be introduced to the world of medicine and potential medical careers. Throughout the year, the students had guest speakers such as EMS, pharmacy workers, and a nurse practitioner come to explain their job requirements. FMCC helped the students decide what career path they would like to take in the medical field, and what would suit them best. Around Thanksgiving, FMCC put together a meal for a family in Highland. FMCC also took field trips to St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland and Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

by: mady castile
SHAKE YOUR BULLDOG

The Highland Hooligans played a big role in improving school spirit. This club started last year in hopes of getting students more involved in school activities. Mrs. Huson was the sponsor. The presidents of this club were seniors Taylor Fleming and Kate Feldmann. This group's main goal was to pump up the athletes and excite the crowds at sporting events. The members were very involved this year. They led the student section in cheers, decorated the stands before football games, brought props, like bells, to make fans louder, and made signs to support the athletes. They also made overalls this year to wear to the home games. Members of the Hooligans consisted of upper classmen because they had more experience with the cheers. When asked what she liked about being a Highland Hooligan, Megan Kronk, 12, said, "This club brings people together and we all have a lot of fun cheering on our classmates."

Highland Hooligans

by: madison clarke
LEFT: Seniors Maddie Adolph, Tess Korte, Ashley Knackstedt, Megan Vidmar, Olivia Jansen, Jakob Clark, Jack Beiermann, and Peyton Strong snap a picture at Highland Middle School after a presentation about the club.

RIGHT: Megan Vidmar, 12, speaks about leadership at the middle school presentation.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Snowball was back for another year at Highland High School. They were sponsored by Mr. Knopka, Mrs. Hibbard, Mr. Welz, and Mrs. Hall. Snowball held monthly meetings that encouraged leadership and inclusion. At each meeting there was a theme that had activities to go along with it. Before the school year started, Snowball leaders attended a CGTI, Celebrin Goodman Teen Institute, which was a leadership camp held at Eastern Illinois University. At the end of fall, Snowball held a "thanksmas" meeting. At the meeting, there was a pot luck, a paper plate drawing contest, and thank you cards were written to the staff of the high school. Another Snowball project was a presentation at the middle school. They presented on everything Snowball does and what they stand for because the middle school was considering adding a club there too. Senior, Tess Korte said, "It was cool to see all the kids get so excited about starting a club there, because it will create better leaders for the club at the high school."

Snowball
by: ellie brown
1. National Honor Society president Regan Crask gives a speech at induction. After her speech, new members were inducted as current members watched.

2. After the ceremony, seniors Megan Vrdmar, Ashley Knackstedt, and Tess Korte serve cake to their fellow members. There was vanilla or chocolate cake and other refreshments to choose from.

3. At the evening’s end, new members line up for a photo to commemorate the night. The new members were inducted on November 20, 2019.

National Honor Society was a club that recognized students for their academic achievements, extra curricular activities, volunteer work, and character. National Honor Society was sponsored by Mrs. Susanne Himsel. The senior members were required to maintain a GPA of 4.5 or higher. The junior members were required to maintain a GPA of 4.75 or higher. They were also required to attend all NHS meetings and complete community service hours with the Special Olympics. Another event that was required for all members was the Polar Plunge, which was hosted at Carlyle Lake on February 29, 2020. NHS members and sponsor, Mrs. Himsel, jumped in the water to raise money for Special Olympics at Polar Plunge. In the fall, induction was held in the Highland High School commons. The induction was organized by the senior NHS officers: President Reagan Crask, Vice President Olivia Jansen, Secretary Bree Etherton, Treasurer Kayla Rutz, and Historian Jack Beiermann. At induction the officers and special guest Mr. Lewis spoke, pictures were taken, and cake and refreshments were served to all members. In the spring there was another ceremony for departing NHS members to honor them as well as scholarships they received.

by: ellie brown
THE WORLD IS OUR CANVAS//
1. Junior, Sylie Carol, works on her clay dragon during her seventh hour art class.
2. Julia English, 10, poses with a piece of art she drew in one of her many sketch books.
3. Posing in the art room, Kate Zeigler, 12, shows off her favorite creation. Zeigler said, "This piece of art displays my face in the middle of a group of people."

LEFT: Daniel Little, 10, Whitney Lightle, 11, Anne Marie Beckemeyer, 11, Kate Zeigler, 12, Julia English, 10, and Autumn Meyer, 11, were all members of the 2020 National Art Honor Society.
RIGHT: Students sketched to open up their creative mind and prepare for the techniques they were developing. This is one example.

A SPLASH OF COLOR

National Art Honor Society was a group which involved individuals with an abundance of creativity, hard work, and artistic ability. National Art Honor Society's sponsor was Mrs. Laura Wander, the high school's art teacher. To be part of the National Art Honor Society, students had to create an original art piece to be submitted and judged in order to be accepted into the society.

Students began work on their projects in the fall. After months of preparation on their projects, the students turned them in the first week of January. On the last week of February the list of people who were accepted was posted. Those chosen were Daniel Little, 10, Whitney Lightle, 11, Anne Marie Beckemeyer, 11, Kate Zeigler, 12, Julia English, 10, and Autumn Meyer, 11. Being a member of National Art Honor Society helped students gain peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, and college and career preparation. Students were also eligible to apply for the Rising Stars Secondary Recognition Program Award and the Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship. They also earned the opportunity to be published in NAHS News.

NAHS
by: maddie noeltner
GOT FAITH?/

1. Gage Zykan, 11, Easton Rosen, 11, Maddie Adolph, 12, Faith Prather, 12, and Mr. Hawkins attend an FCA meeting at Triad High School on October 9. At the meeting they played different games with other FCA Huddle people, learned how to work together, and met new people.

2. On September 18, Kate Feldman, 12, Colby Davis, 12, Lauren Herman, 10, and Olivia Heinzmann, 9, participate in a game of wheel barrel at the homecoming havoc on the track.

3. Connor Sands, 12, Paige Schaible, 11, Peyton Strong, 12, Meredith Kleinmann, 12, and Ethan Augustin, 12, sit in a circle during a meeting on November 13. At the meeting everyone played human tic tac toe, talked about confidence, and ate popcorn.

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

FCA was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. The main point of FCA was to bring athletes together through their faith in God. The goal at every FCA meeting was to follow the three F’s: Food, Fun and Fellowship. Mr. Hawkins was the sponsor of FCA. Ashley Knackstedt, 12, Ben Bruchhauser, 12, Easton Rosen, 11, Ethan Augustin, 12, Faith Prather, 12, Julia Loeh, 11, Nick Hanratty, 12, and Paige Schaible, 11 led the club. FCA met every week for a meeting on Wednesdays.

Throughout the year, they did many activities. Every night started out with a game or activity that corresponded to the topic of the meeting. After the game or activity all the members gathered in a circle and read bible verses which was conducted by the leaders. They also talked about sports and prayed for athletes. In October, they joined with the Triad Huddle for a field of faith night. Towards the end of the year, Mr. Hawkins took the group on their annual field trip to the Steinberg's Ice Rink in Forest Park.

FCA

by: candice greer
The whole FFA membership takes a group photo by a corn field, while including a tractor and other props.

FFA members pose at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for their annual trip to the National Convention held in Indianapolis.

Learning Fun/

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The FFA organization was a way to help Highland students learn about agriculture. Colby Davis, 12, was the president of FFA along with Kelsey Knebel, 12, as the vice president. The FFA attended many events such as, the National Convention in Indianapolis, the State Convention in Springfield and continued on to host fairs and competitions. One of the competitions was the Meat Judging contest held in the commons. For Christmas, FFA had tractors placed around town for residents to drop off wrapped toys to donate to the St. Louis Children’s Hostpital. FFA also attended Ozark Fisheries and the Progress Show. To end the year, the members attended the FFA banquet and auction in Highland.

by: mady castile
Math teachers, Mrs. Kimmle and Mr. James, coached the math team. The math team was represented by students from all grade levels. Their season started in the fall with the Southwestern Math Conference, which took place at Southwestern Illinois College. The Southwestern Illinois Math Conference consisted of five different competitions. To round out the fall season the team competed in the Excellence in Math competition in St. Louis. For the first time ever, Mrs. Kimmle surprised the team with sandwiches and a trip to Ted Drewes. Mrs. Kimmle said, "It was something I had always wanted to do, but we never stayed for awards. This year we did, so it was fun to take the kids out for a treat." By the end of the fall season the math team had won twenty two individual awards and a second place team award. In February, the team also competed at regionals.

Math Team
by: ellie brown
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, known as FCCLA, was a club designed to teach students personal growth and leadership development through their families and communities. The president Alexie Rose, 12, the vice president Hannah Norris, 11, the secretary Rachel Henss, 11, and the treasurer Kelli Spurlin, 11, led the club. The theme this year was culinary. In the beginning of the year, the club took their annual field trip to a Leadership Convention in Springfield, IL where they listened to a speaker talk about how to be leaders in their families. At the convention this year, FCCLA celebrated their 75 anniversary of leadership. There were workshops about self defense, body image and nutrition, eating on a budget, dairy, and the Ronald McDonald House. Before the Veteran's Day assembly, they hosted the Veterans' Breakfast. The club sponsors, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Stille held meetings in the foods room once a month. Each meeting had a different purpose and activity.
Bulldog Grounds was created by Mrs. Gayla Stirewalt a year ago and grew from a small room in the cafeteria to a larger attachment of the library upstairs. The goal of the coffee shop was not to make a large amount of money, but instead, to grow students' social, customer service, multitasking, patience, and direction following skills before entering the work force. Stirewalt spearheaded the STEP program this year, which gave students who needed assistance with life after high school, opportunities and guidance to become successful. All 13 students who were hired received a grade based on a work performance evaluation and they were rewarded with product and positive grades. Employees also had individual goals they had to meet to improve their skills. The profits that Bulldog Grounds earned were put towards more machines, supplies and products for customers. Any money left over was donated to different funds and charities as well as monthly prize drawings. One Friday every month the coffee shop held a "fundraiser friday" and raised as much as five hundred dollars in one day. That money was donated to families, charities, the FFA toy drive and many other organizations. The ultimate goal was to give students authentic work experience in a supportive environment so they could obtain competitive employment when they leave HHS.

Bulldog Grounds

by: ashlyn klucker
The Highland Tech Club was a filming crew for sports games, events, and school assemblies. Many members of the club were young this year but the upperclassmen helped them learn the ropes quickly. Mr. Durbin was in charge of the club but gave the crew creative freedom. This club gathered game footage that our coaches used to improve players' skills and game strategy. They also shared copies of the footage with opposing coaches. Not only did they film every game but they live streamed it as well. Friends and family who missed the games watched at home or wherever they were. The club also captured all the school assemblies and pep rallies. In January, basketball fans flocked to Highland for The Shootout. Tech club members were there to film and live stream the entire tournament.

Tech Club
by: ashlyn klucker
1. Players begin to warm up for their game by practicing their techniques and scoring moves.

2. Reese Tackett, 12, heads toward the puck on January 9. They played O'Fallon at McKendree.

3. Jacob Noll, 10, and Drew Tolbert, 11, skate across the rink on December 23. They played Edwardsville at the Granite City rink.

4. Seniors Reese Tackett and Travis Woodall travel to the goal at one of their games against Edwardsville.

FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON?

JACOB NOLL, 10 // "My favorite part was being able to play with the kid who broke the MVCHA record."

NOLAN GEEST, 9 // "My favorite part was talking about the game with the other players in the locker room."

Hannah Yates from KSDK Channel 5 interviews Lucas Korte, 12 in front of the Highland High School trophy case.
HOCKEY: JUST ADD ICE

The Highland Hockey Club was coached by Joel Hawkins. The captain of this team was senior Lucas Korte. The assistant captains were senior Travis Woodall and sophomore Jacob Noll. These players started their season off with practices that helped them improve their offensive and defensive game. Due to many other high school teams practicing in the Granite City Ice Arena, the club had to squeeze in practice time when they could get it. They usually hit the ice from 9:40-11:10 every Friday night. This club was also open to players from other schools, so Travis Woodall came from Westclen to play on the team. They kicked off their season with a game on November 5 against Bethalto. After besting the Highland hockey goal record early in the season, Lucas Korte, 12 told KSDK Channel 5, "I've just been coming out every night wanting to play my hardest and continue scoring." He had 102 points in 25 games. The Highland Hockey Club finished their season with a record of 5-19-1. When asked what his favorite part of coaching this season was, Coach Hawkins said, "It was a blast getting back on the ice with the team because I've always loved the speed of this game."

Hockey
by: Madison Clarke & Grace Zobrist

OUR GOAL IS TO DENY YOURS

1. Hockey players and parents help set up the Optimist Club Christmas Tree Forest on November 24.
2. Dominick Emig, 9 gets in on the action and fights for the puck to try to take it to the other end and score.
3. The hockey team celebrates senior night before they take on Bethalto in Granite City on January 27.
4. Juniors Brett Williamson, and Kaiden Miles, show off their smiles after a big win in Granite City.
Mrs. Buss and Mrs. Duncan sponsored the Saturday Scholars. To become a member students had to maintain a 4.75 GPA. This group went on field trips to multiple places throughout the year. They went to the Donald Danforth Plant at the Science Center, the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and they listened to Glenn McCoy, the animation director of the movie "The Secret Life of Pets". They also listened to lectures about different science and agriculture careers. The goals of this program were to expand the knowledge of the students, provide opportunities to talk with professionals, and help students find interest in science, technology, engineering, and other math careers.

Mrs. Lentz was the sponsor of the Book Club. The club’s president was Elijah Landers, 12. He searched for new books for the group to read. They met once a month to discuss the book previously read. They talked about the plot, characters, and members’ personal thoughts and opinions on the book. They reviewed the list of book options and voted on what they should read next. On movie night the members watched "The Phantom of the Opera" and shared snacks.
AMBASSADORS

The Ambassadors consisted of juniors and seniors because, as upperclassmen, they were familiar with the school already. They gave the freshmen tours around the school on orientation night and also helped underclassmen find their classes the first couple of days of school. At freshmen orientation, the ambassadors welcomed them by playing games in groups. This especially helped students new to the school and the district. All members needed an administrative recommendation to become an official ambassador.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club was led by Nic Weiss, a graduate of HHS. The presidents of this club were Robert Williams, 11, and Ethan Andrews, 12. Members met every Wednesday at three in the library. They practiced the mental game of chess and in preparation for upcoming matches, members played against each other. They played in competitive chess tournaments all around the bi-state area. Belleville West and St. Louis, MO were two of many locations where they competed.

ATHLETIC COUNSEL

The Athletic Counsel was only in its second year and Ms. Boscolo was the group's sponsor. Students in this group were required to maintain a GPA above 4.0, have a clean discipline record, and they had to be a varsity starter on their team. There was one representative per sport. Ms. Boscolo said, "They are good citizens and good athletes and they are the first group I go to when I need help with something." The group frequently went to Highland Elementary to teach children in special education classes different P.E. activities. These students were the faces of Highland athletics.
In early 2020, the Coronavirus broke out in China. Special precautions were taken throughout the United States. By the time this book went to press in March, there were cases of the virus in many states including Illinois and Missouri.

The San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs played in the 2020 Super Bowl on February 2. The Kansas City Chiefs overcame a ten point fourth quarter deficit to win Super Bowl LIV. The victory ended their 50 year championship drought.

The Democrats impeached President Donald Trump in December of 2019. He was sent to trial and was eventually found innocent in February of 2020. This resulted in further division of the political parties. He is running for reelection in 2020.

by: grace zobrist and ellie brown
Famous rapper, Juice Wrld, died on December 8 in 2019. Juice Wrld died due to a seizure he had at the Chicago airport. He was best known for his songs "All Girls Are the Same" and "Lucid Dreams."

At the 62nd Grammy Awards, Billie Eilish won Best New Artist, Song of the Year for "Bad Guy," Record of the Year, and Album of the Year for "We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" along with honors for Best Pop Vocal Album. She was the youngest person to accomplish this at 18 years old.

On January 26 in 2020, Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna or "Gigi" died in a helicopter crash. Gianna was only 13 years old. There were seven other passengers including the pilot who died in the accident as well. Bryant and his daughter were headed to Mamba Sports Academy in California for a youth basketball event. Kobe Bryant was best known for his 20 season professional career in the league with the Los Angeles Lakers. Gianna was said to be a great player too and was following her father's footsteps.

In November 2019, dozens of fires erupted in Australia. The fires spread across all of the country making this fire the most devastating on record. Around 25.5 million acres of forest burned (around the size of South Korea).
Fall Sports

Are Kind of
Big Deal
WE HAVE THE SPEED

The boys cross country team coached by Mr. Vance and the girls cross country team coached by Mr. Bradley both had an outstanding season. The two teams started practices in the middle of June at the high school and Spindler Park in Highland. They worked many hours doing sprint workouts, hill training, and distance runs. Both teams had a long season participating in regionals, sectionals and state. The captains for the boys team were seniors Nick Hanratty, Ethan Augustin, and junior Easton Rosen. Nick Hanratty placed 114th in the state run in Peoria Illinois. The boys team qualified for sectionals for the first time since 2011. The girls captains were juniors Paige Schaible, Grace Meyer, Jessica Borror and Julia Loeh. The girls had an awesome season finishing 14th in state. They brought home Highland's first ever trophy from their state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Both cross country teams finished strong making history for Highland High School.

Cross Country
by: Autumn Walters & Grace Zobrist

PUSHING OURSELVES/

1. Kale Fisk, 11, keeps up with his opponents at the Jacksonville Invite on October 5.
2. Britin Machuca, 10, stays ahead of her opponents at the Triad Invite on October 2.
3. At the Edwardsville Invite on September 22 Cameron Pace, 10, stays caught up with a runner from Edwardsville.
4. Before their state meet, the girl's varsity team warms up on November 9. They placed 16th out of 25 teams.
1. Danielle Little, 10, gets ready to pass another runner at the Edwardsville Invite on September twenty-second.

2. Aiden Conrad, 9, pushes himself through the race on September 18 at the Collinsville Invitational.

3. During the Springfield Invite on September 28, Danielle Little, 10, and Maggie Vonhatten, 11, stick together during their race.

4. Mason Steinbeck, 9, stays ahead at the Granite City meet on September 7.

**TOP:** Brylee Portell, 12, pushes through the rough weather during the regional meet in Alhambra on October 26.

**BOTTOM:** Junior, Joshua Loeh, makes his way through the trail during the MVC meet at Principia on October 7.

**WHICH MEET WAS YOUR FAVORITE?**

Jessica Borror, 11// "My favorite meet was the Peoria Invitational because we placed third and got to hairspray Mr. Bradley's hair pink."

Liv Heinzmann, 9 // "My favorite meet was the Peoria Invitational because I got my best personal time."
FALL SPORTS

PAR TEE TIME

The Girls Golf Team had a season filled with accomplishments, laughter, and friendship. Ashley Deselm coached and led the girls golf team for the second year in a row. Jordan Keeven was the assistant coach. Their season started in the summer with morning practices, but their first tournament wasn’t until the first week of school. Practices were every day after school at the Highland Country Club. During these practices the girls played rounds of golf and practiced skills to improve the personal goals that they made at the beginning of the season. The girls competed at regionals in Effingham on October 10. Moving on from regionals to sectionals were Meridith Kleinmann, 12, with a 104, Lily Barker, 10, with a 109, and Claire Korte, 11, with a 95. These girls ended their season at sectionals in Mt. Carmel on October 14. The varsity team ended with a 11-9 record, and the JV team ended with their season with a 6-13 record.

Girls Golf

by: Grace Zobrist & Maddie Noeltner

TEAM WORK

1. Maci Miles, 9, tees off of hole one at the Effingham Golf Course during a tournament. Miles said, “I’m really glad I played this year it was lots of fun.” The girls placed third in the tournament at Effingham.

2. Maddie Noeltner, 11, and Lia Basden, 12, stand on the putting green at the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Godfrey, Illinois. Noeltner and Basden combined together for the fall Scramble Shamble, which is the annual tournament to kick off the Girls Golf season.

3. Claire Korte, 11, and Lia Basden, 12, practice their sand shots before regionals on hole two at the Highland Country Club. Their regionals were at the Effingham golf course, which has difficult sand traps.

4. Barbra McGuire stands on the green of hole 17 at the Oak Brook Golf Course. She practiced golf every day throughout the season and improved her score by 10 strokes.
What was your favorite part?

Hannah Wilkes-Null, 11

"At our first home match I was about to start my last hole of the day, when all of the sudden lightening struck right next to me and the girl from the opposing team that I was playing with and the match ended up ended earlier than planned."

Claire Korte, 11

"My favorite part of the season was the van rides and disapproving looks from our coach."
1. Jaxton Black, 11, uses his three wood to hit the ball on hole six at the Highland Country Club. Black said, "I normally use my three wood if I'm 240 yards or a little more out from the pin. It's a very trust worthy club for me." 
2. Connor Reinarman, 11, decides which club to use on hole seven at the Highland Club. Reinarman ended up using his three wood on this hole. He got a birdie.
3. The Varsity team of Clayton Mallard, 11, Jack Massa, 9, Reid Koisher, 11, Jaxton Black, 11, Reinarman, 11, Evan Sutton, 11, Jake Brauns, 11, and Brylee Portell, 12, stand for a photo. Of mostly juniors, the team was a group that had been playing together since they were in elementary school. Mallard said, "There are no other people I'd rather play the game with. I love them and they love me." 
4. Freshman, Jack Massa looks at the line of his putt on seven at the Highland Country Club. The team played against the Triad Golf Team at this home match on September 9th. The boys ended up finishing 24th of 75 teams.

BOYS GOLF Q&A//

Jack Massa, 9// "Before matches and tournaments I would listen to music on the bus to clear my mind and help me focus better on my golf game."

Brylee Portell, 12// "My favorite memory from this season was when Connor Reinarman, 11, took his shoes and socks off to hit out of the lake during a practice."
The Boys Golf Team had a long record breaking season. Coaches, Brent James, and Jeff Brauns, led the team. They started practicing in the beginning of the summer, but many of the boys practiced on their own in the off season. This season the boys won the MVC Championship. The team moved on from regionals to sectionals as a team and played at the Charleston Golf Course for their sectional tournament. Juniors, Evan Sutton and Jaxton Black moved on from sectionals to play at the IHSA state tournament at the Weibring Golf Course. Sutton, 11, made it to the second day of the state tournament. Sutton ended up scoring a 77 placing 28th out of 112 players that day at state. Varsity ended with a record of 13-3, JV ended with a record of 6-2.

Boys Golf

by: Grace Zobrist & Maddie Noeltner

STATE/ TOP:
Juniors, Evan Sutton and Jaxton Black stand with Coach James before the IHSA state tournament. James said, "I was very proud of the boys and the accomplishments made this year."

LEFT: Junior Evan Sutton, chips his ball onto the green at the Belk Park Golf Course. Sutton parred this hole. Sutton said, "It was a really fun season."

TOP: Jaxton Black, 11, finishes his last hole of the first day at the state tournament. Black scored his lowest round of the season this day shooting a 82. Black won the "Mr October award" from his coach at the end of the season for his improvement through the month of October.

PRATICE, PLAY, WIN://
1. Coach James, Jake Brauns, 11, Jack Massa, 9, Evan Sutton, 11, Jaxton Black, 11, Red Kosher, 11, and Connor Reinermann, 11 stand together after the sectional match at the Charleston Golf Course. Sutton and Black qualified for the state tournament at the that day at the sectional tournament.
2. Jack Massa, 9, and Jaxton Black, 12 talk before teeing off at a home match at the Highland Country Club. Both Massa and Black tee'd off at hole one of the course. Massa said, "It's nice to be able to talk with my teammates before we play, it helps calm me down."
3. Juniors, Jaxton Black, Jake Brauns, Connor Reinerman and Red Kosher hold up their MVC championship plaque. The boys showed off their plaque at the Highland Homecoming Parade. Black's parents pulled both the boys and girls golf teams on a float during the parade.
4. Junior Evan Sutton lines up his shot to chip onto the green. Sutton birdied this hole at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course.
The JV Volleyball team huddles for a pep talk from coach Torre before the game at O'Fallon High School.

1. At a home game, Addison Rode, 10, and Ray Geilhausen, 10, watch the ball sail over the net after it was hit by the setter.

2. Reese Bolen, 10, spikes the ball over the net during a home game against Waterloo on October 22. The game resulted in a win.

3. Morgan Langendorf, 10, stands with her arms out ready to pass the ball to the setter during a play. Her position was the libero.

4. Keeping her eye on the ball, Ray Geilhausen, 10, gets ready to bump the ball over the net. Her position was the outside hitter.

"You have to be willing to fail, to improve." - Al Scates

TOP: Kate Becker, 10, and Ray Geilhausen, 10, get a picture in the gym before their first home game. They play Granite City on September 5.

BOTTOM: Sophomore Morgan Langendorf prepares to bump the ball back over the net. Langendorf is a libero on the team.

Morgan Langendorf, 10 // "My favorite game this year was Waterloo because I felt that was the first game we all played together as a team."

Tiffany Hedigar, 10 // "My favorite part of this season was how we could stand our ground no matter how tough the other team was."

Lauren Wernle, 10 // "My favorite games were in the varsity tournament that we played at Highland because we realized that we have what it takes to play at the varsity level."
YOU'VE BEEN SERVED

Led by Coach Kristen Torre and Coach Natalie Ott, the JV Volleyball team started off the year with several practices throughout the week during their summer break in preparation for their upcoming season. Once school started, their practices kicked up to multiple hours every day. The team consisted of 11 players. As the season advanced, they captured first place at the OFallon tournament which was held in O'Fallon. After a successful season, the girls celebrated with a banquet held in the commons. Coach Ott said, "This was a very resilient team. We threw things at them left and right and they adapted beautifully and played with so much heart and grit. Each girl grew exponentially as a player and a teammate. It was a fun season with lots of memories and successes!"

JV Volleyball

by: Alexis Finley & Candice Greer

YOU CAN'T SPIKE WITH US//

1. Before a game during the Waterloo tournament, the JV players line up to shake hands with the opposing team. They played against Jerseyville on September 14.

2. Addison Rode, 10, sets the ball over the net. After the ball was set, the team advanced in points.

3. The JV Volleyball team gathers for a team picture to start off their season. Kate Becker, 10, Lauren Wernle, 10, Lilli Evans, 10, Reese Bolen, Morgan Langendorf, 10, Addison Rode, 10, Ray Geilhausen, 10, Tiffany Hediger, 10.
FALL SPORTS

Won't Back Down

Coached by Katelyn Hagredy and Kristen Torre, the varsity volleyball girls played a total of 36 games throughout their season. They won 27 games, lost eight games, and tied one game. The lady bulldogs started practicing in August to prepare for the upcoming season. The team consisted of 13 girls and two coaches. As the season advanced, they took home first place at the Charleston Tournament held at Charleston. Also at this tournament, Bella LaPorta and Liv Wilke recieved All Tournament team and Laporta recieved MVP. They celebrated with their annual banquet at the end of their season which was held in the commons at HHS.

Varsity Volleyball

by: Rileigh Bent & Alexis Finley

LEFT: Sydney Coker, 12, jumps up to spike the ball against Charleston. Coker scored a point and the girls won, making their record 9-3.

RIGHT: Kate Becker,10, gets ready to pass the ball on serve receive. This pass earned the team another point.

JUMP, SET, SPIKE!/

1. Olivia Wilke, 11, jumps to spike the ball against Waterloo. Highland won the match.
2. During senior night, junior, Bella LaPorta, prepares for the first serve from the Triad Knights.
3. AnneMarie Beckemeyer, 11,Bella Laporta, 11, And Taylor Kesner, 11, prep to block a spike from Mascoutah.
Serving Wins

1. Bella LaPorta, 11, tips the ball over the net during a game against Triad. This tip led the bulldogs to win the game.

2. The JV volleyball players throw balls to the Varsity players to practice hitting. This warm-up helps them to prepare for their game at home.

3. Tess Korte, 12, digs the ball during a game against Mascoutah. Highland won the game.

4. Megan Vidmar, 12, serves the ball to the other side of the net during a game against Triad. The lady bulldogs won.

"Your team becomes your family, the ball becomes your best friend, the court becomes your home, and the game becomes your life." - Norman Shidle

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Q&A

Sydney Coker, 12 // "This season was so fun and memorable because of the supportive coaches and my loving teammates. I'm glad we went out with a bang!"

Reagan Crask, 12 // "I enjoyed this season because we had a very tight-knit team and won a few tournaments."
ONE GOAL AT A TIME

Patrick Held coached the JV boys soccer team. To kick off the start of their season, the team had frequent training days in the summer. Captians' practices were held every Monday and Thursday for two hours. In previous years, the team had two-a-days, but this year a new rule was put in place. The team could only have one practice a day for three hours maximum. The official tryouts were in the middle of August, which spanned over three days. The boys started off their season against Civic Memorial on September 5. Before each game, the team started with a warm up of stretches. The JV boys soccer team completed their season with a record of 6-13. They also got third place in the Highland JV tournament.

JV Boys Soccer
by: Madison Clarke & Candice Greer

ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM/

1. Nathan Houk, 11 perfects his kick in warmups before the game against the Mascoutah Indians. They took on the Indians at home on October 17. They tied 1-1.
2. A group of boys dribble the ball down the field at an away game on September 7. This game was against Father McGuney.
3. While looking for a teammate to pass to, Gunnar Mackey, 9 dribbles the soccer ball down the field. He made sure to stay in control of the ball so the team did not lose the opportunity to score.
4. Chase Korte, 10 gets ready to settle the ball. He had to make sure the Granite City player could not take control.
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I, Owen Morns, 10, attempts to pass the ball to his teammates. Nick Schoeck, 9, winds up to kick the ball downfield at a home game. He opted to pass the ball to his teammates. 1. Zach Wilken, 10, head butts the ball up into the air. He successfully got the ball to the other side of the field. The boys tied at this home game 2-2.
2. Clearing the ball from the defense
3. Owen Morris, 10, attempts to fight off a defensive opponent. He asked for teammates to pass the ball to. This was a home game against Granite City School on September 23.
4. Zach Wilken, 10, battles with an opposing player from Civic Memorial to try to win a throw-in. This game took place on September 5.

TOP: Ethan Smith, 9, races his opponents to get possession of the ball at the Highland vs. Civic Memorial game on September 5.
BOTTOM: The goalie, Matt Miscik, 10, celebrates after blocking the ball from going into the net.

HEADING TO THE TOP///

Gabe Schwarz, 9 kicks the ball into the net while surrounded by players from the opposing team. The team beat the Civic Memorial Eagles 2-1.

SOCCER Q&A//

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON? //
Owen Morris, 10, said, "I look forward to improving as a player and getting to play more varsity level next year."

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SEASON? //
Chase Korte, 10, said, "My biggest accomplishment was dressing for varsity when they needed me."
1. Junior, Brandon Canterberry, guards a player in order to intercept a pass to the opponent. Canterberry received possession.

2. Luke Steib, 10, jumps into the air to intercept an incoming ball protecting our goal. Steib blocked the goal but the game ended in a tie.

3. Nate Houk, 11, wrestles to hold back a Triad defender. Houk made a pass to Austin Roach, 12 during this play. Roach received the pass and scored.

4. Gunnar Mackey, 9, dribbles the ball through Triad defenders after he holds the ball to get back Highland possession. The boys lost this game 1-0.

Why do you play soccer?

Luke Steib, 10, said, "I play soccer because I grew up around it and it's the only sport I enjoy playing."

Cole Reed, 11, said, "I play soccer because I like being around all my friends and it's not like other sports."
Jumor Trav1s Roberts, runs parallel to his opponent at Glick Park. Roberts intercepted a pass and received possession.

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GOING DOWN IN HISTORY
1. Nicole Bluin, 10, gets into position to return a ball. She made sure to pay close attention to her opponent's next move to figure out what approach to take.
2. Sydney Baslar, 11, reaches for a short ball on the court. She used topspin to make the ball dip onto her opponent's side.
3. Kate Feldmann, 12, slices a ball at the net. She put the ball in the corner so her opponent did not have a chance to return it.
4. Excited for their first home match are seniors Madison Clarke and Kate Feldmann on the Highland center court deck.

"TENNIS IS MOSTLY MENTAL. YOU WIN OR LOSE THE MATCH BEFORE YOU EVEN GO OUT THERE." - VENUS WILLIAMS

TENNIS Q&A//

SOMETHING YOU WON'T FORGET? // Molly Cardon, 10, said, "One practice our coach Zach was watching my fake baby for Child Development and he said 'Molly where's your baby's blanket? I need to tuck it in, it's cold and my whole team laughed.'

FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON? // Addison Crask, 9, said "It was fun learning how to play tennis and playing doubles with my teammates."
Matt Pellock, Brenda Plocher, and Zach Plocher coached the girls tennis team. The team had a successful season that ended with a record of 15-3. At the MVC tournament, singles matches were at Lewis and Clark and doubles matches were at Triad. Both singles and doubles won at the MVC tournament. They also took the sectional title at Centralia. All six players advanced to state in Chicago. Seniors Taylor Fleming, Ashlen Deluca, and Nicole Knackstedt won their first matches and proceeded to the second day, where Deluca and Knackstedt lost to Dunlap and Fleming lost to Newton. Coach Pellock said, "This season will be cemented as one of the best seasons this program has ever had, and a senior class that will go down as one of the most successful groups here at Highland. It has been a joy and a blessing to be part of such a great period and to share it with such quality players and coaches."

**Girls Tennis**

by: Mady Castile & Madison Clarke
RAH RAH FOR HIGHLAND

Ashley Terveen, a former HHS cheerleader from 2012-15, was the new coach for the football cheer team this year. With her prior experience in cheering she was eager to get back into the program after leaving only four years ago. Terveen said, "My first year coaching has been so much fun. I could not have asked for a better group of girls. They were hard workers and were able to adapt to every change that needed to be made. I can't wait for more years of coaching at HHS." She led the girls to follow the Varsity Football boys to each of their games both home and away in hopes of keeping the crowd and fan section as rowdy as ever. The team also cheered for the Varsity Boy's Soccer team during their last home game to congratulate the seniors on their final season. Additionally, they teamed up to perform at a Cardinals game in September along side the Varsity Cheer team.

Football Cheer
by: Rileigh Bent & Mady Castile

Flying High/
1. At the Cardinals vs. Cubs game in September, the squad performs at Busch Stadium.
2. The team performs one of their stunts on the field before the game begins.
3. Flyers, Neveah Brown, 11, Kylie Courtney, 9, and Tallie Powell, 9, fly in their basket tosses at a home game.

LEFT: The team poses for a picture with the Civic Memorial cheerleaders before kickoff at the away game in Bethalto.
RIGHT: A few of the girls take part in holding up the banner that the football players break through after clearing the tunnel.
1. Nevaeh Brown, 11, cheers in the pre-game show before the homecoming game against Waterloo.

2. The flyers are lifted up in the air to get the crowd going. They were lifted up as the players prepared for kick off.

3. Before the away game at Triad High School, the team huddles up to discuss the order of their upcoming cheers.

4. Supporting breast cancer awareness month, the girls pose with their new pink poms. They helped spread awareness by cheering with them the whole month of October.

**FOOTBALL CHEER Q&A/**

Madison Banks, 10//
"My favorite memory from football cheer is probably the bus rides where we would jam out to songs before the game and just have fun."

Carolynn Parsons, 9//
"My favorite part of the season was learning all the new stunts and sidelines."
IN THE END ZONE

Austin Welz and Riley Litzenburg coached the JV team this year. The team consisted of 27 players, 15 freshmen, nine sophomores, and three juniors. In May, the team began their season with weightlifting and routine practices to help build their strength. The JV team attended a football camp at Illinois College along with the varsity players at the end of July. At the camp, they bonded as a team, set new goals for the upcoming season, and learned new plays. After the camp, their official practices started in August. They practiced after school from 3:5:30. The games, home or away were played at 10a.m. on Saturdays and at 6p.m. on Mondays. Their first game was at Belleville East on September 9. The JV football team played eight games. The last game played on October 21 at Mater Dei High school was their best game all season. Coach Welz said, "Although they lost, they came together as a team, had a good performance, and went into double overtime."

JV Football

by: Candice Greer & Maddie Noeltner

MORE THAN A GAME/

1. Wide receiver, Jarrod Kruse, 10, takes a knee on the sideline at home game against Manon. Kruse said, "I had just hurt my knee and I needed to take a break and figure some things out before the next play."
2. Coach Welz talks to players during a game about their next play. He led the boys at every game and practice. Coach Welz said, "I was most impressed this season at our last game at Mater Dei, we really came together as a team and put up a good fight going into double overtime."
3. Caleb Fohne, 9, gets ready to go onto the field during the Highland vs Jerseyville game. He played as the quarterback on the JV football team.
4. Resisting his defender, Caleb Fohne, 9, carries the ball at the home game against Mascoutah on September 23. Fohne said, "Defense wins the game."
1. Jarrett Kruse, 10, trips over a Mascoutah player at the Highland stadium. Kruse said, "Our record might not have been great, but it was lots of fun playing this year."

2. Seeking an open path, Caleb Fohne, 9, runs the ball during the home game against Triad. Fohne played as the quarterback on the JV football team.

3. Brenden Gelly, 9, jumps to catch the ball, at the Highland vs Civic Memorial game on October 5. Gelly was the running back for the team. He was also the back up quarterback.

4. On September 14, Gabe Marti, 10, looks out onto the field from the sideline during a home game. Marti said, "Before I go on the field I have a mix of anxiety and excitement, but once I step on the field I put my mind strictly on the game and all of those feelings fade away."

Caden Newman, 10, starts off the game by kicking the ball at the home game against Marion on September 14. Newman was the main kicker for the JV football team. He was also the back up kicker for the Varsity Football Team.

FOOTBALL Q&A/

Carson Baer, 10 // "My favorite part of the season was always giving coach Chet a hard time."

Vance Brinley, 10 // "Our team didn't start off playing good, but by the last game we came together as a team and played really well."
1. Jack Korte, 12, gives Payton Cave, 12, a drink before they walk onto the field for the first play. The boys talked over the game plan to make sure they were on the same page.

2. Logan Chandler, 11, sprints down the field at Triad High School on Oct. 21. The bulldogs won this game 21-7, keeping their hopes for a championship alive. Chandler had three touchdowns in the Cahokia game. This playoff game was in Cahokia on Nov.

3. The line of defense digs in to take down the opposing team at a home game.

4. Brent Wuebbles, 9 hands the ball off to the running back Logan Chandler.

Coach Warnecke stands for picture before walking into the stadium. "I earned my 70th career win against Jerseyville this season," said Warnecke.

**FEAR THE BULLDOGS**

Senior Football Q&A

Which game was your favorite? // Connor Sands said, "The game against Jerseyville because it was senior night."

What is the most important thing you have learned from football? // Payton Cave said, "I learned mental toughness and work ethic."
The Bulldogs started off the season slower than they had hoped, but quickly turned it around, making the playoffs and ending the season 7-4. This team was propelled by their front line, which consisted of four returning starters. Many young players stepped up to fill the void left by a majority of the starters from the year prior. The football team was led by Coach Jimmy Warnecke. When asked for his thoughts on the team he said, "They were a resilient group, who exceeded my expectations." The team beat their rival Triad at the end of homecoming week to win conference. They also won the first round playoff game at Cahokia 21-20. To end the season, the Bulldogs lost in the second round of playoffs to Rochester.

**Varsity Football**

by: Ellie Brown & Madison Clarke

**WHATEVER IT TAKES**

1. Dylan Litzenburg,12 makes a tackle against a Triad ball carrier. This game was away on October 11.
2. Hunter Swift,12 kicks the ball to the opposing team after a touchdown. The team defeated Cahokia 21-20 in the Class 5A first round playoff game.
3. The offensive line dissected film after a drive against Waterloo. Players watch film during the game to make in-game adjustments.
4. Colby Davis,12 leads the team out of the locker room and onto the field before the game. He is known for yelling "Let's Go!" every game to get the team hyped up on Friday nights.
Winter Sports

Are Kind of
Big Deal
About the Pineapple....
A few years back, the varsity boys found an orange under the table at a regional conference. The boys passed this orange around in their pockets each time they went to bowl. The boys played very well at this match and believed that the orange gave them good luck. Now, before each match and tournament the boys will praise a fruit to give them good luck.

"It was a great season. I had lots of fun with great friends!" - Steven Reinacher, 11

FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON//

Logan Oestriinger, 10 // "My favorite part of this season was becoming close with my team and making lots of new friends."

Maci Miles, 9 // "My favorite match this season was when we celebrated our seniors on senior night. It was fun and we did really good at that match."
ONE PIN AT A TIME

The Highland High School bowling team was coached and led through the season by Mrs. Wander and Mrs. Schrumpf. The bowling program consisted of four different teams, boys varsity, boys junior varsity, girls varsity, and girls junior varsity. Try outs for the teams were held at the Popular Junction Bowling Alley in Highland. Try outs covered two days, and the results were out after the last day of try outs. Practice was held everyday after school from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at the Popular Junction Bowling Alley in Highland. On the boys team, seniors Austin Roach, and Austin Davis made it to sectionals. Moving on from sectionals to state was Austin Davis, 12. The varsity boys record for the year was eight wins and four losses. The girls varsity team moved on from sectionals to state and ended with a record of ten wins and two losses.

Bowling

by: mady castile
& maddie noeltner

LEAVE NO PIN STANDING

1. The girls JV and varsity team gather together to have a team talk before their match begins. Before each match and tournament started, the girls team mentally prepared themselves before they played.
2. Logan Oestriinger, 10, shows off his uniform with his last name on the back. Oestriinger bowled an average of 208 this season.
3. Holly Rebels, 12, works on her practice throws.
4. Steven Reinacher, 11, waits with his team before the practice round begins for senior night. Reinacher has participated on the bowling team since his freshman year.
The boys wrestling team kicked off their season with practices starting in October to prepare for their competition season. Practices were held in the gym after school everyday for two hours. The head coach Terry Ohren and assistant coaches Knick Reed, John Lamp, and Noah Bauer coached the boys wrestling team. The seniors, Alex Reed, Trevor Zobrist, and Colby Davis led the team. The boys wrestling team consisted of 18 members: eight freshman, two sophomores, four juniors, and four seniors. Their state series began in the middle of February. Throughout the year they had four big tournaments at Carbondale, Lincoln, Civic Memorial, Mascoutah. They team placed 14th at Carbondale, 19th at Lincoln, 18th at Mascoutah, and 10th at Civic Memorial. Senior Alex Reed won the conference championship.

Wrestling

by: alexis finley & candice greer

EVERY MOVE MATTERS

1. During a match in the Highland gym, Bryce Kirsh, 11, turns his opponent over for a pin.
2. At the tournament held at Highland, Cole Reed, 11, pins his partner allowing him to win the match.
3. To signify his win, the ref holds Gage Pogues, 9, hand up after the match. This match was at Highland High School.
4. Colby Davis, 12, prepares to wrestle his Vandalia opponent during the match on January 16.

2. At the Carbondale wrestling tournament on January 10, Alex Reed, 12, placed fourth.

3. Cole Goodall, 11, prepares to go head to head with his opponent from Litchfield. Cole won this match.

4. Trevor Bowman, 9, holds down his Litchfield opponent at the meet on January 16. Highland defeated Litchfield.

"Never back down and never quit." - John Cena

FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON?//

Cole Goodall, 11// My favorite part of the wrestling season this year was how bonded the team was and how inseparable we were.

Joseph Pinkiel, 10 // My favorite part of this wrestling season was the love and support the seniors gave us. It allowed us to succeed to a higher extent.
DEFEND TO THE END

The JV team was coached by Brett Pollard and assisted by the freshman coach, Austin Welz. The team had a successful season with a record of 9-6. There were six freshmen who joined the team which boosted the JV's depth and allowed more girls to get play experience. The JV practiced with the varsity team. At these practices the girls worked to push the varsity team as well as themselves. Most girls on the team had the challenge of playing both varsity and JV. At the end of the year, some of the girls played with the varsity during post season. This gave them valuable experience to bring to the next season.

JV Girls Basketball

by: ellie brown & ashlyn klucker

PLAY LIKE A GIRL!!

1. Grace Wilke, 9, squares up to the basket on offense and looks to score during their home game against Civic Memorial.
2. Paige Schaible, 11, blows by her defender as she drives baseline on offense. The team played at Mscoutah and won.
3. Katie Brown, 9, dribbles the ball up the floor to start the offensive play. The JV had to learn nearly every play that the varsity employed this season.
4. After a steal, Krista Rittenhouse, 10, goes for a layup as defenders and teammates follow behind. When players got a steal they were recognized by receiving play hard points after the game.
1. Addison Crask, 9, inbounds the ball under the basket during an out of bounds play. The girls lost to Jerseyville at home.

2. Lydia Hadouisky, 10, passes the ball to her teammate on offense to try and score. The team ended up defeating Triad on their home floor.

3. Paige Schaible, 11, prepares to play defense during their home game against Jerseyville. Schaible said, “I like defense more than offense because of the team worked involved. I’m also not very good at dribbling.”

4. Maggie Grohmann, 9, goes up strong for a layup as she gets fouled by her defender. The girls ended this away game with a victory against Mscoutah.

JV team members had much success this year. They won the Annual Hillsboro Tournament on February 8th and had two members of the team compete in the regional three point shot contest.

THREE POINT WINNER//

Abby Huelsmann, 10, stands with varsity teammate Megan Kron, 12, after the three point shot contest. Huelsmann qualified for the sectional contest along with four other players in Highland’s regional.

JV BASKETBALL Q&A//

What is it like being a varsity and JV player? // “I had a great time playing both. I loved being able to play with all of my teammates, freshman through senior.” Abby Huelsman, 10.

What is something you learned being a freshman on JV? // “It is a lot of work and you do a lot of things the varsity does, while also helping the varsity team prepare for big games, unlike middle school.” Karli Dant, 9.
4. Bella LaPorta, 11, shoots a layup over an Edwardsville defender. This was a part of the Edwardsville Shootout on Dec.

What has this team taught you? // "Patience. Lots of patience!" Coach Clint Hamilton

What was your favorite part of the season? // "Beating Civic Memorial in the Sectional Championship." Olivia Wilke, 11
A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The girls basketball team was coached by Clint Hamilton, along with assistants Brett Pollard and Austin Welz. The team started off the season by winning the Salem Tournament. They then went on to place second at the Mascoutah Holiday Tournament and win their own tournament for only the third time in school history. At the start of playoffs they beat Jerseyville at Jerseyville to be crowned regional champions. The girls advanced to the sectional championship eventually, beating conference rival Civic Memorial. This was the third time the teams had seen each other in a sectional final in the last five years. The Lady Bulldog's season ended when they lost to Springfield Landphier in the super sectionals, ending the season with a record of 27-8.

Varsity Girls Basketball
by: Ellie Brown & Ashlyn Klucker

GAME ON!!
1. The players on the bench applaud the team as they play against Taylorville. This game was a part of the Regionals, which were held in Jerseyville.
2. Maddie Clarke, 12, shoots a layup at Mascoutah. The Lady Bulldogs won this game.
3. Players make silly faces on the bench at Mascoutah. Taylor Kesner, 11, holds up the number five because she fouled out.
4. Megan Kronk, 12, Abby Huelsmann, 10, Kirstin Taylor, 11, and Lydia Hadowski, 10 get together after shooting in the regional three point contest. Kronk and Huelsmann advanced to the sectional contest.
WINTER SPORTS

TEAM BONDING

On January 3, the boys coach, Deryl Cunningham, took the JV and varsity teams to Edison’s in Edwardsville for team bonding. Coach Cunningham said, “It was a fun evening with most of our basketball players at Edison’s. The boys enjoyed bowling, laser tag, arcade, and eating together.

New Coach in Town

This season the JV boys were coached and led by Tarus Moore for his first season of coaching at Highland High School. Before coaching at Highland, Coach Moore was a basketball coach at Werth Middle School. Coach Moore said, “I enjoyed coaching the boys this year and hope to coach many more seasons at Highland.”

"It was a fun season, with lots of memories made in it." Christain Kassay, 11

FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON

Colton Watkins, 10

“My favorite part of the season was the Salem Tournament. We played well and it was a good time to bond with the team.”

Greyson Klucker, 9

“My favorite part of the season was when Shane tossed the ball between his legs at a game and it flew across the court. We all got a good laugh out of it.”
Tarus Moore was the new basketball coach for the JV team this year. The boys ended their season with a two and 18 record. Tryouts were held at the Highland High School gym during the first week of November, and were two days long. At tryouts the players practiced drills and showed off their skills to determine team placement. Results of the tryouts were out at the conclusion of the last day. While the sophomores, juniors, and seniors all practiced together, the freshmen had their own separate practice. The sophomores, juniors, and seniors, practiced after school until 5:00 pm. The freshmen practiced after that, or whenever they could schedule gym time. The team consisted of mostly juniors and sophomores, but there were also a few freshmen on the team. Some of the players dressed and played both JV and varsity. The team competed in many games and tournaments through out the season. Coach Moore said, "This season was a great bonding experience for them, and although they didn’t reach the record that they would've hoped for they improved tremendously through out the season."

JV Boys Basketball

by: mady castile & maddie noeltner
The Varsity Boys Basketball team was coached by Mr. Deryl Cunningham, a former professional basketball player. It was his first year coaching at our school. Brylee Portell, 12, Evan Peterson, 11, and Cade Altadonna, 9, were the captains of the team. Portell was the only senior on the team this year. The boys started off the season with open gyms in the middle of October. They practiced their skills, shot around, and scrimmaged. When the season started, they began having two hour practices everyday, Monday through Saturday. They frequently lifted and watched film as well. Their first game was on November 25 in the Effingham St. Anthony tournament. They participated in the Effingham Thanksgiving tournament, the Mater Dei Christmas tournament, and the Salem Invitational. When asked what his favorite memory from the season was, Evan Peterson said, "Our two wins and learning a lot from our new coach." The boys ended their season with a record of 2-27 after falling to Cahokia in the Regional.

Varsity Boys Basketball
by: maddie clarke & grace zobrist

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING/
1. Chad Barker, 11 shoots his second free throw after being sent to the line for a foul call.
2. Juniors Caleb Carter, Chad Barker, Christian Kassay, Chance Watkins, and Jake Brauns cheer on their teammates after they score.
3. Joe Jansen, 9, goes up for a layup in hopes of getting a foul called. The team lost this game 56-37.
4. The boys went to Edison's in Edwardsville to bond. They bowled, played laser tag, arcade games, and ate together.

LEFT: Christian Kassay, 11, shoots a free throw after he was fouled under the basket.
RIGHT: Coach Cunningham calls a full time out to talk to his players. He drew up a play on the board that he wanted them to run after the time out.
NEVER GIVING UP

1. Brylee Portell, 12, puts up a three before halftime. The boys were down by 11 points.

2. Evan Peterson, 11 jumps ball against a Triad player at the Highland Shootout game.

3. Gunnar Mackey, 9 gets in position to set a screen for his teammate. They fell short to Jerseyville 73-64.

4. Cade Altadonna, 9, dribbles past a defender at a game on January 11.

"YOU CAN EITHER WATCH IT HAPPEN OR MAKE IT HAPPEN."

Coach Cunningham cheers on his players after they score and get back on defense. When asked what word he would use to describe the team, Cunningham said, "Hardworking."

BASKETBALL Q&A

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING ON THIS TEAM? // "My favorite part about being on the team is getting to play with my friends." Chad Barker, 11.

WHAT IS ONE THING BASKETBALL HAS TAUGHT YOU? // "To keep pushing myself. I went from not playing a minute in a game to starting the next game." Jake Brauns, 11.
WINTER SPORTS

WE ARE THE CHAMPS

Angie Fears and Tess Hanke coached the varsity squad this season. This was Fear's tenth year coaching at Highland and Hanke's first. Tryouts began in April and the team started practices right away. They performed at the Kirchenfest, Switzerfest, a Cardinals game, and the Street Art festival before going on to their competition season.

The team attended Super CDA camp at Starved Rock to further improve their skills along with learning their stunts for the season. Throughout the season, Highland placed first at Edwardsville, Mater Dei, MVC, and ICCA. It was the varsity cheer team's first time winning ICCA since 2016. Winning the Mississippi Valley Conference made the team two-time MVC champions. Later in the season, the girls traveled to sectionals in Carterville and placed second, making their way to IHSA. In the medium division, the girls placed 12th at IHSA, making them 12th in the state of Illinois.

Varsity Cheer
by: mady castile

BEHIND THE PERFORMANCE//

1. At Core Elite, the team huddles up before leaving their tumbling class. Tumbling was every Wednesday after school.

2. At Tallie Powell's, 9, home, the girls' parents joined culinary forces and prepared and served an elegant meal. The next week they left for IHSA competition.

3. On the last day of camp at Starved Rock, the girls give massages and have some fun before their showcase to the other teams.

4. Seniors, Kamy Daiber, Karley Broske, Rileigh Bent, and Madysen Castile take a senior photo on the first day of camp.
1. Rileigh Bent, 12, pulls a scorpion with her stunt group at Starved Rock State Park.

2. Sophomores, Allison Reiling, Kady Shaw, and Morgan Flesch sit and wait for the awards to be announced at ICCA held in Springfield.

3. The cheerleaders perform a routine at the Cardinals vs. Cubs game in September as a fundraiser. They also performed with the football cheer team.

4. The team competes at the Mater Dei Invitational, doing their single raises, with only two girls under each stunt.

Top: During the mount at the end of the routine, the team excels at sidemenis. This is thrown like a basket toss, while another flyer assists the flip in the air.

Bottom: Flyers, Kylie Courtney, 9, Rileigh Bent, 12, and Madsen Castile, 12, pull a scale at the Street Art Festival, performed in September.

In honor of the Netflix series, "Cheer", the whole team jumps in the hotel pool after winning 1st place at ICCA. Navarro College did this in "Cheer" after winning as well. The rule is you can only touch the water if you win.

FAVORITE MEMORIES/

Karley Broske, 12/
"My favorite part of the season was when we were announced for first at ICCA and then hung out with the team at the hotel."

Mya Iberg, 10/
"My favorite moment of cheer is when we are waiting to get called out to the mats and we were all so nervous."
TOP: As the halftime entertainment, the dance team performs their lyrical routine. They competed with this routine later in the season.

BOTTOM: The dance team concludes their lyrical routine at the IDTA state competition. It was held in Springfield IL on February 15th.

**DANCING QUEEN**

Seniors Kylie Mcfarland, Bree Etherton, Alexis Finley and sophomore Kate Druke hit the last move of their pom dance routine while performing at the Edwardsville Regional. This performance took second place in the overall 2A pom dance category.

1. The team posed for a picture at Belleville before awards began. This was their first IDTA regional competition of the season.

2. Captain, Kylie Mcfarland, 12, does the cha cha during her jazz routine at Edwardsville Regional on January 18. This was their second time performing this routine. They placed second overall in the 2A jazz category.

3. Hannah Smith, 12, falls into Bree Etherton, 12, while Kate Druke performs a floor part during a trio section in their lyrical pom dance.

4. Alexis Finley, 12, leaps during her solo part in the lyrical pom dance. This performance placed fourth overall at the IDTA state competition.

**FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON**

Hannah Smith, 12// My favorite part of the season was getting to spend the night in hotels together and dressing up to go out to eat for the state dinner.

Kate Druke, 10// My favorite part of being on the dance team this year was becoming closer with everyone after overcoming so many different obstacles together.
The Varsity Dance Team consisted of eight girls ranging from sophomores to seniors and was coached by Erin Cotto and Carrie Eilerman. Throughout the season, the team made appearances at the Kirchenfest, the Highland Optimist Shootout, a football halftime performance, and multiple basketball games as the halftime entertainment. The dance team had tryouts in May and practiced over the summer to prepare for the upcoming season. The official season began in October where they practiced perfecting their routines for the competition season. The girls competed against other varsity teams at regionals in Lindbergh, Belleville, Edwardsville, and Highland. From there, the team continued to the Illinois High School Association Dance Team Sectional in Effingham and placed third. At the IHSA state competition in Springfield the team placed ninth out of 30 teams with their 2A lyrical routine. The team also competed at the Illinois Drill Team Association State Competition in Springfield. There the team placed second in the jazz routine, and fourth in the pom dance and lyrical routines.

**Varsity Dance**

by: bree etherton and alexis finley

**DANCING TO OUR OWN BEAT**

1. The team leaps during their halftime performance at a home football game. They perform at one football game each year.
2. Captain, Alexis Finley, 12, transitions to her next formation during the pom dance routine at the Edwardsville regional.
3. The dancers prepare to go to dinner on Friday, the night before the IHSA state competition. They ate dinner at Biaggis in Bloomington IL.
4. Tegan Beard, 11, prepares to roll down to the ground during her lyrical routine. This performance took place at a halftime show at a home boys basketball game.
Junior, Sam Buck worked at Railshakke in Highland as a dishwasher. Buck started working at Railshakke in January 2020. He said, "I like working at Railshakke because I've got to meet and become friends with lots of new people."

When he wasn't at school, Mysaiah Chambers, 11, worked at Mazzios in Highland. He worked as a server, cashier, and food handler. He began working at Mazzios in August, 2019.

Peyton Strong, 12, and Mady Fenton, 11, worked as bussers and servers at Blue Springs Cafe in Highland. Fenton said, "I like working at Blue Springs because everyone is nice and easy to talk to."

When she was not at school, Maggie Weiss, 12, waitressed at Lucky Jacks Restaurant and Lounge, which is located in Pocahontas. She began working at Lucky Jack's in June 2018. She said, "I like working at Lucky Jacks because they've become like a second family to me and I am working with a great crew."
Senior, Kamy Daiber was a part of the co-op program in high school. She worked at PALS Preschool and Daycare. She was an assistant for the three year old class.

Juniors, Whitney Lightle and Emma Rusteberg worked roller skating at the Highland Weinheimer after school. They worked the concession stand every Thursday night.

Everyday after school and on the weekends Libby Wolf, 12, worked at her mom's business. At Double J Doggie Play n Stay, Libby took care of all kinds of dogs.

Alexis Miller, 12, worked at the Hogg Dairy Farm in Highland after school. She milked the cows and fed the calves. She started work in August of 2019.

When he wasn't at school, Abe Koch worked at Walmart in Highland. He occasionally worked in assembly and dairy. He started working there in May, 2019.

Junior, Connor Miller, worked on cars at Larry's Tire and Battery in Highland. He has worked there since the summer before this school year. Miller said, "I've learned a lot of useful things about cars that I've been able to use in my daily life."
FRESHMAN SPORTS

**Front Row:** Kaci Wojcikiewicz, Elena Schroff, Kamryn Toler, Madalyn Trauernicht, Maccena Fischer, Grace Wilke, Ella Drysdale, Abby Kopsie, and Ava Michael.

**Back Row:** Coach Torre, Coach Hagarty, and Coach Ott.

**Front Row:** Noah Rose, Bobby O'Donnell, Gannon Keeney, Cody Kaiser, Gabe Kort, and Jacob Pollard.


**Third Row:** Paul Graham, Josh Oliver, Landon Piazza, Kye Kruse, Colton Prott, and Caleb Fohn.

**Fourth Row:** Levi Ashford, Tyler Prusa, Kendal Hughes, David McFarland, Michael Barry, Carter Hughes, and Max Clarke.

**Back Row:** Josh Mayes, Gavin Coleman, Coach John Lamp, Trevor Bowman, and Grayson Klucker.

**Front Row:** Owen Holzinger, John Story, Noah Rose, Cole Basden, Robert O'Donnell, and Shane Field.

**Middle Row:** Logan Powers, Brent Wuebbels, Grayson Klucker, Caleb Fohn, and Reece Korte.

**Back Row:** Coach Sean Hobson, Coach Deryl Cunningham, and Coach Tarus Moore.
JUNIOR VARSITY SPORTS

Front Row: Lilli Evans, 10, Lauren Wernle, 10, Ray Geilhausen, 10, and Reese Bolen, 10.
Middle Row: Addison Rode, 10, Maddie Trauernicht, 9, Morgan Langendorf, 10, Elena Schroff, 9, Grace Wilke, 9, Tiffany Hedigar, 10, and Kate Becker, 10.
Back Row: Coach Torre, Coach Hagarty, and Coach Ott.

Front Row: Dominick Emig, 9, Dylan Kreke, 9, Nolan Geest, 9, Brett Williamson, 11, Landon Gunter, 9, Kaiden Miles, 11, Gabe Korte, 9, and Tyler Griesbaum, 10.
Middle Row: Dylan Giffhorn, 9, Rome Wallace, Garrett Burton, William Draper, 10, Jacob Noll, 10, Drew Tolbert, 11, Max Price, 11, Abe Hawkins, and Allan Adolph.

Front Row: Abby Huelmann, 10, Addison Crask, 9, Katie Brown, 9, Karli Dant, 9, Grace Wilke, 9, Emma Warner, 10, Kelly Fuller, 9, and Lydia Hadowsky, 10.
Front Row: Cameron Pace, 10, Ethan Hollenkamp, 9, Nicholas Hanratty, Ethan Augustin, 12, Owen Koberman, Brylee Portell, 12, Mason Steinbeck, and Issac Irving, 9.


Front Row: Bryce Knackstead, 10, Logan Oestringer, 10, Jack Massa, Ben Crammer, 10, Chase Noeltner, 10, and Mason Imming, 9.

Back Row: Jake Brauns, 11, Coach James, Cody Howard, 11, Mason Gaddis, 11, Jaxton Black, 11, Reid Koisher, 11, Brylee Portell, 12, Dominic Imming, 9, Connor Miller, 11, Evan Sutton, 11, Clayton Mallan, 11, Coach Jeff Brauns, and Connor Reinermann, 11.

Front Row: Hunter Swift, 12, Colby Davis, 12, Alex Tebdoff, 12, Ethan Leftwich, 12, Trevor Zobrist, 12, Payton Case, 12, Dylan Litzenburg, 12, and Connor Sands, 12.

Second Row: Brenden Gelly, 9, Reid Thole, 11, Drey Galbiati, 12, Camden Nelson, 12, Evan Clarkin, 12, Karl Blunt, 12, Wesley Schmollinger, 12, Vance Brindley, 12, and Gabriel Marti, 10.

Third Row: Travis Gieseking, 9, Cade Altadonna, 9, Mark Bollman, 9, Brodan Lewis, 9, Toby Allen, 9, Liam Gallagher, 11, Destin Vogel, 11, and Parker Fensterma.

Fourth Row: Steven Sorenson, 10, Brent Wuebbles, 8, Beau Imming, 10, James Beard, 10, Shelton Black, 11, Logan Chandler, 11, Carson Baer, 10, Bryce Iberg, 10, and Adam Korte, 10.

Fifth Row: Conner Horrman, 10, Jarrett Kruse, 10, Eli Jones, 11, Logan Vidmar, 11, Alim Deva, 11, Sam Basinger, 11, Cameron Willis, 9, and Tucker Engelmann, 11.


Back Row: Britin Machuca, 10, Maggie VonHatten, 11, Madalyn McCall, 10, Paige Schaible, 11, and Julia Loeh, 11.

Front Row: Barbra McGuire, 11, Claire Korte, 11, Meredith Kleinmann, 12, Lia Basden, 12, Maddie Noeltner, 11, and Hannah Wilkes-Null, 11.

Back Row: Coach Deselm, Maci Miles, 9, Mackenzie Diaber, 9, Lily Barker, 10, Raeghan Hendricks, 9, Camryn Burnes, 9, and Coach Keeven.


Back Row: Ariana Rucker, 11, Savannah Graham, 11, Madison Banks, 10, Carolyn Parsons, 9, Cameron Dennison, 10, and Maecynn Poston, 10.
VARSITY SPORTS

Front Row: Zach Wilken, 10, Chase Korte, 10, Gabe Schwarz, 9, Ethan Smith, 9, Reece Kon 9, and ?

Second Row: Travis Roberts, 11, Noah munguia, 11, Shane Field, 9, Andrew Snyder, 9, Nick Scoek, 9, Tyler Herman, 10, and Nathan Houk, 11.

Third Row: Joshua Loeh, 11, London Foxworthy, 10, Austin Roach, 12, Alex Roed 10, Caden Newman, 10, and Jayce Powell, 11.

Fourth Row: Matt Miscik, 11, Brandon Canterberry, 11, Cameron Mortland, 11, Cam Thole, 9, Cole Reed, 11, Austin Davis, 12, an Luke Stieb, 10.

Back Row: Coach Jay Roberts, Andrew Cape 10, Gunnar Mackey, 9, Peyton Strong, 12, En Loyet, 10, and Coach Patrick Held.

Front Row: Brett Williamson, 11, Drew Tolbert, 11, Landon Gunter, 9, Kaiden Miles, 11, and Dylan Kreke.

Middle Row: Max Price, 11, Dylan Gifhorn, 9, Dominick Emig, 9, Tyler Griesbaum, 10, Reese Tackett, 12, Travis Woodall, 12, Jacob Noll, 10, Lucas Korte, 12, Nolan Geest, 9, G Korte, 9, and William Draper, 10.


Front Row: Jaiden Thole, 9, Mason Smith, 9, Luke Twitty, 9, Cole Goodall, 11, Gage Pohue, 9, Kendal Hughes, 9, and Tanner Schranz, 11.

Middle Row: Cole Blastenbrei, 9, Colby Davis, 12, Bryce Kirsch, 11, Benjamin Mitchell, 10, Cole Reed, Anthony Bent, 11, Nick Mcallister, 11, and Broden Lewis, 9.

Back Row: Alex Reed, 12, Trevor Zobrist, 12, Coach Knick Reed, Coach John Lamp, Coach Shorty Ohren, and Trevor Bowman, 9.
Front Row: Reagan Crask, 12, Sydney Coker, 12, Tess Korte, 12, Megan Vidmar, 12, and Ashley Knackstedt, 12.
Middle Row: Bella LaPorta, 11, Taylor Kesner, 11, Anne Marie Beckemeyer, 11, Kate Becker, 10, Liv Wile, 11, and Addison Rode, 10.
Back Row: Coach Hagarty, Coach Ott, and Coach Torre.

Front Row: Molly Cadagin, 10, Lauren Herman, 10, Kaitlyn Feldmann, 12, Ashlen DeLuca, 12, Taylor Fleming, 12, Madison Clarke, 12, Payton Wernle, 12, Kayla Rutz, 12, Mackenzie Myer, 12, Nicole Knackstedt, 12, and Katie Augustin, 10.
Back Row: Jenna Fenton, 11, Addison Crask, 9, Allie Rinderer, 9, Nicole Bluhm, 10, Braden McKinley, 10, Brianna Helm, 11, Hannah Geest, 11, Carissa Merkle, 10, Krista Rittenhouse, 10, and Sydney Baslar, 11.

Front Row: Mady Castile, 12, Rileigh Bent, 12, Kamy Daiber, 12, and Karley Broske, 12.
Middle Row: Morgan Flesch, 10, Karlie Hooton, 11, Allison Reiling, 10, Mya Iberg, 10, Brittani Wellen, 10, Kady Shaw, 10, Emma Ruffini, 11, and Rhea Fowler, 10.
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Match the wisdom to the teacher!
by: maddie noeltner & alexis finley

1. "Are we all smoking the same cheese?"

2. "Do you value your appendages?"

3. "We're all in Missouri. That joke was Illinoising. I'll be here all day."


5. "Don't step on the lizard."

6. "You can't fix stupid."


8. "My students are a bunch of big ole peaches."
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Sarah Bland, English  
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Cheyenne Choat
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Maxwell Clarke  
Gavin Coleman  
Aiden Conrad  
Isaac Cook  
Kiley Courtney  

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Roybn Watson
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Jessie Wieter
HOW MANY TARDIES HAVE YOU HAD THIS YEAR?

- 0 TARDIES: 48%
- 1-2 TARDIES: 33%
- 3-4 TARDIES: 7%
- 5+ TARDIES: 12%

HOW DO YOU GET TO SCHOOL?

- Drive Yourself: 86%
- Parent: 5%
- Bus: 5%
- Friend: 2%
- Other: 2%

DESCRIBE JUNIOR YEAR IN ONE WORD

- STRESSFUL: 52%
- UNEVENTFUL: 15%
- EYE OPENING: 15%
- EXCITING: 10%
- HAPPY: 8%

DO YOU BRING YOUR LUNCH TO SCHOOL?

- YES: 41%
- NO: 59%
WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

47% ACT

53% SAT

WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?

27% Country

28% Rap

26% Other

18% Pop

15% Rock

FAVORITE MUSIC

13% 1 hour

13% 45 mins

13% 30 mins

13% 40 mins

13% 34 mins

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET READY IN THE MORNING?

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th

MOST USED SOCIAL MEDIA

64% SNAPCHAT

16% INSTAGRAM

13% TIKTOK

4% TWITTER

3% FACEBOOK

ARE YOU EXCITED TO BE A SENIOR?

7% NO WAY

93% YES
Seniors Are Kind of a
SENIORS

Destiny Adolph  Maddison Adolph  Cloe Altevogt  Cameron Altgilbers

Ian Anderson  Ethan Andrews  Leonel Armendariz  Jared Atwood

Ethan Augustin  Brianne Barbee  Star Barnes  Molly Barry
Junior College
Trade School
Decided to Work

ARDIES
6%
30%

IS HIGH SCHOOL PREPARING YOU FOR COLLEGE?

YES
64%
NO WAY
36%

PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Four Year College
Junior College
Trade School
Undecided
Work

BEST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL?

52% SENIOR
25% JUNIOR
13% SOPHOMORE
10% FRESHMAN

HOW MANY TARDIES HAVE YOU HAD THIS YEAR?

0 49%
30% 1-2
16% 3-4
8% 5

Elizabeth Wolf
Tyler Woll
Jacob Wood
Holland Wrobel
Kathleen Ziegler
Grace Zobrist
Trevor Zobrist
IF YOU'RE GOING TO COLLEGE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR MAJOR WILL BE?

75% YES

I'LL DECIDE 25% LATER

WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?

3rd 33%

Country

2nd 19%

1st 11%

4th 21%

5th 11%

6th 2%

7th 3%

FAVORITE MUSIC

Rap 38%

Pop 16%

Rock 16%

Other 8%

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET READY IN THE MORNING?

45 mins 27%

30 mins 40%

28 mins 15%

WHEN DID SENIORITIS SET IN?

29% Before senior year.

33% Beginning of senior year.

32% Middle of the school year.

6% Has not set in yet.

WORST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL?

10% SENIOR

23% JUNIOR

38% SOPHOMORE

39% FRESHMAN
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Best Eyes
Evan Clarkin & Rileigh Bent

Best Smile
Karley Broske & Dale Miller

Best Hair
Alexis Finley & Landyn Oestringer

Most Athletic
Ellie Brown & Connor Sands

Cutest Couple
Payton Cave & Kenzie Gelly

Worst Driver
Faith Prather & Peyton Seaman

Class Clown
Carter Wiegman & Helen Nguyen

Biggest Flirt
Brylee Portell & Šami Kutzgar

Best Personality
Meckenna Scholl & Trent Beard
Brainiacs
Trevor Zobrist & Tess Korte

Dynamic Duo
Jimmy Metzler & Carlin Guadandi

Mom and Dad
Kate Feldmann & Colby Davis

Best Dressed
Jack Beiermann & Payton Wernie

Teacher's Pet
Elijah Landers & Maddie Adolf

Most School Spirit
Peyton Strong & Taylor Fleming

Best Tictoker
Sam Henhehold & Jack Korte

Most Likely to Teach at HHS
Alex Reed & Ashley Knackstedt

Most Likely to be a Model
Brewer VanLoo & Shelby Stallard

Latest Couple That Never Was
Megan Vidmar & Nick Hanratty

Most Likely to Take Home to Parents
Jakob Kloss & Megan Kronk

Most Likely to be Famous
Ethan Andrews & Elizabeth Huntley
Seniors
Class of 2020
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