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What a long trip it’s been....

Iris

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At the point where one road crosses another, there are always those who must choose a path to follow. As the yearbook staff contemplated this year’s theme, “What a long strange trip it’s been” a classic line from a Grateful Dead song, was the favorite. However, the tragedy that took place on a quiet Tuesday morning in September changed many of our perspectives. The journalism staff believed that the title would be too light-hearted and inappropriate under the circumstances. A new cover was selected and the title was altered, but the theme has remained, for the most part, unchanged.

With this in mind, we present the 2002 Iris...

What a long trip it’s been....
"How has your life changed

...Don't let them [the terrorists] take away your freedom. After all, we earned it.
- Nicole Taylor

I will always remember the look [on Mrs. Meyer's face] when the announcement came. ...I will never forget.
- Megan DeSherlia

[I will] treasure every moment with my friends and family, because you never know when it will end.
- Jessie Koerkenmeier

..[It] made me appreciate my life and everyone who has had a part in it...
- Suzanne Rogier

Artwork by: Colin Durbin
since September Eleventh?"

...[My mother] had not expected to live long enough to see her home-land attacked again by a foreign enemy.

- Mrs. Martz

Artwork by: Brandy Boyer

[I will] remember those who are fighting for it.

- Janna Ledbetter

...The trivial things we sometimes worry about became even less important...

- Mr. Carmitchel
Children at play
(Student life)

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Whether it was working outdoors, playing sports, or hanging out with friends, students always found a way to have fun. They were involved in many activities throughout the school year. Some of these included homecoming, madrigals, the spring musical, and the fall play. Students devoted their time and energy into making these events successes. While balancing jobs, school work, and a social life, they still found time to participate in these extracurricular activities. Participants in the Madrigal Dinner were able to travel to Kansas City for the Renaissance Festival. The fall play, Harvey received rave reviews from everyone who took time to see it, and the spring musical, The Wizard of Oz, was an extravaganza complete with flying monkeys, munchkins, and even a live dog as Toto.
Couch potatoes
The seniors show their spirit during an assembly. Dan Strackeljahn, Eric Zobrist, Joey Kovach, John Gantner, and Nathan Robinson lounge.

Lakeside romance
Amanda Zeller and Jacob Post share a romantic moment before leaving for the homecoming dance.

Man's best friend
Alisha Parker helps her class compete in the annual Homecoming Spirit Stick battle.

Yummy!
Trying hard not to get too messy, Emily Johnston hopes to win the ice cream eating contest.
Caution: falling stars

Written by: Suzanne Rogier and Natalie Herzberg

Imagine a ballroom filled with dancers dressed in gowns and tuxedos swirling beneath a sparkling starlit sky. This was no dream but a reality at Homecoming 2001. The student council created the dream and then aptly named this year’s coronation and dance “Wish Upon a Star”. The year’s festivities began with the coronation, where seniors Amy Cook and Colin Durbin were crowned royalty. All throughout the next week, students saw even more stars. There was an ice cream with star sprinkle eating contest and a dress like your favorite star day. To add some star pizzazz, the girls played powderpuff flag football. In all the excitement though, there were a few disappointments. On the day of the parade, a rainy drizzle crept through town. The parade was cancelled, and replaced by a pep rally. As the week came to a close, the football team pulled out a 28-21 win over Waterloo. The students wished upon their stars and dreams came true.
Matt Pople tries to outlast the remaining "hula-hoopers" to make it to the finals.
Bob Watts and Colin Durbin show excitement after their performance with the Dance Team.

During a pep assembly, Angela Becker and Caitlin Capelle try to win the wheelbarrow relay.
Colin Dubin & Amy Cook

Sophomore court:
Adrienne Branger, Dusty Keeven
Emily Lewis, Kyle Potthast
Danielle Poehling, Jason Harsy
Julie Bickline, Alex Plocher

Freshmen court:
Ryan Barr
Keri Bryant
Jenna Uhe
Joe Dickman

Louis Staley & Charlotte Weiss

Junior Court:
Jamie Potthast, Jake Bickline
Rhonda Mettler, Andrew Durbin
Leah Wellen, Brian Sutton
Ashley Sexton, Ryan Driscoll
Julie Genteman, Steven Ficker
Jennie Degge, Ben Shea
2001 Senior Homecoming Court

Jamie Wildhaber & Travis Hollenkamp
Charlotte Weiss & Kyle DeGroot
Renee Korte & David Harvick

Emily Johnston & Louis Staley
Maggie Gunn & Colin Durbin
Lindsey Gilomen & Chris Frey

Amanda Gallatin & Chris Harbison
Amy Cook & Ryan Boxell
Leah Duncan & Joseph Duncan
Suzanne squared
During practice, Mrs. Suzanne Meyer and Suzanne Rogier perfect the art of being a wench for the Madrigal Dinner.

Who's in charge?
Mr. Burgett plays a fool to Scott Ammann and Joseph Crawford's plan to make him a competition judge.

Cooling off
Members of the Madrigal head table enjoy the excitement portrayed by members of the king's court.

Casting spells
During the Madrigal Dinner, Stephanie Gruender and Brooke Tally wait patiently for the queen of the fairies' arrival.
Traveling in time
Written by: Amy Cook

History repeats itself

Which group can sing 1058 “fa’s” and “la’s” in one song? Yes, it is the Madrigal singers. The established group became well known this year by traveling to many locations. They performed at the Kansas City Rennaissance Festival in September to share their exquisite vocal performance with many Elizabethan fans. They also performed locally for the Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, Winter Wonderland, and some surrounding churches. They even shared their talents with the natives of Highland during the candle light service held at the square in honor of the September 11th victims. The Madrigal singers also sang at the IAEOP, a state convention, in the spring.

The theme for this year’s dinner was “An Evening for Fools and Lovers.” A human chess game was played, a competition was held, and spells were cast by fairies. It was truly a magical evening.
"I loved the way the Madrigal was so realistic! I was enchanted by the singing. - Sarah Hoffmann

"The Madrigal was awesome! Mrs. Meyer did a great job!" - Laurie Nobilette
"It was a great experience being in the Madrigals as a dancer. I hope to have a part again next year." - Patricia Thomas
Nagging rights
Betty Chumley, played by Lisa Pruett, nags to Nurse Kelly, played by Suzanne Rogier, about all of her problems.

Action
Actors, Matt Scheibel, Tim Endicott and Scott Ammann act out a key scene in the play.

Isanity issues
Ms. Simmons, played by Julie Pye, vents to her daughter and lawyer about her experience in a mental institution.

Getting the part
Mr. Noud, fall play director, looks over information sheets of hopeful actors at auditions.
Bunny tracks
Written by: Megan DeSherlia

Rave reviews for rabbit

Patience, imagination, time and good direction are all key elements involved in putting on a play as outrageous as Harvey. All of these qualities were found in the cast and crew of this year’s fall play. The comedy written in three acts by Mary Chase, portrays the relationship between a grown man and a six and a half foot tall rabbit. The cast began rehearsals in October and worked long hours to polish and perfect their acting skills. Harvey became a reality in late November. The nervous actors put on an excellent show for the public. “I had a great time with such a talented and likeable cast (as usual). They did a FANTASTIC job with a quite difficult script. I had not done many straight plays in the past; however, co-directing this show (with Jill Hess) sure gave me the drive and energy to pursue another one in the future.” explained Mr. Noud. It may be difficult to find another play to equal Harvey.
I'll get you my pretty
The Wicked Witch of the West,
**Julie Pye**, examines the scene
for evidence to determine who
dropped a house on her sister.

Heee...heee
The munchkins, excited about
the witch's death, display their
gratitude for Dorothy with a
song and dance.

Picture purrfect
During intermission, Matt
Scheibel, Jason Sallee, Matt
Brown, and Whitney Degge
pose for fans to take pictures.

If I only had a brain
Deciding what to do next,
Dorothy and Scarecrow come
upon Tinman fixed by a spell
in the haunted forest.
Follow the yellow brick road

Written by: Amy Cook

This year's musical, The Wizard Of Oz, was a trip down a long road that many will never forget. Besides the normal amount of performances the cast displayed in past years, they also performed the entire show for the kindergarten through sixth graders. This served a dual purpose, allowing the cast extra practice and letting the kids take a rest from the classroom environment. Mr. Noud, second year director, quotes, "I chose this musical because of its impact on children and for the adult audience who love to travel back to part of their childhood." The storyline revolves around Dorothy escaping away from Kansas through her dream of Oz. Along the way she meets her friends, Tinman, Lion, and Scarecrow, who help her in returning home to Aunt Em in Kansas by the end. Overall, the show was a huge success for the cast, school, and community.

"I liked being a part of this show. It was a good time and I'll miss all my senior buddies." - Tim Endicott

"It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it in the end." - Sarah Delashmit

"I loved being in the show; especially when my hidden platform wasn't rolled out on time." - Stacy Hayden
A watchful eye
Stephen Lienfelser spends his
time after school and over the
summer months with a
lifeguarding job.

Baywatch beauty
In full lifeguard attire, Nisa
Korte attentively watches over
the swimmers at the Korte
Recreation Center.

Bulging muscles
Taking advantage of the high
school weightroom, Jeremiah
Knacksteadt spends time
working on his physique.

The daily grind
Participating in the school’s Co-
Op program, Eric Lengermann
works at B-Line Company.
After-hours drive-thru

Written by: Gabriel Michael

Jobs and participation in student-led groups kept students busy

Aside from the daily trip through their school lives, students had other lives outside of school. Some had after-school jobs, while some just enjoyed their free time hanging out with friends. Some students were involved in student-led groups like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the Bulldog Hockey Club. FCA had separate boys and girls meetings each week at members’ homes to join together with food, fun, and fellowship. The Bulldog Hockey Club competed through the fall and winter against several area high school hockey teams. Their season ended with a remarkable 12-3-1 record.
Parade route
Students celebrate St. Patrick's Day by participating in the five mile parade run in St. Louis.

Standing by
Bulldog Hockey member Charlie Rose waits by the goal to set up a perfect shot.

Concentration
Travis Navickas looks down the ice preparing to attack the opposing team.

Minimum wage
Patrick Wilson earns his living with an after-school job at Dairy Queen.
One for the team
The varsity Bulldog Hockey team forms a huddle, developing a play to make the winning goal.

Free as a bird
Michele Watts spends her time after school bungee jumping in Holland.

A trusting friend
Two FCA members participate in a trust-building activity.
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Passing zone
(Academics)
From the classrooms of Pythagorean Plaza to the computer labs on Character Boulevard, this school year saw achievements in all areas of study. With a variety of classes, from Industrial Education to AP Calculus, students found schedules to challenge their interests. Freshmen quickly adjusted to high school life while the seniors prepared for college and the work force. Outstanding seniors, Jennifer Halvorson and Bradley Boudouris, were recognized as All-State Scholars for their academic talent. As a whole, HHS was recognized as a finalist for the Blue Ribbon School award, highlighting outstanding academic achievement. Faced with choices and challenges, students had no choice but to succeed.
Art

Scenic views

Written by: Jason Stoff

What would our school be without the artists and creators in the art department? This year, the art program was augmented with a well-received Painting III class, giving dedicated students another opportunity to demonstrate their skills. Also, 2001-2002 boasted the highest participation in the department's history. Among other activities, the art classes painted pawprints on Troxler Avenue and purchased a life-size Spider-Man model from "The People Project."

"Having an art class is the only thing that keeps me in school."
- Lauren Campbell

Inspiration through music
Steve Morris listens to CD's while working on a preliminary sketch for a project.

Fun with face-paint
Working towards perfection, Ellyn Cox, Cheryl Cawi, and Tyler Munie practice ideas for facepainting.

Temporary road crew
In honor of Bulldog Spirit Week, several art students stencil pawprints on Troxler.

Working in watercolor
Clive Walker continues work on a painting of one of the plants in the art room.

"Art is what the heart feels, and the hands express."
- Janna Ledbettter
Foreign Language
Globe-trotting

Written by: Rachel Buckler

In the foreign language department, students had the opportunity to learn French or Spanish. This variety not only challenged the students, but the teachers as well. Mrs. Thebus spoke of her challenge to teach both French and Spanish. “I really like teaching two different languages because I like the variety. When I began teaching, it was difficult to teach one subject one hour and then switch the next, but I thought if the Pope can speak so many languages, so can I.”

Just call me Miss Cleo
Making a presentation in their French III class, Kendall Ripperda and Gabriel Michael act as fortune tellers.

Escribir en español
Spanish IV students work diligently to complete a writing assignment.

“French was always fun but my favorite part was making fondue.”
- Heather Gauen

Guest of honor
Hoping for a response, Christopher Stephenson reads the French dinner party menu to his guest.

Let’s put our heads together
While playing a game of “Huesos Chistos,” Erica Voss and Jessie Koerkenmeier earn bonus points.

“Aqui a HHS, se habla español muy bien. It is great.”
- Brian Sutton
Starting the season in brand new uniforms brought a new look to the marching band. From the beginning of summer until mid-November, the band competed against the rain and other bands from the state in five parade competitions, bringing home first place trophies from three. During football season, the band performed selections from Fantasia 2000 for the halftime show. To cap off the marching season, the band traveled to Chicago and performed in the Jingle Elf Parade.

"I really thought band was going to be hard, but when you are with your friends it becomes fun and easy."
- Garrett Schmidt

**Resting on the job**
At a Thursday night practice full of hard work, Dena Korte rests while waiting for more instructions.

**Line 'em up**
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Keeping an eye on it
Flute members concentrate on their music and Mr. Childers while practicing pep band music.

Ringing in the holidays
The trumpet section plays holiday favorites at the Christmas concert.

When the weather turned cold, the band started a new season indoors. At the beginning of second semester, it split into two. Symphonic band members prepared for the Honor Band showcase at Western Illinois University, where they were chosen as one of four bands from the state to perform. The Concert Band prepared for upcoming concerts and worked on improving its skills. In addition, a specially selected jazz band performed at several basketball games and held a charity dinner.

"The exciting experiences I have had in band will enlighten my life for many more years."
- Mark Eilers

Rock steady
Jamming on the drum set, Joe Gitersonke sets the beat for the pep band.

Blaring tunes
Mr. Childers keeps time while the band sight-reads a new piece for an upcoming concert.

"Jazz band gets us away from classical composers and introduces a more laid back style of music. I enjoy it."
- Deanna Cruthis
The chorus classes, which met in early bird and during sixth hour, were open to everyone who wished to express themselves vocally. The early bird hour had approximately 65 students enrolled, 15 more than the room’s normal capacity. The sixth hour session had about 35 students participate. Every year, students have the option of auditioning for the IMEA district festival. Several members were selected to participate, while Scott Ammann and Brennan Stephenson went to All-State Choir in Peoria.

"Choir is my life! Choir is #1; choir rocks my world. Choir, choir, choir!"
- Amy Cook

Years of hard work
The chorus room proudly displays the years of awards won by past choirs.

Early morning low-down
The bass section of the early bird chorus is ready for another morning of singing.

Getting ready for music
Jacob Starko, Tim Endicott and Jason White listen intently to instructions given by the director.

Folder cleaning
Zach Rakers displays his willingness to part with his favorite pieces of music.

“I think of singing as pleasantly controlled screaming.”
- Micheal Landolt
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Speaks what cannot the expressed 
Soothes the mind and gives it rest 
Heals the heart and makes it whole 
Flows from heaven to the soul 

Amour
Throughout the year, students studied great American novels, soulful poetry, and the brilliant plays by Shakespeare and other important playwrights. They took part in self-made videos and class presentations to show what they had learned from their class assigned readings. Oral communications and public speaking were alternative courses that English students were offered to improve skills in public relations and in preparing and giving speeches.
History

Time travel

Written by: Marissa Brave

Group work
Ms. Kay’s government students intently discuss plans for their presentations.

Hands up for history
Mr. Holt’s class shows its enthusiasm with smiling faces and raised hands.

"Ms. Kay showed me how to hear the echoes of the past in contemporary life."
- Adam Dolezal

Listen up
Mr. Holt points his students in the right direction with examples from the past.

Crackin’ the books
Julie Bickline and Adrienne Branger review for an upcoming history test.

"APEuropean History is all about more responsibility along with more freedom."
- Rebecca Davis

The annual trip down Constitution Avenue found many students inquiring about new geographical locations and cultures of various countries. Sparked by a new interest in American history, students studied the formation and principles of our own country, as well as the differences between America and European countries. Patriotic feelings swept through the classrooms as students realized the uniqueness of America and the importance of their role in an ever-changing world.
Math

Written by: Jessie Koerkenmeier

Math is a very challenging course to study, no matter what level. This year the math department offered many different types and levels of courses. “Although students sometimes doubted the importance of the tricky subject, we taught things in class that will help them with real life situations,” said math teacher, Mrs. Duncan. Students worked through the problems and applied them to life, despite the difficulty of the subject.

"AP Calc is a really tough class but I think I’ve benefited from taking it in high school.”
- Rachael Buckler

Extreme focus
Listening carefully, Adam Vosholler and Aaron Griffith pay attention to the day’s lesson.

Teaching the lesson
Mrs. Probst explains the math problems, while Natasha Voronova and Jamie Zurliene take notes.

Paying attention
Michael Branger and his classmates try to understand the day’s assignments.

Tough problem
Working on her homework, Kendall Ripperda calculates the problem in her head.

“I like taking math because I think it will prepare me for the future.”
- Jennie Degge
Serious learning
Chris Howard leans over to observe the Tetris skills of Nick Sutton.

Explosive education
Flames fly off of Daniel Strackeljahn's hands during a demonstration in Mrs. Golder's classroom.

Written by: Bradley Boudouris
Science exploded into classrooms this year. Formulas were memorized, tests were taken, experiments were performed, and, most importantly, students learned to better observe the world around them. New science classes were introduced this year including honors biology and honors chemistry. Students were excited by the new learning possibilities and made the new classes a great success. "I enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a completely new class," commented, Amanda Zeller.

"Mrs. Golder taught us about attraction between people with the formula $F=GM_1M_2/d^2$. Physics is cool!" - Kim Zeisset

Too much free time
While resting from her studies, Roxanne Gillispie decides to prepare for her future musical career.

Dedicated teacher
Mrs. Golder assists Dane Barker with a complicated physics question.

“Science is essential in order to be successful.” - Andrew Fitzpatrick
Written by: Emily Johnston

The physical education program allowed students to choose how they wanted to exercise. Students could define their muscles by weight training or by playing games with classmates. Students learned about nutrition and the effects of drugs and alcohol in health class. Learning to drive is a big highlight for every high school student. In safety class students learned the rules of the road and received their permits. This gave them the chance to travel the open road and take a turn into the fast lane.

"Safety is very exciting because I got my permit and I can't wait to get my license."
- Liz Robinson

Hop, skip and a jump
To get his blood flowing, Derek Morton jumps rope in Mr. Youngman's P.E. class.

Bullseye!
Taking aim at the target are Lee Short and Natasha Eilers.

Listen closely
Students pay close attention to Mr. Stillwagon as he gives out a few pointers on seatbelt safety.

Gettin' buff
Eric Goldman pumps iron to turn heads.

"P.E. is good because I can lift weights and improve myself in sports."
- Jeremiah Knackstedt
Official recorder
Mr. Schmitz gets ready to explain the proper way to use a record book.

Keep on MOoving
Reading about different breeds of cows, Shannon Ramsey, is between pages.

Students traveling down Aggie Ave. did not find just another ordinary agriculture department. This out of the ordinary department was home of the shop, and welding classes as well. Teachers on this street moved into the 21st century by incorporating computers into their traditional farming curriculum. According to horticulture student, Jason Schmitz, “planting bulbs by the marquis, working in the greenhouse, and caring for the hanging plants in the hallways kept all of us busy.”

Taking it easy
Michael Amman and Shannon Everett talk and look around, while Kevin Frey works on his assignment.

Hard at work
Concentrating hard on finishing the job, Ryan Driscollwelds together the pieces.

"Ag is cool! It has taught me a lot. I enjoy the hard work."
- Todd Zobrist

"This was my first year in ag. I learned a lot of information that I can use."
- Teresa Dickman
Home Economics

Fast food

Written by: Nicole Taylor

The students were offered the usual home economics courses this year. These classes included clothing/textiles, foods, living environments, and childcare. Mrs. Bretzlaff said, "Food is a way of life." Many students also agreed with her, considering that they cooked two to three times a week. Throughout the semester, clothing/textiles students made everyday items, such as pajamas and letter pillows. These made great, inexpensive gifts for their family and friends.

"Foods is a fun class. It's very educational but not too stressful."
- Ashley Gombos

Concentration
Sewing away steadily, Andrea Daniels hopes to finish her pillow before the period ends.

Stirring up trouble
Putting his muscle into it, Kyle Korte stirs a batch of cookie dough to make for the class.

Helping hand
While making her pajamas, Sara Rinderer asks Ann Hoerchler to assist her at double rolling her seam.

Funnel time
Janna Ledbetter keeps her finger underneath her funnel, while trying not to spill.

"Clothing is a very resourceful class, because you will use it throughout your entire life."
- Carla Frey
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Pedal to the medal
(Sports)

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Fall sports kicked off the school year with amazing results. The boys cross country team earned a perfect score at the MVC meet and qualified for state. During the winter, both the girls and boys basketball teams had turn around seasons with the guidance of their new coaching staffs. The girls track team took second place at the MVC meet during the spring sports season. The boys track team and the varsity baseball team both took first place in their conferences. Many individual athletes traveled to state tournaments for various other sports such as bowling and tennis. The varsity cheerleading team received first place in the state for the seventh time in ten years. Kyle DeGroot was named Male Athlete of the Year while Jackie Koerkenmeier was awarded Female Athlete of the Year.
Dash to the endzone
At the final playoff game in Matamora, Louis Staley breaks out of his opponent’s powerful grasp. In spite of a valiant effort by the team, Metamora came away victorious.

“Our team was special because we all came together to play hard and have a great season.” - John Chapman

“I had a great time being a part of the Highland Bulldogs.” - Nick Sutton

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Team Record
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The varsity football team had another successful season with a record of seven wins and four losses. The players had a rough start by losing three of their first five games. However, they showed tenacity by bouncing back to win their next five games including their first playoff win since 1995. On offense, Kyle DeGroot, Travis Navickas and Louis Staley were first-team all-conference, while Nick Sutton and Ryan Boxell were second-team picks. Leading the defensive team were first-team all-conference players Kyle DeGroot and Nick Sutton. Louis Staley was a second-team pick as a defensive back, and Bobby Funderburk earned an honorable-mention pick for his duties as a linebacker. According to Coach Hawkins, "The seniors were the best leaders that I have ever had on a football team." By showing incredible selflessness, this year's football team set new standards for success.
At the line
Highland sets up to make a play on a third down to move closer to a touchdown.

"The team showed an unprecedented dominance as we effortlessly put all other jv teams to shame."
- Conrad Dale

"We had a great season. We were undefeated."
- Dustin Keeven

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Team Record
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Domination station

Written by: David Trame

Jv players help in playoff game against Metamora

It has been a long time since the jv football team has gone undefeated. According to Coach Lanxon, “The team went undefeated because they were unselfish and willing to work to develop their skills. They were a team with character and determination.” With players like quarterback Dustin Keeven and top receiver Lance Still, the team dominated all its opponents. The closest game of the season was a 20-7 victory over Centralia. These talented young players will round out next year’s varsity squad, foreshadowing another winning season.

Only victory over Centralia. These talented group of freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Only giving up 22 points to their opponents, the team never came close to being defeated. Coach Lanxon and Coach Keeny guided the team to its victories.

Kicking off
A swarm of freshman are ready to viciously attack the receiving team, Jerseyville, as Thomas Rose kicks off.

Beatdown
Number 24, Clint Kapp, hunts down a Jerseyville Panther who is not expecting a severe tackle.
Give me an H
The girls spell out HHS with their pom-poms and wait for a crowd response.

“We struggled in the beginning, but we all came together and worked well as a team.” - Lacey Buzick

“We had a tough season, but we gave it our best and always cheered enthusiastically for the boys.” - Megan Diesen

Spirited seniors
Seniors Barbie Klaus and Christina Huelsmann encourage the fans to cheer with the squad.

Cheering the team on all the way to playoffs

Preparation for what would turn out to be an intense cheerleading season, the 2001 squad began training early. With only two seniors and nine underclassmen, the girls worked hard to come together and support the football team with skill and pride. They also cheered at a few boys soccer games. During the Friday night football games the squad encouraged fans to yell by using megaphones and signs with phrases on them, such as “Go Dogs.” At the home playoff game against Marion, the girls kept up crowd spirit by releasing a balloon every time a touchdown was scored. Coach Capelle summed up the season saying, “We started off the year with some new, young faces, but now that it is all said and done, the girls should be very proud of themselves.” Shellie Fields had similar feelings saying, “It took lots of hard work to make the season a success but we did it.” The young cheerleaders are looking forward to future seasons.

Flying high
All of the girls show their spirit after successfully performing their stunt.

Hold on tight
Jennifer Johnson puts her trust in Ashley Zick while she experiments with basing.
O' captain, my captain
Keeping the ball from the opposing team, captain Chad Eversgerd skillfully attempts to make a goal.

"The season was tough, we had a lot of awesome plays, but Blake Harris's mule kick was the most memorable."
- Jeremy Yann

"Being a senior and a captain brought a lot of change to my life. Even though we didn't have the best record, I had a lot of fun."
- John Severs

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Team Record
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Layin’ tracks

Written by: Ashley Zurliene

The new game plan laid the tracks for the upcoming years

With a new coach and a different approach, the varsity soccer team made it to sectionals. The boys, led by Coach Durbin, started a new program this year to teach the local youth to play soccer. Over the course of several evenings the high school players taught area boys and girls the basics of soccer. Besides getting a head start on the future team, the boys accomplished a lot of work this year. Coach Durbin stated, “Somebody’s got to plant the seed and this year we did that.” Treating the soccer program as if it was new, Coach Durbin as well as the players started fresh. The new game plan was to have fewer players on the field, to assure continuity from one game to the next. It also prepared the upperclassmen who plan on playing in college to compete at a more intense, cutthroat level. In a final statement, Coach Dubin remarked, “Because we face outstanding teams in the MVC, we seeded second in our sectional.” The team finished an excellent season even though they faced great competition.

Dancing king
Doing a little dance to baffle the other team, Andrew Fernandez secures the ball for his teammate Benjamin Shea.

Greased lightning
In a race for the ball, Blake Harris runs full speed, successfully stealing it from the other team and allowing his own to score.
Corner kick
Michael Sorge, Chad Knebel and Rhett Harris get ready for a corner kick from Waterloo, after Chad cleared it from the zone.

"Having a new coach made it tough, but eventually we came together as a team."
- Tyler Wilke

"It was a fun and challenging season."
- Tyler Knebel

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Team Record
3-8-2

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Front row: Kyle Schwarz, Andrew Keller, Alex Alvarado, Aaron Box. Middle row: Jacob Sisson, Tyler Wilke, Chad Knebel, Corey Frey, Scott Mans, Kyle Van De Voorde. Back row: Coach Durbin, Ben McDonald, Danny Jackson, Brian Hardas, Michael Sorge, Darrin Watts, Coach Marks, Coach Baldus.
Kick start

Written by: David Meyer

With little experience, the young team was still successful.

The jv soccer team was very talented this season, but they lacked the experience they needed. The team, which was compiled mostly of freshman and sophomores, finished its season with a record of 3-8-2. Eight of these games were decided by one goal. If the ball might have bounced their way a couple of times, then their record would indicate their true talent.

Chad Knebel said, "We did everything we could to win everytime we walked out there. It was too bad that the ball didn’t roll our way." Led by junior midfielder Michael Sorge and sophomore defender and team MVP Tyler Wilke, the players gave everything they had each time they stepped onto the field. “Although the record didn’t indicate it, the team played well and improved throughout the season,” stated Coach Marks. “We defeated our rival Triad, and each time we shut them out, winning one to nothing.”


Clear it
Defender Danny Jackson gets ready to clear the ball from Highland’s end.
Round about
Michelle Maedge, Jamie Zurliene, Mandie Plocher, Jamie Bast, and Hsiaolei Miller remember the good times in their circle of friends.

"Through the good and bad times, I will never forget the friends I have made and the lessons I have learned."
- Jennifer Halvorson

"Over the past four years many memories have been made. We will miss everyone."
- Jackie Koerkenmeier, Jennifer Harsy

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Team Record

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The varsity volleyball team tied a knot and hung on!

Starting off the season, the varsity volleyball team shined with potential. With the win against Granite City in the first game, the team gained confidence. As the season rolled in, the ladies faced up to eight games a week. The team played well but lost some close matches. Beating State Champions Mater Dei one game in a match was the greatest highlight of the season. Coach Plater concluded, "Although our record did not show it, the team had a great year. We built teamwork by challenging the team to the low ropes course in Belleville." Throughout the season, the girls learned to work hard and get along even through the hardest times. Coach Plater stated, "Jackie Koerkenmeier's leadership, Jennifer Harsy's and Amanda Gallatin's height, Jennifer Halvorson's mentality, and Beth Schrumpf's agility will be missed and hard to replace. Remember girls to tie the knot and hang on!"

Caught in the act
Jackie Koerkenmeier slams the ball down as Amanda Gallatin, left, and Mandie Pocher, right, cover her hit.

Impenetrable
Jamie Bast stretches to Amanda Gallatin's side to close the block.
Team pride

Jv players, Michelle Maedge, Allison DeGroot, Nicole Taylor, Jamie Bast, Krystal Gantner, and Hsiaolei Miller exchange high fives to get pumped up for an intense game.

"Volleyball was really fun this year and I’m looking forward to another winning season next year." - Julie Lamb

"Our team worked together really well. We had a lot of talent and ended the season with a decent record."

- Allison DeGroot

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Team Record

9-7

The jv team approached the season with experience and confidence. Juniors Jamie Bast, Nicole Taylor, Hsiaolei Miller, and Michelle Maedge led the team through an exciting season. Their 9-7 record showed the many talents of every individual player. “We had a great season! All of the girls seemed to get along very well and played well together. They worked hard in practice and in the games. The girls were a great group to coach and I look forward to seeing them all back again next season,” commented Coach Murphy. BreAnne Zitta received the most improved award. Freshman Emily Zitta stepped up to help the jv team when it was short of players. The team had a tough schedule but ended with a winning season. The freshmen team, with the guidance of a new coach, finished with a record of 18-5-1 and received first place at the Jerseyville Freshmen Tournament. They also brought home a third place from the Edwardsville tournament.
Nice stroke
Matt Miller crushes the ball down the fairway with pinpoint accuracy.

"I had a blast playing golf this year and playing in the Regional was definitely a highlight." - Mike Denap

"I think the team will be good next year as long as we don't get the shanks like John White did." - Jason Novak

Tournament Results

O'Fallon Invitational 3rd Place
Edwardsville Invitational 2nd Place
Regionals 2nd place

Team Record
14-6

Fore-way stop

Written by: Jason Fieker

The boys golf team placed second in regionals. Scores were kept low and heads were held high even as this year’s boys golf team took on their toughest competitors. Tournament scores were consistently low and resulted in a third place finish at the O’Fallon Invitational and a strong second place finish at the Edwardsville invitational. Coach Faulkenburg commented on the season, “The team went undefeated in 2000 and lost many good players to graduation. Thus, not many people expected this year’s team to be too competitive. The boys proved that to be wrong very quickly. They played solid golf all season long and compiled a 14-6 record for the season. They shot an outstanding round of 311 to place second in the Regional. That qualified the team to play in the Sectional for the second consecutive season.”

The white stuff
After sinking an incredible putt, John White struts off the green with a strong sense of pride and accomplishment.

Just chillin
After a tough hole, Jared Zappia relaxes for a moment before continuing his game.
Victorious
The girls burst with smiles after another one of their many victories.

“\text{I really enjoyed waking up at 6AM for a tournament and going to homecoming that night. Those 24 hours were the longest day of my life.}”
- Sarah Weiss

“The best part of the season was hanging out with the team. It was fun meeting new people from the other teams.”
- Angie Kealey

Tournament Results
Rolling Hills Blast Off
Tournament 3rd Place
MVC Championship 1st Place
Edwardsville Invite 1st Place
Team Record
\text{24-2-1}

The journey probably felt much too short for the girls golf team who accomplished one of the most successful seasons in our history. Coach Hirsch agreed saying, "What a fun year to be part of. We took home trophies or medals in almost every tournament." Qualifying for sectionals at the number one and two spots this year were Ashley Hemann and Angie Kealey. Ashley even qualified to play at the state level. At the MVC tournament, Angie received a trophy for the lowest score by a freshman. Sarah Weiss and Dena Korte finished the season at the number three and four spots; despite the fact that both girls suffered broken fingers during the season. "We will miss the great leadership from our awesome seniors, Dena and Sarah," Coach Hirsch commented. The final record this year was an amazing, 24-2-1. Next season also looks promising because seven strong golfers will be returning.

Still the champs
The ladies shot a 346 to claim the MVC title for the fifth consecutive year.

Intense concentration
Following through on an important putt, Dena Korte considers her next move.
Rest stop
It’s clear how close the cross country team became over the course of the season. Many runners felt as though it was a big family atmosphere rather than a team.

“Our team has been like family to me this year. After running miles and miles with people, you form a really special bond. And we also laughed A LOT.”
- Stephanie Gruender

“Well, you see... I ran in this sport called cross country and, uh, we ran a lot. I love cross country!!!”
- John Gantner

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Cross Country
“It’s supposed to be hard. The hard is what makes it great.”
- Tom Hanks
‘A League of Their Own’

The definition of cross country is to go or move across a large tract of land. That seemed appropriate for the team that ran over twelve thousand miles this season, a distance that could encircle the path of the earth in its rotations around the sun. The cross country members adopted a quote that they put on the back of their shirts this year from the Tom Hanks movie, “A League of Their Own.” The quote talked about the necessity of hard work to attain success. The coaches and that quote inspired the team to try their hardest. This year was truly one like no other. With the experience of the upper classmen and skill among every age, Highland was a team to be feared on race day. From the beginning of the season the team was expected to do well, and they certainly lived up to everyone’s expectations. Both the boys and girls varsity team made it to sectionals where the boys qualified to run at state, a very prestigious event.

Pitching a tent
Even in the rain, these crazy cross country kids find a way to support their teammates. Team-work was a key to success this year.

Striding in style
Running is hard work, but Daniel Strackeljahn’s smooth form makes it look effortless.
Thirst quenching
After a grueling match, Nisa Korte cools off with a refreshing drink of water.

“My favorite moments of tennis were spent on the bus singing Oasis with my fellow seniors. I will cherish these times forever.” - Suzanne Rogier

“My funniest tennis memory was when one of my teammates slammed her opponent with a breakfast sandwich.” - Erin Clark

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Team Record
13-7

Traffic court

Written by: Veronica Rickher

Teamwork helped the girls find success and form great friendships.

Coach Plocher stated, "These athletes had lots of experience and personality. This mix of young women has made coaching this team an everyday, enjoyable event." Unfortunately, the girls varsity tennis team began the season playing one of the toughest teams in the conference, O'Fallon. They may have lost that one, but they found their competitive groove and won the next three matches. The girls' success carried into the HHS Doubles Invitational Tournament where they battled to keep their first place title for yet another year. After hours of refining their technique and practicing repetitive drills, the girls wrapped up their winning season with a 13-7 record. A handful of talented players were selected to compete at Sectionals in Edwardsville in order to qualify for state. Suzanne Rogier excelled during Sectionals, earning a third place seed for state finals. Suzanne ended her individual record at number one singles with only one loss.

Power drive
Overpowering with force, Jessica Massey hits a mighty cross-court backhand winner. Jessica paired up with Courtney Winet to take first place at number four doubles at the HHS Doubles Invitational Tournament.

Anticipation
Getting prepared, Barbara Munie gets her feet set to hit a baseline forehand.
On the run
Chelsey Reimer, Jessica Lowe, and Megan Sylvester wait patiently courtside for their next matches against Mt. Vernon.

“I’m really glad my mom made me get out of the car at tryouts. Now I can’t wait until next year!” -Megan Frey

“The tennis was a lot of fun. All the girls were great!” -Adrienne Branger

The entertainer
Brittany Piquard entertains the team on the long bus ride home from a match at Mt. Vernon.

Racquet roadtrip

Written by: Megan DeSherlia

Jv tennis was an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game. Most of the freshmen entered the season with brand new racquets and very little experience. The players were pushed very hard when it came to conditioning. During practice the girls could be seen jumping rope, doing line sprints and running the parking lot. Despite sleepless nights with sore muscles, the girls always seemed to come to practice and matches energized and ready to play. Thanks to the hard work and continuous drills the team improved immensely. “By the end of the season the junior varsity players were learning the game,” Coach Ifner explained. The team represented the school well at the MVC Tournament at Triad. Although only one player returned home with a medal, the entire team returned home with a good feeling about the game and some very important experience.

Love,
Serve,
Ace!

Patience is key
Worn out, Megan DeSherlia waits for the second serve of an ad-out point in her singles match against a very challenging Triad player at the MVC Tournament.

Attention to perfection
Concentrating on her form, Kiley Bolen hits a perfect forehand in her match against Triad during the MVC Tournament at Triad.
Pressure shot
Justin Gibbons eyes up a clutch freethrow.

“I can’t believe that four years are already over. This was the best year by far. The team unity was great.” - Chris Frey

“The best part about this year was seeing who coach was going to yell at next.” - Louis Staley

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14-10

First season over .500 since '97

Coach Jim Youngman walked into the Highland gymnasium with the world on his shoulders. There was much expectation on him and his players, which they all met. The boys were very inexperienced and were led by senior captains Kyle DeGroot and Chris Frey. "The season was highlighted by key wins over St. Louis powerhouse, Chaminade High School, a doubler overtime thriller over Edwardsville, and a buzzer beater against Triad to end the regular season," said Coach Youngman. He also stated, "The future looks bright for Highland Bulldog hoops." Although the team didn't always agree with the decisions of their coach, they always listened and did what he said, which usually led them into the right direction. The boys finished the season with a record of 14 and 10, giving the varsity team their first winning season since 1997. It also answered all of the questions and doubts people had about the program.

Bring it on
Junior guard Trent Schauster
D's up on the Edwardsville guard.

Water anyone?
While listening during a timeout, senior forward Kyle DeGroot takes a gulp of water.
Nothing but net
Joel Bradley shoots another free throw while teammates David Meyer and Alex Plocher look on as the team sinks Springfield.

"The Misfit Toys had a great season and can’t wait for next year."
- Alex Plocher

"We had a pretty good season and the future looks very promising."
- Tyler Shelton

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Team Record
8-7

Front row: Joel Bradley, Alex Plocher, Matt Miller, Trent Schauster, Mike Ulrich, Chris Frey, Justin Gibbons.
Fast lane finish

Written by: Dane Barker

Team finishes over .500 for another great season

Repeating the success of this year's 14-10 varsity squad will be a tough task to emulate, but far from impossible. With the infusion of talent from the freshmen and sophomores, another successful season could be just around the corner. Led by juniors David Meyer and Michael Ulrich, this young group of players amassed a record of eight wins and seven losses. Most of these players should receive a large amount of playing time at the varsity level next season. According to Coach Frankford, "We had a lot of young guys gain some valuable experience that should help them in their varsity careers." Showing promise was also the freshmen squad. Coached by former Highland player Mr. Nathan Reuter, the freshmen played with newly found intensity. Because of their hustle and determination, the team may reach a new level of success at the varsity level.

Freshmen:
Front row: Toby Tatum, Justin Zobrist, Jacob Denap, Dustin Schallenberg, Chris Robards, Brad York. Back row: Nathan Walter, Jared Haukup, Brock Talleur, Jason Zobrist, Joe Dickman, Curt Zurliene, Eric Bellm, Jason Bange, Darrin Watts, Chris Wilkinson

Defense!
Making himself as wide as possible, Tyler Shelton frantically defends an inbound pass.
Good defense
Jamie Wildhaber gets down low to defend her opponent during the game against Breese Central.

"Basketball season rocked this year. It took a lot of hard work. I can't wait till my senior year." - Melissa Hooker

"This year, we played as a team. It took a lot of changes, but this year was a success and a lot of fun." - Chelsey Brendel

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Team Record:
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First round regional victory against Collinsville

The varsity girls basketball team had a new coaching staff this season. The players worked in the summer to get to know each other, the new coaches, and new plays to help them succeed during the season. The girls went to camps and also visited their new coach's hometown for a few games. During the season, they pulled through a few highlight victories including a close win at Jerseyville, an exciting win against Breese Mater Dei, and a defeat versus Collinsville in the first round of regionals. The team then competed for the regional championship in Springfield. It was a hard fought battle, but Highland came out short in the end. Coach Elledge summed up the year by saying, "We began the season just getting to know each other. As the year progressed, a lot of improvement was made. By the end of the season we found ourselves playing for a regional championship. I believe a strong foundation has been laid for the future of Lady Bulldog Basketball."

Senior night
Seniors, Jamie Wildhaber, Jennifer Halvorson, Amanda Gallatin, Jackie Koerkenmeier and Jessie Koerkenmeier, celebrate the last home game of the season with cake and snacks.

Concentration
Studying the rim, Jackie Plocher prepares for her two free throws during the home game against Mater Dei.
Protecting the ball
Kaylen Iberg looks for Katie Abelen to be open as a Wesclin player defends her. Highland beat Wesclin 59-33.

"We improved so much this year and made many memories. I'm really looking forward to next year."
- Molly Aeschleman

"This season has been a great success. We worked hard and played together well to make every game fun."
- Cara Gramlich

Front row: Jeanna Cryder, Chelsey Brendel, Allison DeGroot, Melissa Hooker, Kristine Tucker, Hsiao lei Miller, Cara Gramlich.
Back row: Coach Elledge, Coach Keeney, Kaylen Iberg, Christy Trame, Krystal Gantner, Molly Aeschleman, Emily Pender, Katie Abelen, Coach Hartlieb.

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Team Record
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Undefeated conference play, Mississippi Valley Conference champs

With a new coaching staff from the freshmen team to the varsity team, the girls were unsure of what the season ahead of them would be like. After a shaky start, losing their first three games, the junior varsity girls basketball team made an incredible turnaround. They finished the season with a 12-6 record, winning twelve of their last fifteen games. Coach Hartlieb commented, "The girls exemplified everything a coach hopes for; class, dignity, hard work, and charisma. It was so much fun to come to practice everyday. I appreciate the commitment the girls made this year. They have been a truly special group to work with, and the future of HHS Lady Bulldog Basketball sure looks bright." The jv team went undefeated in the Mississippi Valley Conference, finishing in first place. Some other highlights of the season included wins at Centralia and Jerseyville, and of course, sweeping Triad.

Taking charge
Showing leadership, Allison DeGroot dribbles down the floor preparing to run a play.

Keep it low
Hsiao lei Miller protects the ball and gets ready to drive past a tough Mater Dei defender.
Awe-struck!
Bringing the crowd alive and to their feet, the girls gave a jaw-dropping show at the state competition. The contest was held on March 9, 2002.

"Through all the hard work, we had lots of laughs and were like a great big family!"
- Adrienne Branger

"I felt very honored and respected by the crowd's response after our state performance."
- Caitlin Capelle

Palm of their hand
The squad pulls the crowd to the edge of their seats with fierce eyes and their heart-pounding dance routine.

Written by: Emily Johnston

There may be lots of Bulldogs, but there's only one Highland!

Twisting through the year, the varsity cheerleaders had high hopes of recapturing their title as Illinois state champions. With undying commitment and precision, the cheerleaders caught the attention at every event they attended. To the public eye, cheerleading came and ended with basketball season. However what people didn't know was as one season ended, another was just beginning. Coach Aebischer was back in action to lead the girls through another strenuous season. Practicing for countless hours and working as one, the squad put together yet another suspenseful routine that pushed the limits of difficulty. Sweeping the state competition, the squad performed amazingly, and won back their title as state champs by twenty points. And when the smoke cleared, and the damage had been done, once again the varsity cheerleaders proved to be number one for the seventh time in the state of Illinois.

Fifteen minutes of fame
Making their television debut, the girls got a chance to show off their state winning routine on "Fox 2 News" with Tim Ezell.

To the moon
Soaring through the air, Molly Bergman performs this high-wire mount with ease.
Bustin’ out
The team gives the crowd something to cheer about after hitting their opening stunt.

"We had to overcome some obstacles but, although it was tough but we got through it."
- Abby Buzick

"The girls were great this year. We had lots of fun. I learned a lot from them and our new coach."
- Kara Shimer

Challin Meink, Brittany Sexton, and Reanna Dixon show their excitement while trying to relax before competing at state.

Frontrow: Jenna Rapien, Reanna Dixon, Lainey Hanlon, Brittany Sexton, Danielle Seifried, Ashley Newton, Keri Bryant, Kara Shimer, Kayla Fields. Middle row: Cayle Weis, Lauren Gall, Challin Meink and Back row: Dominic Durbin, Ashley Weis, Ashley Zick, Cheyenne Starbuck, Megan Frey, and Abby Buzick.
Road to success

Written by: Jennie Degge

This squad is moving in the right direction.

After tryouts regionals. After several strenuous ended in March, three hour practices, an award 14 young girls winning routine was put together. made up the With much support from their junior varsity parents and fans, the team qualified cheerleading for state at the regional competition squad. They hosted by Mount Vernon High attended School. On March 10, the team cheerleading performed a near flawless routine camp, which began their journey with a lot of heart at the state competition. They received ninth place out of 26 squads, closing the summer came to a close, another tryout was held to make additions to the squad. Three girls and a Heman very proud. "The girls young man were added. Since the team was now complete, Coach Heman began preparing them for with a lot of determination. I couldn't be more pleased with this season."

Feeling the love
A few members of the squad get together and take a break from their busy day at the state competition.

Walking with pride
Cheyenne Starbuck and Danielle Seifried carry their sign proudly as they lead the team out to the floor for awards.
Party tonight
The girls strike the ending pose of their first place State routine, “We’re Gonna Party” after performing for their home town crowd.

“Dance team wasn’t just hard work and dedication, it was also gaining new friends and making memories.”
- Renee Korte

“Being on dance team was awesome, and we worked hard to make it a great season!”
- Laura Iberg

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1st Place State Champions
Brake Dancin’

Written by: Marissa Brave

These girls won’t stop, they’re “Gonna Party” to the top “This year has been the best! With first place finishes all around, this team made me so proud to be their coach!” exclaimed Coach Deets. The team’s success began at the Illinois State Fair pom exhibition in Springfield, IL where they defended their first place title. The team then performed at various Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) competitions where they received several first place rankings. In January, they traveled to St. Louis and competed in the American Spirit Championship Nationals where they proved themselves National Champions with their routine entitled “Playin’ Ball.” The team then went back to the IDTA Supersectional and qualified two routines to move on to the state competition. As spring approached the girls went to University of Illinois to defend their state title. This required hard work and dedication, but the girls had high expectations. Two outstanding performances, placed them third in the Pom/Dance category, and won them their State Championship title again in the Dance category for their routine, “We’re Gonna Party.”

Winners circle
All 16 members of the squad huddle together in anticipation for the announcing of the National Champions.

Takin’ it to the house
Marissa Brave, Stephanie Gruender, and Stephanie Hartlieb keep the energy up in their basketball routine to the music “Take it to the House.”
New arrivals
Just before performing to the school song at a home basketball game, the j.v. dance team flash their brand new poms for the first time.

“We are so proud to have led this amazing group of girls!”
-Rachel Buckler & Amanda Klaus

“I had a blast this year. Big Mamma C was this hottest of us all!”
- Raechel Holtgrave

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Junior Varsity
State Champions

Front row: Amanda Klaus, Terrisa Reidelberger, Patricia Thomas. Middle row: Amanda Garner, Allie Grotts, Danielle Poss, Raechel Holtgrave, Rachel Buckler, Raafi Marshi and Back row: Katie Bugger, Ashley Sobiech, Jennie Chapman
Dancing in the streets

Written by: Rachel Buckler

First Junior Varsity State and National Championship Team

In only its second year in existence, the junior varsity dance team marked it with national and state championships. The girls began their year at ASC summer camp. There, they received a national bid as well as the Eagle Award for excellence. In December, they competed at the Lindbergh Invitational where they received highest point total of their division. With penalty points, the IDTA Regionals brought the team hardships. Their routines had to be reworked or, in the case of the pom routine, completely thrown out and started with a new song. At the conclusion of the season, Highland hosted the IDTA J.V. Finals. Dance member Amanda Garner commented, “Dancing on our own floor was so comforting.” The advantage paid off when the girls prevailed over their competition. Coach Conzelman shared a lesson she learned. “Never underestimate the potential of 12 dedicated, persevering, talented, creative, beautiful and caring girls.”

Practice makes perfect

To prepare for an upcoming competition, Danielle Poss and Patricia Thomas continue to perfect their moves and showmanship at a team carbohydrate dinner.

Capturing the flag

Winning the ASC national title, the junior varsity dance team was awarded a championship trophy, banner, and team jackets.
Dance fever
The Notorious D.O.G.S strut their stuff during halftime, at their debut performance.

"I had a good time, had a lot of fun, and thought we had a successful year."
- Kyle Van De Voorde

"They had to beg me to be on the boy's dance team and now I wish it wasn't over."
- Mike Beck

Boy's Dance

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Super Sectional Qualifier

Test drive

Written by: Suzanne Rogier and Natalie Herzberg

The first ever Illinois boy’s dance team

Not only do we have an award winning girls dance team, but Mrs. Deets introduced something on a trial basis for this year. The first boys dance team, the Notorious D.O.G.S., was just a thought at the beginning of the year. However, when boys actually became interested and willing to put in the time and effort, the award winning team was formed. The boys practiced and went into the season just like the girls. They attended the same competitions and did just as well as the girls. They also beat the Triad dance team in one of the competitions. The group of 13 boys, mostly seniors, performed their first routine at one of the girls basketball games. The attendance for that game was a record high. Coach Deets said, "They drove me crazy, they made me laugh, but most of all, they impressed me with their achievements. I’m proud to coach the first ever Illinois boys dance team."

Flying high
Some senior members lift Colin Cronin after the excitement of an awesome performance.

Grrrrr! Nathan Robinson shows intensity on the dance floor during a performance.
"This season was so challenging and exciting. It required a lot of discipline."
-Mark Lawson

"Everyone was so fun this year. I learned a lot and am looking forward to next year."
-Keith Smith

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Team Record 24-7

Nathan Landolt, Anthony Zappia, Kyle Ernst, Brock Aldrich, Mark Lawson, Dusty Payne, James Bisbee. Beau Ohren, Brandon Boyer, Derek Bardill, Brett Merkle, Tyler Ohren, Meade Massey, Joe Garson, Aaron Ripperda, Andrew Sauls. Coach, Daniel Hochuli, Dusty Garner, Jeremiah Knackstedt, Clint Conrad, Matt Todt, Justin Schrumpf, Bryant Michael, Brad Bonnet, Patrick Cassidy, Nathan Luther, Justin Jorgensen, Coach.
Victory could not hide from these wrestling dogs.

Winning the Mississippi Valley Championship was the goal of the varsity wrestling team. From the kickstart, Coach Michaelis preached the importance of the title. The wrestlers brought no disappointments. In every six-minute match, each wrestler tore his opponent apart. Both the jv and varsity teams pounded the opposition and placed first at all four tournaments during the season. Finishing the year out, Brett Merkle and Clint Conrad won the MVC champs. At regionals, Andrew Sauls, Brett Merkle, and Mark Lawson conquered the regional championship, along with the team’s first place title. Five members of the team qualified for the state sectionals. Among them, Brett Merkle continued his victories and advanced to state at the University of Illinois. Coach Michaelis congratulated his team, “Thanks to each one of you for a great season.” Special thanks to the managers, Rachel Bennet, Stephanie Ferkle, and Katie Ernst.

Bust loose
Matt Todt struggles to get position and free himself from his opponent’s grip in his match against Belleville West.

Catdog fight
In a close match at regionals, bulldog, Daniel Hochuli prepares to take down his panther opponent.
Pre-match prep
At a lonely back table Chris Harbison, Tyler Wilke, and Danny Ripperda get ready for one of many glorious bowling wins.

“Bowling is my life. I’m really gonna miss the fun of high school competition.”
- Chris Harbison

“My favorite part about bowling this year was just sitting around before my match. Those were funny times.”
- Nicole Reichmann

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Front row: Michelle Fay, Beth Schrumpf, Nicole Reichmann, Kately Stanhaus. Second row: Michael Reubhausen, Brandy Boyer, Cassie Crockett, Melissa Davidson, Lisa Pruett, Barbara Munro, Jamie Dewaele, Nick Korte. Third row: Tyler Wilke, Aaron Blake, Danny Ripperda, Chris Harbison, Chris Landolt. Back row: Ms. Wander, Nate Piurek, Randy Pierson, Jeff Branch, Mrs. Schrumpf.
Bowl ing team makes history.

Rolling a ball to hit a target has been the object of many various games throughout history. According to Encyclopedia Americana, implements for a similar game have been found in an Egyptian tomb that is more than 7000 years old. The Hickock Sports history site explains a sort of bowling that has been popular among Polynesian Islanders for several centuries. Many students and bowling team members didn’t know these historical facts. One thing they knew very well, however, was that they loved their sport. The team also had a very good season. This year the varsity boys and jv girls won their division for the third straight year. Some other achievements included the varsity ladies getting third in sectionals. For Katey Stanhaus the most exciting part of her season had just begun. She went on to compete at state where she performed well and acquired valuable experience. The team ended with a great record and next year they plan to do even better.

Traveling shoes
Nicole Reichmann and Jamie Dewaele change into their stylish bowling attire. No, they aren’t clown shoes. They are specially designed bowling footwear.

Bowling pride
With a look of intense concentration and a perfect approach Barbara Munie prepares to release the ball.
Meeting on the mound
Jeremiah Knackstedt awaits instructions while Trent Schauster and Chris Harbison converse nearby.

"This season was very special because this was the best team I have ever been a part of."
- Kyle DeGroot

"The great thing about this team is we had a group of guys who got along like brothers."
- Josh Sandberg

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**MVC Record**

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Bringin' them home

Written by: Dane Barker

Team wins second straight conference title

Duplicating a historic season is not an enviable task. After last season’s squad set a new school record with 28 victories, it seemed that a letdown this year could be very possible. However, this group of players had a very different idea. Led by third-year starters Chris Frey and Kyle DeGroot, the team sprinted out of the gate by winning 16 of their first 20 games. The players wore down their opponents with an aggressive style of play consisting of great pitching, solid defense and timely hitting. They also participated in a game for the ages by defeating arch-rival Triad with a score of 2-1 after an 11 inning affair. That win sent them toward a second straight MVC title. The team had a nice mixture of experience and youth with five senior and four junior starters. According to Coach Hawkins, “Talent, hard-work and a terrific attitude combined to make this an enjoyable group and a successful season.”

Eye on the ball
Shortstop Trent Schuster watches the ball while waiting for the perfect pitch.

Bringing the heat
Preparing to strike out another hitter, Chris Frey goes through his wind-up.
Anticipation
Waiting for the bottom half of the inning to end, the players hope to come away with a victory.

“When we get along, we play well together and have fun.”
- Jared Haukup

“Our team unity is what made this season so fun.”
- Kyle Potthast

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Front row: Kyle Ilges, Kyle Van De Voorde, Thomas Rose.
Back row: Coach Rueter, Kyle Potthast, Tyler Shelton, Ryan Reckmann, Jared Haukup, Chris Bellm.
Great pitching leads to great teams

Not only did the jv baseball team have to prepare for varsity play, they also had to deal with players coming and going. Freshman were bumped up and brought back down and sophomores were brought up never to be seen again. Still they kept on winning, finishing this year with another record over .500. “We had great talent, but due to the rainy weather we were rarely able to showcase it,” commented Coach Rueter. The boys were led by strong pitching from sophomores Tyler Shelton and Kyle Van De Voorde. Although the defense struggled from time to time, they never had trouble with the sticks. According to freshman Thomas Rose, “Although we didn’t get in as many games as we would have liked, we were still satisfied with our outcome. This season turned out to be a great success, and we hope that we can carry on the varsity legacy next year.”

Off and running

Dustin Keeven gets a head start as the pitcher throws a wild pitch over the catcher’s head.
Strike her out
Courtney Winet winds-up to fire in another pitch to defeat the hitter.

“This softball team was a blast. I will miss all of the little people.”
- Charlotte Weiss

“Why don’t you eat up and I’ll tell you. Highland softball rules.”
- Hsiaolei Miller

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Dangerous curves ahead

Written by: Jennie Degge

They still managed to find time to have fun

“This season has shown us our strengths and what we needed to work on. Our seniors did a great job for us and they will be missed next year.” stated Coach Kohnen. The team’s three seniors, Kristen Gianino, Charlotte Weiss, and Courtney Winet led the team through a difficult year. Although Coach Kohnen had coached junior varsity in years past, this was her debut as head coach of the varsity team. At the beginning of the season, Courtney Winet served as the team’s only pitcher, but as the season progressed, freshman, Kara Gramlich was added to provide some relief. Sophomore Emily Pender was also pulled up from the junior varsity team to help out in the outfield. Putting in three hour practices whenever they didn’t have games kept everyone busy and hard at work. Practices gave them time to sharpen their skills. Due to the rain, they weren’t able to play all of their originally scheduled games finishing a tough season with 7 wins and 16 losses.

All smiles Kristen Gianino and Alicia Parker celebrate their win by showing off their oompah loompah dance.

Making contact
With determination, Angela Becker successfully hits the ball.
Pre-game
Behind a stretching player, Cayle Weiss grabs a quick snack before the game as Cara Gramlich squeezes in behind her.

"With a smaller team this year, I learned a lot more about the game and being a leader."
- Janelle Reidelberger

"Despite the hard work, this year was a lot of fun. All of us learned to work with one another."
- Emily Tift

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Team Record
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Battling the game with a new coach

"The jv softball team can only be described with the words versatility and determination," proudly stated Coach Cryder. This young team, compiled of eight freshman and only four sophomores, faced opponents of every kind this year. The first month was played trapped inside the gym due to the rain and snow. Unable to practice outside, the girls constantly drilled and improved their individual skills. Despite the rain clouds, Coach Cryder had faith in the inexperienced girls. The season rolled on, and through the rain cancellations, the young team put on a good showing. Many players took on new positions, and they all learned to play together with much enthusiasm. Coach Cryder concluded, "I was very pleased with our season and excited to see how these girls will contribute to the program in the future. Their versatile ability and determination will carry them to succeed in the program in the future."

Powering up
After hustling for the catch, Emily Pender crou hops before throwing home.

Tough decision
Shannon Everett shakes off the next sign and prepares the next strike.
"Tennis was great this year. I enjoyed playing singles at conference. I learned a lot and can’t wait for next year.”
- Matt Pellock

"Being a senior and able to order the freshmen around was great. Getting second in conference was also pretty nice.”
- Nathan Cricelli

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Team Record
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Stop all that racket

Written by: Bradley Boudouris

Game, Set, Match

The boys tennis team prepared for another winning season as March rolled around. The team had only lost two seniors from the previous year and, with the additional experience, planned on even more success. As the season began Tom Schuette was quoted as saying, “I’m certain we’ll have another great year. Many of us trained during the off-season, and it will pay off.” Despite stumbling in matches against rivals Collinsville and Triad, the team still was able to end the year with a strong, winning record. Overall, the team managed to win third at conference with all varsity players earning medals for finishing in the top three. Outstanding were Nathan Cricelli for receiving second at number four singles and Matt Pellock for receiving first at number three singles. Reflecting on the year, Coach Hirsch stated, “We made a lot of progress and will have quite a strong team next year.”

Amazing concentration
During match point of a conference match, Josh Ethridge carefully focuses on the ball.

Pre-match rituals
Jason Harsy begins warming up his ground strokes before an important match against Civic Memorial.
On the attack
Jeanna Cryder aggressively cutting off the competition, while Jackie Koerkenmeier prevails and completes the pass.

"Being able to play with the girls on varsity this year really improved my skills. It was a great experience!"
- Jamie Worflar

"I played a lot of different positions this year. I now have complete respect for the girls who play those spots."
- Rhonda Mettler

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Team Record
11-8-3

Girls soccer wins first round of regionals

Despite its newness, the girls soccer program has grown quickly. Coach Baldus summed up the team’s accomplishments: “After two seasons as the girls’ coach, I have seen great improvements. As a third year program, we have played competitively against some of the best teams in the area. Of course the girls have a lot of fun, but they also work very hard. The one thing I’m most proud of; however, is that they win with class, and lose with dignity.” Up until the last games of the season, Coach Baldus continued to move girls around to different positions. Highland competed in the annual Carbondale Tournament where they made a strong showing and did not allow any goals to be scored on them. Next, they played in the Chatham Glenwood Tourney which coincided with Prom. Underclassmen stepped up to fill varsity spots giving the younger girls a chance to experience varsity play.

Gaining ground

Jill Ash fearlessly takes on the opponent to cross the ball into the goal box where her teammates receive it and bury the ball in the back of the net.

Last stand

After their victory over Waterloo on senior day, the seniors and coaches group up to celebrate their last home game together.
Practice makes perfect
Rachel Bennett practices her long ball kicks while warming up before a game.

“Soccer was a lot of fun. I'm so glad I joined it and became part of an awesome team, coached by awesome coaches.”
- Natasha Voronova

“This soccer season was a great experience. We worked hard and had a lot of fun.”
- Lynsie Randant

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Team Record
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Kicking it in gear

Close scores and many ties predict a great next season

Written by: Jackie Koerkenmeier

The jv soccer team was made up of a variety of athletes, including Ukranian exchange student, Natasha Voronova. She had this to comment about her United States soccer experience, “It was an excellent opportunity for me to meet people, make new friends, and be proud of HHS. I’m very thankful for the coaches and all of the girls, who were more than just friendly, but helped me during games and practices.” The young team’s record of 2-5-5 doesn’t show the tremendous improvement the girls showed throughout the course of the season. Coach Marks stated, “Defense was the best way to describe this year. The jv squad only allowed eight goals all season and of the five losses, four were by one goal. The ladies played hard all year and improved with every game. As a coach, you can’t ask for much more.”

Pre-game practice
Heather Trelow takes a shot during a warm-up before the game against Triad.

Determination
Concentrating on the ball, Calli Cave prepares to dribble past the defenders.
Going for the gold
In step to finish strong in the 800 meter relay, Daniel Strackeljahn lengthens his stride to help his team capture first place.

"I joined track this year because I wanted to challenge myself as an athlete and compete one more time before I graduate." - Jason Fieker

"High school track was a great experience and I enjoyed being a hurdler."
- Justin Zobrist

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Front row: Justin Zobrist, Matt Reiff, Tim Redvay, Jeff Branch, Matt Trelow, James Bisbee, Michael Sorge, Nathan Piurek.
Middle row: Jason Fieker, Joey Kovach, Daniel Luis, Colby Haeny, Eric Pittenger, Cory Lake, Cory Luitjohan, Lance Still.
Race against time

Written by: Jackie Plocher

New coach leads veteran team to success

Under the leadership of new head coach Mr. Strong, the boys track team had a successful season that was capped with a Mississippi Valley Conference championship title. With talented runners representing every class, the team had a well-balanced attack going into every meet. At the MVC meet, Senior standout Daniel Strackeljahn and Nathan Robinson brought home two first place medals each. Daniel took gold in the 800 meters and the 1600 meters, where he also crushed the former meet record. Nathan won both the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles. Other first place medalists at the conference meet were Zach Poss, in the 200 meters, Lance Still, in the 400 meters, and Daniel Luis in the 3200 meters. Impressed with the team unity and talent his team possessed, Coach Strong commented, “I am very proud to have had the opportunity to work with such fine young men who worked hard everyday; they deserved to be MVC champions.”

The heat is on

In a tight race with the Eagles of Civic Memorial, Jason Keilbach and Zach Poss push towards the finish to double score at the conference meet.

Leader of the track

Ahead of the pack and preparing to clear the next hurdle, Nathan Robinson races to his first place finish in the 110 meter hurdles.
Challin Meink lends a helping hand, and sets up for the 100m high hurdles.

"Running is a state of mind. A positive mental attitude overpowers the physical challenges we face everyday."
- Stephanie Capalupo

"It doesn’t matter how good or bad you did, it’s how hard you tried."
- Lauren Semanisin and Ashley Weis

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Girls win Roxana Relays for the first time in six years. The successful 2002 girls track team was led by coaches Mr. Cipicchio and Mrs. Twyford. The girls ran for many victories this year, including the Roxana Relays. This was a special victory for the team, because Highland hasn’t taken first place there in six years. “When I look back on the season, our most memorable victory was the Roxana Relays,” stated coach Cipicchio. With an abundance of new talented freshman the varsity team faced many challenging opponents. Senior track member Jessie Koerkenmeier commented that “We all worked hard and continued to improve.” Finally with the season winding down the team went to Waterloo for the MVC meet. The team suffered a defeat to Jerseyville, but Tara Frey came out on top in shot put, winning the only first place. They will lose eight seniors, but are hopeful for next season.

Race for the finish
Senior track members overcome obstacles in the 100m high hurdles.
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In the fast lane
(Clubs)
Aside from working and participating in other extracurricular activities, students also made time to stay active in the many school sponsored clubs. FMCC held their annual blood drive with the help of the American Red Cross. The senior Spanish and French Club students traveled to Chicago to learn more about the cultures they studied this year. BPA also traveled to the Windy City where they competed in a state competition. Then they moved on to the national conference, also in Chicago, where two students were national award winners. During the Christmas season, the FFA sold fresh oranges and apples by the case. Before prom weekend, a speaker found by the SADD group educated students about the “Risky Business” of drinking and driving.
Accelerated crowd

The Highland chapter of the National Honor Society was busy again this year. Members participated in a post-September 11th fund-raising auction, and as a continuing tradition, NHS hosted the senior-citizen’s prom (though the students ended up having as good a time as the senior citizens). All in all, the organization enjoyed another successful year, with promises of many more to come.

Written by: Jason Stoff

The senior citizen prom was a blast! I danced with Leta, Saline, and Ethel. I have nothing but a positive outlook on the year to come.” - Ben Shea

“Character, leadership, scholarship, and service - so how did I get in here?” - Danielle Schrumpf

Grand finish
Mark Eilers, Ashley Missey, and Jennifer Halvorson reminisce at their final NHS event, the spring farewell banquet.

Fine young whipper-snappers
A host of friendly juniors await dances at the senior-citizen’s prom.

Awaiting initiation
Seniors Mike Johnson and Joey Kovach greet new members at the yearly induction ceremony.

NHS officers and sponsors: Jackie Koerkenmeier, Danielle Schrumpf, Mrs. Geib, Mrs. Nelson, Amanda Gallatin, and Jessie Koerkenmeier.
Rescue squad

Written by: Nicole Taylor

Lifesavers main themes this year were, “each one reach one” “each one save one” and “each one stop one.” The group has been trying to focus on ways to get their peer outreach program off the ground. This year, a few students were chosen to attend Illinois Violence Prevention Authority’s conference, which discussed many forms of bullying and domestic violence. The participants hope to use their knowledge to further the Lifesavers program.

**Hot seat**

Taking time out to reflect, Jessica Massey and Marissa Holtgrave think about everything they have accomplished during the retreat.

“Being in Lifesavers has showed me that helping others is very rewarding.”
- Sarah Delashmit

“Lifesavers is a fun group to be in because of the great people who are in it.”
- Ned Kampwerth

Count all the ways you can love
Lining up in front of the group, Lifesavers hold signs describing a healthy relationship during the three day retreat.

Packing up
Jenna Rapien and Calli Cave roll up their sleeping bags, and get ready to go home after their weekend training retreat.

Lifesavers
SADD is an acronym for Students Against Destructive Decisions. The club met once a month during class club period. Our SADD chapter was made up of a very diverse group of students who came together for a common cause. Some activities SADD was involved in included an annual Christmas tree contest, guest speakers, senior citizen prom, Red Ribbon Week, and the Mascoutah conference.

Fatal vision
Ron Forehand stumbles toward the camera while he tests out the fatal vision glasses at the Mascoutah conference.

"SADD activities help to bring awareness to our school. I am proud to be a part of that."
- Erin Ruebhausen

"It was a great honor to be a sophomore representative for SADD this year."
- Liz Robinson

"SADD was a great experience for me."
- Caleb Youngman

Proud members
SADD students sport their SADD shirts at the Mascoutah conference.

Written by: Megan DeSherlia

Designated driver
The members involved with FFA followed the tradition set by the members before them. Working hard all year to improve the community and better themselves was once again their goal. But, all work and no play did not ring true with this group of 117 students. They had a lot of fun taking field trips, working together, and hosting an entire week dedicated to the blue and gold.

Mastering the arts
With everything in mind but the pancakes, Beth Schrumpf helps prepare food for the teacher appreciation breakfast.

Fruity friends
Danielle Wessel and Danielle Frey check the quality of the fruit they sold before they deliver it.

Best of show
Travis Hollenkamp offers himself up for the auction to raise money for the club.

“FFA has been a very rewarding club to be in. I am glad that I was part of this club for four years. There are so many great memories.” - Danielle Frey

“I’ve had a lot of fun at all of the banquets and everything. It’s been a lot of fun.” - Andrew Keller
The BPA was very successful at this year's state conference in Chicago, IL. A few students qualified for the national conference, which was also held in Chicago. Jamie Baker and Mindy Hoffmann both competed at the national conference, where both were named national winners. Jamie placed second in the Desktop Publishing contest and Mindy placed first in the Administrative Support Research Project contest.

"BPA was a lot of fun. Being in this club has given me a lot of business experience. I have learned a lot."
- Shana Liening

"Being in BPA was a good learning experience for me. The Chicago trip was awesome."
- Kevin Grulke
Big wheels turnin'

Written by: Melissa Hooker

For the third consecutive year, the principal has asked the students for advice. The Student Advisory Council, also known as S.A.C., was a group of student leaders who shared their opinions and ideas regarding school issues with Mr. Carmitchel. He in turn, listened and put some of their best ideas in motion. “Some of the best ideas for making HHS a better place has come from S.A.C.” according to Mr. Carmitchel.

Our fearless leader
Mr. Carmitchel, listens to the advice of the student leaders.

It's the most exciting club I've ever been in. It's nice to know that the students voices are heard.
- Jason Schmitz

It's great to know that students interact with the issues our school faces.
- Amy Cook

Speaking out
Power Lunch representative, Whitney Degge, explains the benefits of listening to a motivational speaker.

Double confusion
Coming up with ways to improve the school's climate Jackie and Jessie Koerkenmeier, put their heads together.

Crash course in medicine

Written by: Jackie Plocher

Planning early for future careers, Future Medical Career Club (FMCC) members had the unusual opportunity to experience what life in a medical career would involve. By job shadowing, listening to medical professionals speak and watching a cadaver dissection, members got to see biology at work firsthand. FMCC also sponsored the annual blood drive at the high school, encouraging students and faculty to help out others.

Giving life
Watching his bag fill with blood, Zach Jenny gives blood under close watch from an American Red Cross nurse.

"Through the club and working at the blood drive, I found out how well I will fit working in the medical field in the future."
- Christina Huelsmann

"Seeing cadavers with decapitated heads has made me rethink my future and realize that the medical field is definitely not for me."
- Charlotte Weiss

Needles?
Nervously assessing the possible pain, Ashley Kloss prepares to give blood as a first-time donor.

Helpin' out
Mindy Goestenkors waits patiently for another donor to come pick up his blood bag.

Passport for success

Written by: Jason Fieker

Spanish club students not only studied the life of the Spanish, but experienced it as well. The senior Chicago trip to the Pilsen District gave students a first-hand glimpse of Mexican culture. Students also visited the Mexican Fine Arts Museum where they observed the artistic wonders of famous Mexican artists. Spanish III students went to a Justo Lamas concert, where they were dazzled by song and dance.

Helping with homework
Mrs. Deets gives John White some help with translating a difficult word. A little bit of Spanish can bring a smile to any face.

"Spanish IV was a blast. We visited Chicago and had the chance to interact with some chicanos in the Spanish barrio." - Curtis Stahl

"Me gusta Espanol!" - Kelly Miller

Field trip
Spanish IV students visited the Field Museum of Natural History while in Chicago.

Amor del serpiente
Nathan Robinson gets a little too friendly with the snake at Rainforest Cafe.

Spanish Club
Tour de France

Written by: Rachel Buckler

Though often overshadowed in size by Spanish Club, members of French Club came to their club’s defense with their unofficial motto, "It's the quality not the quantity that matters most." Mrs. Thebus, French Club sponsor, remarked, "This is a group of high caliber students and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with all of them this year."

**Mon amour**

Junior and senior members gather to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

**Street performer**

Getting the most of the senior trip to Chicago, Brennan Stephenson sets up a sidewalk show, including a place for donations.

**Predicting the future**

While participating in a fortune telling activity, Amy Zbinden mystically gazes into her crystal ball.

"I still have fun in French Club even though we’re a small group."
- Jeff Mason

"With all of her time and effort, Mrs. Thebus made French Club what it was."
- Katherine Potter

The Windy City
Deep in downtown Chicago, French students find downtime between touring the city and shopping.

Foot service
One Spanish student stops for a quick polish.

Friendly gorilla
At Chicago's Rain Forest Cafe, Jackie and Jessie Koerkkenmeier are introduced to a new friend.

I-55 to Chicago
Forever in fashion
Posed indefinitely in the Museum of Mexican fine arts, skeletons on display greeted visitors.
The green mile

Written by: Amy Cook

Ecology Club spent most of their time focusing on ways to improve recycling in our school. Along with reusing paper for notepads, members attended the Envirothon, a contest with schools in Madison County, that focused on aquatics, wildlife, and forestry. Also, they celebrated Earth Day by donating their time planting trees in our community. Ecology Club was few in number, but great in purpose.

Doing the right thing
During her study hall, Michelle Schrumpf collects and recycles the school's paper.

Front row: Julie Pye, Rachel Bennett, Michelle Schrumpf, Teresa Dickman, Jason Fieker, Veronica Rickher. Back row: Kate Kampwerth, Katie Ernst, Todd Zobrist, Jason Schwartz.

Devoting their time
The junior members of Ecology Club spend their studyhalls recycling before actually getting to the studying part of the half hour.

Making a difference
Kate Kampwerth busily sorts paper before recycling it into notepads for teachers.

"Ecology Club is fun yet dangerous. Those paper cuts can really hurt!!" -Teresa Dickman

"Being in Ecology Club has taught me a lot about the environment. My favorite part is when we attend the Envirothon." -Kate Kampwerth
Take the third exit

Written by: Natalie Herzberg

With 25 students representing the Math Team, they had another successful year. To start the season off, they traveled to SWIC to the Southwest Math Conference. This competition was held over a seven week period. Mrs. Watts, the team sponsor said, "The award winning efforts of the students involved allowed the team to capture many individual medals and ribbons and a third place over all in the conference for their division."

Instead of working in the front of the concession stand, John Gantner and Brad Boudouris, escape behind the scenes.

"Math team was a good experience. I learned many new and exciting things, and can't wait for next year." - Michael Ruebhausen

"Math team has always been a lot of fun. I am looking forward to next year." - Molly Aeschleman

Trying to raise money at a boy's basketball game, Mitch Daniels, sips a soda and enjoys the excitement of the competition.

Jason Stoff uses his smile and people skills to try and make a sale for a Math Team fundraiser.

Front row: Josh Sandberg, Adam Dolezal, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Michael Rebhausen, Justin Lange, and Back row: Brad Boudouris, Jamie Baker, Molly Aeschleman, Brittney Gillespie, Danielle Schrumpf, Jason Stoff.
WYSE-ened travelers

Written by: Jason Stoff

This year's WYSE team (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) enjoyed success for the second year in a row. The team defended their first place title at the regional competition, and sent four students to Champaign-Urbana for state after their performance in sectionals. One thing is certain: our WYSE team has a bright future ahead of them.

My brain hurts!
Struggling with a difficult test, Bradley Boudouris attempts to get a grip on the reality of his situation: he doesn't know everything.

Math queen
The coach and sponsor, Mrs. Massey, gives the team a pep-talk before their impressive performance at sectionals.

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“WYSE is fun, and it looks good on a college application. What more could I want?”
- Britney Gillespie

“Taking a few tests is fine. WYSE does get me out of a few days of school, too...”
- Andrew Fitzpatrick
Led by a new coach, Mr. Cipicchio, the chess team began its season by taking first in a Gateway Chess tournament. In addition, the group had the best record in its conference. The team also won the Eastern Conference of the Gateway Chess League and ended its season with a five and two record at state. Reflecting on the season, Coach Cipicchio stated, "We made a lot of progress this year and did a great job by winning the conference."

"The best part of chess was winning the conference. Being able to beat all the seniors on the team was also nice. We had a great season, and I can't wait to play again next year." - Richard Martin

"Joining the chess club made me able to beat everyone in my study hall. This was my first year on the team, but I was still able to challenge all the players on the team." - Nathan Cricelli

Stayin' between the lines

Written by: David Trame

Serious art students joined the art club to create projects outside of art class. Art club met once a week on class club days. The art club purchased an elaborate spiderman sculpture from the charitable People Project and displayed it near the art room. The art club also hosted the Madison County Art Rally (MADCO). Art students from other schools came to Highland to display artwork and share ideas.

Dazed and confused
Clive Walker and Josh Decker contemplate what to draw on their 420 notebook.

“Art club is great, but I wish I could have had the same experience with clay as Demi Moore did in the movie Ghost.” - Julie Pye

“Art club inspires my creative mind.” - Tom Burton

Attention
Art club students listen to Mrs. Burns attentively as she explains plans for upcoming projects.

Deep in thought
The very talented artist Colin Cronin invisions a picture as he sketches it on paper.

Street smarts

Written by: Nisa Korte

The scholar bowl team tested their intelligence against other schools and dominated their competition. They finished with the best season that they have had in four years. In the Fairfield Tournament, the team took second place. They also achieved third place in the Triad Tournament. The varsity team participated in regionals, and qualified for sectionals for the first time in the history of our school.

Not all work and no play

Laurie Nobilette makes everyone laugh with her silly smile and antennae.

Brain trust

The team sits together and prepares for their upcoming match against Triad.

Is that your final answer?

Jamie Baker, Logan Jones, and Michael Ruebhausen wait anxiously to buzz in and score another point for the team.

"I enjoy being on scholar bowl because I can prove what a terrific job our teachers do at this school."

-Josh Sandberg

"I liked going to other schools to compete with other students and listening to John and Brad's constant arguing."

-Ashley Sapienza

Front row: Christopher Stephenson, James Ping, Johnathan Starko, Colin Durbin, Adam Dolezal, Carrie Bryant, Michael Ruebhausen. Back row: Brett Merkle, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Bradley Boudouris, Laurie Nobilette, Kelly Feder, Brandon Adair, Joshua Sandberg.
International travel

Written by: Jason Fieker

This year Model U.N. chose to represent the countries of Singapore, Argentina, Austria, and Azerbaijan at the fall and spring conferences held at McKendree College. Students discussed issues pertaining to their countries interests while using debating skills learned during practice sessions. Five students took home awards at the spring conference.

Meet the delegates
The Model U.N. crew waits for the awards ceremony at McKendree College to begin.

And now representing...
Jason Luitjohn and Challin Mink use their keen debating skills to serve as delegates from Singapore and Argentina.


"Model U.N. is a fun club where we get to debate with people from the area. Plus we miss three days of school and get fast food."
- Chris Stephenson

"Model U.N. is a great way to meet new people and talk about world issues."
- Sarah Beck

Very interesting
Johnathon Starko sits ready to defend his country should a controversy arise.
Gateway to the west

Written by: Gabriel Michael

This year's members of Focus St. Louis had many new experiences and formed new friendships with other St. Louis area high school students. Having an open mind was a prerequisite for this elite group. Focus St. Louis members traveled throughout the St. Louis region, and to the city itself, learning about social diversity, cooperating together in a group, and the workings of our metropolitan area.

Words of wisdom
Barbara Levin, an organizer of Focus St. Louis regional meetings, gives advice to the members and discusses topics important to the St. Louis region.

"Focus St. Louis was a great experience for me and I made a lot of new friends through this program."
- Jackie Plocher

"I loved Focus St. Louis because it was a program full of open-minded students from all over the St. Louis area. I had so much fun!"
- Shandi Greve

Talk amongst yourselves
A group of Focus St. Louis members discuss upcoming meetings and contemporary social issues.

End of the day
Two area Focus St. Louis members and Shandi Greve enjoy the end of a productive Saturday regional meeting.

Front row: Emily Hohl, Chad Korte, Mitch Daniels. Back row: Jackie Plocher, Ben Shea, Shandi Greve.
Road-side entertainment

Written by: Joseph Crawford

Nothing can be as rewarding, or heart-breaking, than seeing a good play pull the final curtain. Not only fellow actors and actresses, but friends, the Thespians involved themselves in every thing from the fall play to the spring musical. Being flexible was key to the lifestyle of the Thespian. From late nights painting the set, to working concessions at games, the job was more than rewarding.

Help wanted
Trying to find a guest list, butler Mike Landolt uses his skills to help his boss, Julie Pye.

Sweet jebbus!
Jason Luitjohan gets a lift from another thespian as an alternate mode of transportation to the stage at musical rehearsal.

Third edition
Reading to his imaginary friend, Harvey, Matt Scheibel explains the finer points of the book and its creation.


"Everybody is somebody else's weirdo."
-Raphael Moran

"Acting is part of us. It helps us find who we are."
-Scott Ammann
Stopping for a byte

Written by: Suzanne Rogier

From mouse pads to t-shirts to coffee mugs, Technology Student Association boomed into a program all its own. Since the club started, TSA has used their computer and technological knowledge to compete in bridge building competitions, establishing and expanding the TSA website, and even paintballing. The club’s new sponsor, Mr. Durbin, commented, “TSA is a great opportunity to learn about what interests the students most.”

Projects, projects, projects

Diligent working, the president of TSA, Ryan Pirok, focuses on the latest TSA project.

“TSA is a lot of work for its members, but we like the challenging work and we have a good time too.”

- Ryan Pirok

“I like to work with computers, so I joined TSA. I found out that it is a lot of fun and there are so many things that technology can accomplish.”

- Russ Lentz
Next exit: new career

Written by: Megan DeSherlia

Leadership
Danielle Kutz, Brandy Fuderburk, Carla Frey, and Michelle McCool attend the Leadership Development Conference in Monticello.

Hail to the chiefs
ICA officers Maggie Gunn, Wesley Martindale, Ann Hoerchler, Brandy Fuderburk, Amy Roblek, and Erin Remelius represent ICA well.

Lofty ideas
Mr. Konopka joins Jacob Starko, David Grindstaff, Matt Brown and Michael Branger at the round table discussing important ideas for ICA during the Leadership Development Conference at Monticello.

"ICA was a very inspirational experience for me."
- Matthew Omans

"I enjoyed being the reporter for ICA. It has given me a lot of good memories."
- Amy Roblek

Some highlights for this year’s Illinois Career Association (ICA) members included sponsoring JAWS week where 47 new voters were registered. Members also sold Valentine carnations and staff survival kits. ICA members were also very involved in community service, contributing 200 hours to the Meals on Wheels program. Members Matt Brown, Jenna Clugston, Tamara Flores, Ryan Jorgenson and Shana Liening received awards at the Career Development Conference in Springfield where 22 Highland students attended.
All fun and games, right? Wrong. While it may look like these mentoring groups are just out having fun, there's a lot more involved. These mentors had to be both nominated by a teacher and trained through a mentoring preparation session before they were even able to meet their mentees. The idea behind this is to give students an ambitious and encouraging role model who will have a positive effect on their lives.

Nina knows all

Nina Paeth is always there to lend an ear and a bit of good advice to young mentee students.

"I have a lot of older friends so I've seen the importance of role models firsthand. When I was asked to join the mentoring group I was really excited to be a part of it." - Brittany Sexton

"Other than organize all of the events, training the mentors, and organizing the program, we also had to cook over three hundred hotdogs."
- Jamie Wildhaber, Ashley Sexton, and Nathan Robinson

Waiting line

Trent Schauster, Ty Renko, John Gantner, and a mentee sit on the bench while they wait for their turn to bat. Mentoring kids learn valuable life lessons and still have a good time.

30 yard drive

Superstar athlete...probably not. Ryan Boxell is definitely a superstar role model in this young boy's life however.

Ready to go

During a mentoring softball game, Mike Bange rounds the bases.
Weekend commutes

Written by: Marissa Brave

Saturday mornings filled with learning and new experiences were the destinations of the Saturday scholars on their journey for knowledge. Led by Mrs. Probst, the students traveled to several schools to perform experiments and listen to lectures on varying topics, such as stem cells, technology, and space travel. A trip to University of Illinois' engineering open house where they witnessed a cow with a hole in its side was the highlight of their annual field trip.

A sense of humor

Jason Schmitz scales a statue in an attempt to bring some laughter to a long day of lectures.

Holy cow

Teresa Dickman reaches into a hole in the side of a cow at the University of Illinois' Engineering open house.

Let's review

Chris Howard sits and discusses the days events with his fellow Saturday scholars after listening to several speakers.

"Saturday scholars was a lot of fun. I learned many new and interesting things and was able to make new friends in the process."

- Amanda Zeller

"It could be boring at times, but I always walked away feeling like I learned something."

- Kyle Motycka

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(Classes)
The class of 2002 had graduation in the back of their minds throughout the year. The seniors started the year out successfully by winning the homecoming spirit stick. From scavenger hunts to enthusiasm at pep rallies, the seniors competed in many activities to achieve the school spirit competition. The juniors were excited about their new title of upperclassmen. Their creativity and hard work during homecoming helped them win the float competition. For the sophomores, who were no longer the new kids on the block, getting a driver’s license was the highlight of the year. The freshmen came into high school as the underDOGS and faced new and challenging opportunities. Students said goodbye to one more year with much anticipation for next year’s new block scheduling.
Kings and queens of the road

Written by: Suzanne Rogier

From Blue Ribbon to block scheduling, this year's faculty worked both in and out of school to make our high school a great place to learn.

When the news came that we had been nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award, teachers, support staff, and administrators formed committees to ensure that the best aspects of our school were represented, and we won!

The change to block scheduling presented teachers a new way of conducting the classroom. They, along with the administration, worked countless hours to make the future of the school look bright.

Who are these ladies? The secretaries put on their "best" faces for Halloween.

Andrew Carmitchel, Principal
Steve Larson, Vice Principal
Barry Thomas, Vice Principal
Sandy Allen, Tech Support
David Appel, History
Dr. Arlen Baker, Business
Jon Basden, Business

Liza Basden, Science
P.J. Bolk, Library Assistant
Tina Bradley, Office
Gail Braundmeser, Office
Erlene Bretzloff, Home Economics
Vicky Buehne, Aid
Kathy Burns, Art

James Childers, Band Director
Chris Clemens, Science
Tiffany Conzelman, English
Julia Daniels, Guidance
Michelle Doolts, Spanish
Karen Duckworth, Nurse
Margie Duncan, Math

Chris Durbin, Tech Lab
Matt Elledge, Special Education
Sherri Fletcher, Office
Eric Frankford, History
Terry Frey, Office
Cynthia Garcia, Home Economics
Gail Gelib, English
Nancy Genteman, Librarian
Christy Golder, Science
Jody Hall, Health
Ben Hanna, Aid
Jody Harrison, Physical Education
Katie Heimbuerger, Math
Barb Heyen, Guidance

Gina Hirsch, Science
Tim Hirsch, Aid
Larry Jones, Agriculture
Barb Kay, History
Patrick Keeney, Special Education
Tamara Kohrnn, Science
Steve Konopka, Guidance

Brenda Korte, Special Education
Deborah Massey, Math
Steve Moore, Psychology
Linda Nelson, English
Jim Nickerson, T.V./Radio
Nicole Pederson, Home Economics
Ellen Pitchers, Aid

Jeanie Probst, Math
Randy Riggs, Police Officer
Lori Rathbun, Choral Director
Karen Rust, Speech Pathology
Joe Schaefer, Industrial Tech
Don Schmitz, Agriculture
Dawn Steiner, Special Education

Carrie Stewart, Math
Sherry Thomas, Guidance
Deanna Timm, Special Education
Karen Twyford, Spanish
Max Uhl, Math
Bob Vance, Business
Henry Vogelman, History

Sarah Vogelman, English
Dianne Vorva, Aid
Hilary Wagenblast, Spanish
Pam Watts, Math
Cathy Weiss, Special Education
Lynn Youngman, English
Lucky for the freshmen, initiation was outlawed, but they found themselves new challenges in high school. They left middle school as the oldest and biggest on campus only to find themselves at the bottom of the high school totem pole. Freshmen found themselves wandering down unfamiliar halls, listening to unfamiliar teachers, and making new entree choices in the cafeteria. In the first few months of their high school career, the freshmen discovered new clubs, new sports, and many new people. It's all uphill for the class of 2005!

Impact
Garrett Schmidt, Keith Acuncius, Kevin Frey, and Josh Noll rock out together.
Abby Buzzick
Brittney Byrd
Devin Cain
Patrick Cassady
Calli Cave
Melanie Chaney
Raney Church

Samuel Clark
Dustin Clemens
Christina Conrad
Erica Conrad
Lydia Corn
Cassie Crockett
Jeanna Cryder

Katelyn Cunningham
Ashley Cwiklowski
Jacob DeNap
Joshua DeNap
Joseph Dickman
Jessica Dillow
Reanna Dixon

Brittney Done
Dominic Durbin
Rebecca Eck
Natasha Eilers
Kyle Ernst
Sarah Eisenhower
Shannon Everett

James Fetisch
Lindsay Fikker
Kayla Fields
Lindsay Fite
Emily Ford
Jesika Foudray
Jacyln Franzen

Molli Frasso
Justin Freimann
Daniele Frey
Kevin Frey
Mallory Frey
Megan Frey
Rebecca Fromme

Kristine Funderburk
Trisha Gaffney
Timothy Galliati
Audra Gall
Lauren Gall
Dustin Garner
Betsy Gause

Adam Gergab
Cara Gramlich
Lauren Griffith
Kari Grindstaff
Allie Geotts
Meghan Growe
Alison Gruender
Thirsting for keys and a license to freedom, sophomores were less concerned with academics and more with the social aspects of high school. Sophomores adjusted to high school life: pep rallies, fifth quarters, sports and homecomings. In academics the class of 2004 awaits the upcoming ACT test and research paper their junior year.

In preparation for their junior/senior prom, sophomores sold candy as a fundraiser. Not freshmen anymore but not yet upperclassmen this class is definitely at a crossroad.

School spirit
Class president Robby Zbinden, adorns the mascot uniform for a pep rally.
Jennifer Chapman
Shawn Churensky
Johnathan Clugston
Laura Compton
Jan Comrie
Clinton Conrad
Holly Cook

Clifton Couch
Leslie Davidson
Rebecca Davis
Allison DeGroot
Jaime Dewasoie
Megan Dewen
Rachel Dondero

Kris Dubachek
Emily Dyer
Amber Eilers
Robert Eilers
Shari Eilers
Kymberly Eley
Valerie Elliott

Michelle Elsberry
Christine Erard
John Ernst
Travis Escott
Joshua Ethridge
Katie Evans
Ashley Fadden

Stephanie Ferkel
Shelkie Fields
Ronald Forehand
Douglas Frank
Justin Frank
Aaron Frey
Brett Frey

Corey Frey
Matthew Frey
Megan Friedel
Carissa Funderburk
Megan Gaehle
Krystal Ganter
Ben Garcia

Amanda Garner
Brittney Gillespie
Brent Gilomen
Steven Glockner
Patrick Goeke
Jeremy Grant
Maureen Gunn

Lindsay Gunter
Jennifer Haberer
Colby Haenny
Ashley Hall
Michael Hamilton
Brian Hardas
Adrienne Harris
Brian Schuster
Natalie Schuster
Kyle Schwarz
Megan Schwarz
Brian Sconyers
Allison Semanisim
Brittany Sexton

Tyler Shelton
Kara Shimer
Amiga Singh
Jacob Sisson
Darren Staley
Kasey Stanhaus
Corey Steinkeogig

Christopher Stephensen
Lance Still
Tiffany Stille
Lindsey Sweenim
Gaylen Taylor
Samuel Tibe
Scott Thole

Patricia Thomas
Clint Timmermann
Sarah Tipsword
Susie Tipsword
Marshall Todd
Daniel Tomblinson
Amanda Toussaint

Shawn Townzen
Heather Telow
Michael Tudor
Kyle Turner
Kyle Van De Voorde
Lacey Vaughn
Shandi Warnecke

Riley Warren
Timothy Warren
Christopher Watson
Tyler Wegman
Coren Weiss
Kristin Weiss
Marty Weiss

Michaela Weiss
Steven Weiss
Jason White
Tyler Wilke
Danielle Wilken
Bailee Williams
Shelley Williamson

Brandon Winfrey
Jamie Worflar
Emily Zhinden
Robert Zhinden
Jessica Zielinski
Jacob Zink
Breanne Zita
Shifting into high gear
Written by: Natalie Herzberg

Juniors returned to the halls this year looking forward to new classes and learning experiences. With the research paper and ACT, the juniors were introduced to new research techniques and study skills. Teachers hoped to instill these methods for students to use later in their collegiate years. Adding to their responsibilities, the juniors hosted the junior/senior prom.

Although they expected an easy ride through their upperclassmen years, they found another bump in the road with transition to block scheduling. They soon realized the many classes available for senior year and took advantage of the new opportunities.

When Mrs. Martz told Jamie Zurliene that her research paper had to be 12 pages long, this was her response.
You are heading into the world, on one foot or two, walking at a pace, perfect for you. To a high powered position or just shoveling hay. Whatever it is you will find your way. Mistakes will happen and lessons are learned but hopefully you will smile at all the money you've earned. But take it from the man who knows it the best, one who has been with us through all of the tests. He taught us to read and to think for ourselves, You can find his books on many library shelves. Dr. Seuss is his name; I think you all will agree his words following here are very wise, indeed.

"You'll get mixed up of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. Just never forget to be dexterous and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left."
Dr. Seuss from Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Helping hand
At the annual blood drive sponsored by FMCC, Ember Price and Becky Bellm assist students as they check in.

South of the Border
Spanish IV students devour a Taco Bell feast.
Jamie Dant
Josh Decker
Whitney Degge
Kyle DeGeort
Michael DeNap

Brian Drazen
Jason Drda
Timothy Duffin
Ryan Dunstortff
Colin Durbin

William Eck, Ill
Phillip Edwards
Mark Eilers
Jonathan Elliott
David Fetsch

Jason Fischer
Nicholas Finley
Jeremy Fite
Tamara Flores
Kristy Frank

Tina Frank
Christopher Freimann
Carla Frey
Christopher Frey
Mark Frey

Nathan Frey
Tara Frey
Danielle Freueh
Brandy Funderburk
Amanda Gallatin
Glamour girls
Making an elegant entry-way even more enticing, is a bevy of senior beauties.

Blues brothers
Brennan Stephenson, Jason Luitjohan, Matt Brown, and Zach Rakers raise school spirit by singing the blues.
Food fight
Students get psyched for an ice cream eating contest minus the spoons.
Lounging around
Gabriel Michael's favorite place to read and relax or just listen to music is outside Mrs. Nelson's classroom.

Pics and chips
After homecoming, Emily Munie snaps pics with one hand while munching chips with the other.
Dig in
Jeff Weinacht prepares to plunge into a bowl of ice cream as Nick Sutton provides moral support.
Ashley Zurliene

Senior economics
It’s obvious that this group of seniors is enthusiastic about participating in Mr. Holt’s class discussion.

Recycle bin?
Displaying their nonexistent collection of empty soda bottles are Jeremy Yann and John Severs.

Hitting the books
Joey Kovach waits patiently for Mrs. Golder’s help with his physics homework.

Fruit sale
Josh Cain works as hard as one of Santa’s elves to deliver the Christmas fruit on time.
Amy,
You mean so very much to us. You're a special daughter who gives our lives and so many lives a warm and loving touch. Chase your dreams, listen to your Spirit, follow your heart, and may the love of God always fill your life with faith and joy.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Ashleigh,
Congratulations! We want to let you know how very proud we are of you, for all the hard work and effort you have shown us. We are also very excited for you for the future and wish you the very best. You are the most wonderful daughter any parents could wish for. Thanks for eighteen great years. Always remember We Love You and we will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brandon

Kyle,
Congratulations! We're very proud of you and all your hard work. We wish you success and happiness in your future plans. We love you,
Mom, Dad, Allison, and Wes

Kim,
We're very proud of what you have accomplished these past four years. We know that you will succeed at whatever you decide to do. Good Luck at Eastern.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jonathan,
Graduation is a time to reflect on your past and make plans for your future. We are proud of you and all you have done. May all your dreams come true. You are a wonderful son and brother. Good luck in college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chelsey

Suzanne,
We are so proud of you! You have achieved so much in high school. We know that you will be successful in the future. Good luck to our "little movie star."
Love,
Mom and Dad
Danielle,
We are very proud of you and will always be here for you. Follow your dreams, listen to your heart and success will be yours. God Bless!
Love always,
Mom and Dad

Jason,
Congratulations! We’re so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in everything you do in your future. We love you and we will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kristi

Mike,
Decisions and your desire to reach your goals will determine your future successes and destiny in life even more than your abilities. May your decisions be wise and may you have the courage and conviction to reach for the stars. Good luck always.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Chuck, and Paul

Congratulations Lindsey!
We love you,
Dad and Mom

Meghan,
Congratulations to a great daughter and sister. May your future bring you happiness, success and may all your dreams become reality. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Matt

Congratulations Kyle!
We are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished. May your future be full of happiness and success. We know we will see great things from you in the future!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Natalie
Josh,
Congratulations we are so proud of you. Always strive for the best life has to offer you and be proud of who you are!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Devin, and Matt

Kerrie,
You have always been such a sweet and loving person. You have made us very happy watching you grow up. Good Luck in the future, and always remember to keep making us laugh! We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Scott, and Kristen

Jeremy,
We know you will accomplish great things. All you have to do is try. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Josh,
Great things will be yours in the future if you keep giving it your all. We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jason,
Congratulations on your four great years at H.H.S. Good luck at SEMO!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian, and Eric

Shana,
Congratulations Shana! Best of Luck at Quincy University. The world needs more understanding people like you.
Love,
Mom and Scott
Congratulations Chris!
You really did it! We're very proud of you. This is just the beginning. Good luck in everything you do. We know you'll do well in whatever you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad Justin, and Amy

Eric,
As the years thru school have come and gone, another “step” is reached, you are ready to move on. Wishing you the best in the future ahead, keep on smiling as you go, from a proud Mom and Dad.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Amy

Congratulations Natasha!
It has been a wonderful year with you as part of our family. You are a brave, responsible, caring, and intelligent young lady who will be very successful in life. We wish you the best of luck in your next adventure. Keep in touch!
Love,
Doug, Tina, Megan, Caitlin, Joel and Drew

Congratulations Elizabeth!
It is here already. We are so proud of you and you are so special to us. Make all your dreams come true. We will always be here for you!
Love always,
Dad and Mom

Kristen,
You have always been such a sweet girl, so full of life. We have had so much fun watching you grow up. You have excelled in everything you do, cheerleading, softball, and your school work. We are so proud of you! Good luck in your college years.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Scott, and Karrie

Congratulations! Your smile and charm and ambition will take you far. Follow your heart and you can achieve anything. We love you very much and will always be here for you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Family
Emily,
Congratulations! You have achieved so much in high school and we know the future will bring great things. Best of luck at college. We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Amanda

Jessie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished during your high school years. Hope you leave with great memories. We love you and hope your future is full of happiness and success.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jackie,
Great Job! You have accomplished so much the past four years and we are so proud of you. Hope you had great times and never forget them. We love you and wish you continued happiness in all that you want to achieve.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Joe,
Jesters may come and jesters may go. But there will never be another "Little Joe"
Love,
Mom and Dad

Richard,
Words cannot describe how proud we are of the man you have become. Your positive attitude and drive to succeed will carry you far. Good luck and God Bless You!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Megan

Congratulations Carla!
You just completed your first big step of life. Keep up the good work and we wish you good luck with everything that you do.
Love,
Dad, Rodney, and Ashley
Congratulations to the class of 2002, from the Iris staff.

Michael,
We are so very proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kelly, Joe, Jackie, and Nick
Amy Cook cautiously pins an elegant boutonniere on her date, Scott Ammann.

Anxiously awaiting the evening’s festivities, Emily Johnston and Courtney Winet share a quick moment before going to the dance.

Debuting as the first royalty, Ashley Zurliene and Will Baker share their first dance.

Mike Beck humbly bows down to the beautiful and graceful Whitney Degge.
Dreamy destination

Written by: Emily Johnston and Veronica Rickher

Gloomy, rainy weather was the setting for the annual junior-senior prom, “Captured in a Dream.” However, gloomy faces weren’t worn by prom-goers. Instead bright smiling faces drove away the clouds. Beautiful, young ladies wearing shimmering dresses were escorted by tuxedo clad young men to the Knights of Columbus Hall on April 27. Greeted with archways made of clouds, everyone escaped into a magical dreamland. Ashley Zurliene and Will Baker made history as they were crowned the first prom queen and king for the senior class. Reigning as princess and prince for the junior class were Cheyenne Starbuck and Michael Pochek. Everyone enjoyed spending the evening with their friends or that special someone. Into the wee hours of the morning students continued their fun at post prom. They enjoyed numerous activities and won spectacular prizes, making the night a dream come true.
Due to Sarah Weiss's blinding beauty, sunglasses are a necessity with Ryan Pirok's ensemble.
Jennifer Halvorson and Jason Stoff get close and comfy while slow dancing the night away.

"Prom was really fun and I had one of the best times of my life afterwards."
- David Trame
Form a line
Despite the heat, the graduates wait patiently in their chairs for the line to move.

Class comments
Along with her fellow valedictorians, Karina Oliveira, gives her opening remarks.

Tune in
The horn section plays *Pomp and Circumstance* without a hitch.

You gotta have friends
Mike Johnson and Beth Schrumpf share a moment before the ceremony.
The bus stops here

By: Mrs. Susan Martz and Mrs. Suzanne Meyer

The class of 2002, the first class to graduate from a Blue Ribbon School, stood with their family and friends as the senior chorus members sang the National Anthem. The class officers welcomed their guests with a few brief comments, and the academic excellence of the seven valedictorians; Sarah Weiss, Brad Boudouris, Jason Stoff, Colin Durbin, Karina Oliveira, Jennifer Halvorson, and Danielle Schrumpf; was cited by Superintendent James Burgett. Salutatorian Scott Ammann was recognized, also. These students inspired their classmates with comments which were positive, humorous, and sometimes touching. Two special graduates, veterans of W.W. II, were also recognized; Mr. Henry C. Lienemann and Mr. Homer H. Poss. The class of 2002 dedicated their ceremony to the heroes of September 11, 2001 and to all veterans who have served this country.
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