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Lifetime
Elizabeth Robinson tours St. Charles, Missouri after a soccer tournament.

While working at 1st Mid Illinois Bank, Janna Wheat pulls up a bank account.

The starting line up faces the flag awaiting for the beginning of the game.

Megan Henschen builds up her abs at the Korte Rec Center.
Each day the students waited for the final bell to release them from tests, quizzes, books, work, and, most importantly, school. When that bell rang it signaled them to their busy lives. Some students went to work at their jobs while others just spent time with their friends. Some participated in clubs such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the Bulldog Hockey Club. FCA held meetings every Wednesday night at a member's house. Sometimes the boys and girls held meetings together, but for the majority of the time they held separate meetings. To have some fun, FCA attended the Bulldog Hockey Club's games. The hockey team faced many challenges but they overcame them and came together as a team.
Joining forces against the evil KAOS, Agents 99 and 86 formulate a plan.

Professor Danted disconnects the Inthermo with a little help from Agent 89.

Mr. Big and his henchman Garth plot a scheme to blow up the Statue of Liberty.

Attentive college students watch a demonstration of the Inthermo.
By: Heather Gauen

This year's fall play, *Get Smart*, was a smash hit. Featuring Andy Gregurich as Maxwell Smart (Agent 86), Heather Gauen as Agent 99, Matt Scheibel as the Chief, Leah Dennison as Miss Finch, Patrick Kernan as Professor Dante, Kristy Hook as Princess Ingrid, Andrew Nungesser as Mr. Big, and Marshall Todt as Garth, it was performed in the Kennel on November 21, 22, and 23. A spoof on the life of a 1960's spy, *Get Smart* pitted the evil organization of KAOS against the spies of CONTROL. Maxwell Smart, along with the help of his assistant 99, must stop KAOS' plot to kidnap a Scandinavian princess and blow up the Statue of Liberty. The cast, under the direction of Mrs. Vogelman and Stage Manager Matt Korte, worked diligently to bring this comedy to the stage.
Mesmerizing students at the pep rally, Nathan Piurek displays his Chinese jump-rope ability.

With ninja headbands and chopsticks in their hair, the cheerleaders throw out candy during the parade.

The newly crowned king and queen take their first dance as royalty.
Dancing the “Shanghai Nights” away, students kicked off Homecoming week 2002 with the annual coronation and dance. Jennie Degge and Ryan Driscoll were crowned queen and king while Jamie Zurliene and John Chapman were honored as special maid and special escort. After resting up from the weekend, students returned to school Monday for twin day. Tuesday was Oriental dress-up day and Wednesday was hat day for charity. The spirit stick competition began Thursday with a school-wide pep rally. Later that night, the powder puff football tournament and bonfire were held. At the football game Friday night, we were narrowly defeated by the Triad Knights in overtime. The Class of 2004 was announced as the spirit stick champions, with the Class of 2006 in a close second.
Queen and King
Jennie Degge and Ryan Driscoll

Junior Court
Megan Diesen & Tyler Knebel, Kiley Bolan & Sam Tebbe, Ashley Byers & Blake Jakel, Danielle Jakel & Clint Conrad, Shellie Fields & Justin Kleinholzer, Brittany Sexton & Drew Aebischer

Special Maid and Special Escort
Jamie Zurliene and John Chapman

Sophomore Court
Racchel Holtgrave & Jason Zobrist, Challin Mcink & Jacob DeNap, Erica Conrad & Sam Clark, Allison Gruender & Jared Haukap

Freshman Court
Danny Korte & Carissa Boxell, Lia Sexton & Mic Berneking
2002 Senior Homecoming Court

Marissa Brave & Jason Novak
Stephanie Capalupo & Joe Gitersonke
Jennie Degge & Dane Barker

Abbey Plocher & John Chapman
Ashley Sexton & Ryan Driscoll
Valerie Vosholler & Kyle Motyeka

Leah Wellen & Ben Shea
Jamie Zurliene & Sean Netzer
Sean Riggins & Brooke Potthast
Master and Mistress of Ceremony
Jennie Degge and Matt Scheibel enjoy acting like British snobs.

Megan Gaehle, Leah Dennison, and David Degge wait patiently for the next song to begin.

Chad Eversgerd and Tim Endicott prepare to leave for the Festival.

Madrigal seniors sing harmonious melodies in Kansas City.
Imagine romance and valor illustrated through song. The Madrigal Singers brought these two virtues to life through performances at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, several holiday functions, and finally the 9th Annual Madrigal Dinner. The group this year was comprised of several seniors both new and old, as well as singers from all grade levels. Also new this year was a madrigal class that stressed the importance of Renaissance music in that time period. This class was made possible by the 8-block system which proved to be vital to the success of this year's group. Once preparations for the Madrigal Dinner began, many of the group's members were in charge of different aspects of the dinner and worked diligently to make the dinner great. Once again the dinner proved to be a great success. Huzzah!!

After an exhausting night of dancing, the fairies nap in the enchanted forest.
Tony and Maria dance together.

Jet boys put together a plan for revenge.

These three Sharks truly look glamorous.

Before the rumble, the Jet girls try to "Play it Cool" by dancing.
Anita and Bernardo exchange sassy expressions.

This year's spring musical was *West Side Story*, a classic romance based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Maria, *Katey Westcott*, and Tony, *Jason Sallee*, fell in love while attending a dance. Maria's brother Bernardo, *Matt Scheibel*, and Riff, *Chad Eversgerd*, were the leaders of the rival gangs the Sharks and the Jets. Anita, *Rachel Buckler*, was Bernardo's girlfriend. When the lead, Katey Westcott, broke her foot on Saturday, the cast and crew had to rearrange choreography and blocking in order to put on the show. Despite the injury, the show was a success. With a tearful finale the curtains were closed and the cast received a standing ovation. "I am very proud of the finished product. They did a wonderful job," commented director Mr. Noud.
Ashley Brueck is stunning in her prom attire.

The senior girls, ready for the dance, stand above the spectators.

The moms proudly stand behind their sons as they remember their senior prom.

With the beautiful scenery, the senior girls capture the moment.
This year's junior-senior prom, Celestial Garden, started off with a motivational speaker and a mock crash. Watching the deadly demonstration made the students realize the dangers of drinking and driving. After much preparation, the special night finally arrived. The girls wore beautiful dresses, and were accompanied by guys in fabulous tuxedos. With loved ones and friends looking on, the night was truly heavenly. At the dance the prince, princess, king, and queen were announced. The prince and princess were Kyle Ilges and Brittany Sexton. The king and queen were Ben Shea and Jamie Potthast. Afterwards many joined the fun activities of post prom. With many games, prizes, and an obstacle course, it was enjoyable for all who attended.
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654-7033

The Learning Channel
With a new year and changes ahead, the Social Studies Department made the transition smoothly. Mr. Strong said, "I come from another district who taught in the block. For me it was a welcomed change."

By learning through reading, these students are comprehending the history of other nations. Taking notes in AP Geography is one way that Keri Bryant learns the material.

Keri Bryant, Allison Gruender, and Michael Ruebhausen use their geographical skills. Brock Talleur, Dana Maedge, and Felicia Adams reinact a scene from Homer the Iliad.
Due to block scheduling, every class period has almost doubled this year. "Students have more time to ask teachers for help and more time to come in for help," stated Tiffany Oswald. Block scheduling has allowed time for new math concepts.

Mitch Daniels and Chelsey Brendel pay close attention to their calculus teacher. Using humor to teach his classes is one of Mr. Hawkins trademarks.

The lecture on graphing is drawing Becky Eck's attention along with fellow students. Mrs. Massey points out the importance of the lesson.
The Science Department has undergone many changes with block scheduling. With new electives such as AP Chemistry, science teachers were busy making sure all materials were covered in the hour and half class period. Mrs. Basden said, "I enjoy block because of the long hours to finish activities in the lab."

This student learns the mysteries of gas and fire.

AP Biology students Chris Stephenson and Andrew Fitzpatrick are conducting the experiment to test enzymes.

These students place each plant in the right category.

Emily Gehrig, Amanda Goebel, and Ashley Vogt share information to make correct conclusions.
The foreign language curriculum this year began in the summer when about 25 students traveled to France and Spain to experience their cultures first-hand. Throughout the school year, the classes also took trips to local foreign restaurants and were able to use their speaking abilities in and out of the classroom.

The weary travelers take a break from sightseeing to watch the tennis French Open during their stay in France. Andrew Fitzpatrick and Tim Galbiati engage in a sword fight in front of a castle in the Loire Valley of France.

Mrs. Thebus’s students learn the basics of French. Jason Novak gives a presentation on the Dia de los Brujas for his Spanish IV class.
A wide variety of English courses were offered to students this year. Greek Mythology, Shakespeare, and creative writing were just a few of the many classes that were added. Ms. Conzelman taught Literature of the Holocaust. She said, “It was a great opportunity to incorporate history with literature.”

Tyler Wilke and Kyle Acuncius read an excerpt from Catcher in the Rye to their Honors English III classmates. Shellie Fields, Alex Plocher, and Kiley Bolen show their excitement for English.

Chelsey Reimer finishes her English paper. In Honors English III, Danielle Poss and Aaron Frey demonstrate their theatrical abilities.
Anyone can sing,” stated Mrs. Ruebhausen. Chorus was no longer the only vocal music class available this year. Students could take jazz choir and madrigals. Music appreciation and music theory were offered too.

Students pay attention to Mrs. Ruebhausen’s advice.

All of the sopranos love to hit the high notes in “Rhythm of Life.”

Larry Kernan listens while David Degge sings.

The tenors prepare to warm up with the piano.
The band program was bigger than ever this year and consisted of several different groups, including the marching band, symphonic and concert bands, jazz bands, and the new indoor drumline. All of the groups had great seasons, including a first place finish at the University of Illinois marching competition.

Symphonic Band members practice through the concert season to get ready for contest.

At a parade, Katherine Potter performs with the color guard. Kalen Iberg and Erin Ruebhausen concentrate on their music during band practice.
By: Ashley Sexton

Playing Captain’s Coming, Angela Becker and Danielle Seifried compete against the second grade peacebuilders. Andrew Jackson helps out at the Highland Animal Shelter.

Community Service was an excellent opportunity for students to give back to the community. They volunteered in businesses, mentored young students in the district, and assisted teachers at the community schools. Students were required to complete seven hours of volunteer work per quarter for people in need of assistance.

Playing Santa Claus, Nicole Taylor gives children gifts at the Salvation Army. Stephanie Gruender helps out by typing an assignment for Mr. Bradley.
Market Watch

By: Megan Gaehle

Students in the business department had an array of classes to choose from, and projects were no longer rushed due to the new 8-block schedule. Megan Schwarz likes class this year because, "The teacher is easy and this class will help me prepare for the future."

Nathan Piurek and Matthew Wrench spend their free time in Web Design playing a game on the internet. Ronald Forehand and Reanna Dixon compare screens in Web Design.

Allie Grotts reads her Consumer Education textbook. Mrs. Wolfe assists students Jeff Branch and Ryan Reckmann in their Microsoft Word class.
There was a wide array of home economics classes offered this year including foods, parenting, pathways, and adult living. The many activities kept students busy, but, as Mrs. Garcia says, "Who says you can't have fun while you're learning?"

Sarah Jaber pauses to think while working on her Adult Living project. After eating his gourmet meal, Dan Hubbard does the dishes.

The home economics classes display their best work.

Concentrating hard, Natalie Schuster adds some color to her poster.
New scheduling allowed more opportunities for agriculture students. New classes like home improvement and intro to horticulture encouraged new students to join the program. Another advantage was the "...longer periods. We get almost twice as much done now," said Mr. Schmitz.

Steadying himself, Brandon Birtsch accurately saws the panel for a new window. Dexter Reichmann and Kyle Moss gather the building materials for the new greenhouse.

The boys haul the building materials across the lawn for another class project. Mr. Jones instructs Sean Townsend to add finishing touches.
In Living Color

By: Hsiaolei Miller

From life-size sculptures to human portraits, the new art program offered unlimited opportunities with its new classes and longer periods. Audrey Hooks said, "The variety of classes helps me prepare for my future major, interior decorating."

Sketching, erasing, and fixing their artwork, the boys of Art 1 work to perfection.

Katie Rausch outlines a plan for her next assignment.

Examining the still-life, Zack Poss prepares to draw his model.

Listening quietly, Jennifer Chapman focuses on the task given to her.
By: Jamie Worflar

With the addition of aerobics, the P.E. Department was busier this year. Students lifted weights in conditioning P.E. while the other P.E. classes played flag football and many other activities. In health, students learned about drug and alcohol problems. Students learned the rules of the road this year in safety and Driver’s Education.

Showing off his pipes, Ned Kampwerth trains for hockey.

Ashley Reynolds performs CPR to a helpless victim.

Laura Iberg and Patricia Thomas finish their lap around the gym during aerobics.

These football players are learning how to save lives.
The school newspaper finally returned after the original was shut down in the 70's. "By editing other people's articles, I learned how to improve my own writing as well. It was a great staff to work with," said editor Brooke Potthast.

The Newspaper Staff.

John Carmitchel assists Sean Netzer in the apparently "complicated" two-man operation of sharpening a pencil.

Emily Zbinden makes corrections to her movie review on Just Married. Students examine their first issue of the Bulldog Bulletin.
Megan Gaehle and Jamie Worflar look through past yearbooks to find ideas.

The yearbook members work as a team to pick the right pictures.

Editor Jackie Plocher looks through pictures to find the perfect one.
The yearbook staff gained new members and tried a new format style. We focused on more pictures and less words. In order to fill each page with quality pictures, we needed to become photographers. With help from editors Jackie Plocher and Dane Barker, and advisor Mrs. Martz, we were able to do so. Each new member learned new skills, like cropping. The editors worked hard to get everything completed and Mrs. Martz steered them in the right direction. Sometimes we were extremely busy and stressed, but it turned out ok. Even though there were many new class members and several computer disasters, we were able to turn out a book we are proud to deliver.
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Fall Sports
Stephanie Capalupo, Jason Schmitz, Kyle Talleur, Brooke Potthast, Ashley Sexton, Todd Zobrist, and Stephanie Gruender huddle up for an important senior meeting.

Meet Results
Inaugural 5-team
Boys 1st Girls 2nd
Wesclin Invite
Boys 2nd Girls 4th
Triad Invite
Boys 2nd Girls 6th
Madison County
Boys 2nd Girls 2nd
MVC
Boys 1st Girls 1st
Regionals
Boys 3rd Girls 3rd
Sectionals
Boys 10th Girls 10th

Charging toward the finish line, Kyle Talleur, Jason Schmitz, and Matt Rutz help each other through the pack.
Most people do not understand the kind of training that a cross country runner must endure. The season started with a week of two-a-days (training) in the blazing heat. Every day that followed challenged the runner to push themselves further. "A race is ninety percent mental. If you are not mentally prepared, you don't stand a chance." stated Dakota Huey. The runners were determined to prove that they had everything it took to go the distance. They finished the season with many accomplishments. Both boys and girls were able to take home the first place trophy at the conference meet. Along with that they both placed third at the regional meet which allowed them to advance to the sectional meet. There, both teams placed tenth. This was an excellent achievement and it capped off a great season.
The lady golfers show school spirit at the homecoming parade.

Team Results
Lady Indian Invite
4th
Yorktown Par--3
1st
Illinois vs Missouri
4th
M.V.C. 1st
Edwardsville Invite
1st
Regionals 3rd
Sectionals 3rd
State 13th


Ashley Hemann and Rebecca Davis show their excitement at sectionals.

Michael's Restaurant
415 Broadway  654-8646

Patty Cakes
1018 Laurel St.  654-8180
At the beginning of the season, the girls golf team had one thing on their mind: state. When the end of their exceptional season rolled around, that's where they found themselves, along with a 23-3 record. According to Coach Hirsch, "The reason we were so successful this year was because we spent all of our summer out on the golf course." Successful is an understatement. The girls won their sixth MVC tournament and brought home seven out of the ten medals. They also added a first place finish at the Edwardsville Invitational and a fourth place finish in the Illinois vs Missouri Challenge. At state the girls placed 13th overall out of 357 teams in the state. Being in Bloomington and playing in the state tournament will be in the girls' minds forever. It marked the end of a fantastic season.
While waiting to tee off, Matt Miller and Blake Jakel judge their distance.

Scores
Alton Inv. 6th
MVC 4th
HHS 161, Granite City, 166, CM 168, Collinsville
HHS 156, Alton Marquette 157, Collinsville 169
Regional 9th


Chris Robards marvels at his second shot.

Schwend’s Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.
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With six returning lettermen, the boys golf team set off on what was to be a promising season. Instead the boys took a rollercoaster ride throughout the season. "At times we showed signs of greatness," said Coach Faulkenberg, "while at other times we had sort of mental lapses. We really had a great team, but our tournament record didn’t show it." There were many highlights this year. One was Matt Miller scoring a 33 in nine holes to demolish the school record by two strokes. Another was Ned Kampwerth scoring low enough to advance to the sectional round. "The boys did their best all year, and there is nothing more that I could have asked from them. I think that we were playing our best golf when it came down to crunch time. We had a great season."
During a heated game, Christy Trame returns the ball while Julie Lamb prepares to strike.

Team Record
Granite City lost
Wesclin won
Civic Memorial lost
Triad won
Central lost
Jerseyville won
Waterloo won
Edwardsville lost
Mascoutah lost
Civic Memorial lost
Collinsville lost
Triad won
Jerseyville won
Mater Dei won
Waterloo lost
Mascoutah won

Freshman team: Ernest, Rausch, Blunt, Kampwerth, Coach Frey, Coach Steiner, Issac, Lauren Hobbs, Coach Byer, Coach Murphy, Diesen, Leitschuch, Mettler.

The JV volleyball season started out a bit rocky but the team managed to get it all together. The ladies were led by Coach Jamie Murphy. The year consisted of 11 different conference matches with a record of 6-4. "Our biggest wins were against non-conference foe Mater Dei and a conference game against Waterloo," Coach Murphy said. Although the girls worked really hard, they were able to have fun while at away games and playing volleyball. "Although the record didn’t show much victory, we still enjoyed ourselves and became good friends this year," said Breanne Zitta and Christy Trame. "They were a fun group to coach. I finished with six girls so I referred to them as my ‘sensational six,’" said Coach Murphy. The girls hope that next year will be an even better experience and hopeful year.
On Triad’s turf, the team looks very relaxed and ready to take on their rivals.

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Trying to evade the blocker, **Allison DeGroot** hits to the right of the blocker’s hands.
"We overcame many obstacles during the season," said Coach Beyer. With the loss of two varsity members, the team was forced to change their starting lineup many times. The girls worked through the new changes, and came together at the final stretch of the season. During senior night, the team honored senior members Michelle Maedge, Mandie Plocher, and Nicole Taylor. That night, the girls went up against Mater Dei, in what should have been a good matchup. Due to a yellow card, Highland's five point streak was broken. They went on to suffer a bittersweet loss; this was the seniors' last home game. 

"The highlight of the season was when the ref gave the entire team a yellow card," stated Maedge. The team has a promising future though, with five returning juniors and some excellent sophmores.
Varsity and JV players ride a flatbed in the homecoming parade.

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**Jared Goestenkors** makes a save during warmups before the Triad game.
All the key elements of a good team were in place for the JV soccer team this year. Plenty of practice and playing unified the players. "We really came together and worked hard. That's what made us a good team," said Darin Watts. They left the season with a respectable record and some vital experience for what will hopefully be an even better Varsity team next year. Said Coach Marks, "The JV team played well all year and were in every game. Even though they were hit with some injuries, they played hard all year and improved greatly. These young men have a lot of potential and should be able to step up to the Varsity level and contribute next year."
With a farmer’s field in the background, coach gives the team a pre-game talk.

MVC Record
4-5-1
Opponent Score
CM T1-1
Triad W3-0
Jerseyville W3-0
Mascoutah L0-3
CM W1-0
Triad L0-3
Jerseyville W2-0
Waterloo L0-2
Waterloo L0-4
Mascoutah L0-2

Front row: Zbinden, Bellm, Van De Voorde, Eaker, Riggins, Ulrich, Eversgerd.

Tyler Wilke prepares to kick the ball downfield to clear it out of our territory.
By: Tyler Shelton

Led by senior captains Ben Shea, Sean Riggins, and Chad Eversgerd, this year's soccer team proved to be a close-knit group of guys. Comprised mainly of junior and senior starters, the team displayed excellent chemistry, and had an 8-11-3 record. Highland's thrilling 1-0 victory over an always tough Edwardsville was the high point of the season, and uplifted everyone's spirits. Coach Durbin commented, "The exciting thing about this team was that they continued to support each other throughout the year. They worked together, and developed a bond that resulted in a terrific season. Led by a great group of seniors who displayed good skills on and off the field, they proved that to develop a good soccer team, you must first develop good individuals." With many juniors gaining valuable experience, and the seniors setting the pace, this year's team set a standard for next year, and years to come.

Preparing to deliver a precise shot is Sean Riggins.

Kyle Van De Voorde is distraught over a bad call.

Tyler Knebel talks strategy with Coach Durbin before going back into action.
With a hard hit from her opponent, **Katie Abeln** makes a defensive volley to keep the point going.

Team Record
2-10
Opponent Score
O’Fallon L0-6
Greenville L2-4
Alton L2-3
Waterloo L3-4
Granite City L2-5
Collinsville L2-5
Mt. Vernon L1-6
Mascoutah W7-0
C M W5-2
Jerseyville L0-7
Belleville L0-7
Triad L1-6


**Molly Aeschleman** makes a great forehand shot.
By: Nisa Korte

The tennis team faced some tough competition this year along with many obstacles. Senior Barb Munie commented on her most challenging obstacle, “Making it so far in sectionals was quite an accomplishment due to the fact I had chopped off my finger.” Munie and her partner, Katie Abeln, made it the farthest in sectionals than anyone else on the team. Jamie Ashford, one of the competitors at the JV tournament, said, “I really enjoyed the tournament this year. I played singles when I usually play doubles, which made me work even harder. I even ended up winning two of the games.”

This was Coach Barker’s first year as a coach. He said, “Our team played with a lot of heart. They faced many teams with a lot of experience. We fought hard and lost a lot of close games this year. Next year we hope to turn the tables towards a winning season.”
Seniors Jessica Gilomen and Lacey Buzick are happy after a win at home.

Some girls perform a basic stunt during a home game.


Encouraging the crowd to join them, Amanda Klaus and Jennifer Johnson lead a cheer.
The high spirited football cheerleaders supported the boys whether they were at home or on the road. During their practices, they invented cheers and stunts to involve the football fans. They made posters and signs to hang around the school in their spare time. Pep rallies were organized by the girls where they performed cheers that showed off their stunting skills and enthusiasm trying to encourage school spirit. Even though they were busy cheering at all of the varsity football games, they were able to make time to cheer at some home soccer games as well as jv football games. “Everyone did a wonderful job cheering for the boys, and my seniors showed excellent leadership. I am going to miss them all.” stated Coach Capelle. Captain Lacey Buzick said, “Cheerleading was a great opportunity to meet some fun new people. We always had a good time together.”

Ashley Anderson and Valarie Starbuck show their spirit.

The squad joins Danielle Seifried in igniting the crowd.
Lunging at his opponent, Joel Bradley tackles the Carlinville ball carrier.

Team Record
Carlinville L 14-16
Mt. Zion W 18-0
Centralia W 29-0
C.M. L 6-13
Triad L 6-18
Waterloo L 14-27
Mt. Vernon W 2-0
forfeit
Mascoutah L 0-14


Led by the general, quarterback Jason Zobrist, the team gets set to steamroll the Knights.
The junior varsity football team had a disappointing season suffering a final record of 3-6. The team fought some challenges throughout the season. The first was limited practice time. The team rarely had the opportunity to practice. The second key element was injury. Starting quarterback Joe Dickman said, "We never got to practice together as a team, but we still managed to stay competitive." Mr. Keeney, with assistance from Mr. Rueter and Mr. Birkner, coached the team. The team remains hopeful for the future.

The freshman football team finished with an impressive record of 6-3. Coach Michaelis and Coach Holt taught the freshman important football fundamentals that will certainly help the young team down the road.
The crowd roars as the defense prepares to smash Triad.

Team Record
5-4
Opponent Score
Duquoin L7-34
Mt. Zion W14-3
Centralia W44-7
CM W21-0
Triad(OT) L16-19
Jerseyville L13-27
Waterloo L6-27
Mascoutah W46-6
Carbondale W21-7


Players catch their breath while waiting for the play.
With injuries abundant, this season could have slipped away fast for the varsity football season. Yet, giving up was not an option for these young men. Led by a solid group of seniors who never gave less than their best, the team turned around what could have been a disaster and accomplished another winning season. The players survived a three-game losing streak that would have sent most teams into a tailspin. They lost a heartbreaker at home in overtime to Triad and consecutive road games to Jerseyville and Waterloo. Yet, they took the last two games to finish the season strong and locked up another playoff berth against Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin. According to Coach Hawkins, "We had another excellent group of young men. Effort, drive and study resulted in a winning season. This sport means a lot to our players and they made the season pass too quickly."
Winter Sports
Matt Todt wrestles his opponent to the mat on his way to an easy victory.

Justin Schrumpf headlocks his opponent and he struggles to pin him.
The wrestling team finished another great season by capping off the year with a second place finish in the Mississippi Valley Conference. They finished the year with a 12-7 record. The wrestlers worked hard before the season to try to lose weight. The weight losses allowed the athletes to wrestle at lower weight classes. They frequently ran and sometimes even refused to eat meals in order to accomplish this goal. The hard work paid off, and the wrestlers went on to dominate almost all of their competition. The team had good senior leadership and a dedicated coaching staff. Senior wrestler Dan Hochuli said, "I will miss the good times I shared with my fellow seniors. I also want to thank Coach Michaelis for contributing to some of my most memorable life experiences." The team will have many experienced wrestlers returning next year, and they expect another successful season.
Using her strongest grip, Caitlin Diesen refuses to surrender the ball to the C.M player.

Team Record
(5-13)

Salem L 44-38
Jerseyville L 52-46
Triad W 46-42
Waterloo W 41-37
Alton L 49-31
Wesclin W 36-31
Central L 57-39
C. M. L 36-28
Jerseyville W 55-40
Centralia L 50-25
Waterloo W 44-32
Mascoutah L 47-41


Scanning the floor, Kelsey Schumacher looks for an open teammate.
Sophomore seniority and freshman stars dominated the JV basketball team. While perfecting their fundamentals, the young program learned to use each other's strengths and play as a team. "As a coach you hope that players will play hard, listen attentively, and work to get better everyday. When those things happen day in and day out, seasons are more enjoyable, and this season was great because of the quality of the young ladies I had the good fortune to work with. While our record might not show it in terms of wins and losses, the girls continued to improve and always gave a good effort," said Coach Hartlieb. The girls fought and played hard. They finished with a handful of wins and an abundance of experience that will greatly benefit them in the seasons to come.

With defenders all around, Melissa Hahn extends her arms to release the shot.

Focusing on the rim, Shannon Ramsey backs into her defender to get a better angle for the shot.

Chelsie Beard fights through the defense’s double team to look for an open player.
**Fighting for possession of the ball, Krystal Gantner helps to secure her team’s victory.**

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Cara Gramlich passes the ball to teammate Hsiaolei Miller.
After a promising first year, the Varsity girls basketball team settled into a second season under Coach Elledge. With first-year jitters gone and only talent remaining, the team looked to better their record and make a run for the conference title. Coach Elledge stated, “This year, we had a lot of talent but little experience. All year we competed with the best teams in the state and kept coming up a little short. The nice thing was that by the end of the year, after gaining experience, we were beating those same teams. Having a team that consistently improves throughout the year is all a coach can ever hope for. It is also the mark of a good team.” Under the leadership of five seniors, the team learned to work together in order to become successful.
The girls anxiously wait for results on their dance.

Team Record
Lindbergh Invite first place
Mascoutah IDTA Regional first place
Althoff IDTA Regional first place
Edwardsville IDTA Regional first place
Triad IDTA Regional first place
IDTA State Contest first place


The squad prepares for an outstanding performance at the Triad dance competition.
The Junior Varsity dance program has grown tremendously over the past three years. The girls started out the season on a positive note gathering a superior rating, two first place finishes for their dance and the spirit stick at camp in July. The ladies were blessed with an undefeated season and racked up numerous trophies and titles. However, their best accomplishment was overcoming many injuries and pulling together as a team and always encouraging each other to do their best. According to Coach Conzelman, “Their respect for each other’s talent was amazing. They were a class act on and off the floor.” The girls put an end to a great season at the IDTA J.V. Finals State Contest by receiving a first place in both dance and pom dance categories.
The team heats up the gym floor with a flawless performance of their pom routine, “HOT” as they impress their home crowd.

**Competitions**
ASC Camp: Superior
State Fair Champions
Lindbergh: 1st Pom / 2nd Dance
Mascoutah: 1st Pom / 1st Dance
Althoff: 1st Pom / 1st Dance
Triad: 1st Pom / 1st Dance
Sectional: 1st Pom / 1st Dance
State: 2nd Pom
State champions
Dance AA

The girls are “Outta Love” as they finish their performance.

Highland Community Church
2307 E. Boardway 654-5751

Cedar Creek Dental
380 Suppingerway 654-4551
The Varsity dance team began their season on fire with their energetic pom routine entitled “HOT,” which won them first place once again at the Illinois State Fair. The squad was also successful at the American Spirit Dance Camp where they earned a superior rating for their home routine, “Manhunt.” Several more first place trophies followed throughout the season for the pom routine “Hot” and also for their powerful dance routine, “Outta Love.” Both routines exhibited the talent of the squad and took first place at the South Super Sectional, advancing the team to the state level. “These girls are dedicated and determined to do their best and that’s what makes them so good,” said Coach Deets. The team gave two flawless performances at their state competition at the University of Illinois, and came home state champions in the AA Dance division for the third consecutive year.
Players watch the ball in anticipation during another bulldog free throw.

Conference Record
5-5

CM L46-54
Mascoutah W71-70
Triad L66-69
Jerseyville L41-50
Waterloo W66-59
Mascoutah W48-43
Waterloo W56-53
Jerseyville W49-47
CM L44-48
Triad L58-73


Junior guard Dusty Keeven soars to the hole against the Knights.
The JV boys basketball team had a roller coaster season under Coach Frankford. They had to deal with different starters all year long as well as their fair share of injuries. Also, their practice time usually consisted of acting as a scout team for the Varsity squad. According to Coach Frankford, “Throughout the year we had eight different people start for us. We had so little practice time devoted to the JV alone that it is truly amazing that the boys were still able to be successful.” The team was led by juniors Matt Miller, Dusty Keeven and Jason Harsy. Their veteran leadership along with the youth of Nathan Walter and Brett Lewis provided the squad with the right mix of players in order to be successful. These young men aspire to take the Varsity squad to new heights next season.
Blowing by his defender, Alex Plocher lays the ball in for two points.

Team Record

5-21
CM-W 55-44
Mascoutah-W 63-56
Triad-L 58-61
Jerseyville-L 19-48
Waterloo-L 52-54
Mascoutah-L 50-62
Waterloo-W 53-41
Jerseyville-L
CM-L 52-60
Triad-L 35-51


Captain Trent Schauster looks down the court for an open man.
Under the leadership of six seniors, the Varsity basketball team looked to capitalize on their strengths. Inside, senior Jason Rezabek posted big numbers, earning him all-conference honors. On the perimeter, the trio of Trent Schauster, Michael Ulrich, and Justin Gibbons were tough competition for opponents. The team had some big games, primarily against conference foes, earning them third place in the conference. Throughout the season, the team gained important experience for the future and learned to play as a unit. "Though the record didn't show the improvement we made, the team made great strides that will help us greatly in future seasons," stated Coach Youngman. Though the seniors will be greatly missed, underclassmen show potential for a successful season next year.
The J.V. cheerleading squad successfully finishes their performance at Highland regionals on February 2, 2003.

Front row: N. Henschen, K. Kurrle, C. Meink, A. Anderson.

The team leaders get together before the competition.
Though the J.V. cheerleading squad consisted of all freshmen and sophomores, they proved that anything is possible with talent and teamwork. They started their season by competing at Kincaid Regionals where they outscored all their opponents and qualified for state. At the Highland Regional, they repeated their impressive performance for the crowd in attendance. When it finally came down to the state competition, they were very nervous but they didn't let it stop them. They pulled out an awesome routine that earned them 2nd place. The crowd went wild. The J.V. squad came a long way, going through changes and many difficulties. In the end they won themselves a trophy and a medal and will continue to do so in the future. All the girls are proud of their accomplishments this year and are honored to call themselves Highland cheerleaders!
The squad finishes the cheer portion of their routine with a stunt.


Everyone gives attitude while performing the dance.
After attending cheerleading camp in early August, the Varsity cheerleaders were ready to work hard. Their efforts were readily rewarded on August 17 when the squad received first place in the large varsity division at the State Fair Competition in Springfield. The girls then won the Grand Championship defeating Triad. In November, they placed first at regionals in Pickneyville and qualified for the I.C.C.A. State Competition. At Mount Vernon, in spite of sickness and injury, the squad walked away with another first place. They continued to work hard creating and polishing a routine for State. At State, the girls performed a near flawless routine and won third place out of 27 teams. "Everyone worked very hard this season. I applaud them on an excellent year. God bless the seniors who always supported me." said coach Terry Aebischer.

At a basketball game, the girls concentrate while doing a stunting cheer.

Their bases stand sturdy as Molly Bergman and Meghan Growe pull bow and arrows.
The mental image of a strike is strong in Amy Landolt's mind.

Girls Bowling Results
Record: 11-2
Sectionals: 3rd

Boys Bowling Results
Record: 8-3
Sectionals: 3rd


Both the girls and boys bowling teams finished their fourth season victoriously. "It was an awesome season with a ton of team and individual records broken," commented Coach Wander-Vrell. The boys were led by captain Aaron Blake and ended the season with an 8-3 record. This accomplishment resulted in the team being named third in their division. They finished second in the Collinsville Tournament and concluded their season at sectionals where they came in third. The lady bowlers finished their season with an 11-2 record, placing them second in their division. They also placed fourth at the O'Fallon Tournament and third in sectionals. Leading the girls was captain Barbara Munie. Cassie Crockett and Katey Stanhaus qualified to compete in the state tournament. The team looks forward to their fifth season.
Voegele Studios
1012 Laurel
654-7291

Spring Sports
The seniors unite for congratulations after a first place finish.

Team Record
16-2

Carlinville
2nd out of 11

Roxana Relays
1st out of 13

County Meet
4th out of 7

Conference
2nd out of 6

Collinsville
3rd out of 9


Stephanie Gruender and Natalie Henschen give it their all.

Popeye's Chop House
17190 St. Rose Rd. 618-526-7369

Beckers Jewlers
917 Main St. 654-RING
Leadership is a very important quality in order to have a successful team. With eleven seniors, the girls track team was able to focus on the little things, such as improving their scores. With their mind set on winning conference, the girls never gave themselves enough time to catch a second wind at practice. Although they were runners up to Waterloo, they obtained one of their goals by defeating Jerseyville. When asked about the team's unity, Coach Cipicchio replied, “I was very impressed with the leadership and determination on the team this year. Since we are losing so many seniors this year, we are really going to need next years seniors to step up to the plate.” The girls then advanced to sectionals where Jenna Uhe qualified for state in the long jump, triple jump, and 200 meter dash.
Clearing the hurdle in perfect form, Justin Zobrist races to a first place finish in the 110 meter hurdles.


Team members prepare for their upcoming races.
With outstanding talent and unprecedented work ethic, the boys track team had a successful season. In his first year, Coach Giger led his team to a second place finish in the Mississippi Valley Conference and an impressive showing at the sectional meet. Though outnumbered by underclassmen, the juniors and seniors became leaders to carry the team through the season and strengthen performances. Junior Matt Rutz commented, “This year we learned to work together to improve our races. We developed our talent every meet and by the end of the season our hard work paid off.” Junior standout Lance Still advanced to the state meet in the 400 meters. The team hopes to build future seasons off the foundation formed this year and promising underclassmen talent.
The girls intently watch their teammates from the bench.

Team Record
6-5-3
Greenville W 1-0
CM W 2-0
Wescan T 0-0
Jerseyville W 1-0
Triad L 0-2
Mascoutah W 1-0
Jerseyville T 0-0
Waterloo L 0-2
CM W 2-0
Gibault T 0-0
Waterloo L 0-3
Mascoutah W 1-0


Andrea Santos shoves two opponents out of her way.
By: Nisa Korte

“I have been very impressed with the way the ladies have improved with each game. This year, they have played great defense and have taken advantage of situations to score when available,” said J.V. Coach Marks. Anna Skosky took advantage of these opportunities and finished as the leading scorer for the J.V. team. She is a freshman leaving her plenty of time to contribute more to the team. Skosky said, “This year soccer was even more fun than I thought it would be. If you have goals and dreams, make them come true.” Shanda Owens, goalie, and one of the juniors who will lead the varsity team next year as a senior, said, “Soccer is a great sport. I enjoy playing goalie and participating as a team. Plus it is a great way to meet new people.” Ending the season with a winning record makes next year’s season look just as promising.
The girls play well during this game.

Team Record
15-7-1

CM W 8-0
Wescin W 6-1
Jerseyville W 3-1
Triad L 0-3
Mascoutah W 1-0
Jerseyville W 2-0
Waterloo T 2-2
CM W 10-0
Gibault W 2-1
Waterloo W 2-1
Mascoutah W 2-0
Triad L 0-9
Greenville W 1-0


Team members congratulate each other after scoring a goal.
World Cup

By: Rebecca Davis & Jamie Worflar

The 2003 Girls Soccer team proved to be the best since the program’s inaugural season in the spring of 2000. They took second in conference and had twice as many wins as they did losses. Seven seniors completed their high school career claiming rights as the first class to complete all four years in the soccer program. They can leave knowing that what they started will live forever in the history of our school, and continue to flourish in the years to come. “It’s been a lot of fun! We’ve had our ups and downs this season, but overall I’ve been extremely pleased with what our team has accomplished this year. The girls have worked hard all season long and it has paid off. We lost some close games to good squads, but we pulled it together in the end to defeat some top ranked area schools,” stated Coach Baldus.

Jill Ash looks for an open player to create a scoring opportunity.

Sophomore Nicole Steinert defends a Triad midfielder.

Kayla Fields keeps the ball at her feet while being challenged by a Jerseyville defender.
Waiting for the serve, junior Jason Harsy focuses in on his opponent.

Team Record
9-3
Jerseyville W 7-0
CM W 7-0
Mascoutah W 7-0
Waterloo W 5-2
Triad L 1-6
Greenville W 9-0
Granite City L 5-4
Hillsboro W 9-0
MVC: 2nd
Centralia Sect: 4th


Mike Wellen races forward to volley the ball back.
The tennis team had a remarkable season winning their first eight matches before losing to Triad. They were led by number one and number two singles players, Tommy Schuette and Matt Pellock. Doubles partners Jason Harsy and Josh Ethridge were almost undefeated in the regular season. Harsy said about the season, "We thought that we would be devastated by the loss of a key player, but instead we fought through the adversity and became very close as a unit and very strong as a team." Coach Hirsch is happy with the potential in next year's team. They have been strong all year with only one senior in Tommy Schuette. The team placed second at the conference match. They will be returning their number two singles and number one doubles teams to next year's team.
After a pep talk, the team hustles to their positions on the field.

Team Record
5-8
Roxana W
Jerseyville W
Waterloo W
East Alton W
Breese Central W
Civic Memorial L


Michelle Peters concentrates on the ball as she attempts to bunt to get on base.
"This year's team was very versatile. They all played and learned many positions and situations. This versatility will help the future of the program," stated Coach Cryder about her young J.V. softball team. The team was composed of three sophomores and ten freshman. Even with the inexperienced underclassmen, the team gave their best effort at every competition. Most players got to experience a variety of positions. Having the opportunity to learn to play the different areas of the field improved the team as a whole. They began the season a bit shaky with a few losses but their determination and strengths carried them through the rest of the season without too many problems. Overcoming the disadvantage of little experience brought the team together for a memorable season.
On her toes, Alisha Parker waits for the upcoming pitch.

Team Record
Wood River
W 12-4
Centralia
W 2-1
Mascoutah
L 1-4
Wesclin
L 2-1
DuQuoin
W 3-2
Jerseyville
L 4-2

Front row: Miller, Rozum, Becker, Gramlich, Parker.
Second row: Iberg, Pender, Miller, Brendel.
Last row: Gunter, Everett, Miller, Diesen, Maedge, Tift, Kohnen.
Snapping the wrist, Angela Becker swings her bat with force.
By: Hsiaolei Miller

Struggling in new positions, the varsity maintained its composure with solid defense throughout the year. Of the five returning starters, only three players came back to their original position, leaving seven underclassmen to pick up the rest of the slots. The pitching mound was tackled by youngsters as well. Shannon Everett and Courtney Miller each split the games. The team pulled itself through many tight situations, forcing the opponents to leave runners stranded. As Coach Kohnen summarized, "This team is made up of a group of hard workers who truly support one another and worked to benefit the team as a whole. Each girl understood her role and contributed to the team with great dedication to the sport. The seniors have done an excellent job of providing leadership through example and will be greatly missed."
Stretching for the ball, first baseman Eric Bellm attempts to make the play.

Conference Scores

Waterloo W 12-0
Triad W 3-2
Mascoutah W 5-0
CM W 7-6
Jerseyville W 9-7
Waterloo L 13-12
Jerseyville W 5-3
CM W 9-8

Executing the small things to win ball games is what Highland baseball has become notorious for, and this year's J.V. baseball team set out to do just that. Under the second year of coaching by former player Nathan Rueter, the boys were more than prepared for the tasks ahead. Winning more than 15 games was a standard not reached by a J.V. team in quite sometime, and this group accomplished it with ease. Offense was a big part of the team’s success. Dusty Schalenberg commented, “Since the beginning of the season, we have been hitting the ball around a lot more. This makes the game less stressful and more fun to play.” Combined with pitching from club ace Chris Wilkinson, this team was a tough club to beat, and they will contribute readily to future varsity seasons.
The infield discusses strategy during a game against Waterloo.

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Front row: Ilges, Van De Voorde, Schauster, Plocher, Potthast.
Middle row: Bellm, Haukup, Rose, Barker, Sandberg, Ulrich.
Senior righthander, Aaron Griffith, strides forward to make his next pitch.
Baseball Tonight

By: Dane Barker

The Varsity team had to replace many of the key players from last year’s team; however, they proved that through hard work, determination and paying attention to the little details of the game, they could experience success of their own. After starting out 1-4, the boys bounced back to win twelve of their next fifteen games. Anchored by seniors Trent Schauster, Michael Ulrich, Aaron Griffith, Josh Sandberg and Dane Barker, the team improved with every game and was a team to be reckoned with by the end of the season. They ended the regular season with a record of 20-13 and received a six seed in the Granite City Sectional. The boys drew Collinsville as their first-round opponent in the regional which was played this year on their own field.
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115 Executive Dr.
654-2070

E! Entertainment
Brandon Adair, Brittney Gillespie, and Matt Rutz display their service at the Senior Citizen Prom.

Dancing the night away, Dane Barker, Jason Sallee, Michelle Maedge, and Mike Ulrich do the bunny hop.

With the induction of 35 new members in the fall, the Highland Chapter of the National Honor Society began a full year of activities. In April, members contributed to the annual Senior Citizen Prom. They finished the year with the spring banquet held at Michael's restaurant.

The boys admire Marilyn Monroe.

Megan Gaehle and Natalie Schuster show the crowd their fine dancing moves.
By: Nicole Taylor

LifeSaver girls huddle in front of their cabin in Dubois, Illinois. Feeling exhausted, Mike Landolt tries to squeeze in a quick nap.

LifeSavers has made a dramatic shift in their program this year. With 22 student leaders and over 300 kids involved, they accepted the challenge of training one third of the high school.

Amanda Zeller and Amanda Klaus dress similar for the day.

LifeSavers play clean-up after finishing their meal.
EMTs work hard to save Jordan Howard.

The Highland Coroner and funeral directors prepare to move Katherine Potter's body to a stretcher.

Hair Works
808 Broadway 654-6260
Members turn the gym into a Shanghai Night. President Sarah Frey organizes the group for their next service project.

Service defined the activities of student council this year. In the fall, the members transformed the high school gymnasium into a Shanghai Night. Then the students raised money for St. Jude's Hospital in the child cancer department. Volunteers donated hours on end to help out the community.

Jackie Tamboer and Raafi Marshi relax near the elegant Chinese tower.

The students post donation flyers from their latest project.
Scott Wessel and Adam Vosholler carefully begin dissecting the newborn piglet.

Jenna Rapien, Ashley Volluz, and Michael Ruebhausen slice open the specimen.

Brittney Done and Lydia Corn study the pig. Challin Meink rushes to her seat before the long bus ride.

Thirty-three students participated this year in Saturday Scholars. First, they visited the Ames Institute to dissect pigs. Next, they attended an aviation presentation at Parks College. The last two Saturdays were spent at O'Fallon High School viewing demonstrations on hypnosis and The Big Bang Theory.
Chris Stephenson and Josh Sandberg examine their medals. The W.Y.S.E. team shows off their awards.

Not quite the weakest link this year, the W.Y.S.E. team was able to start off on the right foot. The team competed in science and engineering in 14 subjects on the different levels; regional, sectionals and state.

Adam Dolezal accepts his award.
Kelly Feder smiles as she is honored with a ribbon.
Searching for
Bobby Fischer

By: David Meyer

Ben Rogier records his last move and prepares for his next.

Team members concentrate on their games.

The chess team put another great year under their belts this season. Junior, Matt Frey was crowned as the IHSA state champion. "The boys worked hard all year long and it paid off," stated Coach Cipicehio. "We were happy to have such a successful season."

With victory in his grasp, Marshall Todt studies the board to make sure he misses nothing.

Mike Erard contemplates his next move.
Josh Sandberg keeps score at the Granite City match. The varsity squad huddles together to be the first team to ring in for the toss-up.

Chris Stephenson ponders a difficult question. The JV team anxiously awaits to buzz in.

With only six members on this year's Varsity scholar bowl team, they proved that quality, not quantity, matters. They were coached by Mr. Uhls and Mrs. Watts, and once again had an exceptional season. Thus, their motto is fitting, "We have already forgotten more than you'll ever learn."
This year's Model U.N. represented a variety of different countries. In preparation for their annual conference, held at McKendree College, they practiced their debating skills and discussed many relevant issues pertaining to their countries.

Chris Stephenson and Keri Bryant attend the Model U.N. Banquet.

Model U.N. members arrive at the annual conference.

Brittany Leathers stops on her way to a Model U.N. event. Jeff Mason proudly shares his award with the group.
Hollywood²

By: Megan Gaehle


During their season, the Math Team saw 17 representatives compete in contests such as the Southwest Math Conference at SWIC and the Greater St. Louis Area High School Excellence in Mathematics held at St. Louis Community College. The team had four top finishes for the season.

Hsiaolei Miller practices for a competition. Math Team members individually solve challenging problems.
Michelle Schrumpf and Teresa Dickman serve drinks at the banquet.
Eric Frohn holds down a wagon full of sticks.

With membership larger than ever, the FFA participated in many activities. From conferences to competitions, members got the opportunity to experience agricultural programs and fields. Senior president Jason Schmitz stated, “I have learned a lot being involved in the FFA and I will miss the fun times I have experienced.”

President Jason Schmitz prepares to address the crowd at the FFA banquet. Kayla Zobrist and Brock Talleur show chicks to grade school students.
Show Me HHS

By: Jamie Worflar

New students are welcomed at a luncheon on Freshman Day.

Ambassadors get creative during tours on Freshman Day.

Everytime a new student arrived at HHS the Ambassadors were there to show them around. This year consisted of Freshman Day, Freshman Orientation, and working concession stands. Ms. Daniels said, "Ambassadors represent the best of Highland High School. They help new kids by making them feel welcome, showing them around, and getting them involved."

New students wrap themselves like mummies.

Ben Shea helps raise money.
WorldLink TV

By: Michelle McClellan

Sarah McWhorter lights a candle as she is inducted as an officer into JILG.
Tom Burton and Jenny Boeser wait while practicing for the induction ceremony.

From raising money to preparing for their future, the Jobs for Illinois Graduate (JILG) class worked hard this year. One of their challenges this year was planning their induction ceremony. JILG was in charge of JAWS week and helped promote voter registration for eligible students.

Evan Downey is inducted into the JILG program as vice president. JILG students wait as the ceremony comes to an end.
The students involved in FMCC help the American Red Cross put on the blood drive. Michelle McClellan anxiously waits her turn to give blood.

FMCC gave students a chance to experiment and participate in medical activities. One activity they put on was the blood drive to help the American Red Cross. Students also attended four guest speaker presentations where they were informed about medical careers.

Kiley Bolen turns in her registration after giving blood. FMCC members patiently wait to hand out door prizes.
Art club members create masterpieces with Crayolas. Taking a break from her work, Molly Aschleman accepts her bottle of paint door prize.

With freedom of expression in mind, the art club drew up a lot of controversy this year. In a new project, students created and placed their artwork around the school for student commentary. Although some didn’t agree with the artist’s vision, the students showed a revived interest in art.

President Ellyn Cox draws the next winner at their meetings. The group relaxes while creating with their Crayolas.
The group gets together before a poverty simulation. Members from various schools take a picture for their sponsors.

A leadership-building retreat started out the year for the five members of Focus St. Louis. This year students focused on diversity and tolerance of people less fortunate than themselves. Also, these students worked on building leadership skills and creating new friendships.

Britney Gillespie and Jamie Worflar relax at the retreat.

Jeff Mason and Brittany Sexton participate at the Senior Citizen Prom.
Destination: Mexico

By: Nicole Taylor

The girls get comfy after a long day in Chicago.

A group of Spanish students relax after dinner at the Rainforest Cafe.

This year the Spanish club had many opportunities to practice their bilingual skills. Whether it was eating dinner at Ramon’s or walking the streets of the Pilsen District in Chicago, the students experienced the Latin culture.

Kate Kampwerth and Rachel Bennett model Frida Kahlo’s picture.

Feeling hungry, these girls devour their appetizer.
Jarrod Stetina and Andrew Fitzpatrick show off their “French style.” Foreign language students prepare to board the plane for their trip to Europe.

The year began early for the foreign language students as they went to Europe during the summer. The club members enjoyed their time in France. When the year officially began, president Andrew Fitzpatrick was overthrown by Jessica Marchetti.

The Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower were main attractions for the students while in France.
True Stories

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Teachers were presented with a new challenge this year as they switched gears to accommodate block scheduling. Class periods were thirty minutes longer and teachers taught six classes apiece. Ms. Kay expressed her thoughts by saying, "I'm confused; is it red day or black day?" With the increase in classes, the teachers also had an increase in the amount of grading and lecturing they had to do on average. According to Mr. Birkner, "I can't seem to figure out how there is less classwork but more paperwork." However, block scheduling has presented teachers with the opportunity to expand their curriculums and even teach new courses like women's biography, civil war, and stagecraft.
Vicky Buehne. Special Education
Kathy Burns, Art
Dianne Bush, Special Education
Ted Cipicchio, Business
Chris Clemmons, Agriculture
Tiffany Conzelman, English

Michelle Deets, Foreign Language
Margie Duncan, Math
Chris Durbin, Tech. Lab
Matt Elledge, Special Education
Eric Frankford, History
Dawn Frey, History

Cynthia Garcia, Home Economics
Karen Gauen, English
Gail Geib, English
Nancy Genterman, Librarian
Christy Golder, Science
Jody Harrison, Physical Education

Gina Hirsch, Science
Tim Hirsch, Aide
Larry Jones, Agriculture
Barbra Kay, History
Patrick Keeney, Special Education
Tamara Kohnen, Science
Brenda Korte, Special Education
Beth Linner, Aide
Susie Martz, English
Deborah Massey, Math
Steve Moore, History
Linda Nelson, English

Jim Nickerson, Tech. Lab
Jeanie Probst, Math
Jodie Ramsey, Science
Lori Ruebhausen, Chorus
Karen Rust, Speech Pathology
Joe Schaefer, Industrial Arts

Don Schmitz, Agriculture
Dawn Steiner, Special Education
Todd Strong, History
Katie Thompson, Math
Deanna Timm, Special Education
Karen Twyford, Foreign Language

Max Uhl, Math
Bob Vance, Business
Sarah Voegelman, English
Henry Vogelman, History
Diane Voss, Aide
Hilary Wagenblast, Foreign Language
Whose Line Is It Anyway?

By: Nicole Taylor

Chris Robards is the center of attention, when the girls try to win his affection. The supporting actors crew is intently watching for their cue to begin their skit "True Colors."

Scoring many gigs this year, Miss Julia Daniels said there is only one way to describe her actors. "We had a neat group of dedicated kids who worked beautifully together." With many seniors graduating, Vip Supporting Actors are recruiting.

Supporting actors get creative with end poses for their skit. Heather Trelow signs I love you to the audience.
The class of 2006 overcame the obstacle of block scheduling just as triumphantly as any other class. “I was afraid of adjusting to both a new school and a new schedule, but after a couple of weeks, I got used to it and I actually like it better,” said Alyssa Potthast, the vice president of the freshman class.

The freshman have already had a few accomplishments as underclassmen: winning the powder-puff football game and claiming third place with their class float. With three years remaining in their high school career, only more success can be expected to come.
Briana Holloway
Adam Holt
Audrey Hooks
Courtney Howard
Garrett Hoyt
Douglas Hubbard

Dakota Huey
Tabitha Isaak
Jamil Jaber
Rick Johnson
Brianna Kampwerth
Michael Kapp

Patrick Kernan
Kattie Kidd
Jeremy Kloss
Thomas Kloss
Briana Klostermann
Thomas Knapp

Tiffany Knebel
Danny Korte
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Two down and two to go was the main thought in the minds of the class of 2005. No longer freshmen and not yet upperclassmen, the sophomores were stuck in a rut with no end in sight. As the year began, the sophomores participated in the Homecoming float competition, flag football, and in many other activities throughout Homecoming week. They worked a concession stand during the winter and had a Trivia Night in the spring to raise money for their added expenses. Prom was in the minds of the officers while they were trying to raise money. Next year will entail a great deal of effort and money when prom rolls around. With many sophomores earning their licenses, keys brought new thrills and greater freedom.
Kyle Kennedy
Johnny Kleinhoffer
Alissa Klostermann
Joseph Knecht
Ashley Koethe
Anita Korte

Matthew Korte
Danielle Krieter
Eric Kuegler
Whitney Kurz
Laurie Kusterman
Leslie Kusterman

John Laesecke
Amy Landolt
Christopher Landolt
Alison Langley
Mark Lawson
Trevor Leabo

Russ Lentz
Jessica Lowe
Travis Luettjohann
Daniel Luis
Cory Luujohan
Heather Lux
Shannon Ramsey  
Lyndie Randant  
Jenna Rapien  
Heather Ray  
Tim Redway  
Trrisa Riedelberger  

Kyle Reiman  
Chelsea Reimer  
Matt Rench  
Danielle Rensing  
Ashley Reynolds  
Aaron Ripperda  

Christopher Robards  
Ryan Robinson  
Justin Rode  
Amanda Roe  
Jennifer Rogier  
Ashley Rosborough  

Brandy Rose  
Jonathan Rose  
Thomas Rose  
Tara Row  
Michael Ruebhausen  
Dustin Schallenberg
The junior class of 2004 won the most prestigious homecoming award, the spirit stick. They dominated the float competition en route to an easy victory. It was a difficult transition from sophomore to junior year for many reasons. The first of these was block scheduling. It was a new challenge for the students because classes were extended from 55 minutes to 90 minutes. They also had to adjust to having their classes every other day. For the first time in high school, the class had to take standardized tests. The ACT and Prairie State Exams were an accepted task by the junior class. The year was capped off by the junior/senior prom in April that was put on by the juniors. The juniors looked to seize every academic opportunity before they headed off to their final year of high school.
Robert Eilers
Shari Eilers
Kymberly Eley
Valerie Elliott
Michelle Elsberry
Christine Erard

John Ernst
Travis Esmon
Joshua Ethridge
Katie Evans
Stephanie Ferkel
Shellie Fields

Ronald Forehand
Douglas Frank
Justin Frank
Aaron Frey
Brett Frey
Corey Frey

Matthew Frey
Megan Friedel
Megan Gaehle
Krystal Gantner
Benjamin Garcia
Amanda Garner
Micah Hull
Kalen Iberg
Laura Iberg
Kyle Ilges
Robert Ishum
Sarah Jaber

Andrew Jackson
Danny Jackson
Andrew Jacober
Blake Jakel
Danielle Jakel
Justin Jorgensen

Jordan Kamm
Christina Kampwerth
Courtney Kampwerth
Ned Kampwerth
Dustin Keeven
Larry Kerman

Justin Kleinhoffer
Ashley Kloss
Chad Knebel
Tyler Knebel
Nicholas Korte
Jamie Laesecke
Walking the halls of HHS for their final year, seniors prepared for college life and the work force. Seniors lived up to the expectations of a blue-ribbon school by outscoring all other area schools in the Prairie State Achievement Exams that were taken last March. Senior Natilee Cave stated, “I love being in the class of 2003. I mean, what other class has 17 valedictorians?” While adjusting to block scheduling, seniors got the opportunity to take more elective classes. They were able to prepare for post-high school life by taking classes such as foods, clothing, and home repairs. After observing this year’s class for the past four years, it is very evident that these young men and women are the stars of tomorrow.
Tara Gaffner
Katrina Garcia
Heather Gauen
Nancie Gause
Kyle Gehrig
Garret Gelly
Julia Genreman
Jessica Gilomen
Joseph Girer
Ashley Gombos
Andrew Gregurich
Shandi Greve

Aaron Griffith
Stephanie Gruender
Catherine Hammer
Lindsay Hanlon
Stacy Hayden
Janelle Hecht
Chad Korte
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Nisa Korte
Sha Kuegler
Mallory Kunz
Michael Landolt

Nicole Lane
Stephen Linenfelser
Michelle Maedge
Michael Maine
Matthew Malisia
Jessica Marchetti

Jamie McCaw
Laura McClellan
Adam McFain
Brent McKinnon
Sarah McWhorter
Brandon Merkle
Gregory Todd
Matthew Todt
David Trame
Kristine Tucker
Joshua Uhls
Michael Ulrich

Mark Varner
Valerie Vosholler
Brandon Voss
Amanda Walsh
Christina Washburn
Thomas Welge

Leah Wellen
Christina Werner-Schu
Heather Wernle
Scott Wessel
Todd Wessel
Katey Westcott

Janna Wheat
Kristen Wiley
Patrick Wilson
Rebecca Wilson
Amy Wise
Iris Yang

Thomas Yates
Caleb Youngman
Amanda Zeller
Todd Zobrist
Eric Zurliene
Jamie Zurliene
Nicole,
Congratulations, Nicole! No matter where life takes you, you’ll do wonderful things. We’re proud of you and we love you.
Mom, Dad, Tom, Sarah, Derrick and Ailee.

Crystal,
You have made me so proud, from your role as head wench at the Madrigal dinners to your proud smiling face as color guard captain and all the other roles you’ve entertained with. But more than all these performances sharing these last four years, good times and bad, watching you grow into the beautiful young adult you are today has been priceless. Keep God in your heart; he will guide you in your future.
Love, Mom

Kelly,
“I have taught you the way of wisdom. I have led you in the path of virtue. When you walk, your steps will not falter, and when you run, your feet will not stumble. Keep hold of wisdom and guard her, for she is life.” Adapted from Proverbs 4:11-13
Kelly, congratulations on each accomplishment from spelling bee winner to National Merit.
Love, Mom and Dad

Sarah,
Congratulations! I want to let you know how very proud I am of you for all your hard work. I am excited for your future and wish you the very best. You are the most wonderful daughter any parent could wish for. Thanks for eighteen wonderful years. Always remember I love you and will always be there for you.
Love, Mom

Nisa,
Time FLIES.... and we've enjoyed every minute! Your creative sparkle shows in everything you do—from the card you made us, to the stories you write, and the videos you direct. We can’t wait to see what happens next. Always believe in yourself, and know that you are loved more that you can imagine. Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, & Danny

Caleb,
We are so very proud of you son; you are now truly becoming a young man. Reach your dreams and your goals and enjoy life every day to its fullest. Keep up the great work!
Love Always & Forever
Mom and Dad
Rebecca,
Congratualtions to a wonderful daughter and sister! We are so proud of you. Always keep your great memories of band and good times with friends. May your future bring you much success and happiness, and may all of your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rachel and Hannah

Ashley,
Congratulations Ashley. We are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished. Your self-confidence and strength will serve you well in all your challenges that lie ahead. We love you and we will always be there for you.
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Tim and Tracy

Chad,
'2003-you'll be free'
Thank you for being a wonderful son, brother, and uncle. You have always shown us a strong personality, ready to understand us and help us to understand you. We love you for who you are.
Love, Your Family

Josh,
We've seen you grow from being a good kid to a good man. your future is as bright as your smile. We're very proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jason,
We wish you only the best as you take the next step down the road to success. We couldn't be prouder of you for all you've accomplished. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Kristi

Katrina,
Our family has been through so much since your youth and has had to make so many changes. Let all you have learned and experienced from this be your strength in your future. It all has truly helped in making you the wonderful and beautiful person you are today. We are so proud of you and will help you accomplish every dream and goal you set for yourself.
Love You! Your Family
Kate,
As you graduate here are some memories to reflect on. Your first day of kindergarten. Your first dance recital. The countless performances and trips with Sunshine Singers. Then, all of those performances at the Muny, and singing with the Muny Kids and teens. Onto Poms, local plays, the Wizard of Oz, choir, Cabaret, Madrigals, and finally Maria in West Side Story. I'm very proud of you and who you've become. Good luck in the future.
Love, Dad

Dane,
We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments during your high school career! You have been a fantastic son, and brother! We've enjoyed watching all those baseball games through the years. Continue to keep Christ first in your life!
Love, Mom, Dad, Janae & Lauren

Derek,
Congratulations Derek. Your accomplishments through high school are many. The opportunities before you are endless. Work hard and don't compromise your values. Keep the faith.
We love you.
Dad, Mom and Jeremy

Kate,
Congratulations Kate! You always have a smile on your face and see the best in everyone. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished in high school. We hope your future will be full of happiness and success.
Love
Mom and Dad

Steven,
As Maya Angelou once said, "The nights of work, the hours of hope amount at last to this day of joy. You have arrived." You are our dream come true! As your life unfolds always remain faithful to God, hold family dear, enjoy laughter with friends, be true to yourself, and make the most of each wondrous day. Best of luck at the University of Missouri-Rolla.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Joel

Stephanie,
We are so proud of you. We have enjoyed watching you at HHS. Thanks for sharing so much with us!
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, & Allison
Leah,
Our ‘baby’ is not a baby anymore. Congratulations on your graduation and college scholarship. May all your dreams come true!
“Keep it in the short grass”
Love,
Mom, Dad, Adam, & Trisha

Brandon,
Thank you for the love and joy you’ve brought into our lives. We’re very proud of your accomplishments, but more importantly, of the fine young man you’ve become. Remember the four things that never come back: the spoken word, the spent arrow, time past, and the neglected opportunity. Always put God first and He will take care of everything else.
We love you.
Dad, Mom, Britani, and Rachel
Proverbs 3:5-6

Ashley,
WOW, what a privilege these last 18 years have been. We can’t wait to watch your future! We truly admire the beautiful lady you’ve become. You are so much fun! Thanks for the incredible journey so far.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Brittany, and Lia

Michael,
Congratulations! We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments. Success is definitely in your future. Aim high!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Zach

Erin,
To a wonderful daughter, sister and grand-daughter:
Erin, we love you and wish you the best in college. Reach for the stars and remember, “There is a destiny that makes us brothers, None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others, Comes back into our own.” - Markham
Love,
Mom, Dad, Michael, Grandma, Grandpa, Grammy and Grampy

Jackie,
The last, “the only”, and the baby, best wishes from all your “teachers.”
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jenny, Julie and Jessica
Scott,
Best wishes for a bright future. We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Dani and Suzi
Go Fighting Illini!

Natlee,
Congratulations! We're so proud of you and all you have accomplished. The high standards you set for yourself were well worth it. As you begin your college adventure, we wish you the very best. We know you'll do well. Always keep God in your heart, your caring spirit, your beautiful smile and your future will bring you happiness and success. Have fun at Harding University!
Love, Russ, Mom, Galli, Devon, Caymon, and Emmalee

Jessica,
We share in your joy and happiness as you reach one goal and prepare for another. We watch in anticipation, as a rose before it blooms, to see all the positive differences you will make in this world. Congratulations sweetheart. You have done well. As one chapter closes, another begins. Know always that you are loved and supported by your family.
"Behind every sunset is a sunrise waiting to happen..."
Love, Mom

Amy,
You're a very special person and the light of our lives! You mean so much to us and your smile lights up the world. As you graduate and go out into the world, our thoughts and prayers go with you. We want God's best for you and may you always seek His guidance and direction for your life.
We love you and are so very proud!
Mom, Dad and David

Best wishes John!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Annie, Dan & Mandy

Chelsea,
Congratulations! You are a very special person who has touched our lives. We are so proud of you for all the obstacles you have overcome. Cherish the memories and may your future bring you much happiness and success. Remember we love you very much and will always be here for you. As daddy’s baby girl, you have made your father very proud and he is your very special guardian angel.
Love,
Mom, Melissa, And Tiffany
David,
“Still round the corner there may wait, A new road or a secret gate.”
JRR Tolkien
Congratulation and best wishes!
Love, Mom and Dad

Julie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you and wish the best for you in the future.
Love, Dad, Mom and John

Kyle,
Congratulations! We’re proud of you! Set your goals high, work hard and follow your dreams!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Bryan and Ashley

Elizabeth,
It is here already. We are so proud of you. We wish you success and happiness in your future plans. You are a terrific daughter and sister. We love you and we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Steve, and Stephanie

Bryant,
YOU MADE IT! We wish you the best of luck and all the happiness one can hope for in everything you do. Always remember that we love you very much and that we will always be there for you!
Your family,
Mom, Dad, Christine & Brigette

Trent,
Congratulations!
You have created a scrapbook of memories for us to have the rest of our lives. We hope your future will be full of happiness and success. Believe in yourself and fulfill all your dreams.
Love, Mom and Dad
Chelsey,
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you, not only for what you have accomplished in High School but what you have become. You have grown into a wonderful, loving, caring, young lady. We know your determination and hard work will accomplish everything you want in life. We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness. Good luck in college. We will always be here for you. Thanks for the memories.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Shae

Eric,
We are so proud of you! Your love of history comes through everyday you put on your French Marine uniform. We are so lucky to have you as a son and brother. We know whatever you do, you will be a great success.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Ryan

Shandi,
Congratulations and best of luck. We are proud and know you'll go far.

Love,
Grandpa Len, Lisa, Collin, Ashley, Chris, Erin, Dana, Maria, Andrew, Mom, Charles, Greg and Jean

Heather,
Congratulations for four spectacular high school years! You made us proud. Our love and prayers go with you to U of I

Love you, Princess,
Dad, Karen, Bethany and Chris

Melissa,
Congratulations to a wonderful daughter. I knew you could do it. I'm very proud of you. May all your dreams come true. I wish you all the best of luck and happiness in everything you do.

Love always,
Mom

Sarah,
You have had a memorable four years at HHS with friendships, teachers, Student Council, band and classes. May the coming years be just as memorable and as rewarding for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aaron, Kelsey, Kayle and Adam
Brooke,
Congratulations! You knew what you wanted and worked until you got it. We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Breanne, Alyssa and Kara

Heather,
The leader of our family. You do more than just play—you inspire, you excel, you climb above the rest. Good luck with your goals and all you do.
Love,
Mom, Brett and your sisters

Shandí,
We are so proud of you! We want to wish you the very best of luck in your future. Congratulations! We all love you!
Mom, Ashley and Andrew

Andy,
You have brought great joy in our lives. Your love of music, your humor, your kindness, and your love of God will be forever etched into our hearts and minds.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Alex
Rom. 5:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him.”

Stacy,
You mean so much to us and we are so proud of you. You’re a special daughter who has filled our home and our lives with joy. God has blessed you with wonderful gifts. Don’t be afraid to reach the stars, chase your dreams, trust the Lord, and may the love of God fill your heart and bless your life.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Natalie,
You’re a terrific daughter and your entire family is extremely proud of all you’ve accomplished. We love you bunches!
Mom, Mike, Ani and Devon
Sarah,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. You are very special to us. Good luck in the future. Always remember to keep God first in your life, through Him all things are possible.
Love,
Mom Dad, Kristen and Jenny

Nazlee,
You are an extraordinary person and a wonderful daughter. Since I can remember, you have always been outgoing and very thoughtful of others. I couldn't be more proud of you and your accomplishments. You have become a beautiful young lady now and are moving on to a new life and I know you will attain all your goals as long as you keep the Lord first in your heart. I love you!
Dad

Ann,
Four years of high school have passed so fast and we have watched you grow and mature into a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of the fact that you have maintained a high grade point average, which kept you on honor roll for four years. College will be a big commitment the next four to six years and we will support you the whole way.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Caleb,
Congratulations! We love you,
Mom and Dad

Matthew,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We're so proud of you. Keep the faith and you'll go far.
We love you,
Mom, Danny, Nic and Mike

Jennifer,
No matter where you go or what you do you will always be our little princess. We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. We know you will go far and do well.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kyle and Oatmeal
Barbara,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! The memories you have will last you a lifetime. You have worked hard and accomplished so much already that we have no doubt you will succeed in the future.
Good luck in college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Christi and Gerald

Matthew,
Congratulations and good luck! I'm proud of you and I know Grandma would be too!
Love,
Grandpa Koehnemann

Rhonda,
You've grown into a beautiful and strong woman with a mind of your own! We are so proud of the person you've become and all your accomplishments. Remember that hard work and dedication are what achieve success! Good luck in Carbondale and we love you!
All your family and friends

Matthew
Congratulations, Good luck and God bless. We love you!
Dad, Grandma Scheibel, Nic and Mike

Stephanie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished these past four years. Best of luck at University of Illinois and in the future. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Chris and Alex

Lacey,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. May each day in your new journey bring you closer to all that you hope to achieve and all that you hope to become.
We love you,
Mom Dad and Abby
It is line-up time as the Class of 2003 prepares for the graduation processional.

Kyle Korte is all smiles as he waits for the processional to begin.

Seniors do their last "sign-in" in preparation for graduation as the final roll is taken.

"Friends, Always in My Heart" is sung by the 2003 Senior Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Lori Ruebhausen.
Excellent weather marked graduation on Sunday, June 1. The band under the direction of Mr. Mike Allen provided the processional and recessional. Mr. Burgett made the valedictorian and salutatorian awards, and Mr. Carmitchel presented the Class of 2003 pictured below.
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