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"Can you count three legs for this race?" asks Ryan Barr and Blake Jakel.

"I will sing Thee a melodee from under a tree," chants Madrigal singer Megan Gaehle at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

"Nighty-night to you and all of our friends," giggle Emily Lewis, Breanne Zitta, Sarah Jaber, and Katey Stanhaus.

Reporting the news are Courtney Howard and Ned Kampwerth live from WDOG 10.

The Iris staff dedicates this year's book to the students of Highland High School. Whether player or spectator, officer or member, musician or listener, all students made their marks on our school.
"I'm not stupid, guys!" said Todd Bergman.
This year, students were involved in a variety of activities both during and after school hours. The Madrigal Dinner, the Spring Musical, Homecoming, and the Fall Play were just a few events that took place. Although students packed their schedules with jobs, friends, and homework, they still found time to make valuable contributions to these activities.

“What a job! Shopping for prizes for post-prom is such a challenge, but someone has to do it,” states Raechel Holtgrave.

“Not too many know that the first five Presidents of the United States did not have a middle name. Just a bit of trivia,” adds Scott Short, a member of the Scholar Bowl.

“I lost a bet,” quips Jenna Uhe.
“There’s too much drama in this school. If you want to act go to Hollywood. I’ll see you there,” said Patricia Thomas.
At this year’s homecoming, partygoers danced in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower and truly felt like they were in Paris, the city of love.

"The most memorable moment was having a great time hanging out with my friends."
Before cheering for the girls at the rival powder puff football game, the bicycle brigade had some fun of their own.

While playing a game of musical dots, Tim Marville shoves Julie Lamb out of the way.

Seniors gather on a truck bed to watch the parade.

Jamie Worlar and Stephanie Hartlieb show off their beautiful gowns for friends and family.
King and Queen: Brittany Sexton & Lance Still

Junior Court: Thomas Rose, Emily Zitta, Jason Zobrist, Sarah Beck, Chris Robards, Kateyn Cuninngham, Clint Kapp, Christina Conrad, Dustin Shallenberg, Ashley Sobiech, Curt Zurliene, Christy Trame

Sophomore Court: David Degge, Leah Dennison, Jeremy Bardill, Natalie Henschen, Chelsey Ernst, Brad Short, Alyssa Potthast, Nick Hanna

Freshmen Court: Billy Watts, Amy Zurliene, Joey McCubbins, Kaylee Potthast
2003 Senior Homecoming Court

Julie Bickline & Kyle Ilges
Emily Lewis & Patrick Goeke
Coren Weis & Lance Still

Adrienne Branger & Dusty Keeven
Danielle Poehling & Jason Harsy
BreAnne Zitta & Justin Kleinhoffer

Shellie Fields & Drew Aebicher
Brittany Sexton & Ty Shelton
Patricia Thomas & Alex Plocher, Master and Mistress of Ceremonies
Travel back in time to the Kingdom of Highland High School, and let us regale you with tales of another successful Madrigal Dinner and our journey to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

“I got to meet new people, dress in drag, and I’ll consider flunking senior year just to do it all over again!”

“Madrigals has been one of the most exciting experiences of my high school career. Weeeeee!”

At the Madrigal Dinner, Lindsay Fieker battles a rogue feather on Chris Stephenson’s hat.

Singers delight dinner guests with a song.

By: Ashley Rosborough
The madrigal singers intrigue their audience with songs of love and laughter at Divinci’s Crane.

Andy Boostrom, Jeanna Cryder, and Tom Pruett partner up for the next song.

Brian Hardas and Trevor Leabo carry in the flaming figgy pudding at the Madrigal Dinner.
MADRIGAL
Our Town

Under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Vogelman, Our Town was performed on November 20, 21, and 22 at seven o’clock in the Kennel. Megan Sylvester was the production stage manager.

Larry Kernan

“My pants ripped and we had to staple them shut for the show.”

Sarah Jaber

“I almost killed myself when I tripped leaving the stage.”

Scene changes kept play roadies busy.

Rebecca Washburn touches up Brian Hardas’ makeup.

By: Michelle McClellan
George Gibbs looks intrigued by his sister, Kate as she explains an unusual letter the townspeople received.

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Near the play's end, townspeople gather for a wedding.

Megan Sylvester concentrates to make sure everything goes well with the set.

A frustrated Emily thinks before speaking to George.
Godspell, starring David Degge as Jesus and Scott Mans as Judas, is a blast from the past, teaching Highland just how groovy Jesus, his disciples, and the Bible can be.

Tony Pellock
“It was a good show... especially since I was in it.”

Liz Robinson
“I had a rockin’ time in Godspell, and it was definitely an awesome show! I enjoyed my role, and especially enjoyed getting to know the rest of the cast.”

Judas, played by Scott Mans, gives his scarf back to Jesus as he prepares to betray him.

The disciples stand above the adulteress, Megan Gaehle, preparing to stone her for her sin.

By: Ashley Rosborough
Disciples Tara Mans, Valarie Starbuck, Megan Gaehle, and Leah Dennison pledge their devotion to Jesus, played by David Degge, in "By My Side."

Laurie Nobilette seductively spreads the word of God in "Turn Back, Oh Man".

Interpreting the Bible into song, Liz Robinson sings a solo in "Light of the World".

Valarie Starbuck, Liz Robinson, Jordyn Noones, and Ashley Rosborough create a spectrum across the ramp.
Highland High students kept themselves very busy after school. They played for the hockey club, attended FCA meetings, and worked a variety of jobs.

Brittany Sexton

"I really enjoyed being an FCA leader this year, because I met a lot of new people and shared a very positive experience with them."

Kyle Ilges

"The hockey season was alright, but we could have used a little more determination. It was good to always have a sixth man out there skating with us."

Adrienne Branger spends her free time working out at the Korte Recreation Center.

To kick off another year, the FCA leaders join together in fellowship and religion at the fall banquet in Belleville.

By: Emily Lewis
Megan Porter cheerfully answers the questions of customers at Korte Construction.

While cleaning tanning beds at Energy Aerobics and Tan, Tyler Shelton manages to maintain a smile and keep the customers coming back for more.

Students pose in front of Carlyle Lake before participating in the Polar Plunge.
"Putting together a daily news broadcast can be stressful," says the TV and Radio class.

"I hate waiting for the bell to ring," says Aaron Frey.

"It is easier to learn my lines in a reclined position," replies Jake DeNap.
Megan Augusto enjoys a moment of peace and quiet between classes.
Whether it be painting, drawing or sculpturing, those who chose to take one of the many art classes, showed their creative sides through their art work.
For the kids studying Spanish or French, it isn’t just about learning the language, it’s learning the culture as well.
The Marching Bulldogs brought home first place at the U of I again this year. They also took a trip to Disney World to march in the "Spectro Magic" parade.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Wilson thoughtfully enjoy their time with Mickey Mouse on the marching band's Disney World trip.

Awaiting step-off, Brittany Miller, Jaime Dewaele, and Mallory Plocher stand at attention.
During the homecoming parade, Michael Ruebhausen, David Degge, and Kevin Frey keep the band in the groove.

The Marching Bulldogs proudly gather in front of the Magic Kingdom.

Colorguard member, Brittani Adair, performs skillfully.

At the Murphysboro Appletime Festival, Katie Rausch and Emily Gaehle warm up with the drumline.
CONCERT BAND

Kaytlin Reedy

"In Concert Band we get to play a larger variety of music and it is much more calming than marching band."

Allie Reutiman

"Mr. Wilson has made this year a lot more fun than I had ever expected!"

During second semester, the band was divided into concert, symphonic, and jazz bands. They practiced and performed various pieces of music.

Symphonic band members show off their skills at a concert.

Practicing for upcoming concerts, Allison Gruender and Angie Kealey play their French horns.

By: Jamie Worflar
Lydia Corn and Jessica Leathers perform for parents and friends. 

The Bulldog Marching Band at Walt Disney World.

Playing their flutes, Raafi Marshi and Jennifer Rogier practice a new piece.

The concert band flute players perform at the winter concert.
Chorus was one of the few classes where students had the chance to perform what they learned at three concerts during the year.

Ann Hedtkamp

"Chorus is a really cool experience. You get to sing all different types of music and have fun doing it."

Raney Church

"My favorite part of chorus is all the different types of people who join."

Megan Sylvester casually waits for the next song to begin.

Betsy Gause and Rebecca Washburn help out by grading papers.

By: Emily Zbinden
The boys from the bass section, Thomas Pruett, Chris Stephenson and Andy Boosten work on the song.

Warming up their voices Allison Niggli, Calli Cave, Ann Hedikamp, and Nichole Steiner get ready to sing.

Preparing to sing, Leah Dennison corrects her posture.

Jason Fillingim and Laurie Nobilette groove with the music, while Jeff Carpenter tries to hold back his laughter.
Many students filled their time writing poetry, reading and analyzing novels, and creating projects for their English classes.
History, a well respected subject, filled the minds of aspiring students wishing to learn the past of the world.

To keep her students interested, Mrs. Beyer shows pictures of historical events.

The AP Economic students are eager to answer Mr. Holt's question.

Excited by the information just given, Trevor Leabo smirks at his teacher.

Patrick Kernan tries to stay awake in his history class.

Dominic Durbin places the right president in place for Ms. Kay's game.

With a wave of his wand, Mr. Holt tries to imitate a fairy.

By: Courtney Kampwerth 35
"Whether people think math applies to life or not, I certainly think so. Why, with all the money I aspire to make, it's a good thing Mrs. Watts taught me how to count!" joked Jamie Baker.
Leaving time for fun and games, Dylan Stock and Kyle Reiman slowly finish their lab.

As she applies fire to a gas filled balloon, Angie Kealey steps back to give herself room.

Sarah Essenpreis and Angie Kealey research elements for their chemistry projects.

Leaning in to get the best view, Amy Sudhoff and Danielle Rensing experiment with light.

Nathan Walter assists Ashley Sobiech and Sarah Rose with their chemistry lab.

Jamie Baker and Holly Boekout study the Periodic Table.

SCIENCE

Back by popular demand, Chemistry II has worked its way back into the curriculum, broadening science options for students.

By: Ashley Rosborough
Getting a drivers license was important to every student. Learning the rules was the only way to achieve that goal. On your mark, get set, go!

Ms. Harrison not only teaches Driver's Ed, but is also a P.E. teacher at Highland.

Driver's Ed students are eager to learn the laws of the road.

Dan Horrell and Jessica Perigen drive after school to earn hours for their license.

Officer Twyford talks to the students about driving under the influence of alcohol.

Brandon Hall, eager to participate, waits to give some safety rules.
WELDING

This year’s welding class carefully created sculptures. Now geese, dragonflies and giant spiders grace the grounds of the high school.

Nick Rickli quickly welds together his final project.

Here is their latest sculpture, a mobile designed to spin when the wind blows.

Sparks fly when the welding class takes turns cutting aluminum posts.

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C.J. Couch and Josh Marti sit on top of their giant metal spider.

Mike Mueller and Rob Zbinden show off their ladybug.

With a blowtorch ready, Kyle Turner prepares to light the grill for the end-of-year barbeque.

By: Justin Kleinhoffer
Dr. Baker agreed with Jon Bon Jovi in saying, "Passion not pedigree will win in the end." It was the department's motto throughout the year.
In each home economics class, students learned practical skills. Ms. Garcia said, “These classes teach students about real life in a fun and enjoyable way.”
With editors Liz Robinson, Raechel Holtgrave, and Aaron Frey leading them, the Bulldog Bulletin Staff put out a fantastic school newspaper for the second year in a row.

"This class was definately an experience. All the different personalities in the room made newspaper really fun to be a part of this year."

"There is only one word to describe newspaper class: CRAZY!"
Lookng through their article, Emily Zbinden and Ashley Rosborough figure out how to make it better.

Performing her editor duties with much concentration, Liz Robinson proofreads another staff member's work.
With the experience of last year’s yearbook class and the enthusiasm of new faces, the yearbookies put together a fun and interesting yearbook.

Jamie Worflar

"Yearbook was time consuming, and took hard work and dedication."

Emily Dyer

"This year’s yearbook was a lot of hard work, but it came together well."

During spring cleaning, Joel picks Poe’s nose.

While working on her layout, Michelle stops to ponder her next caption.

By: Justin Kleinhoffer
After a long day of picture taking, cropping, and caption writing, some yearbookers just can't hack it.

Julie Bickline helps the team out by cleaning off the editing table.

While in the editing room, things get heated when Sam Tebbe and Mrs. Martz have an all out brawl.

Megan laughs with a sigh of relief as she turns in her finished layout.
"Warming the bench is part of the game too!" exclaims Kaylee Potthast.

"I enjoyed being out on the golf course everyday. It gave me a chance to relax," states Matt Miller.

"We had a great season and we can only get better," adds Megan Baer.
Those of us who ran at MVC, ran our hearts out. I only wish their efforts could have been rewarded more fully," contemplated Morton.
The JV football team kept their winning tradition alive with another successful season. With some thrilling victories over tough conference opponents, they rounded out the year with a very respectable 6-3 record.

"This year’s JV team was a great group of young men to work with. We battled hard every week for a 5-2 record."
Coach Keeney

"Our season was really great. We had a lot of key wins and beat tough opponents."
Jake DeBourge

During half time, coach Keeny gives words of inspiration.

By: Justin Kleinhoffer
In the big game against Centralia, quarterback, Brett Lewis starts a drive with a hand-off to the tailback.

Team Record:

- DuQuoin: 0-6
- Decatur MacArthur: 28-0
- Centralia: 23-8
- Bethalto: 21-7
- Jerseyville: 21-7
- Waterloo: 18-0
- Mascoutah: 19-16

The football team finished its best season since 1989 when it made the Final Four. This year, the team won two playoff games and advanced to the Elite Eight. They also finished second in the MVC losing a heartbreaker to Jerseyville for the title.

"This team achieved at a higher level than any other team I have ever coached."
Coach Hooker

"This football season taught me many life lessons. I learned from my coaches and teammates that no matter what happens, if you never give up, good things will come."
Lance Still

Coach Hooker speaks to an exasperated but excited team after a key conference win at Civic Memorial.

Wideout Joel Bradley awaits the snap and try to anticipate the Civic Memorial defender's movements.

As his linemen prepare for the snap, quarterback Dusty Keever calls the cadence.

By: Joel Bradley
The student body charges the field to celebrate the victory over rival Triad.

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* denotes conference game
The football cheerleaders used their energy to propel the football team into the third round of the playoffs this year. They also practiced weekly, organized pep-rallies, and attended Saturday morning JV football games.

"I had the pleasure of working with a great group of girls this year and am excited for next year."
Coach Capelle

"I had a lot of fun cheering for the football team this year because they had such a great season."
Alysha Zang

The girls form a circle of friends before an intense night of cheering.

By: Emily Lewis
With balance and grace, Ashley Anderson and Grace Shaw perform difficult stunts and use signs to pump up the fans.

"Cheering for the football team was awesome and I loved cheering with my friends."
The JV soccer team started out with a new coach and some new faces this year. The young and the old came together to work hard and have some fun. This past season gave them valuable experience for next year.

"The JV squad came to practice everyday ready to learn and work hard. Even though their season record does not reflect it, they had a successful season."
Coach Smith

"Even though we didn't have a great season, I still had a lot of fun playing soccer this year."
Darrin Watts

During a conference match, Aaron Box and a CM player lose sight of the ball.

At their last home game, Coach Smith encourages the boys to play their best.

While attempting to pass a Civic Memorial defender, Bryan Gilomen dribbles the ball.
Brock Alldredge moves to open space for Aaron McColough to create a scoring opportunity.

**JV Soccer Team Record:**

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Front Row: A. Alvarado, A. Box, B. McDonald, A. Schumacher, B. Alldredge, A. Zobrist, S. Hammond
With a tough non-conference schedule to overcome, this year's team learned some tough, but important lessons. They finished the year 6-15-2, and had some underclassmen gain essential experience that will contribute to future success.

"We had a lot of great kids who played hard, but often came up short. We fought hard in every game, and I feel that our record didn't accurately reflect our performance."  
Coach Durbin

"We had a lot of fun, although, on the whole, we could have had a better season."  
-Kyle Van De Voorde

Tyler Knebel perfects his juggling skills before entering the game.

Robby Zbinden attempts to keep himself warm during a brisk fall game.

Fighting for possession, Adam Zobrist leans into his opponent.

By: Tyler Shelton
Clint Bellm meticulously dribbles the ball away from a defender.

Varsity Conference Record:

- Bethalto CM: 1 - 4
- Triad: 1 - 1
- Jerseyville: 3 - 0
- Waterloo: 0 - 3
- Mascoutah: 1 - 3
- Bethalto CM: 5 - 3
- Triad: 0 - 2
- Jerseyville: 1 - 3
- Waterloo: 0 - 3
- Mascoutah: 1 - 1

Despite many injuries during the season, the team achieved a record breaking season with 20 wins and placed first in conference. They ended the season competing for the regional title.
Some of the varsity members relax and talk before their big game.

Varsity Team Record:

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Front Row: C. Gramlich, C. Weis, C. Diesen, E. Zitta
Second Row: D. Maedge, A. DeGroot
Third Row: B. Zitta, C. Trame, K. Gantner, T. Isaak, T. Miller
Back Row: Coach D. Frey, M. Mallia, J. Lamb, J. Cryder, Coaches T. Beyer, J. Murphy,
The JV team started out strong and kept a steady record throughout the season. Cayle Weis, Emily Zitta, and Jeanna Cryder used their experience to lead their team. Their overall record was 7-9.

"The girls were a great group to coach. They made my first year as a coach very enjoyable."
Coach Frey

"I'm looking forward to another great season next year. I will really miss all the seniors."
Emily Zitta

In preparation for the next game, the girls stretch.

During a shag break, Kaylee Potthast and Amy Zurliene look to the crowd.

By: Julie Lamb & BreAnne Zitta
The bench players watch and cheer for the next victory.


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The boys golf team finished a successful season this year. They placed second in conference with a 12-8 record. The team had strong leadership from their five seniors, and Matt Miller came close to advancing to the state competition.
After chipping the ball close, Justin Rozum prepares for his putt.

Tournament Results:

- Alton Invitational: 7th
- MVC: 4th
- O'Fallon Invite: 6th
- Edwardsville Invite: 2nd
- Centralia Invite: 12th
- Regional: 9th

Front Row: D. Hertzberg, J. Rozum, L. Toennies, L. Henrichs, S. Short
Middle Row: D. Descher, K. Frank, M. Miller, P. Goeke, B. Jake
With the loss of four seniors last season, the girls golf team was faced with a rebuilding year. They pulled together to win their 7th consecutive MVC title. Rebecca Davis and Jackie Franzen completed their season at Sectionals.
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While preparing to sink an important putt, Abby Hediger concentrates on the shot.

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This year's cross country teams had successful seasons. The girls' team was led by Natalie Henschen and Allison Semanisin, while Matt Rutz and Daniel Luis took charge of the boys.

"I could have the worst day, but they would still make me laugh at practice." 
Coach Iberg

"Go together, fight together, win together!" 
Allison Semanisin

After a successful meet, Matt Rutz and Melissa Hempen congratulate each other.

To get ahead, Nic Weiss and Tim Redvay stick together.

Listening to some tunes, Justin Zobrist relaxes after a long meet.
Evan Danner strives to pass two Edwardsville runners.

Varisity Cross Country:

Meet          Boys      Girls
Granite City  8th       -
Tiger Fall Cls. 4th       -
Peoria Inv.    22nd      31st
Wesclin Inv.   1st       4th
Edwardsville   4th       -
Hancock Inv.   5th       19th
Troy Traid     1st       -
Mad. Co.Chmp.1st 4th       -
Centralia Inv. 2nd       9th
Miss. Valley   2nd       3rd
Mt.Vernon Reg.1st 6th       -
Edw. Sectional 10th -

The 2003 girls tennis team began the season with a match against the O'Fallon Panthers. The girls pulled off a great season and created a notable reputation throughout the conference for future seasons.

"This has been a really great experience for me. The girls worked hard and made me proud to be their coach."
Coach Krause

"All the girls were really nice and the season was a lot of fun. I can't wait for senior year!"
Audra Gall

Number one doubles team, Kiley Bolen and Adrienne Branger, and number two doubles team, Danielle Poehling and Erica Conrad, have a minute of relaxation during an exhausting sectionals tennis practice. Erica and Danielle took first place in the number two doubles slot at the tournament which was hosted by Highland.
Kelsey Heidbrink, Megan Baer, and Jessica Lange pause for a shot while preparing to whip up on future opponents.

Varsity Conference Record:

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"I liked wrestling, because it's fun, we work hard, and we like to win," says Blake Ohren.

"I'm hoping for a strike. If not, a spare will do," jokes Kelsey Leitschuh during a bowling match.

"Performing at basketball games gave us a chance to perfect our dance technique," reminisces three senior varsity dance team members.
"We had a lot of injuries, but we all came together as a team and still had a good year," Ami Caniff recalls.
Under the leadership of yet another new coaching staff, both JV and varsity had several obstacles to overcome. However JV would prove to be up to the task. They managed a winning record and ended 7-3 in conference.

"The best thing about JV was beating the Varsity almost every time we scrimmaged."

Brett Lewis

"This group exhibited a lot of character. We had a great group of Juniors to make up a nucleus where each kid put the team first, anytime you do that, you will have success."

Coach Strong

Under heavy pressure, Eric Bellm looks for an outlet.

Nate Walter surveys the floor waiting for an open man.

After a 6-0 run by Sacred Heart Griffin, Coach Strong calls timeout to get the boys regrouped.
With the game on the line, Brock Talleur prepares to sink a free throw.

Despite a poor start, the hoopsters closed the season strong. After starting 1-4 in the conference, the team kept working hard every day in order to finish out the rest of the conference games with a 4-1 record. This put them in 3rd place.
Many Bulldog defenders attempt to box out the more athletic opponent from Westport Edison Academy.


5-5 in MVC
3rd place

Civic Memorial 42-45
Mascoutah 43-64
Triad 25-33
Jerseyville 59-50
Waterloo 46-51
Mascoutah 45-41
Waterloo 49-43
Jerseyville 53-52
Civic Memorial 56-66
Triad 54-51

Regional:
@ Triad 45-48
Starting out a little slow, the JV team ended strong with a winning record in the conference. "Anytime you finish undefeated, that means the program is headed in the right direction" stated Coach Hartlieb.

"I really enjoyed working with the girls, and I'm looking forward to a good program next year."
Coach Hartlieb

"The experience this year will hopefully help me see playing time next year."
Tabitha Isaak

Playing good defense, Rachel Wilson denies her player their shot.

Caitlin Diesen eyes up the defense before making her move to the basket.

Tiffany Miller stays with her player on a fast break away.

By: Julie Lamb
Before the break, the team listens to the coach's last instructions.

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Overall: 11 5
The Lady Bulldogs had a strong season with a winning record of 16-13. They ended their season by winning five out of their last seven games. Christy Trame accomplished a rare achievement by scoring her 1000th point. The team earned 2nd place in Conference.
Krystal Gantner and Allison DeGroot accept their 5th place trophy at the Mascoutah Invitational.


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These 19 girls practiced, hung out, and performed together. They executed a great routine at Highland regionals and finished the year with a flawless routine at the state competition.

"One thing I have enjoyed while cheering this season is the chance to meet new people."
Valerie Small

"Cheering in high school is different than middle school, because we have a lot more responsibility to find materials for our routine."
Emily Gaehle

Crowd involvement is one of the squad's most important jobs.

Kelsey Gantner gives all her energy to the routine.

Lia Sexton shows us her muscles while doing sidelines.

By: Julie Bickline
Practice makes the routine perfect for state competition.


At practice, Bridgette Michael pulls a beautiful heel stretch.
With high goals and ambitions, the varsity cheerleading squad set out to have a great season. Although there were many injuries, they still received first place at the Pinkneyville regional, and fifth place at the state competition.

"One thing that I look forward to next year is the opportunity to be a leader." Dominic Durbin

"One thing that I have learned this season that will help me with next season is the dedication and the ability to work hard." Kattie Kidd

Super CDA leader, Derik, helps teach new stunting techniques.

While performing their ending dance at the State competition, the girls give the crowd attitude.

Before cheering, Shellie Fields, Lainey Hanlon, Dominic Durbin, and Ashley Reynolds work on their appearance.

By: Megan Diesen
At the end of the routine, the girls strike their pose and know that they gave it their all.
The JV dance team began their season at the ASC summer camp. There, they received first place for their routine and a bid to regionals. Their dedication throughout the season paid off to two first place finishes at state.

"For the second year in a row, the JV dancers had an undefeated regular season. The ladies worked hard this year to add technique to both of their routines."
Ms. Conzelman

"This year was so much fun. The team really came together and accomplished a lot."
Ashley Elliot

By: Coren Weis
After pom practice, the girls are captured in a “Kodak” moment.


Ashley Deibert expresses her attitude towards the crowd during a home basketball game performance.
The varsity dance team worked hard this year and, once again, had an outstanding season with another state championship. Their hard work and dedication definitely paid off as they kept up the legacy of success.

"I love being the coach of the dance team. The girls are fun to be with and inspire me with their talent."

Coach Deets

"As a team, we learned what it takes to maintain a strong, talented, and unified squad. I couldn't have asked for a more exciting and rewarding senior year."

Tricia Thomas

Christina Conrad demonstrates her excellent flexibility and sense of balance during one of their competition routines early in the season.

By: Adrienne Branger
Performing a pom routine for judges is one of the squad's best skills.
Wrestling

1...2...3... Down for the count. Wrestling is a timed sport where every second counts. Team members learned to nimbly execute maneuvers and holds to score points.

“Wrestling is the hardest sport that I have ever played.”
Dustin Garner

“Wrestling is fun and cool.”
Justin Hunt

Clint Conrad holds his opponent in a death-like grip so he doesn’t try to escape from his grasp.

Forcing his opponent to the floor, Clint Conrad is dominating the competition.

Dusty Garner manages to take his opponent to the floor.

By: Sarah Jaber
In a ground position, Blake Ohren brings his struggling competitor down to his level.

Team Record:

- Centralia 49 30
- Effingham 60 12
- Pickneyville 42 38
- Belleville W 20 52
- Wood River 45 30
- Civic Memorial 26 45
- O'Fallon 29 40
- Collinsville 30 43
- East St. Louis 54 21
- Mascoutah 41 38
- Alton 18 53
- Jerseyville 55 6
- Mt. Olive 53 24
- Litchfield 34 39
- Vandalia 16 54
- Hillsboro 23 31
- Murphysboro 23 52

For the first time since the bowling team has competed in IHSA the boys and girls teams were both represented at the state finals. Cassie Crockett placed second at sectionals to earn herself a state trip, while the boys placed 16th at state.

"Sectionals was awesome! Making it to the state competition was a great achievement for my senior year!"
Nick Korte

"Bowling in a different bowling alley was hard, but overall it was a good season."
Tim Galbiati

The girls bowling team makes a pyramid after winning a crucial match.

Mick Berneking reaches out trying to pick up the spare.

With great determination, Tyler Wilke gets a turkey.
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Highland, IL 62249
618-654-6283

After completing his follow through, Michael Ruebhausen hopes for a strike.

Team Record:

Boys:
11-1
2nd Sectionals
16th State

Girls:
5-4
3rd Sectionals

Front Row: K. Stanhaus, A. Niggli, A. Hediger, E. Gehrig, L. Hodge
Third Row: J. McCubbins, manager, N. Korte, M. Ruebhausen, C. Landolt, D. Ripperda, J.
Branch, P. Stille, Asst. Coach Schrumpf
Back Row: Coach Wander-Vrell, T. Galbiati, T.
Weis, J. Maxwell, T. Wilke, M. Berneking, B. Pruett
After a great game, bus rides aren't that bad," proclaims Lauren Stieb.

"I've got it! I've got it!" promises a concentrated Garrett Schmidt.

"Now that's how you hit a homerun," brags Dustin Schollenberg.
"I love to run! Sometimes I even like practices," states Alyssa Reiman.
BASEBALL

The team proved this year that they would be ready for the varsity team in years to come. A big win over Triad helped them achieve a winning season with the MVC record of 5-4.

"Catching for Hoyt this year was great. I think we played well together."
Nick Hanna

"Good fielding, catching by Hanna, and big hitting by Bardill helped us win so many games."
Garrett Hoyt

Jeremy Bardill prepares for a play at third base.

Waiting for the pitch, Matt Decrevel keeps his eye on the ball.

Winding up for the pitch, Garrett Hoyt hopes to throw a strike.

By: Katey Stanhaus
Standing on second base, Michael Wiedner looks for an opportunity to steal third.

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Middle Row: G. Hoyt, C. Arcynski, B. Sellers, B. Gustin, N. Weiss
Back Row: J. Bardill, R. Sautman, I. Post, M. Chapman, N. Hanna, M. Wiedner,
Coach Houchins
We had our highs and lows, but that only helped unite us and shape us into the team we wanted to be.

Chris Bellm

Getting off to a 10-1 start, this year's team looked promising to say the least, but due to a record 8 rain-outs, they would fight to preserve another 20 win season. However, they still managed an extraordinary season by pounding out a record setting 26 home runs, and took second place in conference. This was the best offensive team Coach Hawkins had ever coached.

Catcher Joe Dickman shows his good form by blocking a short pitch.

By: Tyler Shelton
Scooping up a ball in the dirt, Thomas Rose saves a potential extra base.

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Middle Row: J. Missey, C. Bellin, A. Plocher, K. Ilges, T. Shelton,
            C. Wilkinson
Back Row: Coach Barr, Coach Weigand, E. Bellin, A. Frey, J. Dickman,
          B. Stoff, Coach Hawkins
The JV softball team had a successful season. They bonded together very well as a team, and it showed in their performance at games. Although there were losses, there were just as many wins.

"We had a very successful season due to the hard work and dedication of the athletes."
Coach Gunter

"The season was very successful with a lot of key wins against tough opponents."
Kayla Kurrle

Chelsey Ernst gets her arm ready to throw out the runner as Carissa Boxell watches in the background.

By: Megan Diesen and Adrienne Branger
Awaiting the arrival of the ball after it is released by the pitcher, Brittné Zobrist is ready for anything.

Team Record:

- Mascoutah: W
- Triad: L
- Jerseyville: W
- Waterloo: W
- Civic Memorial: W
- Mascoutah: W
- Triad: L
- Civic Memorial: L
- Jerseyville: W

Front Row: K. Kurrle, A. Motyka, C. Boxell, B. Zobrist, A. Bircher
Middle Row: M. Malisia, M. Robbs, C. Ernst, L. Leitschuh, L. Barker
Back Row: Coach Kohnen, R. Wilson, H. Potthast, T. Isaak, L. Hobbs, K. Leitschuh, Coach Zika, Coach Gunten
Varsity Softball

The softball team had a lot of talent this year but unfortunately their record did not prove this. The girls put forth a good effort day in and day out. They only lost two seniors, so the girls are looking forward to a good team next year.

"Our two seniors this year truly led by example and will be greatly missed next year."  
Coach Kohnen

"Sometimes the lesson is learned with a moral victory not actually winning the game."  
Kalen Iber

Shannon Everett follows through on the pitch.

Down and ready, Alisha Parker waits for the next strike.

The team huddles on the pitcher's mound for a quick pep talk.

By: Julie Lamb
After getting the sign from Coach Kohnen, Cara Gramlich waits for the pitch.

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Seniors Matt Pellock and Jason Harsy led the boys through a great season. With more wins than losses, the players finished with a winning record and second place at MVC.

"It was a great season and I enjoyed coaching such a great bunch of guys."
Mr. Hirsh

"This season I enjoyed the practices that we played super shot."
Matt Pellock

Making an accurate shot, Alex Alvarado gets the ball off his side of the court.

By: Julie Bickline
Jason Harsy lines up the ball and the racket before he hits it across the court.

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Back Row: G. Schmidt, M. Pellock, D. Watts, J. Harsy, C. Robards, Coach Hirsh
IRLS SOCCER

With new faces and some help from upperclassmen, the JV girls soccer team had a great season this year. They came together nicely and worked well with the ball. They showed this by winning three of their last four games.

"Maturity best describes this team. These girls never gave up and improved with each game. I am very proud of these young ladies."

Coach Marks

"I had a really great time playing soccer with these girls. We learned a lot as a team this year that will help us in the future."

Lauren Stieb

Goalkeeper Emily Vincent is set to save a ball during a pre-game warm up.

Team members get together before the second half of a game to say a quick cheer.

By: Jamie Worflar
After a game against Civic Memorial, team members congratulate the other team for a game well played.

Front Row: L. Steib, N. Steinert, E. Vincent, A. Toennies, A. Crandall
Middle Row: A. Reutman, A. Donnelly, C. Stahl, C. Mesle, S. Cagle
With the experience of leaders from previous years, including third year captain Jamie Worflar, combined with the inexperience of the many new faces, this year’s team almost pulled off a 500 season.
Kayla Fields passes the ball to Amber Schwend in order to escape the pressure of the defense.


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Many students brought their talents to the boys track team this year. They were successful in both running races and field events. Our runners placed second at Sectionals and 16th at State.

"We had a good group of kids this year. Matt Rutz was a great leader and the future looks promising for the years to come."

Coach Strong

"The season was a success in the aspect of performance and the outlook for the future is positive."

Matt Rutz

Mark Hempen uses the support of his teammates to steam ahead of his opponents.

By: Sam Tebbe
Exhausted runners attempt to cool off after a race.

Team Record:

Boys:
11-1
2nd Sectionals
16th State

The girls started out their season strong. They placed third in the county meet and came just a few points away from second place. They also broke three school records and tied two.

"The girls made some great accomplishments this year, including breaking some school records."

Coach Cippichio

"This year was really exciting. I loved hanging out with the girls and I will really miss them next year."

Sande Munie

After some laps around the track, Emily Zitta cools down.

Jenna Uhe jumps her farthest during the triple jump.
While warming up, the girls talk strategy.

**Girl’s Track Record:**

- **Team Record:**
  - 45 wins 14 losses
- **County meet:**
  - 3rd out of 11 teams
- **Carlinville**
  - 2nd out of 10 teams
- **Roxana Relays**
  - 1st out of 11 teams
- **Collinsville Inv.**
  - 4th out of 9 teams
- **Conference**
  - 3rd out of 6 teams

GROUP DYNAMICS

"You've got to love these guys!" exclaims Dusty Keeven.

"Hockey was great this year, because I was on the team, of course," Ned Kampwerth teases.

"Improvising as Little Red Riding Hood in French class was a blast!" exclaims Danielle Rensing.
"I enjoy acting and all of the friends I make doing it," responds Ashley Vogt.
The Ambassadors helped out new students by familiarizing them to the school.

Ambassador Members

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1312 Mercantile Drive
Highland, IL 62249
654-9999

Weis Landscaping
1201 Pocahontas Road
Highland, IL 62249
618-781-1403
Dustin Schellenberg, Rachel Holgrave, Joe Dickman and Emily Lewis attend an NHS function.

Raafi Marshi enjoys some cake.

With smiling faces, Jamie Dewaele and Brian Hardas share a dance.

The NHS club held inductions and also helped with the Senior Citizen Prom.

Natalie Schuster stops for a snack at the dance.

By: Michelle McClellan
Livesavers worked hard to make a reliable and trustworthy club this year, training over 100 members to help students in difficult situations.

"Listening to Mrs. Thomas's commands was tough but was worth it in the end."

"This year was an all around great year. GO SCHOOL!"

Patty Keeven shows her silly side.

Emily Dyer, Ned Kampwerth, and Tricia Thomas share the love.

By: Courtney Kampwerth
The members of Lifesavers play a trust building game at their annual retreat.

Tyler Munie and Emily Dyer, leaders at the retreat, look for their groups.

After a Sunday leaders meeting, Doug Frank and Ned Kampwerth socialize.
At a horticulture contest, John Ernst observes his opponents' plants.

Future Farmers of America worked hard on various agricultural projects.

"FFA was the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I have learned so much from my teachers and classmates. Mr. Schmitz was a real big inspiration and a good influence. I'll miss it!"

Alii Semanisin

Looking proud, Lori Kusterman, Kyle Bohnensteil, and Leslie Kusterman show off their awards.

President Blake Welge speaks to his fellow FFA members.

FFA members worked hard to build a greenhouse.

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900 Hillboro Ave.
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Edwardsville, IL 62025
618-656-3500

By: Ashley Brueck
"SADD is a great club to be involved in for anyone who loves to help people."

Lydia Corn

This year’s SADD students discouraged their peers from making destructive decisions.

A group of SADD members discusses their plans for an upcoming event.

Enjoying some down time, Brittney Gillespie decides to catch up on some sleep.

Jamie Ashford and Katherine Potter prepare for the Senior Citizen Prom.


By: Ashley Brueck
Once again, the Spanish Club had their annual trip to Chicago to visit the barrios.

At the Rainforest Cafe in Chicago, six Spanish students wait for their table. Eating at the Cafe is an annual tradition for the Spanish Club students.

Tricia Thomas and C.J. Couch are Spanish Club officers.

Looking up Spanish words in his handy dictionary, Aaron Frey tries to finish his Spanish four homework.

Spanish students work hard to get their papers finished.
The German exchange student, Kerstin Keller, narrates the French play.

The rabbit, Brittney Gillespie, greets Little Red Riding Hood to make her feel at home.

The French Club put on "Le Petit Chaperon Rouge" for the first time in six years.

Matt Pellock and Danielle Rensing share their theatrical enthusiasm.

Enjoying the French theatrical performance, Nick Lanham, takes many pictures.

The grandmother, played by Jeff Mason, lies in bed not knowing that he will soon be eaten.


By: Courtney Kampwerth
The Future Medical Careers Club held their annual blood drive and had another good turn out.

FMCC member Megan Gowe concentrates as she wraps a present for the annual Adopt-A-Family.

Giving support to fellow FMCC members Sarah Essenpreis, Kim Eley and Coren Weis stand by while she gives blood.

Megan Diesen, BreAnne Zitta, and Sarah Nagel wait to sign in the next donors.

Nicole Holt comforts Liz Robinson during her blood donation.
**PLANETEERS**

Michael Gress and Michael Junge help the environment by collecting the recycled paper.

Mary Malisia, helps save the planet by recycling her Yoo-Hoo can.

Alyssa Eason and Michael Junge gather the paper to be recycled.

Jessica Zielinski and Patrick Brooks use their EL wisely by collecting the bins around the school.

Using all their strength to carry the recycling boxes, Steven Morris and Isaac Post help save the rainforest.

Back Row: R. Marshi, A. Gruender, M. Gress, L. Beard

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By: BreAnne Zitta
Mrs. Watts said “It takes dedication and work on the team. This year they were really successful.”

By: Coren Weis
“It was nice to get out of school and see the colleges we compete at.”
Sarah Beck

“It is good to see our students really shine against other schools.” said coach Massey.

Waiting patiently at the SWIC Regional are Chris Stephenson and Jamie Dewaele.

While waiting at McKendree Sectionals, Brittany Leathers and Betty Gu read.

Shanda Owens and Molly Aschleman stay busy while reading.

The team pulled off an amazing victory at the SWIC Regional.
CHESS TEAM

A trip to state for the chess team made the year worthwhile.

Nick Weiss takes some time out of his match to prove that it's good to be king.

A strategic move by Spencer Thomas stops his opponent from winning the match.

Ben Rogier moves his queen in an attempt to win the game.

Marshall Toft successfully captures a pawn to put himself in a checkmate situation.

Capturing the opponent's pawn, Frank Hoffman shows off his chess skills.

Owen Pye contemplates his next move to try and win the match.

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By: Katey Stanhaus
Wearing shorts on her head, Courtney Miller paints with great passion.

Angie Keal ey paints her art work very carefully to make sure it looks perfect.

Using his drawing skills, Tony Pellock works on his art project.

Leah Dennison takes a break from working on her art project in the comfortable metal chair outside of the art room.

"Being president of the art club has been awesome! I love being around Mrs. Burns and all of my friends!"
-Kaylin Reedy

Students and faculty enjoyed a variety of art projects showcased in the halls all year.

By:Katey Stanhaus
Mr. Uhls and Mrs. Watts coached twenty students through a winning season.

Brittany Leathers and Scott Short work together to solve a difficult problem.

Danny Schuette and Frank Hoffman show their exhaustion as the match comes to an end.

Scott Short cheerfully awaits his turn.

Frank Hoffman and Brittany Leathers strategize as they prepare to answer their next question.

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MODEL U.N.

A tough competition at McKendree brought an end to another year for our delegates.

Before the award ceremony begins, Jeff Mason and Aaron Rogier wait anxiously.

After receiving the country of France, Chris Stephenson explains his strategy to the committiee.

Aaron Rogier listens and takes notes on important issues.

Inside the McKendree College chapel, the Caucus begins for Michael Riebhausen.


By: Sam Tebbe
Focus St. Louis

Members interacted with students from the metro area to learn about diversity.

Mrs. Mertes and Lindsay Fieker drive to a monthly meeting.

During some free time, members get together to share some of their weekend experiences.

At the St. Louis City Museum, Jared Haukap hides inside one of the exhibits.

By: Jamie Worflar
While stirring her coffee, Audrey Hooks listens to Noel Paeth's comments on the group's current novel.

Russ Lentz presents a Steven King novel that he had been reading to the group.

Mrs. Gentleman explains an award given to a book club member.

While a fellow member discusses a recent novel, Brittney Gillespie and Betty Gu listen with undivided attention.

Members met for book discussions at the Coffee House every other month.

By: Jamie Worfar 133
The Business Professionals of America had a wonderful year in which they qualified 12 students for nationals.
Jobs for Illinois Graduates had an excellent year, placing seniors in jobs out of high school.

The JILG Student of the Year, Daniel Holloway, celebrates after the annual kick-off banquet.
Jared Haukap and his mentee enjoy a friendly game of Life.

"Being a mentor is such a great experience. It gives you the opportunity to be a role model to students who need a positive influence."

Amanda Garner

This year's mentors worked hard to become positive role models for younger students.

Front Row: S. Nagel, E. Zitta, D. Poehling, A. Garner  
Second Row: L. Kusterman, J. Denap, S. Essenpries, A. Sudhoff, J. Dewaele  
Third Row: T. Wilke, E. Bellm, C. Robards, J. Haukap, S. Hartlieb, T. Rose  
Back Row: M. Weiss, M. Scheibel, D. Keeven

Sarah Essenpries makes final preparations for a game of Wheel of Fortune.

Hard at work, Stephanie Hartlieb and her mentee show off their artistic talent.

Taking a break from their hectic schedules, Eric Bellm and his mentee play a little dodge ball.

By: Ashley Brueck
With great interest, Katie Duncan and Amy Sudhoff study an exhibit.

Courtney Duckworth and Britney Gillespie admire the boat exhibit.

Despite the long wait to see an exhibit, Karen Frank wears a great big grin.

"The sessions gave us the opportunity to take a look at subjects that are not usually talked about in our everyday classes."

Jaime Dewaele

James Bisbee and Zach Zobrist enjoy the scenery at Lewis and Clark

Saturday Scholars put their minds to the test and found out that learning could be fun.

By: Ashley Brueck
Supporting Actors

Lights, Camera, Action!
Budding actors performed in a variety of venues this year.

Natalie Okai, Ashle Vogt, and Jordyn Noones are busy talking on their phones during the play.

Julia Daniels is the sponsor for the supporting actors. She is in charge of all practices and performances. She is very proud of them because they have worked hard and she knows that they will continue into the future.

Front Row: Vanessa Austin, Emily Kloss, and Stephanie Hortsman
Middle Row: Emily Ford, Ashley Samolitis, Kristen Eveland, and Ashley Vogt
Back Row: Dominic Durbin, Tasha Corn, Trisha Gaffner, Chris Robbards, Scott Mans, and Patti Keeven

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Patti Keeven and Chris Robbards are acting as a comic duo on stage.

David Ragsdale, Vanessa Austin, Dominic Durbin and Tasha Corn are frozen on stage during play changes.

Ashley Samolitis and Chris Robbards pose while others move about the stage around them.
Courtney Howard, Brianna Kampwerth, and Jordan Howard are all active members of Student Council. They participate in many school activities and have fun while organizing them.

During Hawaiian week, flip-flops were very popular.

Members of student council ask important questions for the upcoming school events.

Student council has various meetings to discuss important events and different functions that they will provide.

By: Sarah Jaber
"Our day at Silver Lake was full of excitement and included a rock climbing competition, which I dominated," brags Joel Bradley.

"It was fun girls! We'll win next year!" promises Lauren Hobbs.

"I really enjoyed singing and watching Ruebhausen movies," choir member Kendra Lieneman states.
"I want this dress for our Formal project," proclaims Anita Korte.
FacultY

Andrew Carmitchel, Principal
Barry Thomas, Vice Principal
Steve Lanxon, Vice Principal
Liza Basden, Science
Tina Beyer, History
Christopher Birkner, Math

Erline Bretzlafl, Home Economics
Kathy Burns, Art
Chris Clemons, Agriculture
Tiffany Conzelman, English
Michelle Deets, Foreign Language
Margie Duncan, Math

Chris Durbin, Agriculture
Eric Frankford, History
Heidi Fredericksen, English
Cindy Garcia, Home Economics
Karen Gauer, English
Gail Geib, English

Nancy Genteman, Librarian
Christy Golder, Science
Jody Harrison, Physical Education
Gina Hirsch, Science
Ron Holt, History
Caleb Houchins, Physical Education

Barbara Kay, History
Patrick Keeney, Special Education
Tamara Kohnen, Science
Connie Krause, English
Beth Limmer, Special Education
Susie Martz, English

Deborah Massey, Math
Brenda Mertes, Science
Suzanne Meyer, English
Steve Moore, History
Linda Nelson, English
Jim Nickerson, Business
The Freshman class adapted well to the high school environment. With great determination for the future, the class of 2007 is sure to make its mark at HHS.

Freshmen flutists find there are some slow moments at the first pep rally.

After a long day of cheerleading, Ami Caniff and Brigette Michael take a break and have some lunch.

Gabby Still, Sara Dumstorff and Jana Cook take a break from working concessions at the football game.

By: Ashley Brueck & Michelle McClellan
"Sophomore year was fun, and I'm sure junior year will be just as exciting!" exclaims Amy Buckler.

"It'll be nice having the 'big britches' next year!" rejoiced Owen Pye.

"It was a great year. We had a lot of new experiences," stated Pat Kernan.

"Class with Mr. Schmitz was awesome!" proclaimed Eric Smithson.

By: Katey Stanhaus and Julie Lamb
In memory of Dexter Riechmann
September 30, 1987 - October 26, 2003

In memory of Lindsey Bricker
May 22, 1988 - April 5, 2004
Juniors

Dominating their junior year, the class of 2005 looks forward to their last year at HHS.

Grace Shaw portrays a bird in a French play.

Red Riot proudly stands behind their flag.

"Don't laugh, I picked it out myself," said Garrett O' Bryan.

As Christiana Conrad squats to catch a balloon, Ashley Sobiech lunges to make a toss.

By: Ashley Rosborough & Emily Zbinden
Daniel Luis
Cory Luitojan
Heather Lux
Dana Maedge
Scott Mers
Raafi Marshi

Joshua Marti
Richard Martin III
Amy Martinale
Meade Massey
Patrick Maurer
Joshua Maxwell

Chelsie McCarthy
Gregory McDonald
Challin Meink
Jordan Missey
Derek Morton
Sarah Nagel

Amy Nahm
Kelly Netemeyer
Brandon Newingham
Allyson Niggl
Joshua Noll
Garret O'Bryan

Christopher Odlie
Doryan Onstott
Noel Paeth
Daniel Plocher
Shane Plocher
Jill Pranalis

Ronald Price
Shannon Ramsey
Lynise Randant
Jenna Rapien
Heather Ray
Tim Redvay

Terrisa Reidelberger
Kyle Reiman
Matt Rench
Danielle Rensing
Ashley Reynolds
Aaron Ripperda
As 2004 closes, the seniors leave their mark on the pages of Highland High School history.

Molly Aeschleman relaxes in her hotel with friends during the Spanish Club's trip to Chicago.

Cooling off, Stephanie Hartlieb takes a drink during a marching competition.

Excited AP Economics students get involved in a class discussion.

Sarah Gross and Chris Stephenson rehearse for the Madrigal Dinner.

By: Jamie Worflar
Ian Comrie
Clinton Conrad
Holly Cook
Clifton Couch
Leslie Davidson

Rebecca Davis
Allison DeGroot
Jaime Dewaele
Megan Diesen
Rachel Dondero

Kris Duhachek
Emily Dyer
Amber Eilers
Robert Eilers
Shari Eilers

Kymberly Eley
Valerie Elliott
Michelle Elsberry
John Ernst
Travis Esmon

Joshua Ethridge
Stephanie Ferkel
Shellie Fields
Ronald Forehand
Douglas Frank

Justin Frank
Aaron Frey
Brett Frey
Matthew Frey
Megan Friedel
Sarah Tipsword
Susie Tipsword
Marshall Todt
Amanda Toussaint
Shawn Townzen

Heather Trelow
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

Tyler Wilke
Danielle Wilken
Bailee Williams
Shelley Williamson
Brandon Winfrey

Jamie Worflar
Eli Yates
Emily Zbinden
Robert Zbinden
Jessica Zielinski
Dear Adrienne,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments in high school — way beyond words! Here's to an amazing future!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Dear Leslie,

We've come a long way baby! It's been an amazing journey. We've laughed & cried, fought & forgave & learned so much about life, love, & relationships together. It has been & continues to be a pleasure & a privilege to be your mother. God blessed all of us richly when he brought you into this world. We love You so! "Dream Big & Dare to Fail!" Norman Vaughn

Mom, Dave, Tyler, Mr. Mueller, Isaac, Billie, Missy, Carrera, Taz, & Woggles.

Our Dear Katherine,

You are such a wonderful person! You have brought so much joy to us these past 18 years. Words cannot express the depth of our love for you. You are our bright & shining star on a cold, dark night. As you continue your walk in life with Jesus, may you feel the same joy you so generously give to others.

With Love Forever and For Always.
Mom & Dad

Dear Rebecca,

From Bulldog to a Wildcat!
"You go girl!"
We love you.
Mom & Dad

My son Scooter,

You have been so courageous over the years. You make everyone laugh and always try to see the good in things. Go and spread your wings, have fun, and be safe. As you go into the world remember, God is in control.

Love,
Mom

Chris,

You are a blessing. Our love and prayers are with you at Washington University.

Love,
Mom, Pat, Bethany and Heather
Dad, Vonda, Rachel and Ashley
Congratulations Matt!
We are so proud of you. You have earned a lot. We wish you the best as you go throughout life. Congrats on your achievements. We know you worked hard so keep succeeding.
We love you.
Dad, Mom,
Brenda, Brittany, and Kim

Dear Michelle,
We all love you. We are very proud of you. You are a very special, loving, and caring young woman. I am sure you will go far in your plans for the future.
With all our love,
Mom and Leonard

Katie,
We are so proud of you! You have accomplished a lot in the past four years. We know that you will succeed in the future. We love you and will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom & Stacie

Ned,
We are very proud of the responsible young man that you’ve become and of all of your accomplishments in high school. It has been a pleasure watching you develop your skills as a hockey player and a golfer. We wish you the best for your future.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Stevie!
We are so proud of the young man you have become!
Love
Mom and Dad
Sarah,
We wish you luck for your future. We know that you will succeed in life and accomplish many great things.
Love,
Mom and Jamil

Sandee,
We wish you the Best of luck and happiness in everything you do. You've accomplished so much the last 4 years. It's been fun watching you perform in your chorus concerts, track meets, the Cabaret and especially parades. With God in your heart, your beautiful smile, and loving personality, your future will be bright and successful. Wherever the road may lead you, always remember the way back home.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Gail, Mike and Paula

Robbie,
Congratulations! You did it! We are all very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in the years to come!
Love,
Dad, Mom
Jamie, Jackie, Russell, Ryan, and Wendy

Courtney,
To our most precious gift in life. Congratulations, We are so proud of your accomplishments and success in life. We are behind you 100% in your future decisions to continue on God's path. It will always bring you happiness. We love you so much.
Love,
Your Parents

Jamie,
Your bubbly personality, concern for others, and sense of humor have brought much joy to your family and friends. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. May God bless and guide you as you pursue your goals and dreams.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Jason

Congratulations Natalie! We are so 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 Kyle
Julie,
We admire your kindness, creativity, determination and hard work, but most of all, we admire your inner strength and your acceptance of people and things just as they are; nothing more, nothing less. We are so proud of you and the wonderful person you have become. We have truly enjoyed being a part of your life so far, and we look forward to the years to come.
We love you.
Mom and Dad

Emily,
We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished during the last eighteen years. You have proven what we have always known...that you can accomplish anything that you put your mind to. Good luck at college and we hope your future is as bright as the world you have made for us.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brett

Matt,
Wow! What a terrific young man you have become. Watching you and your friends grow and mature has been a wonderful time in our lives, thanks for wanting us to share in yours. I have often said with great pride "that's my son" or "I coached those boys" and though there were no state titles you and your teammates always showed class, determination and the willingness to learn. Those traits will serve you well in the future. Good luck to the Class of 2004, your journey is just beginning. We know you'll continue to make us proud!
Love,
Mom and Dad

BreAnne,
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. Keep up the hard work and a positive attitude and you will accomplish great things! May all your dreams come true!
Love you forever,
Mom and Dad

Tim,
Congratulations on each accomplishment throughout your years. We couldn't be more proud of you and all your hard work, like NHS and ISS. God has blessed you with wonderful gifts. We are proud of all the obstacles you have overcome and we have a scrapbook of memories to cherish for the rest of our lives. We have no doubt you will succeed in the future. May your future bring you much success and happiness and may all your dreams come true.
Psalms 32:8
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Nicole, and Joshua Warren

Congratulations! We are so very proud of your high school accomplishments. Your success is only a small indication of what you will become. Good luck! Love you "more than my luggage."
Mom, Dad & Dan
Congratulations!
We are so proud of the beautiful person you have become. We know that whatever you decide to do in life will be successful, because you put your heart into everything you do. You are entering a whole new world now, and remember that "Life is what you make it!" We love you very much and will always be there for you.
Love, Hugs and Kisses,
Mom, Dad and Aaron

Laura,
You're a wonderful daughter and sister and we wish you success and happiness as you follow your dreams. Never give up and believe in yourself. Reach for the stars - you can do it!!! We love you with all our hearts and will always be there for you.
Congratulations and Best Wishes!!!
Keep dancing!!!
All our love,
Dad, Mom and Rob

Matt,
What a great four years! Congratulations!
We look forward to the next chapter.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Nic

Justin,
You continue to be a great source of pride and joy in our lives. Your kind heart, sense of humor, love of music and the outdoors and your pro-ness on the basketball court have earned you the respect and admiration of you family and friends. You truly have become a fine young gentleman.
Congratulations and best of luck as you move on to college. We will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jackie (... and Frankie, too!)

Tiffany,
Keep up the good work. We are very proud of you. Good Luck!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Katy,
AWESOME! What more can we say about you! Just thinking about you brings a smile to our faces. You are a cheerleader for your friends and family. You never meet strangers, only new friends. We have been across the country with you and every state we've been in, your reputation precedes you and someone or someone's friend or family member already know who Katy Stephans is. Your winning smile and outgoing personality will talk for you. Whether you are bowling, going to the Fox or at a punk rock concert, you are in your element. We don't believe that the word "can't" exists in your vocabulary. Any challenge seems to feed you and your ambition. We know that no matter what university you attend next year, you will do your best. As graduation approaches and you feel sad, just remember that your friends and family will never forget you and you are just starting the first day of the rest of your life.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Congratulations Ashley,
We are so proud of you and the wonderful person you have become. Make choices that make you happy and always share your beautiful smile. May your biggest dream become your smallest accomplishment. The sky’s the limit. Reach for the stars. May God bless you and always keep you in His care.
We love you bunches and bunches.
Mom, Dad & Angie

Dear Michael,
Congratulations!
You are a wonderful person and terrific son. We are very proud of you. Believe in yourself and follow your dreams. We know your future is full of happiness and success. Always remember that we love you very much and that we will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Brittany,
Take your experiences of the past and treasure them deeply. Your past is the power that will provide pleasure and success in the future. Listen to your heart, believe in yourself and watch your obstacles become miracles. All of the resources you need live deep within your heart.
We’ve all felt and seen the differences you make in this world. You illuminate others like the lightening flashes across the black sky. You have the spark and determination that will just start a future filled with remarkable triumphs. We are proud of you and love you!
Love,
Your family

Megan Leigh,
Our “Princess”!
We’re so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you happiness on whatever or wherever life may take you and remember you always hold a special place in our hearts. You have a bright future ahead of you. Good luck in college.
We love you!
Mom, Doug, Caitlin, Drew, Joel and your Dad

Lance,
What a great young man you have become. We are blessed to have you as our son. We are so proud of you in all that you have accomplished. We can’t wait to see what the future holds for you. You will succeed in the future. Good luck in college playing football and running track.
We love you!
Mom & Gabbie

Love,
Dad
Joel,

Congratulations
Joel! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We
love you and wish the best for you in whatever you choose to do.

Love,
Mom, Brad, Hailey,
Paige and Drew

Megan,

As you begin
a new chapter in your
life, know that we
couldn’t be more proud
of the person you have
become. Your sweetness
and caring personality
will lead you to your
dreams. Good Luck and
God bless you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Richard

Stephanie,

It is unbelievable
how quickly the years
have gone by!! We
have enjoyed watching
you grow and want
you to know how
proud we are of you.
You are now beginning
another leg of life’s
journey. Follow your
dreams, embrace life’s
challenges and savor
each experience along
the way. And always
know that we will be
here for you.

Congratulations!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad
Shellie,
You breezed into our lives with your own confident smile and an ease that adults spend years trying to achieve. You’re lightness and light creative, deep, dark sensible, loving, caring, indignant, sharing, giving and intense; a leader, best friend, sister and daughter. You’re flirty, shy, intuitive, quiet and direct. Only the best for you sweetie.
Mom and Dad

Coren,
We are proud of you and the beautiful person you have become. We love you and wish you the best in your future years.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jessica,
Congratulations! You are such a wonderful daughter. You make me so proud to be your dad. Your hard work at school and home makes you stand out above all others. You are a beautiful young lady. All of my love,
Dad

Elizabeth–Our Little Bit
A little Bit of Heaven was sent to earth one day.
In the form of a sweet young lady more precious than words can say.
She’s a little bit of sunshine to give our world some light.
That comes beaming through a sweet young face
And a smile that’s fresh and bright.
There’s a little bit of starlight that sparkles in
Her eyes – another means she uses so well.
While flirting with the guys.
She’s a little bit of tiger and a little bit of dove
But more importantly yet–she’s a little bit of love.
Add a little bit of tenderness she gives without a fuss...
Blend all these things together...that’s what our daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, aunt, and cousin is to us!

Congratulations and best wishes and may you always be secure in God’s blessing and strength of family...
We love you!
This year’s Junior/Senior prom, titled “Come What May”, was an enchanting evening. Students danced the night away in their beautiful dress attire.

Natalie Schuster

"My date was a little creepy and my dress had pit stains that weren’t mine, but other than that it was a good time."

Kyle Potthast

"I had a great time at prom. It was a good way to finish off the year."

Brett Frey, Andrew Jacober, Doug Frank, Deven Cain, and Ryan Henningfield head off to the dance with high spirits.

By: Adrienne Branger & Megan Diesen
Before heading off to enjoy a night full of fun, Kyle Ernst and Sarah Essenpreis smile in front of beautiful scenery.

Below some senior classmates gather before leaving for dinner at their restaurants of choice.

Three couples stand in front of a woody scene before leaving for the dance.

After getting all dressed up, the girls can't wait to put on their dancing shoes.
Graduation was held May 30 in the gym. Valedictorians were Molly Aeschleman and Brittney Gillespie; Jessica Leathers was salutatorian.

Class Treasurer, Tyler Wilke welcomes the crowd.

Tim Warren proceeds to the podium with confidence.

With a big smile, Natalie Ledford proves she is ready for the ceremony to begin.

By: Mrs. Susan S. Martz
In the intense heat, the class of 2004 waits patiently for their diplomas.

Accepting congratulations from Mr. Thomas is Marty Weiss.

Ashley Heldenbrand and fellow graduates line up before the ceremony.

Ben McDonald and Michelle McClellan wait their turn in the processional.
COLOPHON

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