Between the Lines

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Seniors spend the weekend at the St. Paul Kirchenfest after the first week of school.

Melissa Klaus, Sr., her date Kyle Reiman, Bri Deuser, Jr., Hillary Rikli, Sr., Rachel Wiegand, Sr., and Ashley Hess, Sr., dance the whole night at prom.

At a home football game Seniors Drew Bradley, Danny Gifford, Gavin Germer, Jordan Howard, Paul Timmermann, Matt Rezabek, Travis Brave, and Matt Royer paint Highland on their stomachs.
In Between the Lines

As the beginning of the school year approached, the students at HHS realized the changes that were taking place. For Seniors it was their last year, but for the incoming Freshmen, it was only the beginning of the next four years of their lives. On top of the loss of the Superintendent, Mr. Warner, there was also the arrival of our new principal, Mr. Eebener. With all of these new and exciting changes, it is necessary to remember to stay in between the lines. As Freshmen, we found it key to keep on track with our studies and stay on top of school work. Then as Sophomores, we took our first driving tests, hoping to stay on the road. With Junior year came changes as we became upperclassmen, finally taking some control over the school. But Senior year is what defined us. It showed to the rest of the school what kind of class we really were. It allowed us to be our best selves and let our true personalities shine through. Our Senior class was what set us apart from everyone else.

Madrigal singers sit on the back of a truck during the Homecoming parade.

Lauren Heim, Jr., Lindsey Markus, Jr., Kara Luitjohan, Sr., and Briana Giloman, Jr., drink punch and eat cake after the NHS Spring Celebration.

Spanish III students skip out on class and sit on a bench in the school.
Senior Zach Dupureur plays Sky Masterson in the play "Guys and Dolls." While singing "Luck Be Lady Tonight" he rolls the dice in the most popular floating craps game in New York.

Top: Juniors Michelle Hunsche, Leah Emde, Krista Raymond, and Sarah Dickman have a great time dancing at prom. Later they spent time at post prom.
Middle: Crystal Wasson, Sr., Amanda Williams, Sr., Katie Alber, Sr., and Brooke Welge, Jr. host the Coffee House Cabaret.

Bottom: Madrigal singers, Kayla Frey, Fr., Morgan Cundall, Fr., Catie Poths, Fr., Nic Zobrist, Fr., Bailey Bricker, So., Cassie White, Fr., Claire Geiger, Fr., and Carrie Henrichs, Fr. perform in the school cafeteria.
What We Do
After School

Whether they’re taking orders at McDonald’s or stocking shelves at Wal-Mart, the students at HHS are always busy once school is out. Students have a variety of jobs from working at the family farm to working at local businesses. Although parents love to believe that school is our number one priority, what we do outside of school is what builds our characters.

Watering the plants, Jason Scott, So., works part-time at Rural King. Rural King provides a variety of jobs from stocking shelves to running the cash register for high school students.

Stocking shelves, Senior Eric Hempen takes care of the products in the pet department at Wal-Mart. Eric has worked at Wal-Mart for one year.

Seniors Courtney Bast and Brock Stephenson play a video game between shifts at Mazzio’s Pizza.
With several whistle blasts, Senior Nicole Stoff warns a rowdy group of swimmers at Korte Rec Center. Many students worked as guards at the indoor pool.

Watching carefully, Juniors Grant Morton and Brittany Hammel observe the pool at the Korte Recreation Center. The center was popular with people of all ages.

Junior Cami Kennett works the cash register, taking orders at Mazzio’s. Along with other local restaurants, Mazzio’s is one of the hot spots to eat around town.
Many of the players returned and a few new faces joined the team. Their regular season record was 11-5, and it ended in the first round of playoffs. Ben Eilerman, Ryan Newton, Blake Bircher, Blake Manville, and Derek Sallee made the 2008 All Star team. Travis Anderson, Jr., said, "I play hockey because it’s challenging and it is a sport you have to work at."

Ben Eilerman, Sr., said, "Our biggest accomplishment this year was coming together as a team."

The hockey club is looking forward to seven Seniors for next year's team.

Nick Ingram, Jr., Ben Eilerman, Sr., and Travis Anderson, Jr. prepare for a faceoff against Jerseyville.

Ryan Newton, Jr. looks for an open teammate to pass the puck to. Newton served as a captain of the team.

The hockey team waits anxiously to enter the rink. The game was against Colinsville.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes was a group that met weekly on Wednesday nights. Meetings were focused on sports and religious discussions. FCA gave athletes a chance to play additional sports leisurely. They also met new people and strengthened their relationships with Christ. Lauren Haberer said, "The goal of FCA is to meet with fellow athletes and talk about the importance of God in our sports."

At a co-ed meeting, Juniors Michelle Whaley and Alex Rinderer play an intense game of Catch Phrase. After the game, they discussed the impact of integrity in sports and faith.

Luke Potthast, Sr., Sam Munie, Sr. and Noah Haukap, Jr. listen as the leaders share stories about perseverance.

Before a meeting, Brittany McCubbins, Sr., Jennifer Hartlieb, Sr., Luke Korte, So., Andy Reutiman, So., and Jacob Stieb, So. congregate to talk and enjoy snacks.
The theme for this year’s Homecoming was “La Noche Romantica.” Each day students dressed in the attire assigned to their class. The girls played in the annual powderpuff football game, while the boys competed in the power volleyball tournament. Each class constructed a float that carried the Spanish theme. After the Freshmen football game, the students went to the bonfire where two local bands performed. Students participated in the pep rally, where they battled for the spirit stick. On Friday night, at the Varsity football game, the Seniors found out that they won the spirit stick. After all the fun activities of the week, students looked forward to the dance the following night.

The Senior girl’s powderpuff team lines up their offense as the Freshmen defend their goal. The Seniors were unable to beat Juniors this year.

Grant Truccano, Sr. rips off his shirt as the rest of the girl’s Varsity dance team and fall male athletes look on. Every year the girl’s dance team and the Senior athletes perfect a routine and perform it for the entire student body.

Juniors Gage Williams, Blake Manville, and Tory Davis hold Blake Bircher, Ryan Eilers, and Bryant Timmermann on their shoulders as they cheer their Juniors with intense enthusiasm.
Seniors Gavin Gerner, Drew Bradley, Danny Gifford, Matt Royer, Matt Rezabek, and Paul Timmermann show off their matching uniforms before beginning their volleyball games. This year the Seniors beat the Juniors in the championship game.

Juniors, Jacob Straekeljahn, Justin Thiems, and Ethan Beck display their Spanish attire. The costumes were used for the Junior's float in the annual Homecoming parade.

Senior court members Gary Kambian and Lauren Aebricher watch as Jeannan Bolik places a sombrero on Danny Gifford's head at the Homecoming pep assembly. Every year the Senior court members participate in a fun activity at the assembly.
Senior, Jackie Kleinhoffer, watches as her date adjusts her corsage. The couple then joined up with their group to take more pictures.

Sophomores Carrie Koopmann, Britni Diesen, Megan Jakel, Fallon Poettker, Austin Pothoff, Bailey Bricker, and Brittany Zappia shop at Forever 21 after eating dinner. The group then attended coronation.

Commemerating their last homecoming together, Jessie Moss, Sr., Zac Walter, Sr., and Nicole Stoff, Sr., stand against a beautiful tree setting to take a photograph.
“La Noche Romantica” is what filled the minds of young lovers during Homecoming 2007. The week was filled with events and games that led up to the big night full of love, laughter, and of course, romance.

The entire day consisted of Juniors Kayla Kidd, Katie May, Lindsey Milner, Briana Gilomen, and Maddie Waldman escape from the group. After pictures their group ate at the Japanese Garden.

picking up tuxes, going to the beauty shop and taking pictures for a night to remember. King Darren Hooks, Queen Crystal Wasson, their court, and the rest of the student body “baile toda la noche” (danced all night) in a beautiful Spanish surrounding. Homecoming week 2007 was definitely one to remember for the students at HHS.

Long time friends and Seniors Cali Gramlich and Annie Moss, give Eric Voytas a loving kiss on the cheek.

Deborah Oldenkamp, Jr., and Tim Osborn, Jr., embrace for a picture in Nate Poth’s yard.
Queen Crystal Wasson and King Darren Hooks

La Noche Romantica

Junior Court: Front: Stephanie Short, Jordan Dufft, Leah Nunge, Brice Gilemen, Amanda Hempen, Brandy Balkenbusch Back: Josh Lee, Brent Maddox, Justin Thiens, Devon Dumoroff, Chris Miles, Justin Wolf

Freshmen Court: Ben Voytas, Michaela Wheeler, Madeline Laney, Trent Donaldson

Sophomore Court: Front: Fallon Betthker, Mallory Frey, Haylee Korte, Mary Komesnik, Taylor Diller Back: David Ammann, Matthew Ves, London Goldstein, Kevin Keven, Ben Flicker
Senior Court

Gary Kharibian and Lauren Aebischer
Danny Gifford and Jennan Belk
Blake Ammann and Jenna Diaz
Wesley DeGroot and Cali Gramlich
Tara Horn and Matt Royer

La Noche Romantica

Kara dolthast and Zach Bichline
Know Your Lines

By: Katy Hoertel

The fall production this year was "Arsenic and Old Lace" written by Joseph Kesselring. It was a dark, reckless comedy about two well-meaning, but murderous aunts. Amanda Williams, Sr., and Chrissy Noones, Jr., played the aunts, who served deadly portions of wine to lonely men. Their insane nephew, who thought he was Teddy Roosevelt, assisted his kin in burying the unlucky gentlemen. But when their two others nephews come to visit, their plan was foiled. "I am very surprised at the large number of talented actors in this group," said Mrs. Jane Nelson.

Elaine Harper, played by Jessica Nave, So., talks with Aunt Martha, played by Chrissy Noones, Jr., about going to the theater with Mortimer Brewster.

Mortimer Brewster, played by Austin Meffert, Sr., tells Elaine about his crazy family. Meffert has been in the fall play for four years.

Dr. Enstein, played by Tim Osborn, Jr., acts as a plastic surgeon, who rearranges faces for Jonathan Brewster.
Jonathan Brewster doesn’t like it when people say he looks like Boris Karloff; nobody wants to be Dracula. Zach Durpureur, Sr., played Jon Brewster.

At practice, Chrissy Noones, Jr., and Amanda Williams, Sr., run through their lines with the whole cast. The entire production rehearsed diligently to prepare for the final performance.

Alex Truccano, So., did a “bully” job as Teddy Roosevelt in this year’s production of the fall play.
Sam Campos helps Jessica Diehl with the Pavanne while the rest of the cast sets up the set. This year was the first year Campos sat at the head table.

Sam Campos, So, Andrew Copeland, Fr, Ariel Frey, Jr, Zach Durpureur, Sr, and Brooke Weldge, Jr, sing at a Bed and Breakfast in Greenville. "It's so amazing to let your voices ring, in harmony with the people around you love! LOL," said Weldge.

Taylor Barker, Sr, Sam Moore, Cami Kennett, Jr, Alex Truccano, Sr, and Kelsey Frey, Jr were some of the at the table. "When we went to Greenville we were really unbalanced, missing three of our slots, but we still sounded AWESOME!" said Frey.
Leading Lines

by: Katy Hoertel

The King was missing and the Queen was worried at the Madrigal Dinner. Fairies, serving wenches, gypsies, and even guests were blamed with the abduction of the King.

Mrs. Ruebhausen dresses like a gypsy queen at the dinner. Jessica Nave, Sr., was the third gypsy queen during the play.

All present hoped the fine food and entertainment would take the Queen’s mind off her missing King. Fortunately, the King was returned before the queen became too distressed. The Madrigal Singers also sang in Greenville, Marine, and Kansas City, Mo.

Two fairies and a wench, Sarah Powell, Jr, Britni Snow, Jr, and Kathryn Krev, Jr, cause mischief and mayham during dinner. “It was fun to freeze people and pose them randomly,” said Powell.

During dinner, Nate Poths, Sr, and Zach Dupureur, Sr, play for the guests pleasure. Both Poths and Dupureur have been Madrigal Singers for three years.
Chorus Line
By: Leah Nungesser

Set in New York City, Guys And Dolls was this year’s spring musical. The story included Adelaide, a night club performer, whose chronic flu was brought on by her 14 year engagement to Nathan Detroit, the infamous gambler known for his floating craps game. Sky Masterson, another gambler, bet Detroit for the attentions of the “mission doll” Sarah Brown.

The cast featured Austin Meffert, Sr., as Nathan Detroit, Amanda Williams, Sr., as Miss Adelaide, Ariel Frey, Jr., as Sarah Brown, and Zach Dupureur, Sr., as Sky Masterson.

Harry the Horse, Tim Osborn, Jr., argues with Big Julie, Megan Jakel, So., about going to a church meeting. “I really enjoyed slicking my hair back and acting like I’m tough,” said Tim Osborn, Jr.

Inside the Save-A-Soul Mission, Arvida Abernathy, Arielle Michael, Sr., speaks to her daughter Sarah Brown, Ariel Frey, Jr.

At the Hot Box, Adelaide, Amanda Williams, Sr., and her Farmerettes perform “A Bushel and a Peck.” Farmerettes included Lynn Martz, Fr., Chloe Dupureur, Fr., Kathy Worstell, Fr., Sam Campos, So. and Megan Jakel, So.
Singing "Fugue for Tinhorns", Nicely-Nicely Johnson, played by Nick Zobrist, Fr., performs on opening night.

Adalade, played by Amanda Williams, Sr., anxiously waits for her fiance, Nathan Detroit, played by Austin Meffert, Sr., to open his anniversary present.

Big Julie, Megan Jakel, So., holds a gun up to Nathan Detroit, Austin Meffert, Sr., for wanting to leave a crap game early.
Junior Amanda Hempen gives her date, Senior Colten Shimer, a peck on the cheek during their pictures in Alhambra.

Gathering together Junior and Senior girls take a picture before eating dinner. They had an outdoor dining experience at Larissa Toennies's house.

Senior class officers, Lauren Aebischer, Jordan Howard, Marcus Alvarado, and Jenna Diaz, enjoy their last prom.
"You’re My Everything"

By: Katie May

This 2008 prom was a night of love. “You’re My Everything” was about couples enjoying the night together. The Junior class spent many hours on the decorations. Gossamer flowers, Senior, Junior, and Sophomore couples line up for pictures at Latzer Homestead. Many groups went to Latzer Homestead and the Square to take pictures.

Vines, lights, and a chocolate fountain set the scene. Josh Lee, Junior class Vice President, said, “Planning the prom and decorating was a lot of fun.” Seniors spent their last prom by dancing at the KC Hall. When asked, what was your favorite part about prom? Senior Arielle Rinderer said, “Watching Grant Truccano shake it on the dance floor.”

“The AP Art students had a busy year, but, prom was a good way to relax,” said Jesse Moss. AP Art Students, Ariel Frey, Jr., Jeremy White, Sr., Jesse Moss, Sr., and Johanna Fiore, Sr., at the prom.

Melissa Klaus, Sr., and Lindsay Glockner, Jr., add their beauty to the front porch of the Latzer Homestead.
"You're My Everything" II

By: Katie May

After the prom, "You're My Everything," most of the students went to post prom at the high school. This year featured a Euchre Tournament, Gotta' Go' Racers, Adrenaline Rush, Characterist, DDR, Rock Band, Bingo, Dodgeball, and movies in the Kennel. Many students joined these activities to win tickets for other great prizes. Some of the prizes this year were TV's, a grill, tanning packages, iPods, a mini fridge, and money. Winning an ipod shuffle, Kristy Frey, Jr., said, "I was expecting to win something little, but ended up doing pretty good."

Eating at the Japanese Garden, Juniors Emily Warnecke and Sarah Fraiser use bibs to protect their dresses.

McKendree bound Seniors, Justin Shaw, Travis Brave, Stephanie Harris, Gray Kharibian, Zach Reynolds, and Marcus Alvarado, celebrate their last prom together.

Prom King and Queen, Matt Royer and Allyson Buehne, celebrate their victory with the first dance.
Junior Janie Welge races a toilet at post prom. During their race the contestants had to ride around a track to win two tickets for a drawing.

Meeting up at the dance, Juniors Derek Sallee and Brandy Balkenbusch stop before breaking it down on the dance floor.

Junior girls Jamie Kloss, Alex Rinderer, Maddy Michael, Jordan Duft, Stephanie Short, Kristee Elliott, Kristy Frey, and Melissa Kloss gather for pictures at the square before eating at Bella Milano's.
Juniors Mike Eckert and Ethan Beck, watch Sophomore Joe Baumgartner play "Crossroads" by Cream. Joe's guitar was a Music Man.

Sophomores, Nathan Oliveira, and Jimmy Hoffmann do amazing tricks on their unicycles. "It's difficult to get on stage, but the lights actually help: I can't usually see the audience," said Hoffman.

Ariel Frey, Jr. sang, "People Get Ready" in the memory of her grandfather. Her wide voice range wowed the crowd.
Punchline
By: Katy Hoertel

The proceeds from this year's Coffeehouse Cabaret went to the Claire Wright Sight Foundation. Many performers turned out to sing, dance, act, tell jokes, and even ride unicycles. There was also a large display of student art and coffee and dessert were served.

Mr. Wright watches his daughter Claire sing "The Star Spangle Banner" at the Coffeehouse Cabaret. Claire will be going to China eye surgery this June.

Logan Wolf, Fr, plays the guitar while Chrissy Noones, Jr, sings, "He Doesn't Get It". Logan and Chrissy were in a band, Antioxidents.

Senior, Arielle Michael, sings, "Stay" by Sugarland. "I had so much fun with the Cabaret this year. I'm in it for Jazz Choir every year, but have always been scared to go solo. This year I made myself though, and I enjoyed it!"
Senior Spanish students Zach Walter, Jenna Diaz, Kayla Knuf, and Sara Packman make a pinata using balloons, newspapers, and plaster.

Top: In the control room, Meghan Jorgensen, So., Amanda Hempen, Jr., and Justin Varner, Sr., get ready to do the school news.
Middle: In Chemistry class students take notes for the next chapter.

Bottom: Sadie Geiger, Sr., creates a school logo.
Maria Vardanega, So., screen prints her picture. Art students had to do this process very quickly for it to turn out correctly.

Preparing to paint, Juniors Brittany Netemeyer and Jacob Clayton concentrate on their ceramic projects.

Wendy Zurliene, Jr., finishes sculpting her piece for Ceramics class.

Ariel Frey, Jr., works on her painting. A self-portrait was just one of many class requirements for art.

Color in the Lines
By: Alyssa Johnson
This year, for the first time, the ceramics and sculpture classes made bobbleheads. Students were encouraged to fashion bobbleheads that represented their personal beliefs and traits. Mrs. Burns said "The students really enjoyed this project, but it probably won't be repeated because it takes up too much time." Why do you like art? Jeramy White, Sr., said, "It gives me that chance to express myself and see the world from a different perspective." What is one fun project you've done? Christina Markunas, Fr., said, "I like using the Prismacolor to do the ranges of different colors."
Time Line

From American History to Economics, the Social Studies department had it all. Mr. Bradley began a new class this year devoted just to documenting historical events. Some students studied wars while others studied supply and demand. What was your favorite subject to study in history?: “The American Revolution,” said Emily Lemanski, Fr.

What is one fun activity you enjoyed in your history class this year?: “The game between the British and the Americans in European History with Ms. Kay,” said Nathan Oliveira, So.

Seniors Chris Logan, Marshall Rinderer, Adam Kopp, and Jenna Diaz read the Wall Street Journal in Mr. Holt’s AP Economics class. Afterwards they analyzed the news articles that they had read.

U.S. History teacher, Mr. Weber, discusses the Constitution with his class. Students must pass this mandatory test in order to graduate.

Mr. Strong lectures his Sociology class on social interaction. He gave this year’s classes some interesting projects to prove the theories of human behavior.

Preparing for a test, Sawyer Bricker, Fr., waits for Mrs. Beyer to hand out a test on the Dark Ages. The World History classes covered a variety of topics.
Senior Ryan Koyanagi works in his accounting class. Students learned how to budget their money and keep track of spending while in this class.

Sophomore Justin Troxell fills out a spreadsheet on the computer. Mrs. Wolfe’s database class helped students familiarize themselves with Microsoft Excel.

Grant Truccano, Sr., is weatherman for the day informing students on the current weather. Students received a well rounded education in the making of news as they routinely shifted jobs.

This school year marked increased enrollments in all business classes. Sections had to be added to practically all courses as computer skills became more important in real world applications. Business classes prepared students for future careers. What is your favorite part of accounting? "Ryan Koyanagi’s awesome drawings on the computer," said Mitch Gilman, Sr. Why do you like this subject? "I like being creative and working with computers. I learn something new everyday," said Tiffany Potthast, Fr. What is one fun activity you’ve done in this class? "Listening to Dr. Baker play his guitar and sing to us," said Kala Spellmeyer, Sr.
Chorus was a group of classes taught by Mrs. Ruebhausen, where the students were taught how to improve their vocal skills. Throughout the year, Acapella Choir performed concerts showcasing the songs they learned. **What was the best part of Chorus?** "Seeing how much I’ve grown as a musician and matured as a performer," said Sam Moore, Sr. **What do you like about this subject?** "It gives me an outlet through which I can express myself while doing something I love," said Amanda Williams, Sr. **What is one fun activity you’ve done in this class?** "Listening to Mrs. Ruebhausen tell us hilarious stories," said Tyler Dothager, Jr.

To start off class Sam Surmeyer, Jr., Arielle Michael, Sr., and Lynn Martz, Fr., join the rest of the class in song. Choir learned a variety of songs including performance pieces and random fun songs.

Staff Line

Brooke Welge, Jr. and Anna Dennison, Sr. playfully dance while they and the rest of the choir begin to sing. Numerous scales and short pieces were used daily as a warm-up.

Showing her excitement, Sam Surmeyer kisses the madrigal’s first place trophy. The madrigal cast performed at the Music in the Park competition and received a first place with a superior rating in their category.

Sam Surmeyer, Sr., Dylan Stanek, So., Arielle Michael, Sr., and Nick Zobrist, Fr., smile for a photo after their chorus concert. Numerous concerts were held throughout the year to show-off their award-winning talent.
Linear Equation

By: Chelsie Switzer

The HHS math department offered a variety of classes this year. Students went to their math classes every day excited to learn something new. They learned new formulas and a lot of fun ways to use them. Students came prepared to class ready to turn in their homework and prayed there wouldn't be a pop quiz. What is your favorite part of Pre-Calculus? Robert Hamm, Sr., said, "The Wonderful Mr. Uhls." Why do you like Geometry? Kelsey Koyanagi, So., said, "I like Geometry because I can use it in real life situations."

Receiving the next worksheet, Brandon Parsons, So., is being instructed by Mrs. Duncan to complete the next handout. Students used class time to practice their skills.

Sophomores Kelsey Shelton and Hannah Lucco, look for fun in the classroom. They found new things to laugh about everyday.

Juniors, Paul Chapman and Alex Bowman, complete the last few problems on the page. The students prepared for upcoming tests by doing their homework.

Feeling tired, Stephanie Aagaard, Sr., is woken up by Mr. Uhls after dosing off during class. Although some students fell asleep at times, math class excited most kids.
Whether they were blowing things up or taking a test, the science classes were always busy. All students must take at least two years of science. This makes it one of the busiest departments. **What is your favorite activity in Biology?**

Hillary Zitta, Fr., said, “I liked looking through the microscopes at all the cells. **What is your favorite part of Chemistry?** Juniors, Ryan Eilers and Zac Bethel, both said, “It is not Biology and we get to blow things up!”

Mrs. Hirsch said “Each and every day we use science and we don’t even realize it. Moral of this statement:

**Take more science classes!**

(Especially Anatomy!)”

Being the class clown, Eric Voytas, Sr., tries to liven up the class. Eric, along with other seniors, was in Mrs. Golder’s Physics class.

Carson Baugher, Jr., uses a thermometer to find the temperature of black and white sand. Mrs. Simmons’ Chemistry class sometimes rotated stations and conducted different experiments.

Juniors Ryan Eilers and Zac Bethel work together to figure out the volume of water. The students in Mrs. Simmons Chemistry class often used scientific equations to answer problems.

Hillary Zitta, Fr., and Nick Lampen, Fr., ask for the teacher’s advice. Honors Biology students were often assigned to work out of their books.
Zac Walter reads diligently to finish his contract for AP English.

Sophomores, Jessica Nave, Jimmy Hoffman, and Cassie Becker act out the chorus for the Antigone play. Honors English II studies this every year.

Sam Brockman, So., reads for her AR goal.

Hudson Seegers, Jr., gives an informative speech in Ms. Swank's Public Speaking class.

What was your favorite part of English?
"Reading Romeo and Juliet." Chad Mayes, Fr.

Why do you like English?
"I like to read and analyze stylistics in books." Angie Brueck, Sr.

What is one fun activity you've done this year?
"Performing a Streetcar Named Desire." Leah Emde, Jr.
Crossing the Borderline

Mrs. Deets assists Alex Rinderer, Jr., to find and hit the piñata. Every year the Spanish IV students created piñatas.

Sophomores Mallory Frey, Taylor Tiller, and Trent Kessmann work on their homework assignment together.

What was your favorite part of French? “I enjoyed watching movies because they were in French.” Martha Bourbon, So.

Why do you like Spanish? “Mrs. Wagenblast is a fun teacher and she makes Spanish interesting.” Sierrah OldenKamp, Fr.

What is one fun activity you’ve done this year? “Taco day was fun because I got to eat something Mexican for lunch.” Emilee Hargis, Jr.

Freshmen, Susie Wessel and Trisha Engle take notes as Mrs. Wagenblast teaches conjugations.

Adam Kopp, Alicia Goestenkors, and Annie Frank, Seniors, paper mache a balloon for Spanish IV.
What is your favorite part of AG? “Coming in and seeing Mrs. Jackson’s BEAUTIFUL face and doing lovely designs for the teachers,” said Hollie Wallace, Sr. Why do you like this class? “I enjoy the extreme challenges Mrs. Jackson presents us with everyday when we walk into Floral Design,” said Krista Raymond, Jr. What is one fun activity done in this class? “The funnest thing I’ve done in Mrs. Barr’s class is being able to use the tools that deal with cutting wood because I’ve never been able to use them before,” said Taylor Wieser, Fr.

Devon Dumstorf, Jr., watches Cody Conner, Jr., help Gregg Semanisin, Sr., pour water into a test tube for a lab in PSAA.

Amber Donley, Sr., and Heidi Hammond, Jr., work together for their floral project. “I enjoyed coming to class,” said Hammond.

Two library plants got new containers and some water from Jimmy McNeil, Jr., and Gregg Semanisin, Sr. While Jimmy took off the dead leaves, Gregg watered the plants.

Kim Bruning, Jr., chooses between flowers or greenery for her arrangement. Finished arrangements were displayed in classrooms.
What is your favorite part of welding? "I like learning how to use the different welders and torches, especially the plasma cutter," said Patrick Rudicill, Sr.

What is one fun activity you've done in this class? "Making a tree house made out of metal that we're never gonna use," said Nick Toennies, Jr.

Why do you like this class? "Welding is one of the best classes to have fun and learn life skills," said Lacy Rudicill, Sr.

Using the mig welder for a 90 degree assignment is Josh Minney, Sr.

Senior, Trevor Issack teaches Juniors, Travis Horner, Cory Werner, and Jared Hatton how to tig. They learned this skill for a class project.

Colin Sexton, Sr. wears protective eyewear while welding. "I'm making a belt rack for the weight room," said Sexton.

Ariel Strasser, Jr. grinds down her welds. She made a box to complete her assignment.
Squad Line
By: Jennan Bolk

Pushing to make her legs stronger, Courtney Bast, Sr., lifts the leg press. Leg lifts made Bast's jumps stronger during volleyball season.

Making it look easy, Colin Sexton, Sr., pulls the peck deck. Students joined Conditioning P.E. when they wanted to build muscle.

Ms. Harrison aerobic class rides bikes. Amber Holt, Sr. Sara Hamm, So., Julia Prante, So., Jessica Diehl, Jr., Christine Keltner, Fr., and Heidi McCaw, So., were on their field trip to Our Health Club in Gen Carbon.

Carrie Henrichs, So., lines herself up to shoot a free throw. While Leah Duncan, Fr., Nikki Groce, Fr., Jermary Keller, So., and Madi Laney, Fr., wait for her to shoot the ball.

P.E. conditioning, aerobics, and recreational fitness were just a few of the choices to students. In Regular P.E every few weeks they change their physical activity.

“Bowling is my favorite class because we get to go to Hi-Top bowling alley,” said Dakota McConville, Jr.
In the Home Economics department students chose classes such as Adult Living, Child and Day Care, Clothing, Foods, and Parenting.

Home Economics classes were designed to help students make the transition from their parents' homes into the adult world.

On the quilting field trip Sophomore Kelly Bone uses a quilting machine. These machines were a new experience for the students. Angela Johnson, So., concentrates while adding salt to the dough. Their group worked to make their pie both beautiful and delicious.

Cali Gramlich, Sr. shows off empathy bellies worn by Seniors Calvin Potthast and Larissa Toennies.

Seniors Brooke Maurer and Andrea Moss use the sewing machines to practice for big projects.
Bar Line
By: Leah Nungesser
This year was full of changes for the Marching Bulldogs. The new director, Mr. Clay Dugger, threw in a number of new challenges with different marching and playing techniques. The band competed in the annual Murphysboro Apple Festival, where the band and drum majors both received 1st place. The second and final competition was at the University of Illinois State Marching Competition. Overall the band received 6th place out of 25 schools. “Even if the placing wasn’t where we wanted it, we still had fun with our friends and made the best of it,” said Sami Kampwerth, Jr. "One of my favorite parts of marching band was

Second year drum major Bri Deuser, Jr., conducts the front of the band during the Homecoming parade. Bri was a second year drum major.

Jesse Sauls, Sr., marches guide middle during the Pierron parade. He was the only one to carry a Sousaphone this year.

Kayla Smith, Sr., Leah Nungesser, Jr., Jennifer Webb, Sr., Brianne Deuser, Jr., and the rest of the band wait for the pregame show to start. The band practiced twice a week to prepare for competitions and field shows.

Members of the drumline are led in a cadance by Robert Hamm, Senior. The drumline received 5th at the U. of I. Competition.
competing against other schools at U. of I.,” said Mike Eckert, Jr. For most of the band members, the U. of I. Marching Competition was always a favorite. Mr. Davis, the percussion director, was also a new addition to the band. To finish off an interesting year, the Marching Bulldogs went to Florida during Spring Break and marched in the parade at Disney World.

Seniors, Sam Moore, Steven Klingbeil, & Brock Stephenson perform the field show at half time. This year’s show featured songs by Santana.

Junior, Brooke Welge fixes her euphonium during band. She also performed as a twirlette for competitions and field shows.

During a band rehearsal, Charis Hobbs, Jr., plays along to the band tune, Los Cuervos, while Jessica Nave, So. gets distracted by the camera.

Jessica Nave, So., Sami Kampwerth, Jr., Hannah Jamruk, Jr., and Leah Nungesser, Jr., strike a pose after competing at U. of I., showing off their “Tuba Chick” shirts.
Deadline
By: Kristy Frey

Jackie Kleinhoffer, Sr., and Katie May, Jr., laugh with each other while they discuss their thoughts about old yearbooks.

Look out! Showing her bus-driving skills, Kelsey England, Sr., gives the yearbook staff a lift home from their field trip at UMSL.

In the midst of the rush to meet a deadline, Katie Ullman, Sr., takes time to read up on the news with advisor, Mrs. Martz.

Leah Nungesser, Jr., uses a cropper to precisely measure her layout photos. If photos were inaccurate, the pictures turned out blurry.
When most people think of yearbook class, trips to Starbucks and a free class period to finish homework come to mind. But putting a yearbook together is much more than that. Many did not realize the effort, dedication, and responsibility that went into meeting deadlines and completing the book on time. Each student was assigned to take pictures, crop and write captions for the pictures, and then write body copy about her their assigned layout. After all work was complete, layouts were then finished on the computer. The senior editors, Lauren Haberer and Lauren Aebischer, then held the extra responsibility of checking everyone’s work and putting the final product together. They gave up hours of their free time to work with the yearbook advisor, Mrs. Martz. The two editors also attended a Herff-Jones workshop at Indiana University where they stayed for five days, attending seminars to learn everything they needed to know to become editors. Unlike other years, this year’s class was all female. “The class was full of all girls who got along really well with each other, so staying on task was difficult. But we all found ways to focus and complete the job at hand,” said Chelsie Switzer, Jr.
Candids
Junior quarterback Travis Becherer gets ready to throw the football to a teammate. He was Highland's quarterback for two years.

Top: After a golf match Megan Jakel, So., Kristin Randant, Jr., Sarah Fraser, Jr., Allyson Buehne, Sr., Maddy Michael, Jr., Stephanie Harris, Sr. take a rest in a golf cart.
Middle: Andy Reutiman, So. dribbles the ball to keep it away from the opposition.

Bottom: Alex Rinderer, Jr., Jesse Moss, Sr., Nicole Stoff, Sr., Jordan Duft, Jr., Liz Stumpf, Jr. celebrate Senior Night after a tennis match.
Highland's defense prepares to protect their goal against Triad's offense. They played a close game, only to lose at the end when Highland missed the extra point.

Defensive Line
By: Courtney Sippo

Although the JV football team did not experience many wins, they bonded well as a team. The boys went up against many challenging opponents, but ended many games in close defeats. "We fought through low numbers, tough competition, lack of experience, and being young," said Coach Scheibel. They put up a good fight against Triad only to miss the final extra point which would have tied the game. Their defeat, however, did not stop them from winning the game against Jerseyville the very next weekend. Coach Scheibel said, "This team matured more every game. I believe they are ready to take over the reins at the Varsity level." The season began very rocky with a lot of ups and downs, but ended with two wins against Jerseyville and Mascotah. It was more of a learning year. All players were exposed to real-field experience. Justin Knackstedt was a great example of this when he scored a 60 yard touchdown during his first game as full back. Coach Scheibel was impressed with his team. He said, "My players inspire me by coming out each day, giving it their all, 24/7."
**Scoreboard**

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**Blake Manville**  
Junior  
What was your greatest accomplishment this season?  
"Working together as a team to make sure we didn't allow an easy win for the opposing team."

**Justin Wolfe**  
Junior  
What was your favorite part about football?  
"Working with talented players and hanging out with my friends."

**Dan Bugger**  
Sophomore  
What was one of the life lessons you learned from football?  
"That to reach a common goal we had to work as a team."

The offense lines up to run the ball for a touchdown against Triad.
Calvin Potthast  
Senior
What was your most memorable moment?
"At a summer practice, when Bobby Ostrander got his pants pulled down and ran all the way to the endzone with EVERYTHING hanging out."

Justin Shaw  
Senior
What was your favorite part about practice?
"Seeing Brandon Amos run the gator straight into a fence."

Cody Conner  
Junior
In what ways did your coach inspire you?
"He inspired us to kill people by giving us a "Hitman" shirt when we did."

Scoreboard

Belleville West  L 18-21
Marion  L 26-28
Centralia  W 55-08
Mascoutah  W 14-07
Waterloo  L 15-24
Civic Memorial  W 46-16
Triad  L 14-45
Jerseyville  W 44-20
Charleston  W 41-30
Mattoon  L 19-21

Zach Reynolds, Sr., assuming his position on the line waits for the ball to be hiked. This season Zach made 30 solo tackles.
Looking for the open receiver, Travis Becherer, Jr., prepares to throw the football. Travis was quarterback for the past two seasons.

Yardline

By: Stephanie Harris

"Overall, it was an exciting year," said first year head coach Ron Holt. After a rough 0-2 start, we were able to come back and win against Centralia and Mascoutah before picking up another loss. The biggest win this year was against Mascoutah who beat every other team they faced. We finished out the season with three more wins and two losses, giving us an overall 5-4 winning record. Even after some rough games, the team got the chance to continue to the 5A State playoffs but were unable to get past Mattoon in the first round. The team was plagued by several injuries which led to their troubling start. The season was an overall success, even though they had higher expectations at the beginning. "I am very proud of the kids and their fighting spirit. They went through a lot of ups and downs this year, but they never gave up and kept fighting all the way until the final play," said Coach Holt.
“H-H-S, yell it, H-H-S,” was the favorite cheer at the football games. The cheerleaders used poms to show school spirit.

Sophomores Taylor Tiller and Erica Maurer hug before the game starts. Both girls were members of the football cheerleading squad for two years.

While making signs during practice Michaela Wheeler, Fr., Ashley Hess, Sr., Hillary Riki, Sr., and Taylor Tiller, So., write with paint on their bodies. Practices weren’t all hard work, the girls found time to have fun.


“...Across that Line.”

By: Katie May

While most high school kids are enjoying their summer break, the football cheerleaders are already at practice on the last week of July. Besides games, the football cheerleaders performed at pep rallies and hosted a cheerleading camp for younger girls. To raise money for the year, the girls had a car wash, and sold donuts and pizzas. It was hard for this year’s team to have practice with all the girls because of individual vacations, but they managed to have one full week with everyone. The first game of the season was August 24th. “We did have to rearrange a lot due to other school activities, but we dealt with it. In the end they pulled it all together,” said Coach Sheri Eveland.
Lindsey Compton  
Freshman

What do you think about during the game?

"What the next cheer will be and supporting the football team."

Michaela Wheeler  
Freshman

What was your goal this season and were you successful?

"A heel stretch; yes."

Taylor Tiller  
Sophomore

What was your most memorable game this year?

"The play off game; we almost won."

The football cheerleaders practice their mount before the football game.
Eric Stoff  
**Junior**

What was your greatest accomplishment during the cross country season?

"Coming back from a bad injury and still having a good season."

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Brittany Hammel  
**Junior**

What is a lesson you learned from this sport?

"You can’t cheat your way out of things. You have to work for them."

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Jared Schmitz  
**Freshman**

What is your favorite part about this sport?

"The bus rides. We had a good time on the way back from Peoria."

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The boys Junior Varsity and Varsity do a few sprint outs before the county meet. The boys placed 4th in Class AA.

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Emliee Hargts, Jr., and Katie Ullman, Sr., battle to find a spot to run in the Centralia Invitational. Emliee and Katie both ran well that day to help their team earn 14th place.

Melissa Walter, Sr., pushes herself to stay in front of her opponents. Melissa ran on the Varsity team her Freshman and Sophomore years.

Starting Line

By: Katie Ullman

This year’s cross country team lacked runners, but they had a large amount of talent. They put in many miles over the summer meet in Peoria. He placed 20th and became the third Highland runner to make the All State Team with honors. When asked to returned for the second consecutive year. During October, “How did your team improve?” Mr. Bradley responded “The boys received a close 2nd place in Conference, while the team’s biggest improvement was learning what they were capable girls placed 4th. In addition, the boys advanced to Sectionals of.” as a team. Katie Ullman, Sr., Emliee Hargis, Jr., and Brittany Hammel, Jr. advanced to Sectionals individually.
Chelsey Henschen, So., practices good passing technique during warm-ups. The team spent many practices improving passing.

Court Line
By: Paige Fox

After many practices during the summer to get ready for the fall, the volleyball season finally began in August. The lady Junior Varsity volleyball players started out well with a win at their first home game against Granite City. Although their record may not be that impressive at first glance, throughout the season the girls improved greatly. The team was lead by captains Ashley Schrage and Amber Koch, both sophomores, who also sat Varsity. Not only did the captains do a great job leading the team, they helped their coach during practices and games. The team’s stats not only improved in serve receive and passing, but also in hitting and serving. Their coach, Tammy Manhart, had nothing but positives to say about the team. “The Junior Varsity squad struggled with consistency this season. We came out very strong in most matches, but could not continue to play at that level for an entire match. We were a much better team than our record shows and most importantly as the season progressed,” said Coach Manhart, who was also assisted by Janis Lamb and Michelle Murphy.
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Ashley Schrage
Sophomore

What was your favorite part of the season?
"I liked going to the games to watch Varsity and bring everything we learned in practice together."

Monica Stumpf
Freshman

What was the biggest team improvement?
"We got better at working together and our passing got a lot better too."

Hailee Korte
Sophomore

What was the best part about volleyball this season?
"The best part of the season was hanging out with my friends and watching the Varsity to help me improve for next year."

The team starters huddle up before their first home game. Before every game the team came together to mentally prepare for their competition.
Amber Koch
Sophomore

What do you think about during the game?

“I usually think of what I need to do next hit, dig, block, things like that”

Courtney Bast
Senior

What was your most memorable game this year?

“Senior night game against Mascoutah is definitely the most memorable. I will never forget winning the Conference plaque and being in a huge mosh pit of fans as everyone congratulated us.”

Kari Weis
Junior

What were your goals for this season and did you meet them?

“Well of course the main goal was to win Conference, which we certainly accomplished.”

Scoreboard

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Breese Central L
Collinsville L
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Jerseyville W
Mater Dei W
Waterloo W
Mascoutah W
Triad W
Effingham W

The girls celebrate becoming MVC champs. This was their first MVC Championship in three years.
10-Foot Line

By: Hillary Held

Finishing off the regular season with a win against Mascoutah to share MVC crown was an exciting part of the season for the team. To start this journey the girls beat Civic Memorial on the road for the Conference opener. "It's great to win our Conference opener. What is great about this group of girls is that it is a team effort every night. They are all doing their parts to try and help the team be successful," said Coach Tammi Manhart. Although they had a slight losing streak in the middle of the season, they turned that around with a huge win over Mascoutah after being down by 11 points. This made it Mascoutah's first loss in the Conference. From that game on, the girls kept their winning streak alive in conference. They shared the Conference title with Triad, whom they went on to beat in the first round of Regional play. They then lost to Effingham in two games with scores of 29-31 and 19-25. Even though they didn't win their Regional, the girls finished with a record of 18 wins and 15 losses.
Lining Up the Ball

By: Jennan Bolk

Over the summer, the girls golf team went to a workshop at Panther Creek in Springfield. Their team along with other teams from Southern Illinois worked on golf fundamentals with different professionals. The girls finished with a four man scramble. Coach Hirsch and her ladies swept the MVC for the second year in a row.

Megan Jakel was the top medalist along with six other teammates. This boosted their confidence and advanced them to sectionals. The season was a great success. Coach Hirsch said, “What we lacked in confidence we made up for with an outstanding season.” Only three seniors graduated so the remaining golfers will be strong once again.
Scoreboard

Hickory Ridge 7th
Mascoutah Inv. 3rd
Par Three Trn. 4th
MVC 1st
Regional 1st

Allyson Buehne
Senior

What is one life lesson that you learned from this sport?
“To never give up and even if your playing badly.”

Michelle Whaley
Junior

What is your favorite part about this sport?
“Hanging out with all the girls.”

Stephanie Harris
Senior

What was your greatest accomplishment during the season?
“Winning the Regional as an individual and a team.”

Concentrating on the feel of the green, Kristin Randant, Jr., prepares to sink her par putt.
Mitch Gilman  
Senior

How did your coaches inspire you?

"By making us work harder at practice and also supporting us in tournaments."

David Ammann  
Sophomore

What was your favorite part about practice?

"Going to the driving range and hitting the balls."

Steven Klingbeil  
Senior

What was your most memorable moment?

"Making the All Conference Team this year."

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Coach Hughes, Brendan Bargetzi, So.; Steven Klingbeil, Sr.; Mitch Gilman, Sr.; Carson Baugher Jr. and Mike Trobaugh Jr. gather for a picture after taking 1st in the Regional match. The boys made it to Sectionals and placed 4th.
Searching for his lost ball Matt Royer, Sr., has little luck finding it. Matt said “I’m really going to miss the golf team next year.”

Mitch Gilman, Sr., demonstrates a good follow through. Mitch’s score helped the team further their season into Sectional play.

Excitement fills the minds of Coach Hughes, Carson Baugher, Jr., Mitch Gilman, Sr., Steven Klingbeil, Sr., Ben Eilerman, Sr., and Michael Trobaugh, Jr., after taking 3rd place at the O’Fallon Tournament.

Putting Line

By: Cali Gramlich

The boys golf team enjoyed a winning season this year. They took 1st at MVC, 1st at Regionals and ended their season at Sectionals where they took the 4th place slot. Making an improvement from previous years, Coach Houchins said, “They became better putters, more consistent, and better teammates to each other, they put in the effort they needed to make it all the way to Sectionals. Hard work will always pay off.”

Junior, Carson Baugher made a tremendous improvement that carried him all the way to State, where he took 47th out of 109 players. “Baugher worked really hard, and he has improved his game so much from last year,” said Coach Houchins.

The entire Varsity squad poses for a shot with their Conference medals. Every singles player and doubles team medaled resulting in the MVC Conference title.

Front row: Lynn Martz, Ashley Nicoloff, Katie Wiese, and Alex Rinderer Second row: Kathy Rausch, Wendy Zurliene, Jordan Duft Back row: Coach Byron Barker, Liz Stumpf, Nicole Stoff, Trisha Clark, Jessie Moss, Coach Diane Barker

Service Line
By: Jessie Moss

The girls tennis team had its best season in a long time. The team was undefeated in Sectionals with an overall record of 10-4. After many hard fought years for the MVC Championship, the girls finally clinched the title. Although they fought hard for the Sectional title they fell to Edwardsville, the eight year running Sectional champions. Overall the team finished 2nd and had girls qualify for State for the second year in a row. Number one doubles team Nicole Stoff, Sr., and Jordan Duft, Jr., finished 3rd in Sectionals, qualifying for the Illinois State Championships. Not only did the girls have a great season, but they had fun doing it. The season ended with the annual tennis sleepover at Nicole Stoff’s house. The girls enjoyed dying each others hair and continuing the yearly tradition of “decorating” Coach Barker’s house with Post-It Notes, Saran Wrap, and toilet paper.
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**Alex Rinderer**  
Junior  

What is your favorite part of the game?

“Hitting the ball back every time and keeping it in play until your opponent gets so frustrated that she hits it out. It happens a lot! 60 ball rallies are fun!”

**Kirsten Bray**  
Freshman  

Is tennis worth the time and effort?

“Definitely! You can play tennis until you are really old and tennis really makes you think.”

**Trisha Clark**  
Sophomore  

What was your favorite memory from the season?

“I'm pretty sure it was dying our hair pink at the tennis sleepover.”

Nicole Stoff serves while Jordan Oufit, Jr., waits at the net to smash the ball. Nicole and Jordan had a very successful season finishing first as a doubles team at Conference. 3rd at Sectionals, and qualifying for the Illinois State Championship.
Marshall Rinderer
Senior

What was your greatest accomplishment during the season?
“When I made an opponent mad enough to hit me, distracting him from scoring a goal!”

Garrett Meier
Sophomore

What is your favorite part about practice?
“The best part about practice is the conditioning because it builds up my rock hard bod!”

Jake Hardas
Junior

What is one of the life lessons you learned from soccer?
“I learned from Garret how to work out for a rock hard bod!”

Scoreboard

| O'Fallon       | L 4-0 |
| Civic Memorial | W 2-1 |
| Belleville West| T 2-2 |
| Triad          | L 4-0 |
| Jerseyville    | W 1-0 |
| Columbia       | W 3-2 |
| Waterloo       | L 2-0 |
| Mascoutah      | W 1-0 |
| Collinsville   | L 5-0 |
| Civic Memorial | W 2-0 |
| Triad          | L 2-0 |
| Althoff        | W 2-0 |
| Jerseyville    | W 1-0 |
| Waterloo       | L 1-0 |
| Mascoutah      | W 1-0 |

Working together, Julian Valencia, Fr., and Clayton Wilke, Fr., successfully steal the ball from rival O'Fallon. However they ended up losing the game, with a score of 4-0.
Kevin Kimmle, Fr., slides in an attempt to block Jerseyville's shot. Luckily, the goal was saved contributing to a win.

Thanks to Coach Daily's good advice, the boys were able to beat Civic Memorial.

Guarding against the enemy's shots is the goalie, Kevin Kimmle, Fr. The time in the goal was split between Kimmle and Jake Hardas, Jr., with a combined 20 GA.

Front row: James Long, Clayton Wilke, Jake Hardas, Kevin Kimmle, Reed Happold
Second row Logan Daily, Nick Ammann, Austin Lampe, Ryan Keller, Levi Goestenkors, Austin Happold
Back row: Coach Daily, Julian Valencia, Tim Friedel, Marshall Rinderer, Austin Marcus, Trevor Miller, Cameron Cagle

Line of Scrimmage

By: Kara Potthast

Being led by a new coach this year, Mr. Mike Daily, the JV Boys Soccer team had a great season. The boys completed this season with a record of eight wins, six losses, and one tie. Coach Daily's philosophy this year was to play every player. Every player on the team deserved a spot on the field. He said, "They never gave up and were never blown out! The willingness of these boys to play as a team inspires me!" This year's young players were an asset to the program.
A new coach for the boys Varsity soccer team meant many adjustments. The soccer team kicked it up for the new coach, Brent Knebel, by earning a record of nine wins, nine losses, and four ties for their overall season. The struggle of the season was the constant ties with teams such as Civic Memorial, Belleville West (back-to-back), Collinsville, and Alton Marquette. Leading the team's individual stats were Blake Zobrist, Sr., with 11 goals and three assists, to get a total of 25 points. Next, was Evan Schumacher, Sr., with a total of 23 points from eight goals and seven assists. In addition to his eight goals, Schumacher also shared team-high honors with seven assists. "The Seniors did a good job of leading this year and they chipped in different ways," Knebel said. "We lost three Senior starters who were well-skilled players." Dakota Gilbert, So., and Evan Schumacher, Sr., were on the All-Sectional Teams. Not all was lost, because the Varsity will bring back a wealth of experience on defense as all four starters in the backfield will return next season.
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Marcus Alvarado  
Senior

What do you think about during the game?

"I analyze the other team, and look at the ladies."

Evan Schumacher  
Senior

What was your most memorable moment?

"Being put on the All-Sectional Team."

Dakota Gilbert  
Sophomore

In what way does your coach inspire you?

"He inspires me when he yells at me during the games."

Andy Reutiman, So., jumps to try and capture the ball while Marcus Alvarado, Sr., holds defense behind him. Both Marcus and Andy lettered this year.
Maddy Michael, Jr., and Katie Hempen, Fr., try blocking the ball from their opponent. The girls basketball team had a very successful year. They made it all the way to Super-Sectionals.

Top: Pinning down the man on the mat Junior Tory Davis wins the round.
Middle: Jennifer Hartlieb, Sr., aims the ball down the lane. Jennifer was a member of the team for four years.

Bottom: The Varsity Cheerleaders stand on the sideline at a boys basketball game.
Briana Martin  
Junior

What is one life lesson that you learned from this sport?

"To always try your hardest."

Jenna Bentlage  
Junior

What was your greatest accomplishment this season?

"After losing to Civic Memorial we came back and beat them on our court."

Kristy Frey  
Junior

What is your favorite part about this sport?

"Hearing the crowd go wild when you make a three."

Scoreboard

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Triad  
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Jerseyville  
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Waterloo  
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Mascoutah  
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Springfield SHG  
48-37

Coach Deibert looks up at the clock situation during a timeout while Lauren Royer, So., Cami Gramlich, So., and Trina Issak, Fr., get ready to play.
Junior Rachel Keller guards the opposition.

Kristy Frey, Jr., makes a fast break down the floor and looks for her teammates.

Katie Hempen, Fr., tries to stop Waterloo from scoring. The JV girls only allowed two points in the first half of this game, making it one of their best.


Half-Court Line

By: Hillary Held

The JV girls basketball team had a younger team than they have had in the past, and they still faced some pretty tough competition. The team ended with an overall record of 11-4 and a Conference record of 7-3. When asked what award he felt his team deserved, Coach Deibert said, "Over achievement and hustle, as young and inexperienced as we were, I never would have thought an 11-4 season would be possible. Hustle and hardwork were the keys to sucess." The girls showed that they improved as the season went on especially against Mascoutah. Early in the season the girls lost to the Indians in overtime, but when Mascoutah came to Highland the girls came back to beat them. "We improved our play as the season progressed, which is what every coach wants. We learned how to play the entire game hard, younger players improved, and we learned how to win games," said Coach Deibert. "When players work hard for me, listen to me, and it results into success on the floor, that inspires me to be a coach."
With a record of 29-5, the Lady Bulldogs had another historic season. The team had a couple of tough losses in the first half of the season to Edwardsville and Salem although they went on to win the Mississippi Valley Conference for the third year in a row. The girls had a winning streak until the Holiday Tournament at Mascoutah when they lost to the undefeated Althoff Crusaders. After that loss, the girls did not lose until their season ended at the Super-Sectionals. When asked, in what did your team improve, Coach Elledge said, “Not only did this team’s skills improve throughout the year but the team matured as a basketball unit. A prime example of the maturity of this team was when their roles were changed in mid-season due to the loss of Hillary Held with a knee injury.” The team bounced back and became one of the top eight teams in the state, making it to the Super-Sectionals for the first time since 1984. The team lived by the motto, ‘When you want what you have never had, you must do what you have never done.’ When Coach Elledge was asked if he thought his team could have gone farther he said, “Absolutely! With just a little luck and bounce of the ball our way, we could have been at the State Tournament. However let’s not forget that this team lost in overtime in the ‘Elite 8.’”
Scoreboard

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Springfield SHG  W
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Althoff  W
Salem  W
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Stephanie Harris  Senior
What is your favorite part about basketball?
"Hurting people on the other team."

Maddy Michael  Junior
What is one life lesson that you learned from basketball?
"To keep your head up even when you down."

Casey Junge  Junior
What was your greatest achievement this season?
"Winning the Sectional and advancing to the Supersectional."

Junior Jamie Kloss wrestles for the ball with two Civic Memorial girls while Senior Kayla Knuf prepares to help her teammates.
Charis Hobbs  
Junior  
What was your most memorable game this season?  
“Triad because they are our biggest rivals.”

Lindsey Daily  
Sophomore  
What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?  
“Our main goal was to qualify for state, and we did it!”

Hillary Zitta  
Freshman  
What do you think about during the game?  
“I think about whether or not the team will win.”

Competitions

Highland Regionals  3rd Place
Edwardsville Regionals  1st Place
ICCA State  3rd Place

The JV cheerleaders perform sidelines during a boys basketball game. The girls practiced over 70 different sidelines over the course of the season.
The Highland JV cheerleaders had a good season. After two tryout sessions one last spring and one this fall, the addition of four new girls rounded out the squad. Because some of the girls had no cheer experience, they had to learn many new skills. The back handspring was one of the most difficult to master. By the end of the season the squad performed like seasoned professionals. The cheerleaders worked well together, learning new positions when team members were out, and helped come up with new ideas. The teams biggest strength was building pyramids. On March 10th the girls performed an amazing routine that earned them a 3rd place at the ICCA competition in Springfield, IL. "When they come up with good ideas for activities, it makes me want to be there. They are a fun group of girls. Also, when any Highland cheerleading team hits the floor, it makes me excited. We have a good program at the high school. I am just happy to be part of it." said Coach Cheryl Hasselhorst.
The girls hit the final pose in their mount while performing a portion of their state routine at a basketball game. Prior to competitions the cheerleaders used games as extra practice for perfecting their routine.


Sideline

By: Courtney Sippo

The Highland Varsity Cheerleaders had a difficult season this year. After receiving 2nd place at the Highland Regional, the squad proceeded on to the State championship. A few days before they prepared to leave for Springfield, the girls encountered some major set backs. One freshman member sprained her ankle so the routine was reworked, and Kaylynn Rehberger was added to fill a recently emptied spot on the squad. The cheerleaders created a brand new routine two days before the state competition. In spite of the setbacks, the Varsity earned 8th place out of 30 teams at the ICCA State competition. Even though State was the main focus during the cheerleaders’ season, they also performed at basketball games. Many of these games were used as extra practice time to get the squad ready for an upcoming competition. Coach Terry Aebischer said, “The girls on my squad taught me to never give up even under the worst of circumstances.”
Competitions

Highland Regional  2nd Place
Edwardsville Regional  5th Place
IHSA Sectional  6th Place
ICCA State  8th Place

What was your greatest accomplishment during the season?

"Finally getting my twist in time to perform it in the routine at state."

Taylor Blackwell  Freshman

What was one life lesson you learned from cheerleading?

"No matter what, never give up. As long as I always believe in myself I can do anything."

Melissa Miller  Senior

What was your favorite part about cheerleading?

"I love stunting! Even though being a top can be dangerous it's still fun to be thrown into the air."

Briana Basler  Junior

The Varsity cheerleaders beautifully execute the shoot-through portion of their main mount at the Edwardsville Regional competition. It only took the girls one practice to learn this difficult stunt and to perform it perfectly.
Michael Buehne  
Freshman

What was your most memorable moment?

“I had a lot of fun with all the upperclassmen.”

Luke Haberer  
Sophomore

In what ways does your coach inspire you?

“I think Coach Weber is the best coach ever. He is hilarious at practice.”

Sean Gagen  
Junior

What is your favorite part about practice?

“Drink breaks.”

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Sophomore Andy Reutiman, #2, and junior Brian Kuper, #33, prepare to box out and rebound a free throw against Triad. We only played the Knights once this season, defeating them by 14 points.
Baseline

By: Kristy Frey

Working together and having fun were the two motto's of this year's Junior Varsity basketball squad. Coach Sam Weber felt his team deserved an award for all their hard work and pure unselfishness. "The two biggest compliments a coach can give to a team is hard worked and unselfish play. These traits not only show what quality players, but what quality people they are as well." The boys finished with an overall record of 11-5 and ended their season with a win over the Civic Memorial Eagles thanks to a game-winning shot at the buzzer by one of the team's captains, Brent Maedge, Jr., who shared the title with fellow Juniors Chris Sudhoff and Brent Kuper. The team consisted of Freshmen through Juniors who, according to Coach Weber, came to practice every day ready to work and learn. His team improved, especially on the defensive end. "The boys made a true commitment to learn the defense and improved tremendously throughout the season." The team used their practice time to not only improve themselves, but to prepare the Varsity team for their upcoming games. "Practice was always challenging," said Kyle Lamb, Fr. "But, it felt good knowing that we all contributed to a great season."
In an attempt to steal the ball, Drew Bradley, Sr. reaches for his opponent. Bradley was one of the seven seniors who contributed to the team's successful season.

Front row: Sean Gagen, Brent Maedge, and Andy Reutiman
Back row: Kyle Ware, Danny Gifford, Travis Brave, Drew Bradley, Brent Kuper, Evan Schumacher, and Chris Sudhoff

Free Throw Line
By: Stephanie Harris

The Varsity boys basketball team had its best season in years, bringing back competitive respectability, and they also accomplished many of the team goals. The team started strongly winning four straight games which gave them the championship at the Murphysboro Tournament. The Bulldogs then started their conference schedule with one victory and one loss. This loss was the only defeat in the Mississippi Valley Conference for Highland. With a 9-1 conference record, the team was able to win the MVC crown out right for the first time in 12 years. The Bulldog team finished the season with an 18-11 record, giving them the most wins in 12 years. Although the season came to an abrupt stop with a loss from Jerseyville in the regional semi-final game, the year was a great success for the basketball program. "It was a great season. These kids accomplished a lot and should feel very proud of what they have done. I am so proud of them and all they have gone through and sacrificed for the good of the team," said Coach Todd Strong.

Wesley Degroot, Sr. shoots a free throw for extra points. This year Degroot had the team's best free throw percentage, and he was inducted into the 1000 points club.

Walking off the court, the team meets with the coach for a time-out. In this close game, Carlyle barely beat us 64 to 62.
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Wesley Degroot  Senior

What do you think about during the game?

"Does my butt look big in these shorts?"

Kyle Ware      Senior

What was the most memorable game this season?

"The second CM game because we held the ball and didn’t do anything but still won."

Brent Kuper    Junior

What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?

"To get to play, and I guess I sorta-kinda met the goal."

Dakota Gilbert, So. Skillfully guards his Jacksonville opponent. The team’s tenacious defense helped the team to beat Jacksonville. This win gained them 2nd place in the Chatham tournament.
John Bowers  
Senior

What is one life lesson that you learned from wrestling?

“I learned how to discipline myself and be a leader for others.”

Blake Peterson  
Junior

What was your favorite part about being a member of wrestling?

“I really liked the team bondage that the team had this year.”

Ryan Graminski  
Junior

What was your greatest accomplishment during this season?

“Being a captain as a Sophomore and Junior.”

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Performing the “Hip Toss” move, Tory Davis Jr. pins his opponent to the mat. The Bulldogs were victorious in the match against Mount Olive.
Out Of Bounds

By: Kara Potthast

The wrestling team pulled out a winning season this year with a record of 16-5. This was impressive considering the team was so young. Nine out of 14 boys on the Varsity team were underclassmen. Coach Nic Shiebel said, "They are the best young team in the area. They’re always looking for ways to improve themselves and correct their mistakes." The Bulldog wrestlers inspired Coach Shiebel this year. He said, "The young ones had to grow up so fast! They learned so quickly and grew into men."

The upper classmen were also impressive “meshing” with the younger members, passing on their experience and knowledge. Junior Ryan Graminski had a great shot at making it to state this year, but was injured at the Sectional match. The team was one win from breaking the school record and finished Regionals with the best finish ever achieved by the Bulldogs. They also received runner up in Regionals and tied for first in Conference.
The girls proudly perform their pom dance routine. They placed 1st at State with the same routine.

Ashley Wellen, Shaína Rittenhouse, Hayley Welz, Megan Kujawa, Sarah Wagner, Mandy Newsome, Whitney Zobrist, Alyssa Frerker, & Cassandra White

Drill Line

By: Leah Nungesser

The JV Dance Team had a great year. They received the best placement on their hip hop routine by receiving 1st place with it at every competition. They also competed in the pom and regular dance category. Other achievements included the “Never Give Up Award”. Coach Kimberly Romero said “After each competition, the girls became more and more determined to come out on top and earn that 1st place. They proved they could do just that at State, bringing home two State titles in Pom Dance and Dance.” They opened up the season with the Mascoutah Regional where the placed 1st in hip hop and 2nd in dance. From there they went to Edwardsville and competed with their pom dance and placed 2nd along with a 1st in hip hop and 2nd in dance. The girls had the same scores for the Triad Regional but improved for the Highland Regional by placing 1st in the pom dance category. One of the goals for this year’s team was to defend their their state title and they did just that and more. Coach Romero said, “I’m proud that my team could continue to improve over the course of the season, all the while enjoying each other and having fun dancing.”
Scoreboard

Mascoutah  Hip Hop-1st
          Dance-2nd

Edwardsville  Hip Hop-1st
               Dance-2nd
               Pom Dance-2nd

Triad  Hip Hop-1st
        Dance-2nd
        Pom Dance-2nd

Highland  Hip Hop-1st
         Dance-1st
        Pom Dance-1st

State  Dance-1st
      Pom Dance-1st

Shaina Wittenhouse
Freshman

What is your favorite part about practice?
Doing the dance well enough to make Romero smile.

Sarah Wagner
Freshman

In what ways does your coach inspire you?
She makes us want to be the best we can to make all of the team happy and proud.

Alyssa Ferker
Sophomore

What is your most memorable moment?
My most memorable moments were bonding with the team and meeting new people.

Performing their best routine, the girls show off their hip hop moves at the Highland Regional. They received four 1sts with the routine.
Kara Luitjohan  
Senior  
What was your most memorable competition this season?

Super sectionals because it was the first time we had competition in the dance and lyrical categories. And we brought home three 1sts.

Lauren Hiem  
Junior  
What do you think about during the competition?

How excited I am to perform and hopefully win.

Brooke Mauer  
Senior  
What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?

One of our goals were three 1sts at state. We received two 1sts and one 4th so we didn’t come home disappointed.

The hip hop dance “Tambourine” was one of their strongest routines.
The dance team performs their lyrical dance "They Weren't There." They earned 1st place at state with this dance.

The dancers perform "Shake", at Lindberg.

KickLine

By: Jennan Bolk

With only five returning team members this year the dance team almost started from scratch and built their way up. The girls competed at many competitions and received many 1st place trophies. Their IDTA competitions this year consisted of Mascoutah, Edwardsville, Chicago, Triad and Highland. They travelled to O'Fallon for Super Sectionals and captured three 1st places.

Next, the dance team went to U of I for the state competition. They obtained two 1st places with lyrical, hip hop, and dance. Coach Michelle Deets said "The girls really bonded as a team throughout their months together. They were more than friends; they were a family."
Blake Ammann, Sr. swings his hips to the beat of the team's music. Blake was also the team captain.

Front row: Josh Lee, Gary Kharibian, Dade Noonies, Steven Klingbeil, Zac Bethel
Back row: Jacob Strackeljahn, Blake Ammann, Greg Semanism, Tim Osborn, Robert Hamm, Ian Crase

Bass Line
By: Kelsy England

One of the most exhilarating and unique sports offered at Highland High School is the boys Dance Team. Their season was consistent, pulling out three 2nd place finishes at the Mascoutah, Edwardsville, and Triad competitions. Then they finished 4th at Lindbergh and 8th at the Highland competition. Their biggest accomplishment was that they were the first male dance team to qualify for the state competition. Even though they had a successful journey, the boys wished they would have gone further. Coach Michelle Deets said, “I was inspired by their desire to keep up with the girls and be the best they could be.” From the beginning of the season, the dance ability of the team improved as a whole. Coach Deets said, “If I could give the boys an award it would be the 110% award, because, they gave it their all at every practice and competition. I was very inspired from the hard work of this team.” Every dance member found fun, success, and friendship during the season.
Scoreboard

Lindbergh 4th
Mascoutah 2nd
Edwardsville 2nd
Triad 2nd
Highland 8th

Robert Hamm
Senior
What is one life lesson that you learned from this sport?
Just because a guy dances doesn’t mean he is gay.

Tim Osborn
Junior
What was your greatest accomplishment during the season?
Getting 4th at the Lindbergh Competition.

Josh Lee
Junior
What is your favorite part about this sport?
We’re the only guy’s dance team in the state.

The dancers laugh as their routine comes to an end. All year the team proved themselves, and pushed each other to the limits.
Jennifer Hartlieb
Senior

What do you think about when you are getting ready to throw the ball?

PLEASE, PLEASE FALL!

Shane Stille
Freshman

What was your best game this season?

300- It was pretty exciting! It was one of the best feelings of my life!

Cassey Leitscuh
Freshman

What was your favorite memory from this season?

The bus rides because we were all together and always had a good time.

Senior Brock Stephenson watches his ball roll down the lane. Brock was voted MVP by his teammates. Next year he will be missed for his talent.

Scoreboard

Harrisburg   M/W
Wesclin      W - W
Salem        L - W
Southwestern W - W
Civic Memorial W - W
Roxana       W - W
EAWR         L - W
Jerseyville  - - W
Mascoutah    W - L
MEL          W - W
Southwestern W - W
Civic Memorial W - W
Mascoutah    W - W
Roxana       W - W
EAWR         L - W
Jerseyville  - - L
Sectionals  8th - 4th
JV Records  12-3 - 14-2
Foul Line

By: Jessie Moss

The bowling team had its most successful season in many years. All four teams, which includes Mens and Womens JV and Varsity, had winning records this year. Also, three out of the four teams, took the Conference title. Despite fighting hard the Mens JV missed the title by one game, but still had a great season with a record of 12-3. The Mens Varsity had an 11-4 record and Womens Varsity and JV shared a 14-2 record. Unfortunately, the team will lose four senior girls and three boys. Along with their high scores they will be missed for their bus songs, goose calls, and colorful hair! The season ended with the yearly banquet at Poplar Junction, where the bowlers and their families enjoyed pizza and bowling.
Junior Kristin Harkey kicks the ball to her teammates.

Top: Keeping her eye on the ball, Maddy Michael Jr., is ready to hit the pitch. She was a member of the varsity team for three years.
Middle: Chelsea Turner, Fr., sits and holds Lauren Haberer's starting block. Haberer runs 300 hurdles and relays.

Bottom: Senior Jake Odorizzi, pitches the ball to the opposing team. Over a two year period Odorizzi won 24 consectutive games.
What do you think about during the game?

“I think about what I can do to help the team get a win. I try to forget about everything else and play softball.”

What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?

“To learn new things and meet new people, and I definitely reached those goals.”

What was your most memorable game this season?

“Winning the championship game in the O’Fallon tournament. It was 3-0.”

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Taking a lead off third base, Kirsten Morgan, Fr., watches the pitch along with Coach Simmons in a game against Alton Marquette.
First Base Line

By: Kristy Frey

With an impressive overall record of 17-2, the Junior Varsity softball team displayed hard work and improvement throughout their season. Under the direction of head coach, Kristie Simmons, the girls brought home a 1st place trophy from the O'Fallon JV Tournament, shutting both O'Fallon and Mascoutah out with scores of 9-0 and 3-0. Coach Simmons held great pride in her squad for their effort to improve. “The girls gave 100%, and all their effort paid off. Each girl improved individually, and that equaled total team success,” said Simmons. The JV team, who ended their season with a 14-game winning streak, fought through injuries and a pitching shortage, as both pitchers were pulled up periodically for Varsity play. Coach Simmons said, “Every day my players arrived with up beat, positive attitudes, ready to work hard and play hard. Their attitudes have definitely influenced the entire softball program and coaching staff.” Although Junior Varsity teams cannot advance on to regionals, Coach Simmons believed if given the chance, her team could go far. “This is one of the most successful teams I have seen play softball, and it is a true honor to be their coach.”
Line Up
By: Hillary Held

This year’s Varsity team was a young team with only one Senior member. With a rough start and their only Senior out with an injury, the start of the season was a challenge. However, they managed to come back and win many Conference games and finished 3rd in the Mississippi Valley Conference. With so many players that can play numerous places, Coach Sharon Schmitz had a tough time this season. She said, “Their talents! These girls are LOADED with talent and it is just fun to watch them play when they are on. It has been my pleasure to coach them and some I have coached for five or six years. It’s going to be tough to see our Senior leave this year and next year it will be tough to graduate the Senior class. I truly love this sport and these girls and they make it worth the time and effort I put in as a coach.”
Scoreboard

Mater Dei L
Greenville W
Alton L
Homewood-Floss. W
Belleville W. L
Mascoutah W
Triad L
Gillespie-D-H W
Waterloo L
Alton-Marquette W
Centralia L
Jerseyville W
Civic Memorial L
Granite City W
Wesclin L
Triad L
Waterloo W
Civic Memorial L

Elisha Brown
Senior

What is one life lesson that you learned from softball?

“No matter how hard you work, you should work 100 times more.”

Jenna Bentlage
Junior

What is your favorite part about softball?

“We all got along towards the end of the season!!”

Kayla Kidd
Junior

What was your greatest accomplishment this season?

“We improved on our game towards the end of the season.”

Brandy Balkenbusch, Jr., gets ready to release a pitch while Kristy Frey, Jr., prepares to field a ball at the Homewood-Flossmoor game, played at Belleville West.
In what ways does your coach inspire you?

“He inspires us with his always positive attitude.”

What was your most memorable moment?

“All of the bus rides home from away matches.”

What’s your favorite part about practice?

“Goofing around with the other players.”

Scoreboard

Roxanna 03-06
Jerseyville 03-06
Waterloo 09-00
Alton Marquette 05-04
Greenville 05-04
Granite City 06-03
Civic Memorial 04-05
Alton H.S. 03-06
Mascoutah 00-09
Triad 00-09
St. Anthony 00-09
Collinsville 04-05
Hillsboro 05-04

Diving for the ball, Alex McCloud, So., successfully returns the tennis ball with a baseline forehand. Alex played the number 3 doubles spot along with Brad Jackson, So.
Center Line

By: Kara Potthast

With determination and practice the boys tennis team built a foundation of strong players for the years to come. This year the team consisted entirely underclassmen, which may have put a damper on the 2008 season, but the players worked and learned together. When asked what award he believed his team deserved, Coach Tim Hirsch said, “They deserve the unity award. The boys always worked together to try and achieve one main goal.” Ending the season they pulled out with a record of 5-8, excellent for the mostly unexperienced tennis players that made up the team.

“Everybody, from the worst to the very best player, worked hard to improve throughout the season,” said Hirsch. When asked how his team inspired him, Coach Hirsch said, “They always showed good sportsmanship on and off the court. They also did well in school making them very well rounded good student athletes.”
Hurdling like a gazelle, Lauren Haberer, Sr., takes first place in the 100 meter hurdles. Haberer missed state qualification in the 300 meter hurdles by nearly one second, placing 3rd at Sectionals. Running the 4X800, Emilee Hargis, Jr., leads the team to a first place finish. Hargis achieved the most Varsity points in both her Sophomore and Junior years.

Front row: Kara Potthast, Jenna Diaz, Katie Ullman, Allyson Buehne, Lauren Haberer Middle row: Hannah Lucco, Hayley Welz, Sam Brockman, Mallory Frey, Melissa Walter, Kristin Frey Back row: Coach Beyer, Chyenne Miranda, Kelsey Wellen, Erica Leady, Jessica Callahan, Emilee Hargis, Alex Rinderer, Chelsey Turner

Finish Line
By: Kara Potthast

The Girls Track Team did an outstanding job this season. Given injuries and loss of members, the girls worked together to complete a successful season and memorable year. In the end the girls achieved six 1st place team titles and received 2nd place at the Mississippi Valley Conference. Coach Beyer said, “The girls stepped it up when it came to the Conference meet. Everyone came together at the right time to help a lot of members do their personal best. Every girl was out there cheering and supporting her teammates and that is very admirable.” At the Sectional meet, Seniors Lauren Haberer and Emilee Hargis were in the hunt for a shot at going to State. It takes an impressive, unique group of ladies to complete the team. Coach Beyer said, “I’m proud of the girls that came out this year. Running isn’t necessarily something that all girls can do.”
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**Allyson Buehne**
Senior

What do you think about during your race?

“All I think about is ending the race. Once I start, I am ready to be done.”

**Sam Brockman**
Sophomore

What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?

“My goal was to make friends and have a great time and I did.”

**Jenna Diaz**
Senior

What was your most memorable meet this year?

“Conference. The 4X100 team got their PR and Kara jumped 5’0”.”

Seniors Sara Packman, Lauren Haberer, Allyson Buehne, Katie Ullman, Jenna Diaz, and Kara Potthast gather together at the Collinsville Invitational. These ladies worked hard together for four years.
Matthew Rezabek  
Senior

What is your goal for this season?

To break my high jump record.

Ryan Keller  
Sophomore

In what ways does your coach inspire you?

Motivating us with her good looks.

Darren Hooks  
Senior

What is your favorite part about this sport?

I like the competition and the races.

Scoreboard

Granite City 2nd
Panther relays 2nd
O'Fallon relays 7th
Madison County 3rd
Carlinville Invitational 4th
Roxana Relays 2nd
MVC Championship 2nd

Jacob Strackeljahn, Jr., finishes a long jump at the Carlinville meet. He was one of our top long jumpers.
Crossing the Line

By: Jennan Bolk

For the second year Coach Cotto was the boys track head coach. The boys started the season by going to three indoor meets. Those meets made them more confident about the rest of the season. Most of the boys practiced year round to reach their goals.

Asst. Coach Vance said "The team obviously increased their time and distance, but more importantly in their competitive spirit." They were proud of their 2nd place finish at the MVC championship.
The Junior Varsity soccer team faced a tough season and every game was a new challenge. With the new coaching staff of Mike Durbin and Brandi Starko and new teammates it was hard to adjust. “It was hard in the beginning because we all had to get to know each other and the coaches had to get to know us. It got better throughout the season and we will hopefully have a stronger team next year,” said Emilee Bramstedt, Fr.
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### Player Quotes

**Emilee Bramstedt**  
**Freshman**

**What is your most memorable moment?**

"Everytime we won and were happy because we played like a team."

**Mariah Embry**  
**Freshman**

**What is your favorite part about practice?**

"The weave... just kidding, our long water breaks with Brandi."

**Kayla Descher**  
**Junior**

**What do you like about practice?**

"The weave... of course!"

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Freshman Hannah Graham pushes through her opponents to get to the ball while Deborah Oldenkamp, Jr., runs behind to help her out.
Deborah Oldenkamp  
Junior  
What were your goals for the season and did you meet them?  
"My main goal was to make Varsity. Yes, I did meet my goals and I can't wait to do it again next season!"

Hannah Graham  
Freshman  
What do you think about during the game?  
"How to get past the defensive player on the opposing team and just hoping we will win!"

Katie Weise  
Sophomore  
What was your most memorable game this year?  
"Senior Night because there was no fighting on the field and we played as a team."

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Kristen Harkey, Jr., winds back to kick the ball down field to her teammates.
Leah Duncan, Fr., dribbles the ball down the field. Leah proved her talent and played an important role on the Varsity team.

18-Yard Line

By: Jessie Moss

The Varsity soccer team had a rough year with a record of 4-15. It was a new season with new coaches, which proved to be a challenge for the team. Mike Durbin and Brandi Starko took on the head and assistant coach positions. Along with new coaches many of the girls had to play both Varsity and JV. “We started out rough in the beginning of the season, because we had to get used to things. As the season went on things got better and we grew as a team,” said Katie Weise, So. The season ended with a victorious senior night and an end of the year banquet.
Watching their pitcher warm up, Sophomores, Matthew Voss, Ross Burger, and Justin Huelsman, play in the field positions. Voss took third, while Huelsman played short stop and Burger second.


Sophomores, Ricky Diaz and James Range watch as their team battles Waterloo. In the fifth inning Range pitched, while Diaz took the first base position.

At an away game against Belleville East James Range, So., pitches as the game progresses into its final innings.

Third Base Line

By: Cali Gramlich

The boys started their season strong winning their first four games in a row, but ended their streak against O'Fallon where they were defeated by the Panthers. However, this loss did not break the boys' enthusiasm; they kept pushing through and won the next game against the Waterloo Bulldogs. As their season progressed they, took a rocky path winning one game and then losing the next. This did not break the boys attitude, Ricky Diaz, So. said, "No matter what, I have faith in my team and my coaches." The boys finished their season with an overall record of seven wins and four losses.
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Getting ready to take batting practice the players take the field. Sophomore, Jessie Vincent, said, "Being able to bat is the key to winning the game."
Gary Kharibian  
Senior

What was your most memorable moment?

"Seeing all of the scouts at every game."

Brent Kuper  
Junior

In what ways does your coach inspire you?

"By telling us to destroy their will to live."

Corey Gall  
Sophomore

What is your favorite part about practice?

"Being able to work on things I don't do very well."

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2008 Illinois State Champions
An all time record of 35 wins.

Jake Odorizzi sends a fast pitch to his opponent.
On June 7, 2008 the Highland Varsity baseball team defeated Rock Falls, 6-2, in Joliet, Illinois making the Bulldogs the Illinois State Champions. Coach Hawkins said, “It will be years before the young men on this team fully understand what they accomplished together. Perhaps looking back at this yearbook will help the magnitude of their achievements sink in. MVC champs, Regional champs, Sectional champs and IHSA State Champions are on that list of accomplishments. An outstanding team grade point average, a quality set of character people, and a unity generally reserved for family culminated into formidable results. It is my hope that the lessons learned and the relationships forged will be remembered and used all their lives. Certainly, this old coach will never forget the young men and the memories they made.”
Scholar Bowl members listen for their instructions. At competitions, the team was pitted against another school to answer questions on many subjects.

Top: Lauren Haberer, Sr., and Jason Scott, So., help set up for Homecoming in the kennel. Student Council students spent many hours out of school setting up and tearing down various programs.
Middle: FMCC students take a field trip to Barnes Jewish Hospital to learn more about medical careers. While at Barnes, students shadowed nurses and toured the Cardio-Thoracic Unit.

Bottom: Ellen Frank, Sr., carries milk bottles for the milk drinking contest. FFA held many activities during lunch hours for FFA week.
Entre las Lineas
By: Courtney Sippo

At the Mexican Museum of Fine Arts, Seniors Luke Potthast and Kelsy England hide behind Mexican Cultural masks. During the Chicago trip the students also visited the Field Museum.

Keeping each other warm, Ashley Wahl, Sr., and Megan Frank, Sr., huddle together in the windy city. The Chicago skyline was a popular photo spot during the field trip.

Mitch Gilman, Sr., and Gavin Gerner, Sr., buy souvenirs while on the Foreign Language field trip to Chicago. They found many trinkets to help them remember their experience.

Senior Kelsy England stands in front of a Spanish mural painted on a building located in the Barrio of Chicago. The saying in the background translates into, “To teach peace, is to live peace.”

Senior Lauren Haberer stands in front of a mural painted on a building located in the Barrio of Chicago.

Why did you join Spanish Club? “I want to teach Spanish for the rest of my life. The Spanish culture is so interesting, I just can’t get enough of it!” Jordan Howard, Sr. She is the Vice President of Spanish club and enjoys all the activities. Spanish Club is a great way to learn more about Spanish.

What is your favorite part of being in Spanish Club? “Speaking Spanish of course!”, Cali Gramlich, Sr. She has been a member of Spanish club for two years.

What activity did you enjoy the most? “The trip to Chicago. I loved seeing the Spanish culture first hand.”, Lauren Haberer, Sr.
Why did you join French Club? "Because Mrs. Thebus is my hero!". Kelsey Wessel, Sr. What is your favorite part of being in French Club? "The fun activities and spending time with crazy Mrs. Thebus.", Jeremy White, Sr. He is the Vice President of French Club and this is also his first year as a member. What activity did you enjoy the most? "The holiday parties, especially Halloween.", Mrs. Thebus.", Jeremy White. Seniors Kelsey Wessel and Jeremy White show off their costumes at their French Club Halloween party. This is one of many holiday parties they throw during the year.

Entre les Lignes

Seniors Kelsey Wessel and Jeremy White, Sr., work together to make a design for the French Club t-shirt. Members could create an idea for the shirt and vote for their favorite design.

Sophomore Nick Ciszczon translates English into French for a French Club project. Many activities were held through the year related to French culture.

Lucas Winkler, So., and foreign exchange student Chris Soerlie, Sr., chose their hotel rooftop as the spot for their picture. Earlier that night they enjoyed a meal of Spanish cuisine.

Seniors Jeremy White, Kelsey Wessel, Megan Frank, Jordan Howard, and Lauren Haberer chose their hotel rooftop as the spot for their picture. Earlier that night they enjoyed a meal of Spanish cuisine.
Line of Duty
By: Lauren Haberer
The Highland Leo Club was a junior Lion’s Club that spent their hours helping out the community in more ways than one. They did lots of fundraising by selling Krispy Kreme donuts in the mornings, working at the PB&J’s during the summer, and also helping out at the annual Lion’s Club Biathlon. They used these funds to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program during Christmas and donated to the local food pantry. But their greatest contribution was their donation to the Campaign for Sight II, which raised money for the blind.

Picking up branches, Stephanie Vick, Jr., and Kaite Henricks, Jr., clean up damage at Kaiser Park after a storm.

Michelle Whaley, Jr., and Kristin Randant, Jr., listen during one of the meetings. Meetings were held monthly to sign up members for different fundraisers.

Juniors Michelle Whaley, Sarah Fraser, and Katie Henricks present a check to Eric Fenton at the Lion’s Convention. The money helped the Lion’s Campaign for Sight II.

Taking notes, Vice President Alisha Goestenkor, Sr., observes one of the Leo Club meetings. “I like Leo Club because we make the community a better place and get to hang out with friends while doing it,” said Goestenkor.
Help Line

A new club, sponsored by Mrs. Meyer, Independent Impact wasn’t just a group to help the environment and our surroundings, but to help better our generation. Led by President, Grant Morton, they tried to help the world one step at a time with different projects. They sent mosquito nets to Africa and sold candy to raise money for former student, Sarah Nagel, along with adopting an animal at the St. Louis Zoo. They also hung signs up around school describing energy efficient ideas for everyday life. “My favorite part of Independent Impact was that we got to decide what we want to do.” said Freshman Sarah Randle.

Junior Maryssa Beckmen takes notes on the board at one of the monthly Independent Impact meetings.

Freshmen Alayna Gillespie and Erica Leady watch as other members of Independent Impact plan new projects for helping the planet.

Raising her hand, Stephanie Short, Jr., asks a question about one of the many world issues discussed during a meeting.

Freshmen Sarah Randle and Kathy Rausch listen intently as leaders of their club talk about new ideas for fundraisers.
Line of Order
By: Katie May

Placing the floor in the gym Jenna Diaz, Sr., Kelsey England, Sr., and Briana Gilomen, Jr., set up for homecoming. Student Council was in charge of the events that took place during homecoming week.

Juniors Alex Bowman, Deborah Oldenkamp, Claire Koch, and Mitch Cunningham tape the walkway to the floor. Workers spent the entire afternoon constructing the royal aisle.

Jesse Vincent, So., Ross Bugger, So., Ian Crase, Sr., and Michael Boyer, So., use hot glue guns to create the fountain. Court members posed next to it for pictures.

Putting the squares together Alex Rinderer, Jr., makes final touch ups for the “La noche Romantica.” Alex was an active member of Student Council for three years.

Student Council did a variety of activities during the school year. To start, they turned the gymnasium into “La Noche Romantica,” a night of romance, for the 2007 homecoming dance. Student Council kicked off the school year with homecoming activities and they also organized various lunch activities, Teacher Appreciation Week, food drive, they adopted a family, and held the first Annual Christmas dance.

What is your favorite part of being in Student Council? “Making decisions about homecoming and other fun student activities.” - Matt Royer, Sr.
Ambassadors is a club that helps freshman and other new students adapt to life at our high school. Why did you join Ambassadors? "I have never been a new student, but wanted to help new students get around school." - Rachel Adair, Jr.

What was your favorite part of being in Ambassadors? "Helping new students find new friends." - Hillary Rikli, Sr.

What activity did you enjoyed the most? "My favorite thing about Ambassadors was showing freshman around Freshman Day." - Lauren Aebischer, Sr.
First in Line

By: Kelsy England

National Honor Society at Highland High School was the highest honor for academics. The students had to earn community service hours as a requirement, and could achieve that by helping host the Senior Citizen Prom or working concessions at basketball games. The officers were Seniors Lauren Haberer, Megan Frank, Kayla Knuf, and Jennifer Hartlieb. These four honorary students kept all activities and members in line. Haberer said, “My favorite part of being in NHS was doing the polka at the Senior Citizen Prom!”

Megan Frank hands off the treasurer candle to Junior Jordan Duft at the Senior Farewell Ceremony.

Adam Carey, Sr., states where he will attend college and the scholarships he received.

The Seniors line up on the side of the stage before saying their future plans for the crowd at the Spring Celebration.

Jennifer Hartlieb lights her officer candle before giving her speech. Hartlieb was the Secretary for NHS.
National Art Honors Society was for artistically advanced students at Highland High School. These students' talents range from sculpting bowls and pottery to drawing or painting. To qualify for NAHS they had complete Art I, Art II, and be active in an advanced art class. Most of the members are in Advanced Placement Art also. Just like in NHS, NAHS had an induction ceremony. Senior Jeramy White was asked what activity he enjoyed the most and he said, “It was definitely the induction ceremony, because you get to light the candles.”

Sarah Powell, Jr., watches fellow Juniors Michelle Whaley and Kristin Harkey throw clay bowls on the potter's wheel.

Painting a portrait of a man gazing at his shadow is Cami Gramlich, So.

Sophomore Mallory Frey holds up her final project to get a better look. To be inducted the members created three art pieces.

Juniors Katie Potthast and Stephanie Heffron piece small pictures together to make a collage, while senior Jessie Moss works next to them.
Ms. Romero discusses poster ideas with SADD members. The posters were hung in the halls during the week before prom. Finalizing the details before prom, SADD members think of little ways to help students make big decisions.

President Rachel Adair presented the Weddell family with a thank you card following the assembly "Ashley’s Story" in April.

SADD members stood in front of the picture given to HHS after the assembly. Students were able to view the picture in the commons during prom.

SADD was a student organization that discouraged students from making destructive decisions while in high school. Members strived to become a leadership mentor group that set a good example for their peers. Ms. Romero said, “I’m really proud of my group this year, they worked hard to create fun activities for the student body that promoted good choices.” SADD members raffled off a prom picture package and decorated the commons with colorful posters. SADD hosted an assembly in April named "Ashley’s Story.”

What’s your favorite part of being in SADD?: “Putting together the assemblies.”

Carrie Crundwell, So.
From adopting a family at Christmas to observing an open heart surgery, Future Medical Careers Club did it all. At each meeting, an overview of one career was presented and a new speaker was introduced once a month in the classroom. Members of FMCC went on several interesting field trips this year. They toured DePaul Hospital’s new hip and knee unit. Mrs. Duckworth encouraged students to join FMCC, "Even if you can’t take medical occupations, join FMCC. Everybody’s welcome!". What activity did you enjoy the most?: “Going to Barnes Hospital to observe the surgery.” Adam Carey, Sr.

Blood Line

Members of FMCC visit DePaul Hospital’s new hip and knee unit. Students also had the opportunity to tour their rehabilitation unit.

Kayla Knuf, Sr., Mrs. Duckworth, Stephanie Short, Jr., Zac Walter, Sr., and Adam Carey, Sr. dress in scrubs at Barnes Jewish Hospital.

FMCC visits the Shriner’s Hospital in April. The Shriners taught the students what they could do to help the Shriners’ efforts.

Emilee Hargis, Jr. and Kristy Frey, Jr. sell concessions at a home basketball game. This was one of FMCC’s major fundraisers.
State Line
By: Katie Ullman

Focus St. Louis was a club sponsored by the Korte Company. It was a group of six juniors chosen to represent Highland High School. They traveled to St. Louis twice a month to meet with fellow students from the metropolitan area. Kristee Elliott, Sr., said, "I liked learning about different cultures that make up St. Louis." They discussed important issues within St. Louis and tried to find resolutions to the problems. Junior Jordan Duft said, "I joined because I wanted to experience St. Louis from a different perspective.

Juniors, Jordan Duft, Grant Morton, Kristee Elliott, Brooke Welge, Ariel Frey, all juniors, and Mrs. Wagenblast.

Brooke Welge karaoke to "These Boots are Made for Walking" at the retreat.

Juniors, Kelsey Hoyt, Grant Morton, and Ariel Frey take a rest from playing games.

Grant Morton, Jr., plays four square at a meeting. His favorite activity during the year was the retreat because he got hear everyone's backgrounds.
Story Line

Book Club was a group that met once a month to discuss and analyze books. When asked why she joined book club, Bridget Cahalan, Sr., said, "Because I enjoy the literary discussions." The members of book club read books that were made into movies. They read a book then watched the movie and compared and contrasted the similarities and differences. Jazmin Downing, Jr., said, "My favorite part of book club was movie night!"

Emily Kinsey, Fr., Katherine Mueller, Fr., Bridgeget Cahalan, Sr., Jazmin Downing, Jr., Elizabeth Raynor, Fr., Colleen Cahalan, So., and Kayla Frey, Fr.

Reading From A Walk to Remember is freshman, Elizabeth Raynor.

Jazmin Downing Jr., and Mrs. Gentleman discuss the recent books they have been reading.

Enjoying movie night are freshman, Emily Kinsey and Katherine Mueller.
Line of Work
By: Cali Gramlich

Seniors, John Genovese, McKayla Keeton, Kayla Johnson, and Amber Donley, deliver food to the Highland Food Pantry. The Jobs for Illinois Graduates (JILG) students also helped stock the food at the pantry.

Raising money for the Short family, JILG Senior members Greg Semanisin and Joey Davis help by selling carnations for Valentine’s Day. JAWS week raised more than $300 for R. J. Short and his family who lost their home in a fire.

Senator Frank Watson speaks to the JILG class and meets with Senior Kayla Breaux. Senator Watson visited many Metro East schools.

The members of JILG enjoy an evening together filled with food and celebration at their induction ceremony. Throughout the year JILG members looked at many interesting future careers.

JILG or Jobs for Illinois Graduates is offered to seniors at Highland. Those seniors were automatically members of ICA or the Illinois Career Association. ICA was a leadership organization which taught students citizenship skills through community service. Members were also taught how to achieve a job and maintain it. Senior Sammi Gonser said,” It gave me a chance to see what I could do with my life once I graduate.”

JILG gave a look at different opportunities students may achieve. President Greg Semanisin said,” It’s a very rewarding experience.”
The Highland chapter of the Future Farmers of America celebrated its 75th birthday this year. This club participated in all sorts of activities that included many various agricultural competitions that tested abilities and knowledge of the farming industry. President, Miles Tonies, said, “FFA gave me the tools I need to develop leadership skills and qualities that will benefit me throughout my college career and entire life.” FFA is a rewarding club for those who may be interested in the farming profession. Members learned about the farming community while still having fun.

Corn Rows
By: Cali Gramlich

Freshman Brendon Ohren and Jared Schmitz, get to do the dirty work after the teachers' breakfast. FFA puts on the teachers' breakfast every year to thank the faculty for all they do.

Sticking with the Spanish theme Jesse Sauls, Sr., Clair Geiger, Fr., Elizabeth Stumpf, Jr., and Kristylynn Raymond, Jr., ride the FFA float. Homecoming week was full of different activities that showed school spirit.

Participating in lunch activities, Junior Stephanie McCalla, shows her milk chugging skills. During the week of February 18th FFA held different games during lunch to honor the club.

Welcoming the new members into the organization, FFA held a barbecue. The new member barbecue is held every year to welcome back the old members, and give the new ones a nice hello.
Jake Bosen So., Alex Korte Fr., and Dan Bugger Fr. test out robot "Crackerjack" before they compete at the SIUE competition. This robot received 7th place out of 28 robots.

Using program Interactive C, Jake Bosen programs the robot’s functions. Bosen was the T.E.C.H team’s president.

Blake Petermier Fr., Ryan Keltner So., Dan Bugger Fr., and Shane Asher work on the computer to learn how to build the robots. The team spent a weekend at SIUE dedication to Robot creations.

Testing out robot "Gear Grinder", Dan Bugger checks to make sure it is programmed correctly. The team picked the name for this robot because it never seemed to work properly.

Assembly Line

What activity do you enjoy the most about being a member of T.E.C.H.: “I enjoy going to the competitions because we get to see what the other students created. You get to see a variety of ideas!” Shane Asher, Sr.

What is your favorite part about being in T.E.C.H?: “I like to see the end product of what I have invested so much time into creating.” Brennan Girdler, Jr.

Why did you decide to join T.E.C.H?: “I am very interested in designing technology and aspire to be an engineer once I complete college.” Jake Bosen, So.
What is your favorite part about being on the Chess Team?: “I really enjoy going to the tournaments to test my skills!” Ryan Keltner, So.

Why did you decide to join Chess Team?: “I’ve been playing chess since I was five so I decided to continue.” Simon Menz, So.

What activity to you enjoy the most being a member of the Chess Team?: “I enjoy going over other people’s games and learning from them.” Blake Petermeier, Fr.

Blake Petermeier Fr., Ryan Newsom Fr., Simon Menz So., and Ryan Keltner So., proudly show their top places at the Lindbergh High School Tournament.

Planning his next move, Ryan Newsom Fr., studies the chess board. Newsom did outstanding at this competition with two wins on the 3rd board.

Simon Menz So., opens up the game with the “Sicilian Opening.” This is a commonly used opening by the Black side opponent.

The high school members of the chess team gather together at practice. Ryan Newsom Fr., Blake Petermeier Fr., Simon Menz So., Ryan Keltner So., Jeremy Keller Fr., and John Petermeier Fr., were the club members.
Lifeline
By: Alyssa Johnson

Trusting her friends, Kelly Fulton, So., begins to fall backwards. The Trust Fall showed the members that they could rely on one another.

Mr. Konopka explains the opening activity to students while Brandon Goebel, Sr. and Robert Volker, So. listen attentively to their leaders.

Jason Scott, So. and Garrett Meier, So. wait for the meeting to start. Students met to discuss the Claire Wright Fundraiser.

Randy Knebel, Jr. gets a running start before leaping through the hoops. Hoop Mania was a game that showed members how to cooperate with one another.

Lifesavers was a peer help group. Members strove to be positive, non-judgmental people who students could talk to in confidence. Students met once a month either during EL or after school. Meetings were opened with an ice breaking activity that stimulated discussion. Lifesavers held their annual leadership training retreat in September. Members were trained on how to handle situations that may arise when listening to their peers. On May 29, Lifesavers held a Gladiator Competition as a fundraiser for the Claire Wright Sight Fund. Participants engaged in a euchre tournament and other various events. What's your favorite part of being
in Lifesavers?: “Going to the retreat at Wesclin to prepare to be a leader.” Kelsey Frey, Jr. **Why did you decide to join Lifesavers?:** “Katie Duncan asked me to go to a meeting and I had so much fun that I joined every year.” Dustin Vosholler, Sr. **What activity did you enjoy the most?:** “Growing up well for the eighth graders. We answered their questions about high school.” Brittany Kloss, Sr. **Why did you decide to join Lifesavers?:** “To meet new people and be able to help my peers with their problems.” Blake Korte, Sr. **What activity did you enjoy the most?:** “The retreat. I was able to meet new people.” Vanessa Knebel, Sr.

Attempting to jump through the hula hoops, Dustin Vosholler takes a leap while Alex Bowman, Jr. helps to hold them upright.

Freshmen Monica Stumpf, Morgan Schrage, Hannah Runge, Shaina Rittenhouse, and Lindsey Poettker share laughs at the monthly meeting.

Seniors Ellen Frank, Blake Korte, Brittany Kloss and Vanessa Knebel put on the final touches before beginning the meeting.

Brandon Goebel, Sr., and Alex Rinderer, Jr., attend the annual leadership retreat in the fall.
Dateline
By: Chelsie Switzer

The Model United Nations club learned about real world problems on a first hand basis. Each member was assigned a country and then he or she researched specific world issues and attempted to solve them. This year they were successful on several levels. As new participants at the University of Chicago Model UN, Highland actively engaged in the debates and formulation of resolutions and writing problem solution papers. Working in teams, each group participated fully in a conference of over 2,000 students from all over the United States. The performance was reflected in their ability to utilize their research by debating and working with other countries.

After a study session, the Model UN members lighten up the moment with a fun pose.

Amanda McCubbins, Fr. debates different issues. It was helpful to practice debate techniques at Model UN meetings.

Representing Indonesia, Austin Potthoff, So. competes at McKendree. Model UN spent two days at the McKendree competition.

Front row: Blake Petermeier, Fr., Amanda McCubbins, Fr., Angela Johnson, So., Cari Koopman, So., and Bridgette Cahalan, Sr.
Back row: Drew Loyett, Fr., John Doll, Jr., and John Rekowski, So.
Learning Line
By: Chelsie Switzer

WYSE stands for Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering. WYSE was a 14 member team that competed against other high school students in seven subject areas: Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering Graphics. This year the regional competition was held at SWIC and we had three ribbon winners. At the Regional and State competitions hundreds of members were in the room when they tested. When asked about this years team, Mrs. Massey said, "You can feel the brain power and some anxiety in the room when the students test. It is an honor to sponsor this group."

The WYSE team members snap a group picture. At the competitions all the teammates worked together to do their best.

Andrew Kimmle, Jr. patiently waits before the competition starts. Many hours went into competition preparation.

Anxiously waiting, Sophomores Nathan Oliveira and Simon Menz stand outside the competition room.

Team Coach, Mrs. Massey, reassures her team members before they begin their day.
Lines of Concentration
By: Stephanie Harris

Freshmen Monica Stumpf, Austin Happold, and Kevin Kimmel discuss their building strategy. They beat the Seniors by one foot in the highest free standing structure competition.

Juniors Jazmin Downing and Emilee Hargis make a design for two rockets. Both rockets hit the opposite wall which was the best of all the teams.

Justin Theims, Jr., prepares to steady the Juniors' tower. This event gained them several points which helped to earn them 2nd place.

Seniors Sadie Geiger and Matthew Shallenberger aim the launcher in hopes their rocket will go the farthest.
Senior Olympiad was a one-day event testing the skills and knowledge of four member teams from different local high schools. This year we entered a Freshman, Junior, and Senior team. They competed against over 35 schools from St. Clair and Madison counties. Students competed in several activities such as the rocket launch, egg protection, and cardboard tower challenges. There were also paper and pencil activities. Each activity gained the teams points depending on how well they completed them. The Seniors placed 1st, the Juniors got 2nd, and the Freshmen received 4th. All three teams did exceptionally well at the Senior Olympiad.

Austin Happold, Fr., gets ready to throw the egg and candy cane protection device. In this challenge, each team had to throw their contraption as far as possible without breaking the egg or candy canes.

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Sadie Geiger, Sr., sits on top of the bleachers while she helps to stabilize her team's structure. The Seniors tower measured 22 feet, one of the highest in the competition.

Front row: Claire Geiger, Austin Happold, Monica Stumpf, Kevin Kimmel, and Mrs. Massey Back row: Jazmin Downing, Emilee Hargis, Justin Theims, Jacob Strackeljahn, Stephanie Harris, Sadie Geiger, Matthew Shallenberg, and Sara Packman.
Number Line
By: Chelsie Switzer

The Math Team competed in the Southwest Math Conference which consisted of a competition that lasted over several weeks. The team had to move up to the larger school division which made the competition tougher. Even though they did not receive a team trophy this year, the team had many individual medalists. When asked about this year's math team Coach Watts said, "The team this year was young and had to compete many times without Senior members. With our returning members, we should have a strong team next year. I appreciate the dedication of those involved and look forward to next year."

Several of the math team members finish their tests. They all prepared together by challenging one another.

Concentrating, Kelsey Frey, Jr. and her teammates practice for an upcoming competition.

Working as a team, Junior Kelsey Frey, Sophomores Ryan Keltner, Simon Menz, and Freshman Jeremy Keller practice their math skills.

Members from the math team stand together for a group picture. Freshman Blake Petermeier, Sophomore Ryan Keltner, Junior Kelsey Frey, Sophomore Simon Menz and Freshman Jeremy Keller are pictured to the right.
In The Line of Battle

This year the Scholar Bowl team competed against many other schools and they accomplished many goals. They ended the year with 16 wins and four losses. When asked about this year's team Coach Uhls said, "This year's team meshed together as a unit very quickly. We dominated most games, but we were able to win the close matches as well. It has been a long time since I've coached a team with so much talent. They made the coaching staff look good, and we couldn't be more proud!" They placed 3rd out of 21 schools.

With all their ability, Kelsey Frey, Jr. and Cameron Cagle, So., focus on the answer at their Scholar Bowl match.

Seniors, Paige Counts and Chris Gillespie wait for their question. Paige has been a member of the team for four years and Chris has been a member for one year.

Concentrating on their question Freshmen Kayla Frey and Elizabeth Raynor think about the computation.

The students confer about a question. "I love answering totally obscure questions," said Bridgette Cahalan.
Students show their spirit by wearing camo to a girls basketball game. This look was popular with the audience at Sectionals.

Top: The Highland High School band plays music while students file into the gym for an assembly. The band played the school song and the National Anthem at every assembly.
Middle: Sophomores Mallory Frey, Haylee Korte, Zach Thiems, Dakota Gilbert, and Mary Komeshak wear their class colors during Homecoming week.

Bottom: Grilling for the AG Department are Seniors Dale Bohnenstiel, Nick Sparlin, Trevor Isaak, Greg Semanisin, Miles Toenyes, Annie Moss, Larissa Toennies, Cali Gramlich, and Katie Ullman.
Faculty

Josh Ebener, Principal
Steve Lanxon, Vice Principal
Arlen Baker, Business
Rene Barr, Agriculture
Lisa Basden, Science
Tina Beyer, History

PJ Bolk, Secretary
Doug Bradley, History
Tina Bradley, Secretary
Karen Branger, Aide
Gail Braundmeier, Secretary
Staci Brown, Guidance

Kathy Burns, Art
Ted Cipicchio, Business
Tiffany Conzelman, English
Robert Davis, Band
Michelle Deets, Spanish
Bruce Delbert, Agriculture

Karen Duckworth, Nurse
Clay Dugger, Band
Margie Duncan, Math
Christopher Durbin, Business
Matt Elledge, Special Education
Sherry Fletcher, Secretary

Heidi Fredericksen, English
Karen Gauen, English
Nancy Genteman, Librarian
Mark Geppert, P.E.
Christy Golder, Science
Trina Gregg, Secretary

Jody Hall, P.E.
Jody Harrison, P.E.
Joel Hawkins, Math
Dena Henricks, Secretary
Barbara Heyen, Guidance
Gina Hirsch, Science

Tim Hirsch, Special Education
Holly Hoffman, English
Ron Holt, History
Caleb Houchins, P.E.
Ashley Hummel, Special Education
Mary Jackson, Agriculture
The Freshmen class of 2011 began their first year of high school with anticipation. The students had to quickly adapt to block scheduling, new teachers and intimidating upperclassmen. The students were introduced to new classes such as Spanish I, Integrated Science and Algebra I. The Freshmen could also choose from a variety of electives.
Freshmen

Robert Amizich
Nicholas Ammann
Brandon Amos
Dylan Anderson
Candace Asher

Christina Balkenbusch
Cody Barr
Kathleen Bean
Aaron Biggs
Taylor Blackwell

Emily Bloomfield
Jeremy Boeser
Joshua Bowers
Lacey Boyer
Emilee Bramstedt

Kirsten Bray
Sawyer Bricker
Derek Brinker
Cody Brown
Kathleen Brown

Michael Buehne
Chelsey Burke
Jessica Callahan
Nicholas Campbell
Cortney Carroll

Nathan Clark
Lindsay Compton
Stephen Cooper
Andrew Copeland
Katie Crockett
Derrick Lambert
Austin Lampe
Nicholas Lampen
Stephanie Landolt
Madeline Laney
Erica Leadly

Cassey Leitschuh
Emily Lemsanski
Kaitlyn Levad
Michael Lewis
Chastity Logue
Cody Lowe

Andrew Loyet
Cody Luitjohan
Jenna Luitjohan
Michael Lutostanski
Austin Marcus
Christina Markunas

Kayla Martin
Lynn Martz
Chad Mayes
Amanda McCubbins
Zane McGee
Mitchell McGill

Jacob Melosi
Joseph Mettler
Hunter Michael
Dominic Micheletto
Emily Miller
Halie Miller

Trevor Miller
Caleb Minney
Cheyenne Miranda
Alicia Mitchell
Kirsten Morgan
Cody Morton

Katherine Mueller
Tasha Murphy
Ricky Newcomb
Libby Niggli
Dade Noones
Amanda Null
What is your favorite T.V. show?

-Sportscenter- Nick Lampen
-Gossip Girl- Lyndsey Poettker
-Family Guy- Taylor Heinold
-The Office- Suzi Wessel
-Clifford- Kane Hammond
-So You Think You Can Dance- Shaina Rittenhouse
Theresa Reinhardt
Stephan Rensing
Shaina Rittenhouse
Alan Robbs
Clifton Roberson
Amber Rode

Hannah Runge
Dylan Rutz
Julie Sauls
Kirsten Sauls
Zachary Schantz
Jared Schmitz

Breana Schneck
Dalton Schneider
Morgan Schrage
Robert Short
Richard Simpson
Cameron Smith

Matthew Smith
Michael Stearns
Jacob Stieb
Shane Stille
Cole Stirewalt
Monica Stumpf

Eleanor Taylor
Ryan Terveen
Alec Thiels
Tony Toberman
Matthew Trowbridge

Chelsea Turner
Heidi Tyson
Daniel Unger
Julian Valencia
Brittany Vice
Cody Voegele

Ashley Vohlsen
Benjamin Voytas
Sarah Wagner
Kalen Wagoner
Katie Walter
Joshua Weiss
With one year now completed, the class of 2010 entered their second year at HHS knowing the lay of the land. Many students passed their driving tests and received their licenses. This year the Sophomores were required to take both Health and Pathways, which allowed striving students to plan future careers.
What is your favorite band?

“Alice and Kins”
- Robert Gorman

“Three Days Grace”
- Amber Koch

“Ozzy”
- Brannon Haller

“Paramore”
- Kim Anders

“S Club 7”
- Dale Korte

“Backstreet Boys”
- Brandon Hanna

Amanda Montayne
Jessica Mooney
Kayla Moss

Nicholas Moss
Matthew Murphy
Lynzey Mustain

Brock Myers
Jessica Nave
Joseph Nelson

Amanda Newsome
Ashley Nicoloff
Jade Noll

Nathan Oliveira
Jonathan Owen
Andrew Panyik

Tanner Paoletti
Brandon Parsons
Brandon Pearman

Dylan Peek
Samuel Pellock
Corey Pentz
The class of 2009 entered their Junior year at HHS as the newly incoming upperclassmen. They started the year off with a bang by defeating the Seniors in the finals of the annual Powderpuff football game. The Juniors had a lot of responsibilitys this year including the ACT and planning Prom for the Senior class.
What is your favorite movie?

"Juno" - Chrissy Noones
"Super Troopers" - Cameron McKee
"Sweeney Todd" - Sarah McDaniel
"Man On Fire" - Jared Schultz
"A Walk To Remember" - Breana Demond
"Superbad" - Aaron Niggli
Emily Uhe-
We are so proud of the way you have grown into such a beautiful and fun loving young lady. We always have so much fun sharing things together, especially our St. Louis Cardinals. Thank you for all of the memories. We will always love you. Keep up the good work and follow your dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris and Aaron

Jennan-
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments during your four years at HHS. You should be very proud too of what you’ve accomplished! Keep your wonderful smile, exciting spirit and your compassion for others. Continue to be true to yourself and always follow your heart and treat others as you want to be treated. You have a goal in what you hope to achieve and become and we know you will accomplish these by continuing to work hard as you’ve always done.
All our Love,
Mom, Dad and Justin

Jake-
We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished so far in your 18 years. You have never ceased to amaze us. Always remember to believe in yourself as we always have. Enjoy the ride son, but never forget the way home.
Love, Mom and Dad

Darren-
We are so proud of all you have accomplished and the man you have grown up to be! You have excelled academically and in cross country and track. Your dedication and hard work have paid off for you. You have a good work ethic and are a man of integrity and honor. We know you will do well in college and in all of your future endeavors.
We love you!
Mom and Dad

Danny-
Here we go, your high school graduation, what a great accomplishment. We are all so very proud of the fine young man you have become. As we look to your future in college, remember to shoot for the moon, and settle for the stars. Keep God and your Christian beliefs a top priority, and you will never go wrong. Continue to be a caring, considerate, fun loving individual, who enjoys life. We will always be there for you.
Love always-
Mom, Dad and Justin

Kelsey-
We are very proud of you!! You have learned how to find the positive in every situation. Never look back on the decisions you have made, but look forward and learn from what has happened. Keep in mind that God is with you and will guide you. Always know how much we love you and that we will always be here for you! Remember that all the good times from high school and get ready for more in college.
Stay strong in faith and keep your family and friends close. We love you very much!
SMILY
Mom, Dad and Mitch

Vanessa-
You mean so much to us and we are so proud of all you have accomplished. May each day in your journey bring you closer to your dreams.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Travis

Nick-
It’s hard to believe how quickly the years have gone by. I am so proud of the person you have become! Your personality, spirit, sense of humor, and laughter has never left us with a dull moment! As you leave high school, my hope is that you’ll choose a path in life that will be rewarding and fulfilling for you.
We love you Nick!
Mom and Ben
Congrats Sammi-
We are all very proud of you. Believe in yourself as we believe in you and there will be nothing you can't do. We love you. Good luck in your future.
Mom and Jake
Dad and Stephanie

Alyssa-
It seems like just yesterday we brought you home and now you are graduating! Throughout the years you have become more and more beautiful, both inside and out. Remember to continually trust in GOD'S plan for you and keep him first in your life. You will be leaving soon, off to new adventures. Always know you have a place to call home. We are extremely proud of you and will miss you tremendously!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Kelsey

Way to go Cali -
We Love You!
Mom, Dad,
Cara, Cami and Codi

Tara Horn a.k.a “Schmo”
Congratulations! We are all very proud of you. Believe in yourself, follow your heart - your dreams will happen.
Love-
Mom, Dad, Snickers,
Derek, Jill and Sydney

Stephanie-
Congratulations on all of your high school accomplishments. It's hard to put into words how proud we are of you. Good luck in college and beyond. Remember that we will always be there for you.
Love you always,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Marshall-
Love
Boyd and Amy
Camilia, Matt, Molly, Jase

Alyson-
Life is a journey and in order for you to achieve your destiny you must constantly change. We have watched you grow and change into an amazing young adult. You have faced many challenges and survived. As you begin your next journey you will again face obstacles but we know that you are prepared to take anything on. Love is letting go... but we will always be in your heart. We are proud to call you daughter, sister and friend!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Michael
Chris Davis-
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We are very proud of you and you will go far. Good luck at SIU-C next year.
Love
Mom and Dad

Miles-
"Your future’s SO bright, you’ve "gotta" wear shades!" You have become an independent and strong young man. You have your head on straight and your goals in life are very good ones. We wish you the very best in life. We are so proud of you!
Love
Mom, Sis, Britni, Brenen, and Blaise

Kristin Marie Hess-
Congratulations Graduate! Thank you for your good behavior. Be proud of the love and caring attitude you gave to your friends when they were in need. We are proud of you. Now on to college and although the future is never for sure; remember, you are always in our hearts and on our minds.
Love
Mom and your Pop

Zac-
I can’t believe the time has already come for you to graduate! We are sooo proud of you for getting into St. Louis College of Pharmacy! I’m really excited that you get to run on their cross country team! You are such an awesome kid! Remember that you can do anything if you set your mind to it. Good luck in everything you do!!
Love
Mom, Dad, Nate and Missy

Grant Truccano-
With the future before you, strive for success while remembering your past and what has brought you to this point. May you recognize and build upon your talents and dreams, but acknowledge those that help you. Ask questions, explore, discover, experience, dance to the music, live life to its fullest. May your joys be many, your regrets few. Know that helpful hands, a caring heart, and friendly spirit can take you far. What a journey it’s been so far!! Here’s hoping love and luck are plentiful in the years to come.
Love
Mom, Dad, Alex and Grandparents

Congratulations Sean-
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Many new and exciting challenges and opportunities await you. May God bless your life with much happiness and success. We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.
Love
Mom and Dad

Brandon-
It’s hard to believe how quickly the years have gone by. We are so proud of the person you have become. You can accomplish all your dreams with determination, hard work and God by your side. Always keep God in your life!
Love
Mom, Dad and Brianne

Courtney-
To a wonderful daughter and sister, no matter where you go or what your do, you will always be our little princess. We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep up the good work and best of luck at college.
Love
Mom, Dad and Jamie
Vanessa-
It seems like all we did was turn our heads and you went from a little girl to a young woman. Now it's the good things you do that are turning our heads. We're very proud of you. Follow your heart and your God.
All our love
Mom and Dad

Larissa-
We are proud of the caring and fun loving young lady you have become. You are ending one chapter of your life and starting another. Keep your goals, dreams and God in sight and you can accomplish anything you want out of life. Remember whatever you do in life, your family will always be here for you. Congratulations and continue to give life everything you have. Good luck at SHUE.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Lance

Taylor-
We can't even begin to tell you how incredibly proud of you we are. What an accomplishment you have achieved! You are a blessing and a joy to all of us.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Tenor

Jennifer-
It has been an absolute joy to share the past 18 years with you. Watching you grow into the beautiful, intelligent young woman you are today has been one of our life's blessings. We want you to know how proud we are of you and everything you have accomplished. As you prepare for an exciting future at Ohio State may you look back with pride and forward with anticipation. Good luck and congratulations on becoming a Buckeye.
We love you,
Dad, Mom and Stephanie

Congratulations Courtney!
You have worked very hard at your school work and extra-curricular activities. We are so proud of you. We know you will achieve great things. May God bless you and keep you.
Love
Mom and Dad

Lauren-
It has been such a joy watching you grow into the beautiful, intelligent young lady that you are. With your outgoing personality and bright smile you are truly a light in our lives. We couldn't be more proud of you. We wish for you a future filled with happiness and dreams that you make come true. Always keep singing.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tony, Julie, Stephanie and Jake

Kristi Baker-
You are a very special young lady, whom we love very much. You have always been our ray of sunshine... caring, compassionate and loving to all you meet. As you graduate high school and move on to new things, may you be happy and your life filled with people who care about you. Cherish the past, live in the present and reach for the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jamie

Congrats Andrea!
We are so proud of you. Look out Harrington, here she comes! We will miss you while you're fulfilling your dreams at college.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Kelsey-
We knew you could do it! Enjoy your next 4 years at McKendree University. Good luck in ROTC. We know you'll be a great officer in the U.S. Army and keep reaching for your goals! Love, Mom, Dad and Jordan

Samuel-
As your journey at HHS ends and a new one begins, we pray you will hold tightly to your faith life and let God lead the way. You’ve been blessed with so many gifts and talents, it's been a joy and a privilege to watch them all unfold. We know through your continued hard work and perseverance, you will accomplish amazing things in life. We are so proud of the young man you have become and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for you! Love, Mom, Dad, Joshua, Elijah and Nathan

Anna-
It's been an amazing journey watching you grow and discover your gifts. You've already experienced more than many people do in a lifetime, and this is just the beginning. We couldn't love you more or be more proud of you. We are excited to see where God leads you. Always keep Him the center of your life. Colossians 3:23, Proverbs 3:5-6 Love, Mom, Herschel and MJ

Alisha-
We are so proud of your accomplishments. Now go for the gold. Remember prayer is powerful. Good luck at Maryville. Love, Mom, Dad and Rachel

Brooke-
It has been a joy watching you grow into such a beautiful and independent young lady with many good morals and values. May the path you follow be full of as much laughter, friendships and memories as you have collected the past 18 years. We wish you the best in college and will be here to love and support you. Love, Mom, Dad, Erica and Ryan

Congratulations Kara!
It's so hard to believe we're watching you graduate and about to send you off to college. We couldn't be more proud of the kind of young lady you've grown up to be. You have earned a world of opportunity with your accomplishments and we know you'll continue to do so. Be smart, be strong and remember that we are always here for you! Good luck at Purdue! Love, Mom, Dad and Jenna

Anastasia L. Frank-
We are so proud of you in all that you have accomplished during your high school years. Dream big and work hard to make them come true. Be true to yourself and you will go far in life. Keep God in your life, he will guide you through this world. We Love You Mom, Dad, CJ and Shannon

Kara-
The last 18 years have gone way too fast. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Good luck at the U of I. We love you. You are awesome!! Mom, Dad, Breanne, Brooke and Alyssa
Congratulations Brittany!
We are very, very proud of you. Remember that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman and we would not have changed a single thing about you. You have a huge heart full of wonderful caring spirit. Never be afraid to show that passion for your feelings to others as you have always shown to us. We love you so very much.
Love,
Mom, Dad, KK, Chase and Tanner

Congratulations Kara!
We are so proud of you. Good luck at the University of North Texas. Your dad is always with you and watching over you. He is smiling as you start a new chapter of your life. You're a beautiful young lady and we wish you much success. We love you.
Love,
Mom, Jennifer, Danny, Amber, Dalen and Kyler

Congratulations Lauren Rene!
We are so proud of you. It's hard to believe that you are graduating. It seems like just yesterday I walked you to your kindergarten class for the first time. From that first day of kindergarten I knew you would grow up to be an independent and capable young woman who could take care of herself. I wasn't wrong. You've become that and so much more. Way to go!! We love you very much.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Audrie

Katie-
You have worked hard and we are very proud of you. May your journey continue to open the eyes of your heart.
Mom, Dad and Jenn

Tyler-
We are so proud of you. It has been a joy watching you grow into the hardworking and responsible young man that you have become. Stay focused and continue to work hard and you will succeed at whatever you choose to do. Remember that we are always here for you and will always love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Matthew

Michael-
Congratulations! We are very proud of the young man you have become, and are very excited to see what life will hold for you. Good luck in college and as you begin your career as a pilot. We love you, and will always be here for you.
Mom and Dad

Spencer-
Eighteen year came and went too fast, but having you in our lives every day has been a gift from God. We are so very proud to call you our son. Take with you all we have tried to teach you and you will go far in life. Our love and support for you today, tomorrow and always.
Congratulations,
Mom and Dad

Steven-
We wanted to let you know how amazing it has been to watch you become such an incredible young man! You have made our lives more complete with each accomplishment. While this may feel like the end of such a big part of your life we know it is just the start of so much more. We will always be there for you as you move forward in life. You will always have our unconditional love and admiration. Stay in Christ and he will be your best guide!
Love Forever,
Mom and Dad
Ashley-
Congratulations on graduating. We are so proud of you and look forward to watching you grow into the wonderful, caring, loving adult that you have been as a child and teen. Good luck in college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lonnie III and Austin

Matt-
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished in high school. May you continue to reach for the stars and follow your dreams. Best of luck!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Lauren

Alyssa-
You are a wonderful young woman and we are very proud of you and all your accomplishments! Always remember to follow your dreams and keep God close to your heart.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Tim

Brittney is that rare individual who was born with a heart that is caring, loving and compassionate. All that she has and that is contained within her, is made available for others. While she will be attending college in the fall, her path will be laid out be the gifts of the heart. We love you with all our hearts.
Mom and Dad

Ashley-
You are such a beautiful and amazing girl. A gift from God! You brighten every life you touch with your smile and warm heart. Your father and I are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories that you have given us. Follow your dreams Ashley, you never know where they may lead you. Always remember to believe in yourself and make somebody smile every day.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Dearest Amanda, Abby, Adelaide, Arianna,
Dad and I can not express how very proud of you we are! You set your goals and exceeded them in every possible way. We loved every minute of your playing, singing, acting and all of your other endeavors. Your future is bright, your potential limitless! Go for it!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Christa

Dear Paige-
Congratulations on your graduation from HHS. Your past 12 years of hard work and determination have made us VERY proud of you. We are happy for your acceptance to the University of Illinois, the college of your dreams. With your "can do" attitude, you will be a great success wherever you go. Have fun at college. We will miss you, but know that you have looked forward to this for a long time. Thanks for being YOU. We love you!
XX,
Madre', Mike, Michaela and Jack

Megan-
It has been a pleasure watching you grow from an adorable little girl to a beautiful young woman. We have shared in your accomplishments and disappointments and through it all you have made us very proud. You and your wonderful friends have brought us much enjoyment and entertainment over the years! We will miss all of you very much. We wish you the best of luck at Mizzou but know you will not need it. Your sparkling personality and drive for perfection will ensure your success. We can't wait to see what the future will bring!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Madison
Lauren-
She has made great friends along the way. Starting at St. Paul, through 4 years at HHS. I wished for her the most memorable senior year and it was! Her dad and me could not be prouder... and when she flashes those pearly whites at you - you know she has chosen the right profession (orthodontist).
Love,
Mom, Dad, Drew and Reid

Angie-
We hope your dreams take you... to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of all your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known.
Love,
Mom and Dad

David has always had a smile when spoken to, been easy to engage in activities and participate. He is an independent spirit that has a path laid out specifically for him. He has a good heart and cares about others. David would like a career with cars, specifically racing. We are excited to see where his path will lead. We love you with all our hearts.
Mom and Dad

Dustin-
Congratulations! You are an amazing young man. We are all so proud of you.
All our love,
Your family

Gary-
We are so proud of the young man that you have become! Stay focused on your goals and with your faith in God as a priority, all things will be made possible! We are looking forward to watching you continue to grow in your college career and can’t wait to see you play football at the next level! Go Bearcats!!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Logan, Christy, Charlie, Dana and Eric

Trevor-
Congratulations and good luck in the future. You are a wonderful and caring person. We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tabitha and Trina

Olivia-
We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. Stay true to who you are and you will be able to handle whatever comes your way. You can achieve anything you set your mind to. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars. The future is yours. Remember, we will always love you and be here for you.
Mom, Tim, Grandma and Grandpa

Congratulations Michael you are a High School Graduate! We have watched you grow into such a smart, kind and generous young man. Go out and use all of those gifts to make your future the best it can be. Always remember we are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Bobby
Their concluding year at HHS finally arrived for the class of 2008. Being the "top dogs," the Seniors were ready to make the most of their last year of high school. They began the year by finally winning the long sought-after Spirit Stick during Homecoming Week. But with college plans lurking in the near future, the class of 2008 spent the beginning of the year researching and applying to various colleges. Spring arrived along with many college acceptance letters. The Seniors made drawn out preparations for Prom with sentimental excitement. The Senior picnic and graduation ceremony marked the end of their high school careers.
Lauren Craft
Ian Crase
Mindy Cruthis
Matthew Dauderman
Michael Dauderman

Connor Davis
Joseph Davis
Wesley Degroot
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Anna Dennison

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Thomas Dickerson
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Zachary Walter
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Crystal Wasson
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Jennifer Webb
Karina Weiss
Shanna Wendler
Kelsey Wessel
Jeramy White

Brianna Wiegand
Rachel Wiegand
Ashtyn Wieser
Amanda Williams
Ann Winter
Next in Line
By: Mrs. Martz

Sunday, May 18 was mild and sunny, perfect for a graduation ceremony. Family and friends filled the gym to witness the class of 2008 accept their diplomas. After the Highland High School Band, led by Mr. Dugger, played “Fanfare and Processional” the 2008 chorus members, led by Mrs. Lori Ruebhausen, sang the “National Anthem”. Class officers, Jenna Diaz, Lauren Aebischer, and Marcus Alvarado gave the welcome. Valdictorians were Kayla Knuf and Kara Luitjohan. Salutatorian was Courtney Sippo. The farewell was given by class president, Jordan Howard and Principal Ebener presented the class.

Soon to be graduates, Sara Packman, Shanna Wendler, and Kailah Mustain visit in the commons before the ceremony.

Performing for the graduates and their guests are the Senior choir members.

Family and friends packed the bleachers and looked out over a sea of red and black robes and caps.
Emily Sawyer's mother helps attach her gold cords. Students who earned cords sat in the front rows of honor.

Class treasurer, Marcus Alvarado, gives the welcome to his class.

Nick Sparlin and Matt Rezabek march into the gym.
You continue to be a great source of pride and joy in our lives. Your kind and caring heart, grace and poise, academic and video arts achievements have earned you the respect and admiration of your family and friends. You truly have become a fine young woman. Congratulations as you move on to college. We will always be here for you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Justin

(...and Frankie and Donnie and Nelson too!)

It seems impossible that you are graduating from high school already. We're very proud of all your accomplishments at HHS. Also, we're so pleased that you have grown into a confident, compassionate young woman who is a lot of fun to be around. Good luck at Ole Miss—we're looking forward to sharing this next chapter in your life with you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Nick

You are a special person with so much to give. Tackle all of life's challenges head on, and know that you always have your Guardian Angels and God right there with you. Always wear a SMILE, and laugh often. We are so VERY PROUD of you.

Love Always,

Mom, Dad, and the family

Dear Johanna-

Time went so fast and now you will be off to college. Trust in yourself, believe in your goals and dreams. Your talents and gentleness are your special gifts. Create Change! We are so proud of you and all you have done. Congratulations! "2008!"

Love,

Mom and Dad

Joseph and Sarah

We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful and intelligent young woman. We know you'll do well in the future with your persistence and determination. We love you.

Mom, Dad, and Lexie

Hey! You did it. We are very proud of you. We know you will make a great United States Marine Jar Head.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Mandy, and Joe

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